

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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May 2022

“SPRING” WINDOWS HAVE BEEN SPRUNG!

Even on an overcast day, the bright light now streaming around the piano in the sanctuary is astounding...with good reason! The



“Spring” windows were the last Tiffany Studios stained-glass windows to be installed in the Union Church sanctuary, but were actually the first to be removed recently for restoration.

The windows, with their sheltering tree, riot of flowers in the foreground and majestic mountains in the distance, were installed in 1930 in memory of Minnie E. (Mrs. Fletcher) Proctor, by her children. Unfortunately, upon inspection,

consultant, Tim Byrne of New England Art Glass, deemed the “Spring” windows to be the most in need of repair,

On the last Saturday in March, Tim and his friend, Randy, made the nearly 3-hour trip down from Tim’s studio while Tim’s colleague, Dave, drove to Proctor all the way from Maine. They were met by Barbara, and, thank goodness (but more on that later...), several men of the church.

Then the “fun” began. A specially made plywood box with locking lid was carefully laid across the tops of the choir’s pews. One, and later, two ladders went up. Slowly and carefully, Tim and Dave eased the molding from around the first window. Each thin, metal “twist tie” holding the five horizontal rods was then undone. The rods themselves popped out from the plaster sides like an old-fashioned toilet paper holder.

While it now seemed like the window should easily tip out onto a waiting piece of plywood, this was not the case! Over 90 years of plaster and paint still held the heavy glass fast. Moving from crowbar to putty knife to utility knife, Tim and his crew painstakingly chipped away at each small “catch.” Deep breaths and, no doubt, a heartfelt prayer or two, and finally the beautiful window was free!

But then as we watched with dismay, it started to fold, top to bottom, as it came away from the opening. This is where our guys - Jeff Bergquist, Bill Sheidow, Paul Sutherland, and Bruce Baccei came to the rescue either holding ladders, steadying/carrying the heavy window, directing it into the box, gently slipping out the plywood, and/or carefully folding the padding around the window. An hour and a half of tremendous patience paid off with lots of sighs of relief, lots of smiles.

We church folks thought Tim and crew must have had more than enough “excitement” for one day. Nope! They decided to attempt the second “Spring” window while they were down this way. Thankfully, in less than half the time, the second window had practically popped out of it’s opening. In no time it was safely tucked away with its partner window and the heavy box was headed down the center aisle and into Tim’s truck bed.



Some interesting tidbits:

***Tim visited his wife’s grandparents in Proctor many times over the years. Her grandfather was a craftsman for Vermont Marble. Tim and Bruce*

had quite a nice chat about all of the Proctor connections they have in common.

***While Tim knew that the windows were “...like having 3 different multi piece windows stacked on top of each other [with] hundreds of pieces to each layer,” what he learned once the windows were out, was that Tiffany Studios had added another layer of glass behind the first three to diffuse the light. That certainly didn’t make the windows any lighter, though!*

***Once back in his shop, Tim discovered that the wax pencil marks put on the glass some 92 years ago by the Tiffany shop foreman were still visible. The marks were to tell someone where to etch the glass. In Tim’s words, “This is awesome.” Yes, it is.*

***What is also awesome is that due to the diligent work Karen Webster did organizing our church records, Paul was able to easily lay his hands on the church’s correspondence with Tiffany Studios over 100 years ago. Tim was thrilled to see them.*

***Finally, be sure to check out the large “Tiffany Windows” book, a gift to Union Church from Tim Byrne, on the back table in the sanctuary. Our windows are in there!*

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIALS

Remember when we gathered on Saturday night and hiked the



Pacific Crest Trail with Paul Pilcher? Painted with John Sanborn? Or learned about the history in the National Forest from David Lacy? We enjoyed some potluck treats after our presentation. From the survey done by the Search Committee, we know that church members want that event to start again. We need someone to organize it. Contact Kay Bergquist if you are interested in taking on that responsibility.

DISMAS HOUSE DINNER



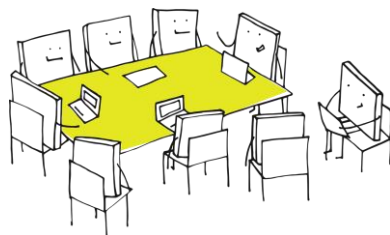
June Dismas House Dinner - The menu for the June dinner is:

- grilled chicken
- vegetable tray (with or without dip)
- pasta or potato salad
- dessert.

Who would like to contribute one of those items for the meal?

Contact Kay Bergquist if you can help. Thank you

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS UPDATE



We've been easing into a more (hopefully) post-COVID schedule of activities at church in the last few weeks. With that in mind, the Council has decided to resume meeting on a monthly basis. Our next meeting is Sunday, May 1st right after Coffee Hour.

ZOOM



We have a few church members who continue to attend our worship services on Zoom. In order to continue this meaningful outreach, we need to train more people to help on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary. Would you be willing to learn ZOOM and be available to run the program some Sunday mornings? See Paul Sutherland if you can help with this ministry.

THANK YOU!

To the Union Church of Proctor members for



your generous contributions made during the second quarter of 2022! The Outreach Committee, because of your support, was able to send two checks of \$1000 each to Ukraine which is suffering unimaginable losses due to the on-going Russian invasion.

The first check was sent to Church World Service Crisis Response Fund. It will help cover the necessary daily needs of the Ukraine people. The second check of \$1000 was sent in direct response to a plea from Ukraine doctors who are in desperate need of medical equipment. This will help enable them to perform daily life-saving surgeries. The equipment is being purchased in Poland and Germany and sent across the borders directly to the hospital.

The next two checks mailed out, addressed our "closer to home" organizations which provide a helping hand to those who are food insecure and those who need assistance making a fresh start. The Pittsford Food Shelf, serving the towns of Pittsford, Proctor, Florence and Chittenden, received its monthly donation of \$500. The Rutland Dismas House also received a check of \$500 which enable those people, transitioning from incarceration, to return to the general population.

The Outreach Committee will formally meet again on July 12th at 1:00 pm in the Parish House to manage the list of requests for the third quarter. Suggestions or comments may be made through the church office, or by contacting committee members. Thank you again for actively supporting the needs of others.

The Outreach Committee



COFFEE HOUR RETURNS MAY 1



It was decided at the last Council meeting that it is now time for us to begin having the after-church service coffee time! It will begin on May 1st. We know everyone has been missing the social aspect of attending church. We want people to feel comfortable and safe so we will follow church policy of masks optional. We'll be using paper products to keep cleanliness at the maximum and avoid hand washing of mugs.

If anyone has suggestions or issues with having coffee time, please speak with one of the Social Committee members: Kathy Connors, Sue Osgood, Carol Trudelle, Elsie Valach, Jean Butler, Carol Curtis. Looking forward to May 1st.



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

I think I was too fast in celebrating the arrival of Spring. Since that brief time the temperatures and weather have gone up and down like being on a roller coaster. I'm beginning to get a little dizzy.

For those of you who may have missed them, we have had wonderful Holy Week Services. There was Palm Sunday on April 10 at Union Church of Proctor with The Downtown Brass, including Paul Sutherland. A joint Maundy Thursday service on April 14 at the Pittsford Congregational Church including Brandon

Congregational Church and Union Church of Proctor. The Good Friday Service was held at Union Church of Proctor which was a time of prayer with Jen Cohen and the choir singing anthems and hymns.

The beautiful Flowers on and around the altar added to the beauty of the Easter Service on Sunday April 17 which was a wonderful blend of music, hymns and prayer and included a guest violinist, Heather Munch, and pieces by Jen Cohen.

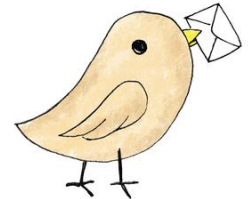
The Dismas House Meal Prep and Supper will be on May 4 at 5:30 PM.

Coffee Hour will be starting again on May 1 in the Parish House following services on Sunday, May 1. This will be followed by a Church Council Meeting.

We are very happy to see the last of our winter travelers return to church. Welcome back Betty and Lon.

Please keep yourselves safe and healthy. May God Bless you all.

WE'VE GOT MAIL!



*To the Donna Howe
Scholarship Committee-*

Thank you so much for granting our family the Donna Howe Scholarship! Your generosity will be a huge assistance to us. Our two-year-old son loves going to the Children's Center. He adores his teachers, who truly care about him! He has grown so much at school, and is now counting, singing, identifying his colors and talking non-stop. We truly appreciate your assistance and value of early education. Your thoughtfulness will truly make a tremendous impact on our lives!

Thank you!

~The Bruces

~Carolyn, Jeff, and Gabriel



May

- 1 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, George Valley M.Div., 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting
- 4 Dismas House Dinner
- 7 GreenUp Day
- 8 Mother's Day
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, George Valley M.Div., 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, George Valley M.Div., 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for June Scroll
- 22 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, Julie Demaree, M.Div., 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 27 Sunshine Nursery School Graduation
- 29 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, Julie Demaree, M.Div., 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

May Liturgists



- 1 Glenn Giles
- 8 Kim Metcalfe
- 15 Lynn Pilcher
- 22 Janet Yager
- 29 Jean Noren

May Greeters

- 1 Phyllis Sawtell
- 8 Meryl Lisananti
- 15 Elsie Valach
- 22 Nancy Thompson
- 29 Kay Bergquist



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May Birthdays

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| 5 Emily St. Peter | 21 Cathy Canty |
| 8 Chris Keyser | Anne Proctor |
| 10 Ariana Malutich | Dan Varney |
| 14 Renzo Palmerini | 23 Robert Webster |
| 18 Bob Argentero | 27 Pam Ojala |
| 20 Dillon Metcalfe | 28 Lon Schneider |