

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## March 2021

*I have refused to live locked in the orderly house  
of reasons and proofs.*

*The world I live in and believe in is wider than  
that.*

*And anyway, what's wrong with Maybe?*

*You wouldn't believe what once or twice I have  
seen.*

*I'll just tell you this: only if there are angels in  
your head will you ever, possibly, see one.*

Mary Oliver, *The World I Live In*

I believe that we will come through all of the  
crazy stuff happening around us. We have to  
have faith that the goodness of people will shine  
through.

Just like when the pandemic struck and  
thousands of health care workers rose to the  
occasion, so too is it happening in Texas where  
thousands of folks are coming to help during the  
wintery mess. It really is the only thing we have  
to offer – our help! And that comes in many  
forms: prayers, money to organizations that  
bring aid, and some folks, who are able, bringing



their hands and feet to work on the ground. It is  
what we do as humans – help each other.

This is not a time to pick sides and harangue and  
disparage the ‘other’ side; this is the time to put  
our differences aside and work together to bring  
us into a new “normal.” Our world needs a  
breath of fresh air and we, supported by the God  
who loves, can make this happen.

As the song, “*We Are the World*” goes:

*We are the world; we are the children; we are  
the ones who make a brighter day.*

*So, let's start giving;*

*There's a choice we're making.*

*We're saving our own lives. It's true we'll  
make a better day, just you and me*

Bless each and every one of you; you are truly a  
beautiful child of God and don't let anyone tell  
you otherwise.

Be safe, wear your mask, stay six feet away for  
the time being.

Rev John

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE



The Church Council will meet on Zoom on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> following the worship service. Committees are encouraged to meet before that date to select a representative to the Council for 2021 and to formulate any agenda items for the Council to consider. Please get agenda items to Barbara by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## THE CHURCH MOUSE



Boy is it lonely around here!! The only people I see now are Rev. John and Kris, an occasional man from the men of the church checking on things and the people working on the furnace. I stuck my head in the sanctuary the other day to see what might be going on. It looks very lonely and, with the radiators gone, it has an empty look to it. To say nothing about how cold it was! This too will change, and when the work on the furnace is done, we, hopefully, will be able to hold services there again. I really miss everyone.

We offer our sympathies and condolences to the family of Ada Loyzelle and also to her many friends who may not have heard of her passing. She will be greatly missed around here.

We also offer our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Mary Ojala who passed away at home on January 11, 2021. Although she wasn't a member of Proctor Union Church, she was around to lend a hand when needed, especially at the Annual Holiday Bazaar.

God Bless everyone and I hope you are staying safe and healthy.

## THE CHILDREN'S CENTER TO ADD A BABY CENTER!



We are pleased to announce that The Children's Center (TCC), housed in our Parish House, will soon be opening a 2<sup>nd</sup> location, "The Baby Center" at 72 High St. in Proctor. TCC will be taking over "Baby Steps Childcare" which has been operating as a successful independent entity in that space under the ownership of Heather Martin, the former director of TCC.

Heather has decided to make a career change, so she looked to The Children's Center as a good match for continuing the operation of this important childcare resource for the community. The Children's Center Board and the Church Council approved the proposal to take over Heather's business and bring it under the TCC umbrella. Joanne Stockton, TCC's director, has been working closely with Heather to make the transition a seamless one for families currently enrolled.

The State licensed program will offer care for 12 babies, ages 6 weeks to 2 years. Interested families may contact Joanne Stockton, at 802-459-2738 or [tcc.centerdirector@gmail.com](mailto:tcc.centerdirector@gmail.com).

Looking back, providing infant care is not a totally new concept for TCC or Union Church. A similarly named, "Baby Center," was once run under our joint auspices in the Post Office building on Main St. from 2003-2011.


And if the 72 High St. address sounds familiar, it probably is! The building at that address (a gift to Union Church from Emily J. Proctor) served as the church parsonage from 1899 until it was purchased by the Martins as their home in 2017. With that came a transformation of former pastor, Rev. Russ Gates's, workshop into the wonderful childcare space it is today.

We wish The Children's Center well in this new undertaking, and are pleased to do our small part to help meet the needs of working families in our community.

# March



- 7 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Set you clocks ahead before you go to bed  
so you're on time for church
- 14 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for April Scroll
- 21 Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Church Council Meeting, following worship, Zoom

- 28  *palmsunday* Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.



## March Readers



- 7 Janet Yager
- 14 Jean Noren
- 21 Glenn Giles
- 28 Kim Metcalfe

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## *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       |                   |