

# The Scroll

Newsletter of  
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## September 2021

*“God is not a being separate from the human. If  
you do not and cannot see God in the face of the  
hungry,  
the thirsty, the homeless, the sick and the  
imprisoned, then you cannot see God at all. God  
is not an external  
being; God is present in the faces of the least of  
these—our brothers and our sisters.”*

—by John Shelby Spong

If you read Matthew 25:31-46 (Sheep and Goats)  
and Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan), you  
find that Jesus is very clear about where we  
should stand as Christians. In the quote above,  
Spong gives the view of where God is, and it is  
the same view that Jesus gives in the gospels.

Within Christianity, we are surrounded by the  
“Christians” who think otherwise. But, from  
where I sit, if you cannot agree with Spong’s  
statement and Jesus’ words in Matthew and  
Luke, then you are not a Christian. There is no  
wiggle room based on politics, economics, race,  
or anything else; you either are a Christian  
according to Jesus’ words or welcome to the  
goat-shed!

Jesus’ parable in Luke (The Good Samaritan) is  
the truth—some sidestep helping anyone,  
making sure that they are true to their politics.  
But politics, in Jesus’ day, was played by some  
of the Pharisees and some Scribes. According to  
the Old Testament, they were not even good  
Jews.

If the United States wants to be a leader in the  
world, then we need to do it through the words  
of Jesus, whether all of us are Christians or not.  
You don’t have to be a Christian to care about  
people; and there are plenty of Christians who do  
not care about those who are marginalized.

We need to step up and be counted, not by the  
world, but by the words of Jesus!

[Jesus answered them,] ‘I’m telling the solemn  
truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these  
things to someone who was being overlooked or  
ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’

Matthew 25:45

Blessings to you on your quest,  
Rev John

## THE CHURCH MOUSE



Within a month from now it will be time for Fall to arrive. I, for one, am looking forward to it. Not the snow that will follow, just the drop in temperatures (I hope), as well as the drop in humidity.

The Dismas House meal will be provided on Wednesday, September 1 at 5:15 PM.

The next Church Council Meeting will be on **October 17**, after coffee hour in the Parish House.

We said goodbye to Eddie & Tom in August, as they headed off to their new home on Nantucket, where Eddie will teach music. Thanks for all the melodies, Eddie!

It's been a very sad end of the summer this year as we've lost two more friends of our church family. Our sympathies and condolences go to the family and friends of Sgt. Jordan Snow, who passed away unexpectedly on July 1. The calling hours were held at Aldous Funeral Home and were followed by his burial service at the Veterans Cemetery in Randolph Center with Military Honors. The world will miss his wonderful music and sweet spirit.

Our sympathy and condolences also go to the family and friends of Jerry Sanborn, who passed away in Florida on June 23, 2021. Jerry and his wife Bonnie were members of our church for many years. Jerry was buried at the Veterans Cemetery in Randolph Center on August 9, where he joined his wife who passed away several years ago. Jerry's memorial service was held at Union Church on August 10, 2021.

The main floor and stairs in the Parish House will be closed and off limits to all for two weeks or so starting Monday, August 23, while the floors are being refinished.

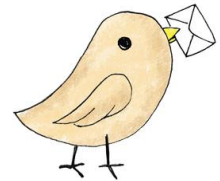
Gob Bless everyone. I hope everyone continues to stay healthy.



## September Greeters

5	Phyllis Sawtell
12	Meryl Lisananti
19	Cindy Bell
26	Elsie Valach

## WE'VE GOT MAIL!



Eddie sent a note to us. Find it on the bulletin board in the connector. His new address:

44 N. Liberty St.  
Nantucket, MA 02554



## September Birthdays

7	Naomi Northrop	20	Elsie Palmerini
	Connie Lenher	21	Jolly Rogers
8	Ann Smith	24	Patti Toher
13	Meryl Lisananti		Eliza Tooley
15	Celia Lisananti	30	Andrea Varney
19	Jenna Coughenour		

# September



- 1 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:15 p.m.
- 5 Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 12 Choir begins! 🎵 🎵 🎵 Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 19 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for October Scroll
- 26 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom  
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.



WE WELCOME Jennifer Cohen as our new Music & Choir Director! More to come in the next Scroll.

## September Readers

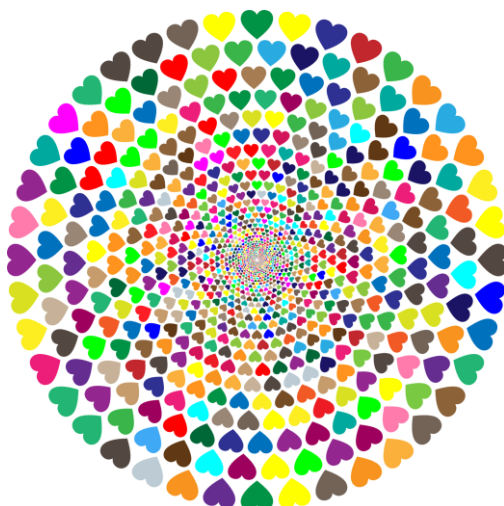


- 5 Janet Yager & Kim Metcalfe
- 12 Jean Noren & Kathy Connors
- 19 Debbie Sanborn & Glenn Giles
- 26 Ellen Sutherland & Lon Schneider

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*If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. ... We need not wait to see what others do.*

Mahatma Gandhi

a.k.a. "Be the change you wish to see in this world"