

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## March 2020

“God has given us good news in human form [Jesus] and has even given us the grace to proclaim it, but part of our terrible freedom is the freedom to lose our voices, to forget where we were going and why...If we do not attend to God’s presence in our midst and bring all our best gifts to serving that presence in the world, we may find ourselves selling tickets to [our church as] a museum.”

— The Preaching Life by Barbara Brown Taylor

The Union Church of Proctor needs you!

Perhaps you think – “Yah, they want our money.”

But that could not be farther from the truth. We need your presence! We need you in church with us, praying for the world, singing hymns to motivate ourselves and to praise God. We need you to be a part of our community...not just through the Scroll, but by our side.

Our Annual Report lists a great many names who are members of the church, but we want to see you, to celebrate life with you, to care for each other when tough times invade our lives, to join in worship of our God who has blessed us with life and also with many gifts...even in those tough times.

Here is what is amazing in our little church...we have a fellowship time in the Parish House after the service; we start about eleven o’clock but people are still there at twelve o’clock – still sharing, still caring, still being church!

And we would love for you to be a part of it all. Come back to the church that we all know you love and remember. Become part of healing the world with us!

Rev. John Sanborn



## March Greeters

1	Phyllis Sawtell
8	Phyllis Lanz
15	Cindy Bell
22	Meryl Lisananti
29	Sue Osgood & Carol Trudelle

## TO BAZAAR, OR NOT TO BAZAAR, THAT IS THE QUESTION....



As many of you know, we are currently without a Bazaar Chair. We also don't have a Department Head for the Bazaar Luncheon or a Department Head for the White Elephants.

Decisions need to be made now if we are to go ahead with the bazaar. The Council is looking for your input before our next meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an **All-Church meeting at Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** to hear your thoughts and help determine where we're going with this. Without a Chair for the Annual Clothing Sale, we'll also be discussing whether or not to hold the Sale this spring.

Without a doubt, the Annual Bazaar has provided a significant contribution to our bottom line, and the Clothing Sale has also happily added to the coffers. Perhaps even more importantly, we've all enjoyed the camaraderie and sense of community that working on these events provides. Stories told, problems solved, knowledge gained, laughs shared.

And then there's the welcoming of the greater community as they pass through our doors, greet old and new friends, and maybe find that wonderful bargain.

But now we each need to ask ourselves the hard questions:

- All of the above is well and good, but at what cost?
- With key players stepping back this year, do we understand the kind of commitment we're asking of ourselves and of others if we decide to go ahead?
- Realistically, do we have the energy, the time, the physical ability to pull off these events?

- Are we ready to make that commitment?
- Can our budget hold up if we decide not to have a Bazaar and/or a Clothing Sale?
- If not, are there suggestions of other less taxing fundraisers?
- If the budget can bear it, are there other ways we might wish to channel our energies in the community?

Of course, if you'd be willing to serve as Chairperson of the Bazaar or the Clothing Sale, or if you'd like to head up either the Luncheon Department or the White Elephant Department, we'd certainly like to hear from you. Now's the time to speak up!

Please plan to join the discussion on March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can't be there or would prefer to express your thoughts outside of the meeting, please feel free to get in touch with Barbara.

Please support your local  
general store

Great deli food, hot & ready pick-up  
dinners, and everyday staples  
It's great to have a store back in Proctor  
Please stop in



**A GREAT  
DAY OF  
SINGING!**

Saturday, March 28  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Union Church of Proctor

Open to all singers, conductors, and those who love to listen to voices raised in song. Invite your friends and choir colleagues to enjoy the day! Contact Caleb Pillsbury for more information: [Calebpillsbury@comcast.net](mailto:Calebpillsbury@comcast.net) – 802-777-8807

## SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL



Our next Saturday Social is March 21<sup>st</sup> (dessert at 6:30, show at 7:00). No need to feel the hardships of hiking and travel when you can sit back and relax in the comfort of our Parish House as Paul Pilcher shares a few stories and pictures of his recent trips to Big Bend and Rainier National Parks, the Pacific Crest Trail, the Wind River Range, Switzerland, and Morocco. We hope to see you there.

## LADIES LUNCH



Our March Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!

## PRISON VISIT



The March Prison visit will be on Wednesday, March 11<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

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our March Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 am in the Parish House.

## THE CHURCH MOUSE



With March approaching, I am sure we aren't done with winter weather quite yet. The current temperatures are proof of that. The only good thing is that many days are warmer during the daylight hours even when the temps do dip at night. I, for one, won't complain when the snow stops for spring and summer.

The Ladies Lunch will be held on March 10 at 11:30 AM at the Rutland Country Club. The men will be holding their usual coffee hour every Saturday morning at 7:00 AM and then will hold the Men's Breakfast on March 14 here in the Parish House.

The Dismas House Dinner prep is scheduled for March 4, starting at 5:15 PM. The next Open Door Mission pizza dinner is scheduled for March 25 also starting at 5:15 PM. Don't forget the sign-up sheets in the sanctuary to make sure there is enough assistance.

The Saturday Night Social was held on February 15 and was presented by Ed and Amy Larson and based on their button collection. I wasn't aware that there were so many different kinds of buttons, but it makes sense as buttons have been around for a long time. The March Social Night will be presented by Paul Pilcher on March 21 featuring one or more of his many hiking trips.

The next Prison Visit will be held on March 11. Contact Sue Osgood or Carol Trudelle if you need further information.

On March 15 after the service, there will be an "All Church Meeting" in the Parish House, during the coffee hour.

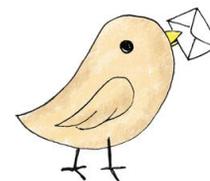
The next Church Council Meeting will be held on March 22 after coffee hour in the Higbee Library.

This is the type of notice that makes me sad. We extend our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Donna Smith Knipes who passed away in mid-February. A wonderful lady who will be missed. Bless you all.



# March Birthdays

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Erik Chapin      | 18 Liz Fothergill |
| Jean Lertola       | 19 Paul Pilcher   |
| 4 Amy Larson       | 20 Melanie Mace   |
| 5 Nancy Thompson   | 21 Nancy Allenby  |
| 7 Barb Corliss     | Tanya Morgan      |
| Peg Thomas         | Seth Richardson   |
| 9 Chris Heintz     | 22 Leah Moody     |
| 10 Jeff Metcalfe   | 23 Mike Kingsbury |
| 14 Collin Elliott  | 25 Jeff Bergquist |
| Jim Toher          | 26 Cairle Ault    |
| 16 Karyn Colburn   | Roy Pilcher       |
| 17 Debra Kingsbury | 27 Carol Westin   |
| Reilly Knipes      |                   |
| Shelby Moody       |                   |



## WE'VE GOT MAIL!

*Happy Happy New Year to all my Union Church friends. ... I'm doing ok, though my vision is not too good at all. I love audio books and spend hours listening to them! I have listened to so many good books!! Looks like snow today. Very cloudy out! Just take care and thank you all again!*

*Love- Faith (Sagi)*

## Easter Memorial Flowers

Once again, we expect to have Easter lilies and other potted spring flowers enhancing the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. In order to have an accurate listing of Memorial Flowers, we ask that you please fill out the slip below and return it to the church **by Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. You may email your memorial information to Kris at [kris.finni@gmail.com](mailto:kris.finni@gmail.com) or send it to Union Church of Proctor, 5 Church St., Proctor, VT 05765.

Please note that the information you provide below is **only for our memorial listing in the Easter Sunday bulletin**. *All flowers must be arranged through a florist or brought to the church by those wishing to give them.*

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### Easter Flowers Memorial Listing

In Memory of:

Given by

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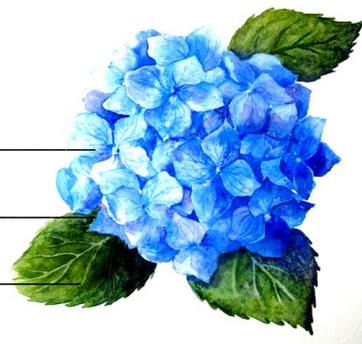
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# March



- 1 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 7  Set your clocks ahead tonight so you're on time for church
- 8 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 11 Prison Visit
- 14 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
All-Church meeting during Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for April Scroll
- 21 Saturday Night Social- Paul Pilcher, 6:30 p.m., Parish House
- 22 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Parish House
- 28 *A Great Day of Singing!*, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., UCP Sanctuary  
Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.
- 29 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

## March Readers

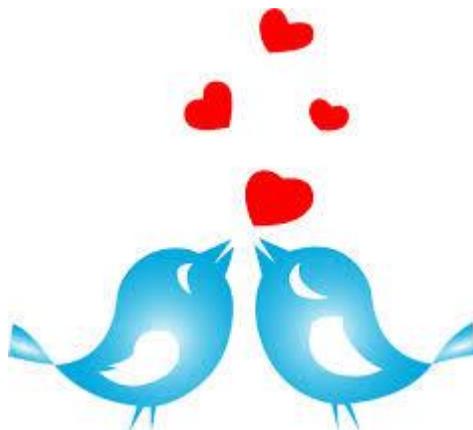


- 1 Jeff Bergquist
- 8 Glenn Giles
- 15 Lynn Pilcher
- 22 Jean Butler
- 29 Kim Metcalfe

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The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return.

~Eden Ahbez