

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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*I hope you never fear those mountains in the
distance
Never settle for the path of least resistance
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside
the ocean
Whenever one door closes I hope one more
opens
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting
chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or
dance...Dance, I hope you dance*

“I Hope You Dance” by Lee Ann Womack

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

“Lord of the Dance” by Sidney Carter

The Dance of Life!

Easter is on April 1, 2018. The resurrection of Jesus comes at a time in our seasonal year when the trees and flowers are also coming back to life. What once had died, is now living!

But for us, a resurrection might mean rising out of something in our lives that has taken us down, brought us to our knees. Perhaps we have an epiphany of some sort and recognize that life is still worth living (Hint – it is!). Easter and the resurrection are just too good to be celebrated on one day at the end of Holy Week. It is why some people say that every day is Easter!

When we get out of bed in the morning, it is said that we ‘rise’. This is so true – we get up and face the day, change what we feel we need to change and live our lives gratefully. “Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da, Life goes one...” sing the Beatles.

May this Easter rise up and bring you blessings and may you be awake enough to see those blessings – they come into your lives because **YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL CHILD OF GOD!**

“And if you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance.”

Have a respectful Holy Week and a beautiful Easter.

Rev. John Sanborn

PS A lot of terrible things are happening in this world...please say a prayer when you read about them!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mar. 4 John 18:12-27 Psalm 17:1-7
Mar. 11 John 18:28-40 Psalm 145:10-13
Mar. 18 John 19:1-16a Psalm 146
Mar. 25 Palm/Passion Sunday
John 19:16b-22 Psalm 24
Mar. 29 Maundy Thursday
John 19:23-30 Psalm 26:3
Mar. 30 Good Friday
John 19:31-42 Psalm 31:9-18
Apr. 1 Easter Sunday
John 20:1-18 Psalm 145:13-21



MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW FOR YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSION!

New faces, new addresses, new contact information. It's time for a new Union Church Directory so let's get smiling! Our directory photo session will be in the Parish House on **Tuesday, March 13th from 1:00 PM-8:00 PM.**

You may make appointments by going to the church website (unionchurchproctor.org), clicking on the “SIGN UP NOW!” graphic and

following the instructions; OR by stopping by our photo sign-up table after church on March 4 or March 11; OR by calling Meryl at 725-8181. You'll need to allow about 1 hour total for your appointment.

You are welcome to bring something that represents who you are (a pet, a musical instrument, etc.). Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional photograph and a copy of the Directory. *Additional photos may be ordered, but there is no obligation to do so.

We'd like as many folks as possible to take part in this event. If you are not able to attend the photo session on March 13, but would still like to have a photo taken, contact Meryl. She will explain how you go about making an appointment at another area organization's photo session. Your photo will still be included in the Union Church directory.

If you will be out of the area for a longer period of time, we still want you to take part! We can accept a limited number of submitted photos for inclusion in the directory. Just contact Meryl (meryllisananti@aol.com) or Barbara (dabajamala@comcast.net) for details.

Have a neighbor, a friend or extended family who would like to have their photo taken, but don't want to be listed in our directory? We can make that happen, too! They would just follow the appointment procedures outlined above and will still receive a complimentary 8x10.

Please reserve your slot as soon as possible and get those smiles ready!

*IF you are interested in purchasing additional photos, we will provide you with a \$5 off coupon if you bring a non-perishable item for the Food Shelf to your photo session. The Lifetouch Photography Company also offers an additional \$10 discount if you are willing to share your email address with them. No pressure, just options!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:



Palm Sunday Worship: Sunday, March 25th, will be a special Sunday, as we will celebrate the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, and share the Covenant of Membership as Union Church of Proctor with those who wish to receive it. Don't miss it! 10:00 a.m. A special coffee hour will follow.

Maundy Thursday –March 29th Our joint Maundy Thursday simple soup and bread supper followed by the traditional Tenebrae service will be at Brandon Congregational Church. A soup and bread supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. with folks carrying in crock pots of soup and loaves of bread to be shared. At the close of supper we will move to the sanctuary for the service of lessons read and candles extinguished. As in recent years Brandon, Pittsford and Proctor are all invited to congregate

Good Friday- March 30th Come for a time of prayer, reflection and music. The choir will sing anthems and hymns from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service: An informal, early-morning gathering of Easter people will share some songs, readings and prayer as the sun comes up on The New Day – Easter, April 1st. We will meet in the Connector of Union Church at 6:30 a.m., and follow our brief celebration of Resurrection joy with some fellowship, coffee, juice and donuts. Come and sing the resurrection!

Easter Morning Worship: Flowers, anthems, hymns, the story and the joy will blend to give God the glory for the Resurrection of the Son, at 10:00 a.m., Easter Sunday, April 1st. Come and rejoice in what God has done for all creation in the victory of Jesus Christ over death and darkness. Your flowers will

surround us with the beauty and tenderness of this moment and **The Downtown Brass**, with our own Paul Sutherland, will add their joyful music to our gathering this morning. Come and share the joy of Easter morning.



THE BRASS ARE BACK!



We are very pleased to announce that the Downtown Brass Company will be joining us for this year's Easter Sunday Service on April 1st. The members of the Brass are spread over three states now, so this is a special treat for us. Come listen to their joyful sound as we celebrate what God has done for all creation in the victory of Jesus Christ over death and darkness. Let the beauty of the music surround you!



March Readers

4	Jean Noren
11	Ellen Sutherland
18	Paul Pilcher
25	Lynn Pilcher



YOU'RE INVITED!



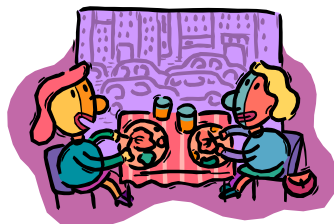
Have you been thinking about joining Union Church? Wondering what the process is? Wondering who to ask?

The “who” is Rev. Sanborn or any one of the Deacons (Ed Larson, Kim Metcalfe, Jean Noren or Allan St. Peter). The “what” is a simple process involving a short group meeting with 2-3 of the Deacons. At the group meeting, anyone interested in membership will have a chance to tell us a little bit about themselves and discuss some of their past spiritual or organized religion experiences. The Deacons will do the same before giving an explanation of what it means to join our Covenantal church. Attending the meeting is not a commitment to join, but a chance to get to know one another better and see how Union Church might be a “home” for you.

We will have **Membership Sunday on Palm Sunday, March 25th**. Please consider joining Union Church at that time.

Don't be shy. We'd love to hear from you!

LADIES LUNCH CANCELLED



Our March Ladies' Lunch has been cancelled to make sure everyone has a chance to have their picture taken for our new church directory. Sign up for your appointment time today... and we'll see you at lunch in April.

FIDGET QUILTERS

The fidget quilters will meet Thursday, March 1st from 1-4 in the parish house. Come join the fun!



PRISON VISIT



The March Prison visit will be on Wednesday, March 14th. 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

NON-SMOKING POLICY ADOPTED



While Vermont law is clear when it comes to smoking in a public place, the Church Council felt it was important to also adopt an official Union Church policy in this regard as follows:

In accordance with Vermont State Law, the UNION CHURCH OF PROCTOR (including all Buildings & Grounds) is a SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS. (Adopted on February 18, 2018)

Those who are on the church campus for any reason and at any time will be expected to adhere to this policy. In addition, the policy (along with our alcohol policy) will be included in future contracts for use (showers, weddings, etc.) of any part of our buildings and grounds.

In this way, we can provide a healthy environment in regard to smoking for all children and adults while they are on church property.

For more on the law itself, visit <http://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/tobacco/policy-and-law>.



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

Boy did February go by quickly. Even though it's a short month I never quite expect it to pass by this fast.

It was so wonderful having Alan on the organ again on February 18th. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed listening to the music.

I really don't enjoy this part of the season. It's like Mother Nature can't make up her mind what to do. We have a few days of warm weather to melt the snow and then before you know it it's snowing again. Very, very confusing.

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 10th in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will not be held in March this year due to a conflict in scheduling.

Speaking of that conflict, it's the same day (March 13th) that photographs for the new church directory will be taken. It will be wonderful to have the new directory, which from what I have overheard will be easy to update if necessary. The ladies who are coordinating the event want a great turnout. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Meryl Lisananti at 725-8181 or Barbara Lacy at 483-2577 or talk to them at church.

Still to come this month is another Fidget Quilt work day on March 1st in the Parish House. Hopefully that will be well attended as more of those lovely little quilts are needed.

The Saturday Evening Social in February was wonderful and well attended. John and Deb Sanborn were the hosts this time and taught everyone how to paint a tree during a storm. The desserts were wonderful as usual. I can hardly wait to see what is coming up next month.

There was a brief Church Council Meeting on February 18th to discuss formally adopting a no smoking policy.

My prayers are with you all.



WE'VE GOT MAIL!



Barbara & Janet & staff-

We at the Pines at Rutland would like to take a moment and thank you very much for the wonderful Santa Shopper event you brought to our residents. You have helped them in so many ways and we feel so blessed to have you to help us. Look forward to seeing you all again in 2020! And we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year.

*Your Friends
The Pines @ Rutland Activities Dept.
Shelley, Linda, Crystal, & Chris*



Greeters for March

- 4 Phyllis Sawtell
- 11 Karen & Bob Webster
- 18 Elsie Valach
- 25 Phyllis Lanz

March Birthdays



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

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, March 25th**. You may email your memorial information to Kris at 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



March



- 1 Fidget Quilters, 1-4 p.m., Parish House
- 4 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 7 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the
Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
Set your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings so you're on time for church
- 11 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Parish House
- 13 Ladies' Lunch **cancelled**
Directory photography sessions, 1-8 p.m., Parish House (sign up today)
- 14 Prison Visit
- 18 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 19 Fire Alarm test!, 8:30 a.m., Parish House
- 20 Articles & info due for April Scroll
- 24 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
- 25 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Palm Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
New members Sunday
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 29 Maundy Thursday Soup & Bread Meal & Worship, 6 p.m., Brandon Congregational Church
- 30 Good Friday- Choir in the Open Sanctuary at UCP 7-8 p.m.

April

- 1 Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., UCP connector
Easter Sunday Morning Worship with Downtown Brass, 10 a.m., Sanctuary

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When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way.

~Wayne Dyer