

The Scroll

Newsletter of
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April 2023

Deuteronomy 11:12-14 New International Version

¹² It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.¹³ So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul—¹⁴ then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil.

Dear Friends,

As this newsletter reaches you, spring has sprung up on our calendar. April is nearly upon us; somehow, no one let Mother Nature know! Snow still mounds on the sides of the road and on lawns and fields, reminding us that winter lingers as if we didn't notice the surprising chill in the air. Spring, hurry up! We need you!

It also seems true this year with our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons. The Lenten time of considering our journeys can feel like it overstays its welcome. Remaining in space to examine what holds us back from letting ourselves be fully connected with God and the teachings of Jesus is a good thing. However, too much of this deep

consideration without an opportunity to see the blessings and joys as an active body in Christ's teaching feels like that lingering snow and never-ending winter chill.

So, hurry up, April, and bring Easter! Just like the needed warmth of Spring to raise the flowers from their sleep, Easter is here to remind us that all the things that try to hold us back from knowing the love of God can be transformed into joys and peace that warm our souls.

As we walk together throughout this Lenten time and finally Holy Week, we will dive deeply into what holds us back from discovering and sharing our experiences of God in our lives. As we study, worship, and play together, we learn to trust one another, especially in sharing our vulnerable spaces. We will focus on the last week of Jesus' earthly life during Holy Week. This precious time will give us another opportunity to review how we can choose to do something differently, do things towards righting injustice, doing mercy, and being the love needed in the world. Easter brings us to that transforming reminder that we can do something different in our lives, community, and world. We, too, can be transformed into a new life if we choose it.

When you still see those lingering piles of snow on the ground, look closely because under and around those greying mounds of ice are green shoots of grass and flowers peeking up, just ready to burst forth! Let our hearts be ready for transformation and bloom into the active body of Christ in all that we do!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Jenei

EASTER & HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday Worship- Sunday, April 2nd, 10:00 a.m. Those who are able will meet in the Parish House to get their palms and bulletins and then proceed to march around the church singing praise. Special Music by **Tenor Eric Ray**. A Coffee & Fellowship Hour will follow.



Maundy Thursday Service- April 6th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary of Union Church of Proctor- St. Paul's Lutheran Church with **Rev. Bruce Bishop** and Good Shepherd Church with **Rev. John Weatherhogg**, are joining us for this powerful remembrance of Jesus' last night with his disciples that deeply enhances the pilgrimage to Easter. Communion will be



served at this service as part of the Tenebrae or Service of the Shadows. **Charlie Callahan** will be the guest organist. All are welcome.

Good Friday Service- April 7th- The Choir invites you to join them at 7:00 p.m., for this meditative service of music, anthems and hymns. Don't miss out on this important time of contemplation and peace.



*Bring your Easter flowers to the Parish House on Friday evening, April 7th, before the Good Friday service at 7pm or Saturday morning, April 8th, before 10am.



Easter Sunrise Service gathers in the connector at 6 am, and the service begins at 6:15 am (Sunrise). Light refreshments will be served following the Sunrise service.



Easter Sunday Worship with the Downtown Brass!, will begin at 10:00 a.m., in our Sanctuary – a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and the hope it proclaims for us all! **ALL are welcome!**



CHILDREN WELCOME!

With some new children attending services, there will be special worship bags for kids and some easter treats for children. We would like to have a special children's time each week with the kids that are excited to participate.



NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE



I am so happy to say that SPRING IS HERE, we still have snow on the ground but with the temperatures showing on the weather reports it shouldn't be here for long (at least I hope so).

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

There will be a Maundy Service at Union Church of Proctor on Thursday, April 6 at 7 PM.

There will be a Good Friday Service in our Sanctuary at 7 PM.

We offer a great deal of sympathy and many condolences to the family and friends of Charles "Jolly" Rogers who passed away at home on March 14th of Pancreatic Cancer. God, in His mercy, gave him an extremely short illness and a peaceful death surrounded by his loving family. Jolly grew up in Proctor after he moved here at the age of 4 with his parents, Charles and Priscilla (Prue) Rogers, when his father went to work for the Vermont Marble Company. He loved his family, sports and Proctor and he will be missed.

God Bless you all and stay healthy.

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.



April Greeters

2	Phyllis Sawtell
9	Meryl Lisananti
16	Sue Osgood & Carol Trudelle
23	Carol Curtis
30	Bonnie Blanchard



April Birthdays

1	Kelly Toher	12	Bruce Baccei
2	Wayne Flewelling	17	Jeannie Cushman
3	Aidan Hall		Janet Yager
7	Bill Sheidow	20	Kathy Cawley
	Allan St. Peter	23	Bonnie Blanchard
8	Ali Flewelling	24	Michael Moran
11	Peter Curtis	28	Linda Doty
	Simon Curtis		

HISTORY



Twin Boys with Sled, Proctor Union Church in Background (Crane-Hale Collection)
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This is a picture I received from a friend, Dale Christie, who lives in Proctor and is very interested in all aspects of its history. It came from a collection of pictures on the Rutland Historical Society's website. I thought I recognized the house, so I thought I'd do some digging and sent it on to a friend, Rachel Northrop Keyser. She actually identified the sled as one she and other

Stilson/Northrop family members have used as a Christmas decoration for many years. Our former pastor, Russ Gates, rehabilitated this loved, tired sled for Rachel, adding supports and beautifying it with red milk paint, keeping the aged look.

One of her sisters recognized the twins as Richard and John Shand, born in 1914, and playmates of their father, John Northrop, longtime member and financial secretary of Union Church. Many thanks to Dale and the Northrop girls!

Does anyone have any idea who's jumping rope in the picture below?

1951 - When there is still snow on the ground, but we know it is Spring!



Easter Memorial Flowers

Once again, we expect to have Easter lilies and other potted spring flowers enhancing the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. In order to have an accurate listing of Memorial Flowers, we ask that you please fill out the slip below or pick up a form at church and return it **by Palm Sunday, April 2nd**. You may email your memorial information to Kris at kris.finni@gmail.com or send it to Union Church of Proctor, 5 Church St., Proctor, VT 05765.

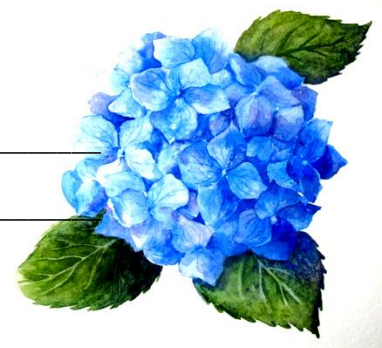
Please note that the information you provide below is **only for our memorial listing in the Easter Sunday bulletin**. *All flowers must be arranged through a florist or brought to the Parish House by those wishing to give them between 6 and 7 on Good Friday, April 7th or before 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 8th.*

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Easter Flowers Memorial Listing

In Memory of:

Given by



April



- 2 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
PALM SUNDAY Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., (see article) Parish House, Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 5 Dinner Prep. And Meal Sharing at the Rutland Dismas House, 5:30 p.m. drop off
- 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE **at UCP** with St. Paul and Good Shepherd,
7 pm, Sanctuary
- 7 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE of music, anthems & hymns, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- 9 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, meet at 6:00 a.m. in UCP connector
Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP with Downtown Brass, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Articles & info due for May Scroll
- 23 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Zoom
Coffee & Fellowship, 11:00 a.m.

April Readers



- 2 Kim Metcalfe
- 9 Glenn Giles
- 16 Janet Yager
- 23 Lynn Pilcher
- 30 Jean Noren

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