

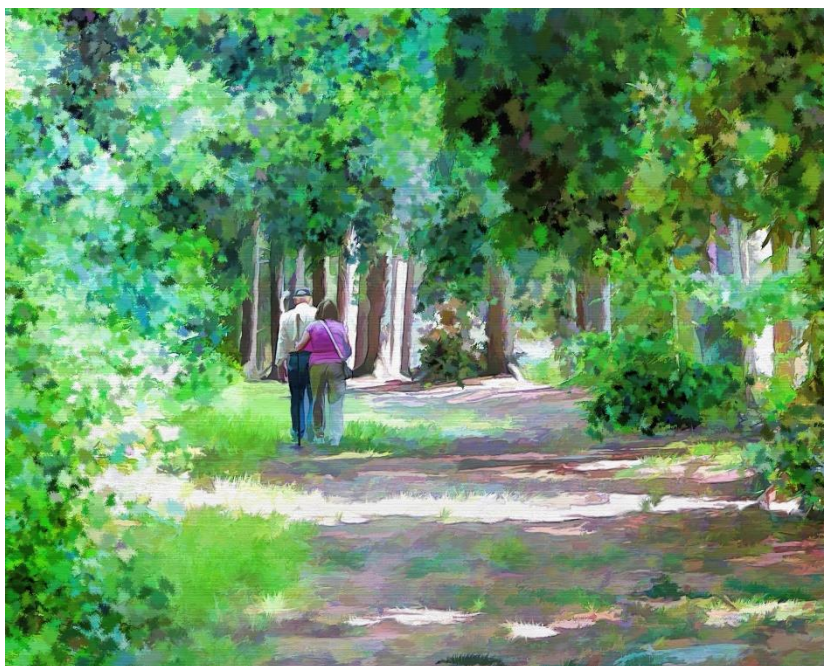
# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## June 2021

### **The Road Not Taken** (Robert Frost - 1874-1963)

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

This is a timeless poem; a poem that is written to encompass all the years of our lives and the decisions we made and did not make. But, unlike Robert Frost, sometimes the one that we kept for another day evaporates or, even, years later, shows itself again. Life is always moving forward, with or without us.

Ezekiel's story (37:1-14) about 'dry bones' reminds us that, working with the Spirit that resides within each of us, we can change 'roads' as we will. Decisions made or unmade are never left in the dust as we move on; our reactions to those 'road' decisions are what colors our lives like a rainbow or a dust bin.

The best thing about the 'dry bones' story is that God and Ezekiel, working together, actually brings life into the bones. And then, God tells Israel, *"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."* (37:14) What do you think happens after we have been placed on our soil? We have to react; we have to

choose roads; we have choices to make and roads to travel.

Travel on, good people, travel on!

Blessings to you all this summer. Be safe!

Rev. John Sanborn

## THE CHURCH MOUSE



Here we are in mid-May and the weather has been beautiful this past week with temperatures in the 70's and 80's, with more to come next week. It has also been great to see everyone attending the service in the Sanctuary as well as those who are still using ZOOM. I look forward to everyone coming back full time soon. I have been very lonely here by myself, even if I do understand the need.

The Dismas House Meal prep will be the first Wednesday, June 2, as usual.

The Church Council will meet after the service on June 13.

We offer our Sympathies and Condolences to Jean Noren and the family and friends of her sister Carol Teachout who passed away on May 19, 2021. Carol was a longtime member of Union Church and sang in the choir and was a former Deacon. We have information that there will be a graveside service for Carol at the East Clarendon Cemetery on June 12.

Hopefully, I will have more to write about as things slowly come back to their usual events. It may be too late to reach all people unless you have Facebook, but I hear there are activities Memorial Weekend from May 29 through 31.

I hope to see everyone real soon. God Bless you all.



The Church Council will meet in the Parish House on Sunday, June 13th, after the worship service. It'll be great to be back together in person to discuss the business of the church! If you have agenda items for the meeting, please get them to Barbara by June 9th.



*Welcome back to  
church*

*The doors are open*

*or*

*Join us on Zoom*

## PROCTOR TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE



June 26 Town Wide Tag Sale

9:00 -1:00

Sign-up at the Proctor Free Library  
\$5 to place your name on the map

# June

- 2 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 6 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
- 13 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
- 13 Church Council Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Parish House
- 20 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
- 20 Articles & info due for *July & August* Scroll
- 27 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom



## June Readers



- 6 Kim Metcalfe  
Jean Butler
- 13 Nancy Young  
Janet Yager
- 20 Ellen Sutherland  
Kathy Connors
- 27 Glenn Giles  
Lon Schneider



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## June Birthdays

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Alison Layman        | 18 Aaron Curtis      |
| Treyton Kimball        | 19 Lyndon Chapin     |
| 2 Jean Bacceti         | 20 Chet Brown        |
| Adam Gates             | Brian Finnigan       |
| Asa Metcalfe           | Camdon Kimball       |
| 3 Cindy McKearin       | 21 Debbie McCullough |
| 4 Kim Bacceti ☺        | Desiree Moody        |
| Mary Rachel Keyser     | 22 Alex Volz         |
| Ian Pilcher            | 23 Liana Hall        |
| 5 Paul Sutherland      | 25 Paul Corliss      |
| 7 Eileen Guyette       | Shari Tomlinson      |
| 8 Jeff Allenby         | 26 Deb Sanborn       |
| 9 Ann Ruelke           | 28 Glenn Giles       |
| 11 Karen Williamson    | 29 Jack Morgan       |
| 12 Christie Coughenour | Betty Schneider      |
| Trenton Bourn          | Elliot St. Peter     |
| 16 Kay Bergquist       | 30 Margaret Daly     |