

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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“If ever there is tomorrow when we’re not together... there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we’re apart... I’ll always be with you.” A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh

This Winnie the Pooh quote reminds me of all the times that Jesus supported the disciples when they found out Jesus was going to be crucified. They couldn’t quite handle it – they ran away, they hid, they deflected, they lied. What a crew!

We sometimes act that way in our lives too. We see how our President acts and we cry, yell, make stupid statements about everything – we are a mess, just like the disciples were.

But Jesus left them with something – his Spirit, his unending love, his opened path to God – great gifts to leave to those who are left behind.

For us, stuck in the Twitter wars, in the racial hatred wars and the ever louder verbal abuse of

just about everyone, there may be nothing left of our country, or perhaps even the world.

But all is not lost (close, but not lost). We have our right to vote. Even though the Gerrymanderers are hard at work trying to isolate folks, we can stand against them if we get out and vote. Of course, that supposes we will have decent choices when the time comes.

And another thing...when we help others, when we are kind to others, it puts a fence around the Twits (sorry, I meant around all those who Twitter too much). We can make this a kinder, more peaceful world just by helping others, by saying “Thank you” and meaning it and by becoming softer in our hearts.

Meanness might be the law of the land right now, but we can change it. We have to change it if we want a decent world for our children, grandchildren, our nieces and nephews and our great-nieces and nephews and all of the little people who depend on us.

Vote because the fate of the world depends on it!
And of course, you are always a beautiful child of
God and blessed in God's eyes.

Rev John Sanborn

(I know I rambled a bit, but I'm trying to be
diplomatic at a time when it is what we need so
much.)

THE UNION CHURCH COUNTRY STORE



Here are some updates from some of the
departments. Please read and let us know how you
can help.

Thanks, Nancy Young, Bazaar Chairman

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN



It's a little over two
months and the Bazaar will
be here. Anything will be appreciated. Some ideas
about what to make:

Cupcakes, breads of all kinds and sizes, (small
loaves are great) pies (any kind)- apple is a great
sell. Cookies- peanut butter, oatmeal, chocolate
chip, Candy and fudge will sell. A lot of these
items can be baked ahead and frozen.

Thanks to everyone, Nancy Thompson

White Elephants: It's time! We need your donations now!



Plans are in motion for a "new" Union Church
Holiday Bazaar and the White Elephants,

Collectibles, Pink Pachyderm, and Furniture
departments depend on your generous donations.
We know you have items, so bring them to us
now! We need your stuff! Bring donations on
Sunday, call to arrange a time (Paul Sutherland at
459-2064) or donate to the Parish House "front
porch" (kindly let us know when you will be
dropping things off). Thank you, Thank you,
Thank you!

In order to reduce waste and the need for a
dumpster this year (it's where most of the unsold
white elephants end up!) we are enlisting your
help as we curate what will be offered for sale.

Here are a few things to think about before you
make a donation:

1. will it sell
2. If it does not sell during the Bazaar:
 - a. can it be sold via eBay, Craigslist,
Facebook Marketplace, etc.
 - b. can it be easily donated
 - c. is it worth saving to sell at next year's
Bazaar

For White Elephants, this should help:

1. We are not taking books, cassette tapes,
VHS Tapes and linens (they don't sell)
2. As always, no ginormous tube TVs (Flat
screens are OK!)
3. Full sets of dishes or flatware are good. A
single spoon, plate, juice glass or mug, not so
good.
4. A nice clean thermos is good. A plastic
water bottle with your bank logo, not so good.

You get the idea. If it's clean, complete, and in
working order, we can probably sell it! All the
usual suspects such as kitchen appliances and
cookware, Christmas items, tools, sound
equipment, lamps, toys, etc. are welcome! If you
can't decide whether to donate it or put it in the
trash, you know what to do! If something has
value or a story that we may not be aware of,
please let us know. We will be reviewing donated
items when they are received.

Furniture- We have had great success with
furniture sales the past few years so keep the

donations coming! Chairs, tables, dining sets, chests, bookcases, bedroom furniture, etc. that are in good shape or need only a minor repair are welcome! We would like to have them now so we can perform our “magic”. Let Paul Sutherland know what you have.

Tools – Take a look at your tools. You know you have three of everything so donate the excess to us! Looking for all types: hand tools, power tools, large tools, small tools, garden tools, old tools.

Items of Value – Yes, we love getting items of value and we do our best to get a good return for your donation. Just recently we sold stereo speakers and amplifiers via Craigslist and a camera on eBay for a substantial amount of money. It’s a great way to give!

Bottom line is lots of great items to sell at the usual great Bazaar prices!

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



The weather this week has been lovely and although warm the humidity seems to be dropping. Things are fairly comfortable in most places as I wander through the church—eavesdropping when I can.

One upcoming event that I was glad to hear about is that the choir will be back on September 9th which is the first Sunday after Labor Day. The special music programs that were here all summer were wonderful.

Back to single month reports. The Men will be holding their next Breakfast at 7 AM on Saturday, September 14th. The coffee hour every Saturday morning is also at 7 AM.

The Ladies Lunch will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 11:30 AM at the Rutland

Country Club. If you have any questions about the luncheons please call Meryl Lisananti at 802-725-8181.

The Dismas House Dinner prep is scheduled for 5:15 PM on September 4th. The Open Door Mission pizza dinner is scheduled for 5:15 PM on September 28th.

The next Prison Visit is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th.

The annual Church Picnic was held at John and Debbie Sanborn's in Rutland on July 28. This was a change in the original date of July 21 due to the weather.

Vespers Service will be held in the sanctuary on August 25 at 6 PM. The service will be followed with an Ice Cream Social in the Parish House.

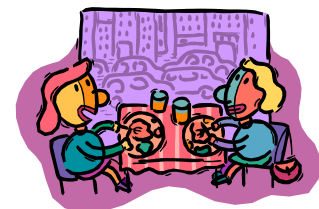
Hopefully we will soon have information of the start of the Saturday Night Socials which were “on vacation” for the summer.

The next Church Council Meeting is after church in the Higbee Library on September 29th after coffee hour.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything that people have mentioned during my travels. I know that things are going to start getting busy around here as we get closer to the Bazaar in November.

God Bless each and every one of you!

LADIES LUNCH



Our September Ladies’ Lunch will take place at the Rutland Country Club at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



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

PRISON VISIT



The September Prison visit will be on September 11th. 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



September Greeters

- 1 Phyllis Sawtell
- 8 Cindy Bell
- 15 Meryl Lisananti
- 22 Carol Curtis
- 29 Elsie Valach

WE'VE GOT MAIL!



Dear Quilters,

Thank you so much for the two fidget quilts. We have brought them to two facilities that we visit weekly as part of our ministry. Both were delighted to receive the quilts and to feel your love and kindness. They will be used as part of the sensory programs by the residents. Each quilt is beautiful and your creative gifts are seen throughout!

Blessings to you all. Your gift certainly has brought the love and joy of Christ to many.

In Christ,
Rachel and Jim Lavin

Bible Readers to the Sight Impaired (BRSI)

"Sharing His Word and His Compassion with others"

PS 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."



Dear Union Church Folks,

While David was off at the dig today, I took myself to this lovely and historic church. (see post card on bulletin board) The oldest portions date back to 1414 (!) and it is the only church still in use in Great Britain to hold a coronation other than Westminster Abbey. The regimental colors on the front represent the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. How about that?! Off to a concert at Stirling Castle tonight.

~Barbara



A very special birthday wish to a very special person... Nancy Kennedy turned ? on August 23! Depending on when you read this, you might still have time to wish her a happy day... and many more!

September



- 1 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 8 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 9 AA meeting, 9:30 a.m., Parish House
TCC Staff training, 6-9 p.m., UCP Auditorium
- 10 Ladies' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Rutland Country Club
- 11 Prison Visit
- 12 Outreach Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 Men's Breakfast, 7:00 a.m., Parish House
- 15 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Parish House
TCC Staff training, 6-9 p.m., UCP Auditorium
- 20 Articles & info due for October Scroll
- 22 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Parish House
- 28 Pizza Dinner Prep. and Meal Sharing at the Open Door Mission, 5:15 p.m.
- 29 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
Church Council Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Parish House
- 30 AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Parish House

SEPTEMBER READERS



- 1 Penny Rickert
- 8 Jean Noren
- 15 Nancy Young
- 22 Jean Noren
- 29 Ray Ault

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*September
Birthdays*

7 Naomi Northrop	22 Keith Litts
Connie Lenher	Richard Poro
8 Bud Fetterolf	23 Conner McKearin
Ann Smith	24 Kerry Schock
9 Karen Valach	Patti Toher
13 Meryl Lisananti	Eliza Tooley
14 Jean Hughes	25 Jessica Kaptur
15 Celia Lisananti	26 Carol Saceric
19 Jenna Coughenour	28 Sara Bourn
20 Gretchen Crowley	Joe McKearin
Elsie Palmerini	30 David Parker
21 Jolly Rogers	Megan Parker
	Andrea Varney