

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## July & August 2017

To all the beautiful children of God-  
“As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.”

**Matthew 14:22-23**The Message

Can you imagine Jesus, after the crowd is dispersed, going off by himself to pray and to just be alone with his thoughts? Given how this story plays out, he must have plenty on his mind. But, I believe he prayed for his disciples, his family and his friends. Maybe he took the time to pray for all the religious folks who were after him. He most certainly prayed for all the crowds that followed him.

I wonder if he ever thought about throwing in the towel; maybe everything was just too much for one human being, regardless of his lineage. I can see him, sitting on the mountain, looking at the stars and feeling and smelling the cool breeze as it moved past him. Maybe he heard the Spirit in

that breeze. At any rate, he came back! When he left that mountain, he came back to work. Whatever conversation he had with God, it must have buoyed him to come back to work.

Perhaps you have done that...gone off to be in silence and to be with your thoughts...and to pray – for where you are in life and to pray for others in your life. We all need quiet time because that is our prayer time, whether or not we even hear ourselves utter a prayer. Just because our lips do not move, does not mean we are silent. The prayers of our heart, whether spoken aloud or from the voice in our hearts, are still heard by God.

In your life and on your journey, may you be blessed with some silent prayer time and may you hear the voice of God within your heart.

*“I know that when I pray, something wonderful happens. Not just to the person or persons for whom I'm praying, but also something wonderful happens to me. I'm grateful that I'm heard.”*

Rev. John

## FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP



The Annual Church Picnic is coming up on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sue Osgood and Carol Trudelle. The address is 925 E. Tinmouth Rd., West Rutland, Vt. GPS will bring you right to the front door...please leave your car outside! A very casual worship service begins at 11:00 am, followed by a cookout. Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and beverages are provided. Bring your favorite cook-out dish and come join the fun. See you there!

## PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

**Office Hours –**  
Tuesday – 3-5PM  
Thursday – 9-12AM



## GONDOLA TRIP & SENIORS PICNIC



The Marble Town Seniors invite all seniors to a Gondola Trip to the Killington Peak Lodge, including The Bus to the gondola, on July 18 (rain date July 20). The bus will leave from St. Dominic's Church in Proctor at 10:30 a.m. and return at about 2:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own at the Peak Lodge restaurant. **Deadline to reserve a place on this trip is June 28.**

A Seniors Picnic, to be held at Lake Dunmore in Branbury State Park, is being planned. Tentatively scheduled for mid-August. Further details to be determined.

Call Jean Noren at 459-3628 to reserve a place and to receive further information when it's available.

## EVENING VESPERS



Vespers is a sunset evening prayer service and we will gather together on Sunday, August 13th, at 6:00 p.m., at the church, followed by an Ice Cream Social. **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING WORSHIP on that day.** Please join us.



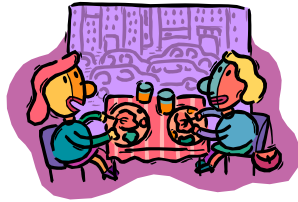
## TIME FOR WHITE ELEPHANTS

White Elephants! Did you think we forgot? Elephants never forget! Summer is here so bring us your stuff! The cupboard (Parish House basement) is bare so now is the time to bring your treasures to be sold at the Holiday Bazaar. Small items or a few boxes, labeled "White Elephants", can be placed in the entrance area in the Parish House. Got a car or truckload? Give Paul Sutherland a call (459-2064) to arrange a time to meet at the bulkhead to the basement.

Furniture has been a big part of the sale and we would love to have donations of small tables, benches, chairs, dining room sets (we have sold six dining sets in the last two years!) or any other furniture items we can refinish/revive. You never know, you might want to purchase it back after we perform our "magic". Call Paul Sutherland if you will be donating a furniture piece to see if it's appropriate for our sale and where it should be delivered.

Musical instruments are always welcome and we will do our best to put them back in "play". You know they aren't doing any good in your attic! So, let's get busy! People have already circled November 4<sup>th</sup> on their calendars and we need to be ready!

## LADIES LUNCHES



Our July Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Our August lunch will be Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

## NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The Committee is funded by pledges to the church and by the Nelson Fund and the Sinclair Allen Fund, to whom we are very grateful. Outreach supports and funds a variety of organizations and individuals locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Locally, we provide camp scholarships for young people in the church, the Proctor Community Concerns Council, the Fidget Quilt project, the vegetable gardens sponsored by Proctor Community Concerns, the Proctor-Pittsford Food Shelf, the Prison Ministry and Santa's Shoppers. Regionally, we offer support to Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County, the VAC Autism program, One-2-One, Dismas House, the Open Door Mission, Rutland County Women's Shelter, RAVNAH, the Rutland Meals Challenge, and the Vermont FoodBank. At the national and international levels, our contributions go to Church World Service, HEAL, Doctors Without Borders, World Vision, and the African Scholars Fund. You may recall we had a matching fund program last year. We'll do this again in the fall. Details will be in the September Scroll.

Members of the Outreach Committee are Paul Sutherland, Betty Schneider, Roy Pilcher, Kathy Connors, Bob Webster, Janet Young, and Phyllis Lanz.

## PRISON VISIT



The July Prison visit will be on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome or if someone would like to make something, it would be appreciated. See Sue Osgood, Carol Trudelle or Rev. John for more information and for news on the August visit.

## MEN'S COFFEE



Members & friends of Union Church- Join us for Men's Coffee every Saturday from 7-8 a.m. in the Parish House.

## MEN'S BREAKFASTS



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our July Breakfast will be on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room. Our August Breakfast will be Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.



## READERS

### JULY

- 2 Nancy Young
- 9 Nancy Young
- 23 Allan St. Peter
- 30 Kim Metcalfe

### AUGUST

- 6 Deb Sanborn
- 20 Allan St. Peter
- 27 Deb Sanborn

## COUNCIL JULY HIATUS



With folks off hither and yon and things a bit quieter in the summer, the Church Council will not be meeting in July. We will convene again on Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30 PM in the Parish House upstairs kitchen.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES



**June 6, 2017**

**Members present:**

Kathy Connors, Paul Sutherland, Meryl Lisananti, Ellen Sutherland, John Sanborn, Phyllis Lanz, Bill Sheidow, Jeff Bergquist, Barbara Lacy, Kay Bergquist, Connie Cushman, Rufus Cushman

The meeting was opened with a prayer by John.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion to approve minutes (Bergquist, Lanz) Motion approved.

**Diaconate**– Ellen – Glenn's departure celebration will be Sunday 6/11. The deacons and John have been planning the celebration for the end of the service. Picnic is July 16 at Sue and Carol's. Need volunteer for photos. Vespers will be either 8/13 or 8/20. Ellen will check with Emily to see if she has a preference. Deacons talked about ways to get out into the community more. We also need a flyer to promote the church.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff went through the line items as they are at this time. Report accepted as presented.

Motion to go into executive session at 6:54 (J Bergquist, P Sutherland) Motion passed.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:01. (J. Bergquist, C. Cushman) Motion passed.

Motion to hire Eddie Wilkin as our choir director. (Lanz, Lisananti) Motion passed unanimously.

**Pastor's time:** John. There will be a memorial service for Muriel's sister on June 24. John has posted his office hours, but please call ahead to

make sure John is here during that time. Feel free to come, but he might be out visiting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Buildings and Grounds**– Bill. The committee has gotten estimates for work that has to be done. A door in the children's center, some landscaping to move water away from the building, and a window in the lower level bathroom need to be fixed.

Phone has been shut off at the parsonage. There are several areas in the parsonage that need to be cleaned out before the closing. It was suggested that we get a dumpster to clean out the basement in the parish house, so we can use the space for storage of the stuff from the parsonage. There will be a date set for the clean out. Motion to fund the estimates committee has received, including the cost of the dumpster, to be funded by the Rainy Day fund. (J Bergquist, Lisananti) Motion passed.

**Finance**– no meeting

**Music**– Connie – Music committee is looking for special music for the summer. Some suggestions were offered. Give other ideas to Connie.

**Outreach**– Phyllis. Committee has met, and has been giving away some funds. It would be good to hear of the recipients of our donations in church.

**PCCC**– Phyllis - Meeting was devoted to the gardens. There are 3 gardens this year – here, at St. Dominic's and near the baseball field. Our garden will be planted.

**Social**– Kathy – Committee is prepared for Glenn's celebration on Sunday. There will be a sign-up sheet for the picnic. Vespers will have an ice cream social after the service. Please let Kathy know the date new members will be welcomed. There will be a collation to follow the memorial service for Muriel's sister on June 24 at 2:00.

**Nominating**– no meeting

**Children's Center**– Ellen. Heather Martin will be resigning. JoAnn Stockton will take her place. They will have a business manager with business training, as required. Proctor schools are soliciting for 4-year-olds, so they may all end up at public school. That remains in question.

**Bazaar**– Paul is going to begin putting articles about white elephants.

**Ad Hoc committee**– John – This committee has divided into 3 groups: Media group, worship group and outreach are meeting separately to determine ideas that they think might work.

**Old business**–

**Sale of the parsonage**– Jeff. Inspection was done and accepted. Closing is July 11. Paul Sutherland is authorized to sign at closing. Motion to authorize Paul Sutherland and Rufus Cushman to sign documents at closing. (E Sutherland, Lisananti) Motion passed.

**Kitchen Renovation**– Jeff. Estimates to renovate the kitchen were passed around. It is quite expensive, so that project will be put on hold. There was a discussion about breaking the project into smaller parts. The Finance committee and Buildings and Grounds should attempt to get an estimate for various parts of the renovation so we can apply to Mortimer Proctor Fund.

**Pastoral Relations Committee**– Barbara had some information available in choosing committee members. Committee should be 3 members. John is thinking about people who might be on that committee.

**Membership celebration**– Barbara. It would happen in October. Discuss at August meeting; announce in September for the event in October.

**New Business:**

**Administrative Position**– There was a question as to what this person would do. There doesn't seem to be an immediate need, so the discussion was tabled. John would like to meet with people who are interested in doing work with Facebook and the Website.

**Sunday School**– Karen Webster offered to do the Sunday School since she feels we need to have a Sunday School. Curriculum for K-6 was purchased a couple of years ago. She would like to have someone do it with her. John will give her a copy of the curriculum. Council was excited to have a potential Sunday school again!

**Red Cross Blood Drive** – Red Cross has asked us to host a blood drive. We will ask for a different date than the one they suggested.

**Next meeting Tuesday August 8**

Motion to adjourn (R.Cushman, Lisananti)

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Bergquist



## NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

I can't believe that Spring has already ended and it is now summer. Time is just going by too fast!!! I will really miss the choir this summer and will be really sad that Glenn Giles will be gone as director. He will surely be missed. Hopefully we will have a new director soon. With all these Hawaiian shirts around I may have to get one for myself.

There won't be a Church Council Meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 8 at 6:30 PM in the Parish House upstairs kitchen.

The next Ladies Lunch will be July 11 at the Rutland Country Club. The August Lunch will be on the 8th. The next Men's Breakfast will be July 8 and the Breakfast in August will be on the 12th.

Don't forget the Annual Church Picnic will again be at Sue and Carol's on July 16. If you haven't been there before you're certainly missing a treat. The area is lovely. I was able to sneak a look at some pictures last year and one of these days I may figure a way to get there myself. And one certainly can't miss all the wonderful food that everyone brings.

The Vespers evening service will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6PM (no morning worship on that date). The service will be followed by an Ice Cream Social.

I'll be talking to you all again in September. God Bless you all and have a wonderful summer.



## July Greeters

- 2 Phyllis Sawtell
- 9 Jean Noren
- 16 Picnic
- 23 Elsie Valach
- 30 Muriel Sedergren



## August Greeters

- 6 Phyllis Sawtell
- 13 Vespers
- 20 Bob & Karen Webster
- 27 Carol Trudelle & Sue Osgood



### WE'VE GOT MAIL!

Dear Union Church family,

*I would like to convey how blessed I feel being part of this loving community! From our first Sunday in November to John's installation everyone has made us feel so welcomed. I am especially thankful for all the prayers and kind gestures you bestowed on me during and after my surgeries! I am most fortunate to have been in your prayers.*

*Thank you all from the bottom of my heart*

♥ Debbie



## July Birthdays

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Megan Dean        | 15 Sandra Webster     |
| Phyllis Lanz        | 16 David Lacy         |
| 2 Rachel Keyser     | 18 Shirley McCullough |
| Allison Richardson  | 19 John Sanborn       |
| Kayla Toher         | 21 Jacqueline Ojala   |
| 6 Jaron Mullan      | 22 Connie Cushman     |
| 7 Troy Ault         | Peter Kingsbury       |
| 9 Anthony Bernstein | 23 Lynne Kelly        |
| Russ Gates          | Jessica Watson        |
| Alan Walker         | 24 Abba Corliss       |
| 11 Doug Williamson  | 25 Kiefer Metcalfe    |
| 12 Duane Hall       | 28 Kevin Canty        |
| 13 Andrew Guyette   | Morgan Daly           |
| Zachary Thibault    | 29 Debbie Mullan      |
| 14 Muriel Sedergren | James Tomlinson       |
| 15 Stacey Jimmo     | Maxine Tilden         |
|                     | 31 Emelia Tooley      |



## August Birthdays

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Carol Curtis    | 15 Nancy Young     |
| Dick Esler        | 16 Darlene Clark   |
| 2 Jenelle Mullan  | 17 Bronson Patch   |
| Art Saceric       | 18 Taryn Cottrell  |
| 3 Sarah Bam       | Donna Howe         |
| James Gray        | 21 Brad Thomas     |
| 4 Brin Finnigan   | 22 Brittany Chapin |
| Chris Hanrahan    | Beth Thibault      |
| Brian Sanderson   | Alan Westin        |
| Karen St. Peter   | 23 Ken Bates       |
| 6 Jason Sheldrick | Nancy Kennedy      |
| 7 Dottie Vilmar   | Diane Parker       |
| 8 Tyler Ault      | 25 Aiden Smith     |
| Grace Smith       | 26 Tim Daly        |
| 12 Braedon Fox    | 27 Rod Knipes      |
| 13 Leah Kapitan   | Warren McCullough  |
| Mike Morgan       | 28 Jesse Logan     |
| Ann Volz          | Tom Valach         |
| 14 Edward Moody   |                    |

# July



- 2 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 5 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the  
Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 9 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 12 Prison Visit
- 16 **NO MORNING WORSHIP** today in the Sanctuary  
Worship & **Picnic** at Carol & Sue's, 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Seniors' Gondola Trip, bus from St. Dominic's at 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
- 23 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

# August



- 2 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the  
Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- 6 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 8 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club  
Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish House
- 12 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 13 **NO MORNING WORSHIP** today in the Sanctuary  
Vespers Sunset Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Ice Cream Social following Vespers
- 20 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for September Scroll
- 26 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
- 27 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

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