

The Scroll

Newsletter of
Union Church of Proctor

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October 2017

I look around us here in Vermont and see all the greenery of summer, speckled with some reds and yellows as autumn comes towards us. As I sit in my office at the Union Church, I hear the yells and laughter of the children down in the Children's Center and I am listening to some beautiful saxophone music on YouTube as I try to write this article for the Scroll and the website. What I don't see are the flooded streets, ruined houses and knocked-down trees of southern Texas and Florida. What I don't see is the loss of electricity and the shortage of drinkable water. What I don't hear are the anguished cries of people who have lost loved ones, their homes and, certainly right now, their whole future.

Both of these wonders come from living on this dynamic home we call Earth. I don't know of any part of our country that has not been devastated by Mother Nature. Painful as it is when it happens, it is what happens when we live on this planet.

In reality, in both cases, all we can do is react. So, in autumn, we 'ooh' and 'aah' at the

changing of the leaves and celebrate the beauty that God's earth brings forth. And, when the weather turns bad, really bad, we sometimes start by shaking our heads and wondering where God is in the midst of this turmoil. But we always see the reaction which is the miracle in all of this.

We can see people, materials and money pour into the devastated area to start to bring it back to life, to help the people recover and to show that love can overcome any disaster. That is God in action as Micah saw it:

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God! (Micah 6:8)

This passage actually ends in a question mark. But I changed it to an exclamation point because this is a statement, not a question.

A friend told me of coming back north after the hurricane and seeing many trucks from power companies heading south in long lines, followed

by tractor-trailer trucks with supplies. You see, the reaction of love to a disaster is the call of God into our lives. We can help in many ways – prayer, money to agencies who bring support and going to help if that is where you are.

As painful as it is to watch the terrible floods in Texas, it is simply beautiful to watch people dig out their boats and go door-to-door to help others. Or to see big arenas open their doors to give folks a place to come to be safe. When all is said and done, we are asked “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God!”

And, when you do your little bit, which adds up, may the words that Tennessee Ernie Ford sang, “Bless your pea-pickin’ heart” be your reality and your truth for all!



October Greeters

- 1 Phyllis Sawtell
- 8 Janet Young
- 15 Carol & Robert Curtis
- 22 Dottie Vilmar
- 29 Phyllis Lanz



OUTREACH GIFT MATCH

Kinda like VPR without the 800 number! During the month of October, your Outreach Committee will match your gifts to Dismas House and the Open Door Mission up to \$1000 per organization. As they say on VPR, “That’s \$2,000 on the table!” It works like this: prior to October 31, send or bring your check made out to each organization you would like to support, to the church. Your gifts of up to \$1,000 for each organization can potentially double!



SUNDAY WORSHIP & SCRIPTURE READINGS

You are welcome here!

10AM

Every Sunday we gather to worship God, the Father through the Son empowered by the Holy Spirit. Worship is an offering of ourselves in praise to the God who made us, sustains us, and loves us. In the most simple of terms, worship is an acknowledgement of who God is and what the Lord has done. We serve a loving and majestic God, and we seek to reflect those realities in our worship together. Our worship, with the prayers, hymns and message, seeks to invigorate our relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

We have a service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

When you arrive, you will see people dressed both casually and formally and encounter people from various parts of the Rutland area as well as Proctor. Our worship includes a variety of hymns, accompanied by Eddie Wilkins, our choir director and interim pianist, while we give voice to our love for God with the singing of the hymns.

Below are the Scripture readings for October.

- Oct 8 Exodus 16:1-18 / John 6:51
- Oct 15 1 Samuel 3:1-21 / John 20:21-23
- Oct 22 1 Samuel 16:1-13;
Psalm 51:10-14 / John 7:24
- Oct 29 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 / John 2:19-21

The Narrative Lectionary is the brain-child of a few pastors in the Lutheran Church and comes from the Lutheran Seminary. They call the lectionary – “I Love To Tell the Story”!

Please come and join us!

**UNION CHURCH
OF PROCTOR
MEMBERSHIP
CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 1,
2017**



Our first “class” of long-time members (41 years and up!) will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, October 1st. What an awesome group! Many are still in the area and some have moved on. We wish them all well and thank them all for their continued connection with Union Church.

Joined in...

1931

Ruth Partridge

1945

Alma Buggiani Nelson

1946

Faith Atwood Sagi

Warren A. McCullough

1947

Jean Phillips Gallus

Elsie Palmerini

1948

Jean Fregosi Lertola

1951

Leah Kapitan

1952

Bruce E. Baccei

Art F. Saceric

Catherine May

Charles M. Rogers

1956

Frances Fish Gee

1957

Shirley Foley McCullough

1958

Bruce R. Carrington

1960

Margaret Valloch Hickey

1961

James A. Gray

Muriel Dwyer Sedergren

Meryl Lisananti

1962

Roger Partridge

1965

Donna Lee Howe

Chester Peterson

1967

Jean S. Baccei

1968

Jean Kapitan Hughes

Lloyd C. Hughes

Beatrice S. Nemeth

Christopher S. Keyser

Rachel Northrop Keyser

1969

Thomas A. Doty

Mavis Larson Gray

Kenneth A. Thompson

Nancy E. Thompson

Bradford T. Thomas

1970

Lyndon M. Chapin

1972

Janet McCullough Biro

Bonnie Kelleway

Richard A. Kelleway

1973

Tracey Lertola Snow

1974

Mark Chapin

Ada Loyzelle

George G. Pilcher

Paul P. Pilcher

Vicky Lynn Chapin Brown

Sandra Wener Webster

1976

Mary Saceric-Clark

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**



We hold a Men's Breakfast on the second Saturday of each month. Our October Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 14th from 7-8 am in the Parish House dining room.

FIRST WEDNESDAY

The Church's first Wednesday of the month supper at Dismas House was a good experience. Kay, Jeff, Carol, and Curt were guided by Muriel who participated several times before. Those present were three Peace Volunteers (one from Japan, two from France), the Director of Dismas House, nine residents, three family members and us. We all enjoyed "Thankful Time," grace, snacks, meatloaf, mac and cheese, cole slaw, veggie casserole and Klondike bars for dessert. We didn't have to do cleanup! We can now recommend doing this.



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



There was a rumor going around last month that summer was over. The way the weather and temperatures have been lately I'm beginning to think they are wrong.

As was stated last month Sunday School has started and Karen Webster is waiting for children to start coming. She has a couple of 9th graders to assist so if you know of anyone who would like to attend please pass the word. I know I am looking forward to seeing and hearing children around again.

I and the rest of the congregation are sorry to make note of the passing of our beloved Rufus Cushman. To his wife, daughter and the rest of his family please accept our sincere sympathy and condolences. Our prayers are with you.

Don't forget that the Men's Breakfast will be held on October 14 in the Parish House. The Ladies Lunch will be held on October 10 at the Rutland Country Club.

Don't forget the Church Council meeting to be held in the Parish House at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 3.

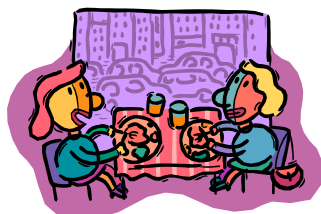
I hope everyone has heard about the Red Cross Blood Drive on September 29. I hope there will be a good turnout. My prayers are with you all.

PRISON VISIT



The October Prison visit will be on Wednesday, October 18th. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome or if someone would like to make something, it would be appreciated. The timing has been changed a little so see Nancy Young, Sue Osgood or Carol Trudelle for more information.

LADIES LUNCH



Our October Ladies' Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10th. 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.

Bazaar 2017



It seems like July was last week, and now we're looking at October! And that means November 4th is almost upon us. As many of you know this is our biggest church fund raiser of the year and requires many hands in helping us do God's work.

Busy time starts with "Clean-Up Sunday" on October 22nd when we prepare the church grounds for the coming of winter. Then we will begin getting ready for the bazaar by hauling tables and lots and lots of boxes and totes. Plus feel free to donate items to any department that you no longer need in your home.

Starting on October 1st, there will be sign-up sheets in the connector to enable you to sign up for your favorite spot. Below is a list of the different "departments" and their "supervisors". If you have any questions or comments, you can reach me at 773-0665 or on line at nanny2kitties@yahoo.com. Let's make this the best bazaar ever, and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Nancy Young, Bazaar Coordinator

- Jewelry, Carol Curtis: 459-3600
- Antiques and Collectables, Jeff Bergquist: 483-2503
- Crafts, Kay Bergquist: 483-2503 or Ellen Sutherland: 459-2064
- Rehabilitated Furniture, Paul Sutherland: 459-2064
- Pink Pachyderm Gift Boutique, Phyllis Lanz: 459-2312
- The Garden Spot, Phyllis Lanz: 459-2312
- Baked Goods and Jam, etc. Nancy Thompson: 775-5106
- White Elephant Bargain Treasures, Paul Sutherland: 459-2064
- Luncheon, Nancy Young: 773-0665 or Kathy Connors: 459-2924

WHITE ELEPHANT TIME IS HERE!



Yes, Yes, Yes, there is still time to donate to the White Elephant Sale! We need to fill the Parish House basement and you need to empty yours. November 4th will be here before you know it so let's get busy! We need your stuff! Call Paul Sutherland (459-2064) to arrange for a time to bring your donations to the Parish House or bring them to church on Sunday and we will see you after the benediction.

Here are the important dates to remember and mark on your calendar:

- October 27, 2017- 6:30pm White Elephant Haul-Up. All the treasures in the basement will be moved to the dining room for Saturday's sorting and pricing. Many hands make light work! Should take about one hour. Yes, we need you!
- October 28, 2017- 8:30am Sorting and pricing. The most "yard sale/treasure hunt/antiquing" fun you can have without having to buy anything! Bring your lunch and stay as long as you can; it's not to be missed!
- Oct. 30 – Nov. 1, 2017- 8:30am Sorting and pricing continues and set-up for the sale begins! Come when you can. A good display makes for good sales! With your help it will look great for Saturday morning! We'll leave a "path" for The Children's Center at the south end of the dining room.
- November 2 – 3, 2017- 8:30am White Elephant set-up continues including dining area for Lunch and tables at the south end. We will fine tune our displays and will be ready for a great sale!
- November 4, 2017- 10:00am Sign up for sales staff; it's awesome on Saturday!

Sign up to help out. Come and be a part of the fun and fellowship!

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL



Have you wanted to explore far-away places, but just haven't gotten to it? Fellow church members have been "out and about" this summer, and are looking forward to sharing their adventures with you. The first of these Saturday Night Socials will be held on **Saturday, October 14th**, at 7:00 in the Parish House. We will begin with a **photo presentation** (we can't call them slide shows anymore, can we????) followed by a **Pot Luck Dessert**. Jeff and Kay Bergquist will be sharing photos of their trip to Machu Picchu, in Peru in July. Please join us, bring a dessert if you want to, and come and share the evening.

Several folks have agreed to talk about their adventures at future Saturday Night Socials. Do you have something you would like to share? Maybe it's not a trip, but a passion for buttons or birds or quilts or cars – whatever it is, please consider sharing it with all of us! See Jeff or Kay Bergquist or Barbara Lacy to volunteer for a presentation.



PROCTOR ROCKS

Proctor Rocks was developed to spread happiness through art and fun. First, find a hidden "Proctor Rock." Then post a picture and either hide it for someone else to find or keep it for yourself. Find them, hide them, keep them or create your own! Just remember to write a message on the back that directs them to the web page below. Have fun, do some art and show the world how much our town rocks!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ProctorRocks>

Proctor Rocks will be meeting in the community room at the library in town every other Wednesday from 5p-7p starting September 27th. The rest of the dates are Oct 11th, Oct 25th, Nov 8th, Nov 22, Dec 20th. Supplies and rocks provided at no charge. Hope to see you there!

PROCTOR FREE LIBRARY Two O'clock Tuesday Programs



- 3 Floating Pumpkins
- 10 Spooky Spiders
- 17 Pumpkin Patch
- 24 Hungry Monsters
- 31 Trick or Treating (4-8pm)



TRUNK OR TREAT

At Proctor Elementary School
October 27th at 6:00 p.m.
Set up for trunks starting at 5:30 p.m.
For more info call Ann Reed 459-2171



October Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Evan Breault | 16 Tom Doty |
| Jayne Sheldrick | Laura Guyette |
| 4 John Coughenour | 17 Robert Curtis |
| 5 Linda Thomas | 21 Anthony Blair |
| 6 Eli Sanderson | Liza Kate Primeau |
| 8 Kyle Lenher | 24 Leah Coughenour |
| 9 Barbara Lacy | 27 Paul Bourn |
| Phyllis Sawtell | Patrick Daly |
| 10 Catherine May | 28 Katie Corliss |
| 14 Scott Allenby | Henry Lenher |
| Josh Taranovich | 30 Adam Kimball |
| | 31 Jim Smith |

October



- 1 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship & **Membership Celebration**, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Rufus Cushman Memorial Service, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- 3 Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Parish House
- 4 Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 4:30 p.m.
- 8 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 10 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 14 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
Saturday Night Social, 7:00 p.m., Parish House
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Prison Visit
- 20 Articles & info due for November Scroll
- 22 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Clean Up Sunday & Luncheon, following worship, church grounds
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 27 White Elephant Haul-Up, 6:30 p.m., Parish House
- 28 White Elephant sorting & pricing, 8:30 a.m., Parish House
Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5 p.m.
- 29 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 White Elephant sorting & pricing, come as you can

November

- 2-3 White Elephant Set Up, 8:30 a.m., Parish House
- 4 **BAZAAR!!!** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Union Church of Proctor

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February 15, 1929 – September 4, 2017