

The Scroll

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“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which he is to bless...”

-Teresa of Avila 1515-1582

It is hard to hear the news or read the newspapers with highlights of a lot of people acting badly, treating others poorly and generally forgetting that they are one human being among many.

We cannot control the bad behaviors of others, but it is in our power to control our behavior. And just maybe, as we are trying to control our actions and reactions and be a light for others, it might help them right their own ship on their journey.

Teresa of Avila's words here should help to remind us that, as Christians, we take the place of Jesus on this earth. Things of good measure get done when we, acting within the grace of our loving God and emulating the actions of Jesus in caring for others, are moved to action.

Sometimes all it takes is a “Thank You”, or an “I'm sorry” or a “How can I help?”

There are many things you can do and still be safe! Find something; do something.

God Bless each one of you and your families and friends.

Pray for yourselves and others in Jesus' holy name! Amen!

Rev John Sanborn

A GIVING CHURCH



The Outreach Committee, representing our church community, has continued to communicate throughout the pandemic. Although we have not been able to meet mask to mask, we have kept in touch through email and telephone. In the month of July, your money went to support three very worthwhile organizations. The first, Church World Service, received \$600 to be used to provide medicine for children in worldwide areas of need. Many of these people are refugees having to move from place to place hoping to find safety and a future for their families. The second donation the church made was once again to a Rutland agency helping the ill and terminally ill. The Rutland Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice continues to work diligently and tirelessly to aid community members throughout the county. They also received a check from you of \$600. The final donation this month went to our local food shelf. They have provided food for many new members since the pandemic began, and people were economically forced to look for alternate ways to feed their families. It is also important to note that the \$600 donated, helped the food shelf to purchase food supplies from local markets. This therefore helped our local economy as well. The Outreach Committee would like to thank all the church members for their generous giving. Stay safe! Union Church of Proctor Outreach Committee.

FROM THE DEACONS – A PROGRESS REPORT.



Hello! We hope this finds you well and managing, so many months after this COVID-19 ordeal began. We are blessed to have each other, and yearn for the time when we will fling open the doors of the sanctuary and thank our merciful God for the smiling faces we have longed to see. We want to update you on the status of in-person and Zoom services.

It was back in June that the Deacons met to consider the reopening of the Union Church sanctuary for the purpose of holding worship services. At that time, we determined that staying at home, continuing with Zoom services and a hoped-for reopen date of Sept.6, 2020, was the way to go. We realize that some folks have been unable to navigate the Zoom platform, or just don't like it (we hear you!), while others have become comfortable "Zooming". All are missing being in the Sanctuary with its familiar comfort, and hearing the Word preached and celebrated in that place.

At a Zoom meeting on August 15, the Deacons, Pastor John, our Church Council Chair- and Vice- Chairpersons and our Music Director determined that the hoped-for re-opening date of **Sept. 6** will not be workable, so please **erase that date** if you had put it on your calendars. Disappointed? We are, too! So, for now, we will "Zoom".

Here is what we are working on to hasten our ability to re-open the Sanctuary and serve your needs safely:

- Asking you to answer this question - **Under the current conditions, would you attend in-person worship in the Sanctuary if offered?** YES or NO is all we need. There is no wrong answer, you are helping us with planning. We are trying to accommodate as many folks as possible. See below for how to reply.
- Designing a hybrid worship service of in-person church AND Zoom.
- Cleaning and preparing the Sanctuary and restroom observing recommended protocols.
- Marking pews for designated seating.
- Defining and solving the technical challenges of preparing successful worship services including both in-church and Zoom at the same time.

Peace be with you and stay safe!

Call and leave your Yes or No answer at 459-2064 (Ellen Sutherland). Thank you.

THE CHURCH MOUSE



Between the hot temperatures, the cooler temperatures, and then the rain, I think I'm going to melt. Unfortunately, I just heard that the humidity is coming back.

Long-time member, Donna Howe, passed away unexpectedly recently at her home. Donna and her family were always a big part of our annual Bazaars. We will greatly miss her. Our sympathy and condolences go out to all her many friends and family members.

To end on a bit of a happy note, Brookelyn Kimball, who went to Sunday School at Union Church, has won the title of Junior Miss US of America on August 8, 2020. The pageant was held in Farmington, CT and had a total of 60 participants. Brookelyn is 14 years old and will be attending Proctor Jr-Sr High School as a Freshman.

God Bless everyone and I hope to see you all again very soon.

September

- 6 ZOOM Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 ZOOM Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 ZOOM Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for October Scroll
- 27 ZOOM Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.



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*September
Birthdays*

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| 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 |