

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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Ecclesiastes 12:7 New Revised Standard Version
7...and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it.

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking a great deal lately about Union Church's history. In preparation for Old Home Day, I have been trying to read about our history and hear tales about our church and its people. I've even had the joy of reading through some interesting stories in the archives and delving deeply into the thoughts and humor of past members' journals and writings that have been shared with me.

Reading memoirs and notes even meeting minutes has afforded me the opportunity to "meet" many people at UCP that I would never have the opportunity to actually get to know. I feel like I am getting to know some folks like Rufus Cushman, Bruno Baccei, or perhaps the first minister at UCP, Rev. Loyal A. Bigelow.

As we enter into the Halloween season, I am more inclined to think about All Saints Day or Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a Mexican

Holiday, than the bump in the bump-in-the-night scary stuff for Halloween. Now don't get me wrong, I do get a kick out of Beetlejuice and Halloween Town, but when it comes down to it, I want to be in relationships rather than running away.

So, rather than dwell on ghouls and ghosts that make you want to dash for the nearest well-lit space, I like to think of the past saints surrounding me sharing their wisdom with me in the present and helping me build something better into the future.

Okay, I confess, that not only Old Home Day has made me reflective, but also the fact that I have recently watched one too many "Halloween-themed" Disney-esque movies with my grandchildren like Coco and The Book of Life. In watching those animated flickers, I admit that I like the idea that those who have passed on before us still have much to tell us. I am a true believer in that no one really passes away until their name is no longer spoken. I enjoy the concept that I could commune with folks who have passed on by putting out a meal, making a space at the table,

and inviting them to join our soiree as we all tell stories about these folks.

I hope that my own grandchildren will pass on stories they hear about people they would never have known had it not been for my tales. Heck, I hope they will tell stories about me. (And please let these tales about me be louder and more outrageous as the years pass!)

Our stories not only keep these people's memories alive, but the sharing of the stories keeps us connected in the here and now. We build bonds with people in the present by helping them to form "friendships" with people we will never physically know.

From our stories, we build bridges with others. We find commonality with strangers. We create new spaces that hold space for those who came before us, those who are present, and open new spaces for those who join in community with us next.

Upcoming at the first of October we will share in World Communion Sunday. It's a Communion Sunday where millions of Christians celebrate the Lord's Supper together. We will be sharing Christ's table with Christ with millions of other people from all around the globe! Can you imagine the stories that are going to be told at that table? What stories have I never heard about Christ as we come together to share this sacred meal? What tale can you tell about Christ in your life?

I bet you get to know Christ a little better each time you hear another story about what he did in someone else's life! Now think about all those other folks who have made a difference for you. Think about those people who have shined the light for you. Let's tell their stories too. Even those stories can help us know Christ a bit better. So, for me this year, I am not telling ghost stories around Halloween, at least not in the typical manner of scary entities that rattle us and cause us to run. I am planning to tell stories about people I have known and people I have been told about who have loaned me some wisdom, made me laugh, and even astounded me. I hope those

stories will reflect some light on Christ working in my life too.

Even more importantly, I hope each of you will share stories about folks in your lives, in our church, and community so that each of us will get to know these folks too.

I look forward to hearing more from you. I look forward to meeting many people that I would have never had a chance to get to know without your stories. And that will happen now thanks to you! I hope I'll see you at the supper table upcoming. It's going to be a great meal with some real characters!

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Jenei



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World

Communion Sunday, October 1st- One thing that connects all of us is that every culture on the planet has a special bread. **At this world communion service, we will have many breads from around the world to share a meal with Christ at his table.** All over the world people will be celebrating communion together on October 1st and all sharing the sacred bread of life of Christ!



LAITY SUNDAY

Laity Sunday! October 15th- Each of us are ministers in Christ! Let us celebrate the ministry and witness of laypersons everywhere!

“WHO YOU GONNA CALL?”

Remember that famous line from the “Ghostbusters” movies? Well, in our case, we might ask, “Who you trying to call/text/email?”



Personal photo

The most recent Union Church Directory is now five years old. We have new staff members. Friends of the church and members have moved, or dropped their landline, changed phone and/or email providers, or sadly, have passed away.

We need a new directory! The company we last used has gone out of business so we'll be producing the new directory mostly “in house,” using photos you provide or ones we take for you using just our cell phones with their new, improved technology.

Here's where YOU come in. We hope you'll wish to be a part of the new directory. If so, please take a moment **before November 1** to:

- Email any updated contact information to Kris at unionchurchofproctor007@gmail.com
- Matching a photo to a name is *very* helpful. Please let Kris know if:
 - ✓ you can provide a close-up color photo.
 - ✓ you will need to come to the church to have us take your photo (Photo date to be determined once we have a head count).
 - ✓ you prefer not to have a photo in the directory.

If you prefer not to be listed in the new directory at all, we understand, but we'll miss you! **Please let us know** that, too, by the Nov. 1 deadline.

Stay tuned as this new project comes together.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



The next Church Council Meeting will be on Sunday, October 22nd, following the Fellowship Time.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



It is so good to have the choir back. We also have a new member. Paster Jenei's grandson was part of the choir on September 17 and enjoyed himself very much.

The next Dismas House dinner and meal prep will be at 5:30 pm, Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on October 22, after coffee hour.

The Tiffany Spring windows are back in place and are beautiful. The first Summer window is on its way to be repaired with the paper copy up in its place.

On October 18th there will be a Maple Leaf Quilters workshop in the Parish House. Kay Bergquist will be the instructor.

Keep your eyes and ears tuned as there will be many more activities coming up during the next few months to help us arrive at the New Year. I've heard about concerts and some guest special music during services.

God Bless you all and stay healthy.



October Greeters

- 1 Kay Bergquist
- 8 Meryl Lisananti
- 15 Kim Baccei
- 22 Elsie Valach
- 29 Sue Osgood & Carol Trudelle



October Liturgists

- 1 Jeff Bergquist
- 8 Jean Noren
- 15 Glenn Giles
- 22 Janet Yager
- 29 Kim Metcalfe

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.



YOUR INFO



- Do we have your current email?
- Do we have your current cell phone or home phone #?
- Do we have your birthday so we can add you to the birthday list?
- Would you like to have a picture in the upcoming new directory? Please send one.

Email your info to Kris at: unionchurchofproctor007@gmail.com

Before November 1.

Thank you!!

PS- If you don't want some or all of your info in the new directory, please let us know that too.

October Birthdays

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| 2 Jayce Sheldrick | 17 Robert Curtis |
| 4 John Coughenour | 21 Jean Butler |
| 5 Linda Thomas | Liza Kate Primeau |
| 9 Barbara Lacy | 27 Patrick Daly |
| Phyllis Sawtell | 28 Katie Johnson |
| 16 Tom Doty | 31 Jim Smith |

October



- 1 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
World Communion Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Celebrating with breads from all over the world
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 8 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Laity Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Maple Leaf Quilters Workshop, Parish House
- 20 Articles & info due for October Scroll
- 22 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, Russ Edwards preaching, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting, following fellowship time, Parish House
- 29 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 31 Boo!

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