

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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November 2023

WE ARE ALL MINISTERS IN CHRIST!

**1 Peter 1:13-20; 2:1-12,
Ephesians 4:11-13**

Dear Friends,

Can you believe the fall is coming to a close and the winter is setting in? I'm struggling with the idea that time is moving faster than I am ready for it. It's been slightly over a year since I first came to UCP. And what a wonderful year! It still went by too quickly!

Last month we celebrated our history, present, and hopeful future in a worship service we called, Old Home Day. We remembered significant events that took place over our 100+ year history. We found out some fun details about our sanctuary and some of its furnishings and fixtures. For example, the communion table we are currently using is the original communion table made for the church. The deacons put together a binder of all of the called pastors with their pictures and even the happenings during each minister's tenure. We are currently working on gathering pictures of our interim ministers to add to the binder. In gathering the information on our

ministers, we are also beginning to work on completing our history from 2010 to the present. At some point, hopefully, we will be able to share this new information on our website!

So, not only has there been great history in our church, but we are active in our present! Both the past and the present help us towards our future. It has been so amazing to learn about all of the loving ministries UCP has done over the last 130+ years. Union Church's ministries have not necessarily been conceived and lived out only through its ministers. UCP's witness to sharing love and care with our neighbors has been driven by passionate people in the church. We are all ministers in Christ! In mid-October, we celebrated Laity Sunday. This is typically a day where most of the service is led by the people of the church. Of course, there were some people who led parts of the service, but one thing that emerged was a time to recognize many of the ministries that each person offers. What was striking is that every person in the congregation, member or not, presently has an active ministry. Every person offers the Gospel Good news wherever they go! Some do amazing ministry like crunching numbers, and working to improve our

building, while others offer ministries that fill tummies with amazing foods, provide deep kind smiles, listening ears, and the warmth and love of prayer and fidget quilts - and so much more. There was not one person, not anyone, who wasn't actively serving our church and sharing the Gospel Good News that love changes everything for the better!

Seeing all that loving ministry that each of you does every day makes me even more thrilled to share in ministry with you and hopeful for the places we are led together into the future. On November 12th at 3 p.m. we will share in an installation service that officially recognizes our covenant of ministry together. We will sing and offer prayers and hear encouraging words as well as rejoice in some amazing music. The hope is that the installation service will reflect the joy of ministry that UCP has always (history) had and the new(ish) beginning together in ministry (present) for where we will go together (future). We will solidify our covenant to love and care for each other as we journey into new spaces in the future. I hope that many of you will be able to make it to the service and it will be on Zoom too!

I am thankful to be in ministry with UCP. Each day I feel that God has led me to this wonderful place and people. In some ways, it's like I have come home and rediscovered the joy of journeying with my siblings (in Christ). There is a song that will be sung by Courtney Grandee at the service that was written by Nichole Norman entitled "Burnin'" The song is about feeling called, and not realizing what all a calling can mean and lead to as you go forward to the point that all there is to do is keep going. I have indeed felt that I have "blistered in the flames" of ministry in the past and yet, always continued to push myself to follow where God leads. This time I believe that the home I am experiencing with UCP is where "new life begins to grow..." Thank you for being you. Thank you for calling me. Thanks for welcoming me home. I look forward to our future together!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Jenei

**"Burnin'"
Nichole
Nordeman**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORbpzjKY9qc>

Started rubbing sticks together. I thought a spark would take forever. I never dreamt this fire would appear

When Moses saw the Bush in flames and heard the branches speak his name.
I wonder if he felt this kind of fear

'Cause I'm burnin'. Yeah, I'm burnin'. And I know I'm gonna blister in these flames
So I'll stay here. 'Till this smoke clears. And I'll find you in the ashes that remain

Used to be that I could say my faith was one arm's length away.
From any flame that ever felt too warm.

Asked for matches, but I received a gallon full of gasoline. Now my cozy campfire days are gone

'Cause I'm burnin'. Yeah, I'm burnin'. And I know I'm gonna blister in these flames
So I'll stay here. 'Till this smoke clears. And I'll find you in the ashes that remain.

'Knock with caution at the door' they said,
'Beware of what you're praying for'
So I'll stand here with my whole desire in the middle of this forest fire 'Till I've nothing left to show
And new life begins to grow...

'Cause I'm burnin'. Yeah, I'm burnin'. And I know I'm gonna blister in these flames
So I'll stay here. 'Till this smoke clears. And I'll find you in the ashes that remain.

OUTREACH NEWS



The Outreach Committee met on September 26th to review our past donations and to determine our 4th quarter recipients. On behalf of our members, we are happy to be able to support valuable organizations in our area. Since compiling a list of fourteen groups to support, we found that the church was able to give more than once, during the year, to groups that most impact the largest number of people in need, especially children. We have mailed out six checks this quarter to the following organizations:

- African Scholars' Fund (for books and school uniforms)
- Pittsford Food Shelf (Check out their new interior look.)
- New Story Center (for women and children)
- Rutland County Parent/Child Center
- BROC VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

The committee also discussed what the upcoming needs might be, now that we are entering the cooler months. We understand that it can be a struggle for families trying to keep up with bills and unexpected emergencies. We are hoping that, with the generosity of our church members, we can help our neighbors as best we can. Thank you always to our wonderful church family.

~The Outreach Committee



November Greeters

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| 5 | Meryl Lisananti |
| 12 | Bonnie Blanchard |
| 19 | Kay Bergquist |
| 26 | Sue Osgood & Carol Trudelle |

ANNOUNCING... THE “DISMAS DINNER PLANNING TEAM”!



We're taking a new approach to planning the meals Union Church provides to the Rutland Men's Dismas House on the first Wednesday of the month. We've formed a "Dismas Dinner Planning Team."

Our plan is to meet quarterly to determine the menus for the following three months. Below are the menus for November 1st, December 6th and January 3rd.

Do you like to cook? Bake? Have some great recipes for a small crowd? Get in touch with Team Leader, Nancy Young. The Team is looking for ideas and volunteers for the February, March and April dinners.

Are you thinking you'd like to do something sooner? Maybe you'll be doing some early baking for Christmas! We'd love a couple of dozen cookies for our Dec. 6th meal with the guys. Nancy has one volunteer already. She's also putting together a candy bag and a decorated reindeer for each of the men and for the folks at the Rutland Women's Dismas House. Adding a couple of cookies to each bag would make them extra "sweet."

Thanks in advance for offering to help. You'll be glad you did!

November 1

Burger Mini-Sliders, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Pickles, Ice Cream

December 6

Bread Bowls, Corn Chowder, Meat Soup, Salad, Christmas Cookies

January 3

Shepherd's Pie, Parker House Rolls, Salad, Dessert

ALL SAINTS SERVICE



All Saints Service, November 5th- Remembering and honoring the saints of the church who have passed on and other saints in our lives.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



Looks like we're back to changeable weather for awhile but at least we haven't had any snow so far.

The next Dismas House dinner and meal prep will be at 5:30 pm Wednesday, November 1.

On November 12, Pastor Jenei's installation will be held at 3 pm in our church. We will have a fun afternoon of music and joy. Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

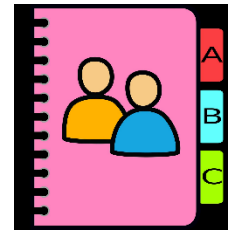
Our condolences and sympathies are offered to the family and friends of Bill Sheidow who passed away at home in Proctor on September 21, 2023 after a period of declining health. He was a member of the Union Church of Proctor and will be missed by all. In accordance with Bill's wishes there were no services. He intended that his ashes be scattered on the ocean in Galilee, RI.

Our condolences and sympathies are offered to the family and friends of Cindy Bell who passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at her home in Proctor. The memorial service, "In Celebration of her Life," took place on Friday, October 20, 2023 at Miller & Ketchum Funeral Home in Brandon. Rev. Jenei Rossigg, pastor of the Union Church in Proctor, officiated.

God Bless you all and stay healthy.

READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP?

The upcoming new directory is moving forward. Thank you to everyone who's already provided Kris with updates to your contact information and/or a photo. unionchurchofproctor007@gmail.com



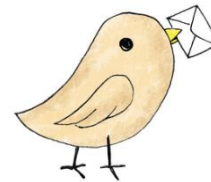
If you're still in need of a photo and will be happy with a quick picture taken on one of our phones (we're talking snapshots here, no fancy lighting or touchups, folks!), we've tentatively scheduled "photo shoots" during the November 5th and Nov. 19th Coffee Hours. Please contact Pastor Jenei or Barbara so we have an idea of numbers for those days, or if you'd like a photo but those days don't work for you.

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.

WE'VE GOT MAIL!

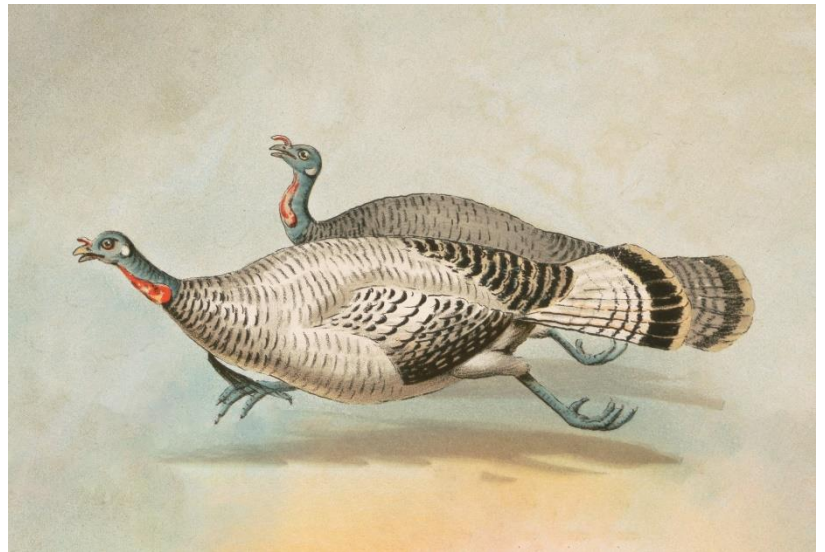


The Rutland County Parent Child Center would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your recent donation.

Please know that this consideration directly helps our agency to support the thousands of children, youth, and parents we serve throughout the year.

*Most graciously,
Mary Feldman
Executive Director
Rutland County Parent Child Center.*

November



- 1 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 4 Set your clocks back so you're on time for church
- 5 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
All Saints Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Installation of Rev. Jenei Rossigg, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- 19 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for December Scroll
- 21 **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** with area churches participating, 7:00 p.m.,
Union Church of Proctor Sanctuary
- 26 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

November Liturgists



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| 5 | Jean Noren |
| 12 | Glenn Giles |
| 19 | Janet Yager |
| 26 | Kim Metcalfe |

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November Birthdays



4 Kylie Pilcher	18 Annika Heintz
6 George Pilcher	19 Dylan Pilcher
7 Kris Finnigan	20 Ray Ault
9 Vicky Lynn Brown	Sam Logan
11 Sarah Sheldrick	22 Mark Chapin
17 Tom Doty	Elsie Valach