## The Scroll

Newsletter of Union Church of Proctor

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### June 2017

To all the beautiful children of God -

"And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." [Acts 2:2-4]

We read these words from The Acts of the Apostles and maybe we think that this is the first time the Spirit has landed on them and us. Jesus certainly told the disciples that he was giving them an "Advocate" to help them and be with them after he was gone, but the Spirit has been active way before that time in the upper room.

Maybe our sense should be that Jesus is making the Spirit **known to us again!** As Yogi Berra said, "It is déjà vu all over again!" We know that the disciples have struggled under Jesus' tutelage and it is made all the worse as Jesus tells them he is going back to the Father. So he reminds them that the Spirit of God is alive and he says to them,

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows



him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." [John 14:16-17]

Just like the disciples, we tend to lose touch with the Spirit from time to time and have to be reminded of the "abiding" with and in us. We come into community every Sunday to help us see this and, in our worship service, we sense God, Jesus and the Spirit and that uplifting event brings us into the week, ready to be hands, ears and eyes of the Spirit in the world. We come into this "abiding" as we pray for those around us, those people we love and, yes, those people who have no one to love them and those people we down-right do not like! Everyone needs prayers!

Heck, let me say one right now and you repeat after me...

"Dear God, Lord of our lives and Sense of our Being, we ask your blessings to be upon us and every one of your beautiful children in the world. Bless us all and give us eyes to see you and ears to hear you. Grant to each of us, the courage and strength to live each day. In Jesus' name, we pray!"

Bless you as you journey with the Spirit. Rev. John Sanborn

#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Sanborn's office hours will be Monday afternoon 3-5 and Thursday morning 9-12. Phone number is- 802-345-9873 and email is-revjohnnywheels@gamil.com.



## HELP WANTED!

The monthly Ladies Luncheon needs a new reservationist. After 10 years, Bonnie Kelleway has decided it's time to turn the reins over to someone else. Many thanks to Bonnie for doing this important job so faithfully. Countless stories have been told, issues discussed, problems solved and photos of children and grandchildren shared at those lunches!

So now it's someone else's turn. All it takes is picking up the phone one day a month (usually the Friday before the luncheon) and reserving a table for 12 or so at the Rutland Country Club. Please let Barbara Lacy know if you're willing to take this on. It's not a difficult task, but one that results in some great laughs and fellowship.

#### LADIES LUNCH



Our June Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

# ...and THE PEOPLE OF UNION CHURCH SLEPT VERY WELL THAT NIGHT

Another successful Spring Clean-up has come and gone at Union Church. The assorted hills



and dales have been clipped, trimmed, raked and weeded. The garden along the wall in front of the connector is now a thing of beauty. In the Parish House the windows are sparkling and the kitchen has been sorted out and reorganized.



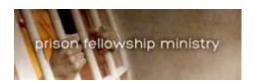
Once the tools were stored away, the hungry work crew enjoyed time of good food and good fellowship courtesy

the Social Committee who'd prepared a "pickles to pie" barbeque to beat the band.

Good job, everyone!



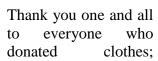
#### PRISON VISIT



The June Prison visit will be on June 14<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 or Carol Trudelle for more information



## THANK YOU!





folded, organized, arranged and sold them; created and posted advertisements; baked goodies; staffed tables; sold items and generally helped out at our recent **Clothing and Bake Sale.** Biggest thanks go to all of the clothing and baked goods purchasers. This is one of those events that benefits everybody... unwanted items get moved out of closets and drawers and into the hands of those who will enjoy them, workers and shoppers get to chat and visit, and the approximately \$850 in funds raised will go to helping us do the work of the church.

## WE'VE GOT MAIL!



Dear Rev. John and the Union Church family-

Thank you for all you do for the Proctor community and beyond!

With gratitude, The Malutich Family

#### 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 BREAKFAST



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our June Breakfast will be on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.



#### MEN'S CHOIR ON MOTHER'S DAY

#### GLENN GILES... CHOIR DIRECTOR EXTRAORDINAIRE



How many churches have had the privilege of just **one director** leading their choir **since 1974?** Not many, we're betting!

And what an absolutely wonderful 43 years it's been having Glenn bring his talents, skills and dedication to the worship services at Union Church. We've sung with him, clapped with him, let the music ring out with him, and, now, sadly, it's time to say goodbye to him.

It was with a heavy, but understanding heart that the Church Council accepted Glenn's resignation effective June 11. Here's an excerpt from his letter to the Council:

"My years at Union Church have been most rewarding with dedicated choir members, organists, and parishioners who supported my work and always made me feel a part of the church family. Union Church is a special place; each minister brings a new approach to our worship. It has been a pleasure and a wonderful faith journey to help lead worship with each of the ministers over the years." Glenn, we thank you and we wish you well as you take some well-deserved time off, enjoy your family, travel to Maine and maybe even sleep in a Sunday or two! Rumor has it that once a new director is in place, there's a possibility you may return to lend your magnificent voice to our choir. We won't hold you to it, but we sure will pray for it!

#### CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES



May 1, 2017

Members present: Paul Sutherland, Ellen Sutherland, Kathy Connors, Connie Cushman, Bruce Baccei, John Sanborn, Phyllis Lanz, Kim Metcalfe, Rufus Cushman, Jeff Bergquist, Barbara Lacy, Kay Bergquist

Meeting was opened with a prayer by John Sanborn.

**Secretary's Report**: No feedback from Scroll. Motion to approve (Baccei, J Bergquist.) Correction to add period to follow word "passed" in minutes report. Bruce and Jeff accepted the change to clarify the minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**: Jeff — Went through income and expenses to discuss any that are out of line with anticipated expense. Report was accepted as presented.

#### **Committee reports**

**Diaconate**: Ellen – Committee meeting on Sunday. Ellen will take care of the carnations for Mother's Day. They will also plan the membership service for Janet and Debbie.

**Buildings and Grounds**: Bruce: Bruce was in contact with the oil company to make sure we are in compliance with our tanks. Royals was here to do some work. The mowing is all arranged for church and parsonage. He is still

working with the state to get a variance for the door in the child care center. An air conditioner will need to be put in the window downstairs in the dining room. Bruce has been doing some small repairs around the church. There is a leak in the roof of the parish house, and a broken slate in the church roof. Jeff is in touch with Bergeron about getting here to repair both spots. The sign at the bottom of the sidewalk has been updated to reflect our new pastor. Cleanup Sunday is May 21. Bruce will have a list of chores to be done that day.

**Finance and Stewardship**— no meeting, but there will be one before the next meeting.

Music: Connie – We have received the resignation of Glenn Giles as choir director. Eddie Wilkin will be contacted about the position. The committee will interview candidates for choir director, along with some members of the choir. Eddie is currently minister of music at Grace.

**Outreach**– Phyllis – no meeting. Meeting 5/11 at 6:00. The committee purchased the big screen for the sanctuary and it has been in use already. The collection at the Installation was directed toward the Dismas House meals. The church needs only 4 people to attend Dismas meals each month. There will be a clothing sale on May 13.

**Social committee**— Kathy — There will be a cake for the baptism on Sunday. They will also provide lunch for the clean-up day. Thank you to all members of the Social committee for the outstanding job they did at the Installation reception yesterday.

#### **Nominating**— no report

**Proctor Community Concerns**— Phyllis — meeting May 11. The garden behind our church will be supervised by Lina Hanson. There will be another garden behind St. Dominic's.

**Children's Center**— Ellen- Board will be meeting tomorrow night.

Bazaar - No report.

The Ad Hoc Committee— Amy — 9 people on committee; a good mix of people. Committee met to set groundwork and next meeting members will bring ideas. Committee decided we as a church like who we are, and we are not trying to change to copy others. Important that we broadcast what we do through our website and Facebook. Media/PR; Outreach; Media PR are the three categories that they will list and research. Committee will research any idea before bringing it to Council or Deacons.

#### Old business: -

Sale of the parsonage – Price was reduced to \$199,000. There have been some showings.

Kitchen renovation proposal – Jeff – There was a proposal, but with many exclusions, so Jeff is trading emails with the designer to get more information.

Pastoral relations committee – for solving problems within the church; providing support for pastor; and evaluation of pastor and church. Motion to activate the pastoral relations committee (R. Cushman, J Bergquist) Motion passed. We will find 3 members to participate in this committee.

#### **New Business:**

John – Clergy meeting here tomorrow. May 21 there is a SW annual meeting in Pittsford. John will be out of town for a couple days this week. We received a donation from Jane Ross's family.

**Meeting Date – Tuesday June 6** 

Motion to adjourn (Lanz, J Bergquist) Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted Kay Bergquist.



#### NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

I do have to make note of the April 30, 2017 Installation Service for our new settled pastor,



The Reverend John Sanborn. It was a very lovely and interesting service involving many local and area United Church of Christ (UCC) ministers. Mrs. Barbara Lacy, Moderator for the Union Church of Proctor (UCP), presented John with a stole from UCP as a symbol of our shared ministry.

Congratulations (twice over!) to Karen and Bob Webster who had twin grandsons, Tucker and William, born on May 2! Mom, Dad and big brother Hawkin are delighted. So nice to have new little ones in our extended church family.

The Men' Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 AM at the Parish House. Of course, don't forget the Men's Coffee Hour which is held every Saturday morning at 7 AM in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will be held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rutland Country Club.

Please make note that the Proctor Town Wide Tag Sale will be held on June 24 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Also the Proctor Library Book Sale will be held on Friday, June 23 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, June 24 from 9:00 AM to Noon.

I'm sorry but that's all for now; see you next month. God Bless everyone!





- 1 Alison Layman Treyton Kimball
- 2 Jean BacceiAdam GatesAsa Metcalfe
- 3 Cindy McKearin
- 4 Kim Baccei ☺ Mary Rachel Keyser Ian Pilcher
- 5 Paul Sutherland
- 7 Eileen Guyette
- 8 Jeff Allenby
- 9 Ann Ruelke
- 11 Karen Williamson
- 12 Christie Coughenour Trenton Bourn
- 16 Kay Bergquist

- 18 Aaron Curtis
- 19 Lyndon Chapin
- 20 Chet Brown Brian Finnigan Camdon Kimball
- 21 Debbie McCullough Desiree Moody
- 22 Alex Volz
- 23 Liana Hall
- 25 Paul Corliss Shari Tomlinson
- 26 Deb Sanborn
- 28 Glenn Giles
- 29 Ada Loyzelle Jack Morgan Betty Schneider Elliot St. Peter
- 30 Margaret Daly



## June

- 4 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 6 Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish House upstairs kitchen
- 10 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
  Choir's last Sunday for the summer
  Glenn's last Sunday
  Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
  Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 14 Prison Visit
- 18 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for July AND August Scroll
- 23 Proctor Free Library Book Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Proctor Library
- 24 Proctor Town-wide Yard Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proctor Free Library Book Sale, 10 a.m. to noon, Proctor Library
- 25 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.



#### JUNE GREETERS

- 4 Phyllis Sawtell
- 11 Janet Young
- 18 Jeff & Kay Bergquist
- Nancy Thompson

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