

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

I picked this Bible verse because I do not agree with it; it is very exclusionary. And, it does not leave much room for the Spirit to work!

In my world, God works for the good of everyone, regardless. It is like that with children, isn't it? Just because your child irritates you sometimes, it does not lessen your love for them and, in fact, after a short stint of “Go to your room!”, things return to normal—whatever normal is when you are bringing up children.

And that is what God thinks! God loves us always and works to keep us on the straight and narrow path and, when we stray off the righteous path, works overtime to help us to get back. This is, however, the old horse to drinking water tale—God can help, but we can deny that help.

And just like our recalcitrant children, who know deep down they were wrong and we were right (every parent's hope), we know when we step off that path. We know right from wrong, even if the apple-eating original occupants of Eden prove it to the contrary.

The grace of God flows through our veins, lightens our hearts and brightens our lives...if we let it be true! Stand outside in the early morning or just at dusk, breath in the cool Vermont air, smell the blossoming flowers and KNOW that God loves you, regardless. God won't send you to your room; God will sit you down and talk to you!

Now, go clean up your room; it's a mess!

“By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life.”

Psalm 42:8

Rev John Sanborn

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

Union Church of Proctor will open for worship on Sunday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. No reservation required, just come with your mask and we will seat people per current guidelines. Hallelujah!

We will still offer the service via Zoom as well to provide options for everyone.



HOWE FAMILY MEMORIALS ESTABLISHED



Union Church has recently received bequests from the estate of long-time member Donna Howe. Donna joined the church as a young teenager in 1965. Her parents, Don and Helen Howe, served the church in several volunteer capacities for many, many years including Don in the maintenance and upkeep of our buildings and grounds, and Helen in the planning and organizing of the annual bazaar. Donna followed in her mother's footsteps and was often seen assisting at the bazaar as well.

The first of Donna's bequests arrived right around the time our sanctuary heating system failed. Her gift was put right to work along with other funds to help underwrite the cost of the replacement system over the winter.

Recently, under the guidance of our Finance Committee and the Church Council, an additional bequest from Donna was used to establish two memorial funds at Union Church. The first, the "Donna Howe Daycare Scholarship Fund," will honor Donna's long career as an elementary school teacher. Since The Children's Center daycare and school is housed in our Parish House, and The Baby Center for infants is under that umbrella (and is located in our former parsonage), providing daycare scholarships to those families seemed an appropriate use of

Donna's gifts. Clearly, she cared a great deal about children and their well-being.

The second memorial fund is the "Howe Family Stained Glass Window Preservation Fund." In addition to his years of dedicated stewardship of our buildings, Don Howe was also custodian of the Proctor Elementary School. Obviously, keeping things in good order was a priority and a mission for him! Helen Howe loved beautiful things and ran a successful antiques business in the area, so we thought providing for the preservation of our sanctuary's treasured antique stained-glass windows would be a perfect melding of their interests.

Union Church is very grateful to Helen, Don and Donna for their dedication to our church community and for Donna's bequests to the church. With these two funds, their legacy will live on.



THE CHURCH MOUSE

Hurray! I am so glad to hear that the Church is starting up again with a Hybrid Service. I'm not going to go into detail here, because I know that the Powers that Be have spelled everything out in this scroll. I hope to see you all on May 2, which is also a communion service.

I hear that Jeff and Kay Bergquist are going to be on the road around the country in their RV for the next 2 months. I know they will be enjoying themselves; I just hope that they don't forget to come back.

It is so nice that things are changing enough around the country to allow all this travel and visiting with family and friends that hasn't been possible for so long.

The next Church Council Meeting will be *June* 13 after the church service.

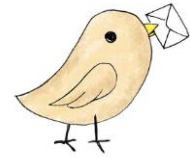
I hope everyone is doing well and still staying healthy. May God Bless you all.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next Church Council meeting will be Sunday, **June 13th**. Watch the June "Scroll" for meeting place and time.

In the meantime, please get agenda items to Barbara by June 9th.

WE'VE GOT MAIL!!



*Dear Friends of the UCP family,
Thank you for lifting my spirits this Easter with your thoughtful card. I have it on my wall where I will be able to think and pray for you all throughout the year.
God's blessings & love,
Dan (Griswold)*

May



- 2 Sanctuary and Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Sanctuary and Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Sanctuary and Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for June Scroll
- 23 Sanctuary and Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 30 Sanctuary and Zoom Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

May Readers



- 2 Janet Yager and Ellen Sutherland,
- 9 Jean Noren and Nancy Young
- 16 Kim Metcalfe and Allan St. Peter
- 23 Glenn Giles and Kathy Connors
- 30 Jean Noren and Nancy Young

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