

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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UNION CHURCH HAS A NEW PASTOR!

We are very pleased to announce that the **REVEREND JOHN SANBORN** is our new Settled Pastor. John was the unanimous choice by the Pastoral Search Committee and the Church Council. At a recent special meeting, Reverend Sanborn was enthusiastically elected by the congregation. We welcomed John on two fronts

that day as he became a member of Union Church as well.

John and his wife, Debbie, are well-known in the area and are a wonderful addition to Union Church. Thanks to their leadership, we have been enjoying a "Pizza Night" meal with the folks at the Open Door Mission on the last Saturday of every month, as well as preparing and sharing a meal at Dismas House on a regular basis. Please call the church if you'd like to be involved in either of these (or any of our other!) service projects.

Many thanks to the Pastoral Search Committee (Nancy Young, Paul Sutherland, Sue Osgood, Kim Metcalfe and Jeff Bergquist) for their diligence in finding a Pastor who is such a good "fit" for Union Church! We look forward to worshipping with John and working alongside him as we take Union Church forward into the future.

We hope you'll join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM as Reverend Sanborn leads us in worship.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Palm Sunday, Union Church welcomed two new members to our congregation, Christine Sybiak and John Sanborn. The Deacons conducted the membership portion of the service presenting Christine and John (who were sporting carnation corsages for their "big day") a beautiful membership certificate at the conclusion. We were all treated to a lovely cake reception by the Social Committee. John and Christine, we're glad to have you among us!

LADIES NIGHT OUT POT LUCK DINNER & SECRET SISTER DRAWING



All church ladies are invited to the pot luck dinner on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 in the parish house. We look forward to an evening together with a delicious meal. Please sign up by May 14 on the sign up sheet at the back of the church so we will know how many people to plan for.

If you are a Secret Sister this year, it's time to reveal yourself to your secret sister before our pot luck. We will do a drawing at the dinner for those who want to participate again. We hope to see all the ladies there!



SIX BUCKS A BAG



The Spring Clothing & Bake Sale will be held in the Parish House on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 to 1:00. Clothing for all ages, sizes, and genders will be available for the amazingly low price of six bucks a bag. We need your donations of clothing for all seasons – especially children's... also plastic bags. You may leave your generous **donations of clothing** at the Parish House (on the porch will be fine) **from Sunday, May 7th through Thursday, May 11th**. ATTENTION PLEASE: To all those who will be in the Hamptons, the Cote d'Azur, Tierra del Fuego or Hotchkiss, Colorado during these days, please make other delivery arrangements with Phyllis Lanz at 802-459-2312.

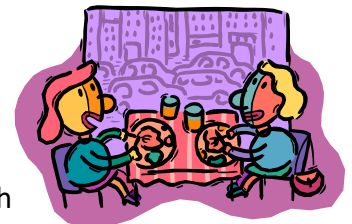
Huge thanks to those who have already volunteered to help with the endeavor. We will be setting up on Tuesday, May 9th from 9 to 1, Wednesday, May 10th from 11:00 to 2 and Friday, May 12th from noon to 4. We'll need lots of people for Saturday, May 14th from 9:30 to 2 for folding, selling, greeting and tidying up.

Let's not forget the fabulous bake sale!



Please make something wonderful and bring it to the Parish House on Friday, May 12th by 4 p.m. or Saturday morning by 9:45. Blessed are the bakers, for they shall steal our hearts.

LADIES LUNCH



Our May Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9th. Come and join us!

CLEAN UP DAY



Clean Up Day at Union Church will take place on May 21st, following worship. Wear your work clothes to church and bring your gloves, rakes, clippers, etc. A picnic lunch will be served compliments of our Social Committee after our clean up. Come and join the fun!

GOOD FUN FOR A GOOD CAUSE



This just in from the Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County, Vermont website...

MARK your calendars! Friday, May 26th - The Second Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament will be held at the Proctor Pittsford Country Club. Golfers will register at noon and the tournament will begin with a 1:00 shotgun start. It will be a captain & crew format with prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, door prizes, and 1st, 2nd & 3rd team prizes. There will be a dinner afterward. The cost is \$90 per person including golf, cart, dinner and lots of fun. Come on out and have fun while supporting Habitat's efforts to eliminate poverty housing and help us build our next home at 42 Cleveland Avenue.

After successfully rehabbing an older home in Fair Haven and seeing a young, working family happily settled in, Habitat is gearing up for its next project. Help them provide a safe, affordable home for another deserving family. Grab your clubs and come on out and play. More information can be found on their website at: <http://rutlandhabitat.weebly.com>.

FIDGET QUILTERS

Let's get together and make some quilts for this outreach project!



Tuesday, May

30 at 6:30 we will get busy and make more quilts. Everyone is welcome – even if you have not come before! We are happy to show you how to make these little quilts!

If you are not inclined to do any sewing, you can help us by donating some of the things we use in the construction. We would be happy to have the following items donated:

- 7" zippers -bright colors – WalMart has the best price Sew – on Velcro (not the stuff with sticky goo on the back).
- Flannel for backing – cheerful prints
- Light poly batting

Thanks for your help!

MEN'S COFFEE



Members & friends of Union Church- Join us for Men's Coffee every Saturday from 7-8 a.m. in the Parish House.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our May Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 13th from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.

SOMETHING NEW FROM THE COUNCIL!

We're trying something new in this month's Scroll: the Church Council Minutes. Should one of the topics discussed at the meeting interest you, we encourage you to learn more.



One important caveat: To inform you of topics in a timely manner, any minutes included in the Scroll will be unapproved minutes. Council minutes are not approved for corrections/deletions/additions until the following month's meeting. For those issues you're most interested in, it will be important for you to check for any changes noted in the following month's minutes.

We welcome your feedback. Do you find the inclusion of the minutes helpful? Do they spark your interest in a particular project? Are they just more to read? Let us know!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES



April 12, 2017

Members present: Meryl Lisananti, Bruce Baccei, Barbara Lacy, Jeff Bergquist, Kathy Connors, Phyllis Lanz, Connie Cushman, Jeannie Cushman, Kim Metcalfe, Kay Bergquist

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Jeff Bergquist.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept minutes with correction. (J Bergquist, Lisananti) Passed Minutes will be included in the Scroll.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff went through the monthly report. Report was accepted as presented.

Committee reports:

Deacons- Kim – Deacons are planning the Easter events. They will discuss providing carnations for Mother's Day.

Buildings and Grounds- Bruce – Mitchell's will get the sign updated this week. Bruce has ordered some equipment required for the Children's Center. A new timer has been ordered for the porch lights.

Finance and Stewardship- no meeting

Music- no meeting

Outreach- no meeting. Lent collection is going well. Funds will go to PCCC and Church World Service

Social- Kathy – Social committee has been busy. The installation for John will be April 30. Pam Lucas will be here to do the service.

Nominating- no meeting

PCCC- no meeting

Children's Center- Barbara, Bruce and Ellen met with them recently. There will probably be changes coming in the future, but nothing has been determined at this time.

Bazaar- no report

Ad hoc committee for expanded participation- This group has formed to determine how to expand attendance here for services and other events/activities. Amy, Muriel, Kim, Debbie, Nancy and John are on the committee. Meeting April 25.

Old business:

Sale of parsonage – Jeff – parsonage is on the market. Betsy Franzoni is the realtor. There is not much activity at the present time.

Kitchen Renovation Project – Jeff . Jeff will be in touch with the person doing the estimate.

Membership anniversary celebration – Barbara – At the last meeting, it was suggested that we celebrate our membership. We have some long-term members. We will revisit this discussion and plan an event for some time in the Fall.

New Business-

Installation for John – There will be some publicity about this. We will plan the

celebration and invite all members. The installation will be April 30.

The church has been approached for a possible baptism.

There was a comment about the church being referred to as “non-denominational”. In today’s world, it would be better to be referred to as “inter denominational”. That term will be changed.

It was suggested that we should be have a pastoral relations committee to work with John as he becomes our settled pastor.

Motion to adjourn (Cushman, Metcalfe) 8:20

Date of next meeting - Monday, May 1 6:30

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Bergquist

AT THE LIBRARY

May 2 O'clock Tuesday Programs

- 2 Pretty Flowers
- 9 Mother's Day Projects
- 16 Bottle Cap Bugs
- 23 Pod Planting
- 30 Beading



MAY LITURGISTS

- 7 Jeff Bergquist
- 14 Nancy Young
- 21 Karen St. Peter
- 28 Allan St. Peter

WE'VE GOT MAIL!



(Included with a generous donation to the church)

Rutland County Audubon is most grateful to the Union Church of Proctor in providing the space and opportunity for the Board of Directors to meet monthly in the Parish House. Rutland County Audubon's membership is drawn from towns throughout the county and the centrality and convenience of the Union Church of Proctor is a great benefit.

~Roy W. Pilcher for the Board of Directors



May Birthdays

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| 1 Mavis Gray | 18 Bob Argentero |
| 2 Jerry Sanborn | 20 Dillon Metcalfe |
| 5 Emily St. Peter | 21 Cathy Canty |
| 8 Chris Keyser | Chet Peterson |
| Jody Sanderson | Dan Varney |
| 9 Molly Sanderson | 22 Shaun Blanchard |
| 10 Ariana Malutich | 23 Robert Webster |
| Robert Stein | 27 Pam Ojala |
| 11 Becca Patch | Allan Noren |
| Jake Smith | Jacob Tomlinson |
| 13 Brooke Kimball | 28 Lon Schneider |
| 14 Renzo Palmerini | 30 Joyce Longley |

THE CHURCH MOUSE



Well, here it is another month has passed. It is good to see (and feel) that spring is really here. There are daffodils and robins as well as other fresh flowers starting to appear and you can actually see buds on the trees and bushes. It is also good to see that some of our travelers have returned. Lon and Betty Schneider are back in the choir and Jeff and Kay Bergquist are back in their usual pew. Welcome back.

Please Don't Forget that our new settled pastor, John Sanborn, will be installed on April 30 at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. I know I'm looking forward to this important event.

Easter Sunday was wonderful. First there was the sunrise service in the connector with a total of 8 people counting the pastor. The regular service in the sanctuary was lovely with hymns and all the lovely flowers honoring family members who have passed. I didn't think to take a count, but it looked like there were more than usual attending.

The Ladies Lunch will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at the Rutland Country Club. The Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 13th in the Parish House. Also on the 13th of May will be the Spring Clothing Sale.

May 14th is Mother's Day.

Wednesday, May 17th will be the Ladies Potluck Dinner at the Parish House. I think that the ladies should watch for a sign-up sheet.

This year our Spring Clean-up Day at church will be May 21st, so don't forget to wear your old clothes.

The following poem was given to me by a friend from another church. I hope you enjoy its meaning as much as I did.

THE WORLD IS MINE – AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Today, on a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had but one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she gave a smile. Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I have two legs, the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm. I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it would do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind." Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?" He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear. Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go. With eyes to see the sunset's glow. With ears to hear what I'd know. Oh God, forgive me when I whine. I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine.

If this poem makes you feel thankful, just forward it to your friends. After all, it's just a simple reminder that we have so much to be thankful for! Give the gift of love. It never comes back empty!

God Bless you all. I'll be back in June!

HAPPINESS is a Way of Travel..
not a Destination.

Roy Goodman

May



- 1 Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish House
- 7 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 9 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
Set Up for Clothing Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 10 Set Up for Clothing Sale, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 12 Set Up for Clothing Sale, noon to 4 p.m.
- 13 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
Spring Clothing & Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Parish House
- 14 Happy Mother's Day
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 17 **Ladies' Night Out Potluck Dinner & Secret Sister drawing, 6 p.m., Parish House**
- 20 Articles & info due for June Scroll
- 21 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Clean Up Day & Luncheon following worship
- 26 Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament (see article)
- 28 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 **Fidget Quilters, 6:30 p.m., Parish House**

May
Greeters

- 7 Phyllis Sawtell
- 14 Nancy Young
- 21 Jean Noren
- 28 Paul Pilcher



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Saturday, May 13
10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Hope to see you there and bring a
friend!