

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

by Richard Gillard

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as
Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my
servant, too.

This is not the whole song but it is the heart of
the song.

Most of the folks who read the Scroll are
probably seasoned citizens. This song should be
part of our lives. It speaks, not only to us as
persons who are willing to help others, but also
as persons who can, and will, **ask** for help.

As seasoned ones, we have helped many people
in our lives with many aspects of their lives.
Most of us would never think to NOT help
someone who has asked for help. Why do we
feel different when it is our turn to ask for help?

The essence of being a Christian, the essence of
being human, is that we care for each other. We
do a pretty good job when the need arises to help
others, not only right around us, but in places
around the world we have never been to and
probably cannot pronounce. We KNOW the joy
of helping! We stand ready to jump into the fray
and help.

Why are we so darn poor at asking for help?

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you
will find; knock and the door will be opened to
you." Matthew 7:7*

That is what God thinks, according to Jesus. We
are God's beautiful children, so that is what we
think. Not only should we **reach out with a
helping hand**, but we should **reach up for a
helping hand!!**

Peace be with you on your journey.

Rev John Sanborn



CRUISING THE SEINE FROM PARIS TO NORMANDY AND BACK

Last summer we took you on our Bike and Barge trip from Amsterdam, The Netherlands to Bruges, Belgium. On November 17th we'll continue our journey in Brussels and then to Paris where we boarded a large river boat to sail from Paris to Normandy and back. Highlights are the sights of Paris, a visit to Impressionist Claude Monet's home and his beautiful gardens, King Richard III's castle in Normandy, Napoleon's palace at Versailles, Utah and Omaha Beaches, the Veteran's Cemetery and other river sights. We sailed on Uniworld's brand new S.S. Joie de Vivre and were pampered and treated as we had never been before or since. We hope you'll feel some of that same feeling as we share our trip.

Potluck desserts, fellowship and pictures. November 17th at 7:00 in the Parish Hall

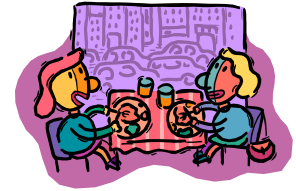


November

Greeters

- 6 Phyllis Sawtell
- 11 Sue Osgood
- 18 Nancy Young
- 25 Meryl Lisananti

LADIES LUNCH



Our November Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 13th. Come and join us!

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 November Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 10th, from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.

PRISON VISIT



The November Prison visit will be on Wednesday, November 14th. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome or if someone would like to make something, it would be appreciated. See Sue Osgood or Carol Trudelle for more information

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...FOR SANTA'S SHOPPERS!



Take a little while to catch your breath after the bazaar, BUT THEN, your help is needed to make the *16th Annual Santa's Shoppers Event* a success! Join in the fun and help make this one the best yet!

Please **VOLUNTEER** to help at ANY (or ALL!) of the **activities listed in bold** below. Sign-up at church on Nov. 18th, or call Muriel (459-3685) or Barbara (483-2577). Feel the joy of giving, by sharing your time and talents!

For the last 15 years, the schedule has rotated between three nursing homes in the Rutland area. Santa's Shoppers Volunteers, "bring the store" to the nursing home, so the residents may shop for their loved ones, without cost or obligation! This year the event will take place at **Rutland Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center (RHRC) at 46 Nichols St. in Rutland on Friday, December 7th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**

On Saturday, December 1st from 9:30-11:30 AM, volunteers will meet at the Parish house to take stock of our existing inventory for this year's event. Then we'll pack it all up for transport to the RHRC on the day of the event. Thanks to the Men's Coffee Hour folks who haul the "stuff" upstairs, following their Saturday Coffee that morning.

"Santa's Shoppers" volunteers will meet at **Walmart on Monday, December 3rd from 7:00-8:00 PM** to select gifts in the \$5 to \$10 range. Shopping teams make the selections, taking into consideration a wide variety of items for all ages, as the gift may be for a child, elderly person, other family members or friends. Regardless of the taste or interest of the person who is to receive the gift, there is likely to be something of interest for the resident to give to their loved ones.

On Wednesday, December 5th from 9:00 AM-Noon, volunteers will **meet at the Parish House** to package and wrap candy in mugs and other containers, put together cheese packages, and the like. These items are decorated in festive holiday fare and are then packed up to be taken to the nursing home.

On Friday, December 7th at 1:00 PM, set-up begins for the event **at RHRC**. The gifts are spread out on tables to enable the residents to easily make their choices.

The event is open to the residents from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The residents select the gift(s) that best suit the person(s) they are shopping for. (Selections are usually limited to no more than three items per resident, but we are flexible, particularly if the person has a large family, etc.). "Santa's Helpers" volunteers help the residents make their selections and wrap & label each gift for them.

Santa will be there, too! He chats with everyone and has his picture taken with each participating resident. A copy of the picture is later returned to the resident to keep. A decorated Christmas tree and Christmas music help add to the Spirit of Christmas, spreading joy and good will to all.

The event stops at 4:00 PM. We then **pack up & clean up (usually from 4:00-4:30ish)**, bring unused Walmart items back for a refund, and return non-Walmart items to the Parish House to be put away on Sunday.

Santa's Shoppers is a long-standing and wonderful outreach mission to elders in our area. *Please consider helping out wherever and whenever you can.* Just to see the residents' happy faces as they get caught up in the excitement will warm your heart throughout the year!





NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

I can't believe how fast the temperature has dropped over the past week or so. I'm just not ready for winter to be here yet. It's definitely time to unpack my heavy coats, scarves and gloves.

The Men will be holding their usual coffee hour every Saturday morning as usual at 7:00 AM and then will hold the Men's Breakfast on November 10th here in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will be held on November 13th at 11:30 am at the Rutland Country Club.

The Dismas House Dinner prep is scheduled for 5:15 pm on November 7th . The Open Door Mission pizza dinner is scheduled for 5:15 pm on November 24th.

Everyone is rushing around making last minute preparations for the annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 3rd, with doors ready to open at 10 am. Keep those donations coming for the White Elephant section. The volunteer work sheets are filling up outside the sanctuary in the connector.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for November 18th after coffee hour in the Higbee Library.

Fall Clean-up Day was held on October 21st after the regular service with lunch to follow. The lunch that was held after and organized by

the Social Committee was a huge success (and yes, I did manage to obtain a few nibbles). The last I heard, the part of the driveway that is going to be repaved has been put off until Spring, so keep your ears open for the date.

Roy Pilcher put on a wonderful program on October 20th as a start for the Saturday evening talk and Dessert Potluck. He titled it *From Penguins to Pachyderms* and it was absolutely wonderful. It dealt with his last trip to Africa in 1998 to visit family he has there.

The next Saturday evening program will be led by Lon and Betty Schneider on November 17th. It will be about a cruise they took down the Seine River in France.

The holidays are almost upon us and everyone will be busy for the rest of the year preparing for family visits either here or away. God Bless each and every one of you!

Union Church of Proctor
Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 3rd
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Jewelry & Antiques
Distinctive Handcrafts & Holiday Ornaments
Decorated Furniture
White Elephants
Collectibles
Baby Essentials
Grandma's Kitchen, baked goods, etc.
Homemade Soup & Dessert Luncheon
Raffle
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November



- 3 **BAZAAR!**, 10am to 2pm, UCP Parish House
Turn your clocks back before you go to bed so you're on time for church
- 4 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 7 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 10 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 11 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 13 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 14 Prison Visit
- 18 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
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Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting
- 20 Articles & info due for December Scroll
- 24 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.
- 25 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.



NOVEMBER READERS

- 4 Nancy Young
- 11 Kim Metcalfe
- 18 Jean Noren
- 25 Lynn Pilcher

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November Birthdays



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| 4 Kylie Pilcher | 18 Annika Heintz |
| 5 Ruth Partridge | 19 Dylan Pilcher |
| 6 George Pilcher | 20 Ray Ault |
| 7 Kris Finnigan | Sam Logan |
| 9 Vicky Lynn Brown | Faith Sagi |
| 11 Sarah Sheldrick | 22 Steve Allenby |
| 12 Madison Fetterolf | Mark Chapin |
| 13 Jackie Fetterolf | Elsie Valach |
| 14 Stacy Kent | 25 Nicole Valach |
| 17 Tom Doty | 27 Sam Tilden |