

**April 2015**  
**Issue No. 074**

## **Good Friday Walk**

### **April 3, 2015 7:30 am**

The Good Friday Walk is on Rain or Shine. Please remember to dress for the conditions. Photos of the mission projects supported by the Good Friday Walk are on a table in the Narthex. Sponsor sheets can be printed from our website <http://www.rockumchurch.com/good-friday-walk/>. While you are there, check out Jake Gerow's video trailer about the Good Friday Walk. If you can't participate this year, please visit facebook and like or share the Good Friday Walk posts; help us spread the word!

## **Stop Hunger Now**

On **Saturday, April 18th**, RUMC will be holding their second annual **Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event**. Last year we packaged over 12,000 meals that were shipped to Panama that very same week! Stop Hunger Now not only addresses hunger issues in 65 countries but root cause issues such as lack of education, access to clean water, and maternal health.

A small donation of just \$5 will provide over 17 meals to individuals in communities that are committed to improving their quality of life. Donating is very easy. Just click on the link below.

<http://events.stophungernow.org/Rockville2015>

Thanks to all who stayed after church on March 29th for our baked potato bar to raise money for our April 18th Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event. Special thanks to those who baked pies, helped to set up and/or clean up. We raised \$1365 in one day! This brings our total raised to \$2275, leaving us with about \$700 to go.

Please visit our facebook page and share the Stop Hunger Now post with your friends. Help us spread the word about this wonderful event! The links for the facebook pages are found on the bottom of the home page on the Church website.

Also, if you haven't signed up to participate on April 18th yet, the sign up is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.





Dear Friends:

Wow! Have we had some snow this winter! It reminds me of winters when I was growing up. I think we've been spoiled for several years now because so little snow has fallen. But not this year! As I'm writing this, it is still early March but in the last few days I've seen signs of hope. The temperatures in the extended forecast are rising. Yeah!

My rising hope reminds me of one sure sign of spring. Robins. I haven't seen any yet but with the arrival of the Robins, springtime in New England again does seem possible and imminent. Ah ... the robin ... an eternal forerunner of spring in the Northeast. Everyone wants to claim a sighting, and the earlier the better. I'm rarely the first to make the claim but once someone else has had the joy, I'm quick to try and be more observant.

The cycles of life are rhythmic and predictable. God has ordained it to be so. Life is eternal and as each season passes into another we can expect, count on really, all the seasons will return, at some point. Just as the robin returns each year to remind us of the particular seasons of spring and summer, we can count on the presence of God each day of our lives.

Christ once said to his disciples, overly concerned with their lives and their living, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink or about your body what you will wear. Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

I was a bit worried about my all my birds this year. I kept trudging through knee deep snow to make sure each would have enough to eat at the feeders. But one day, I had this insane thought: how were they getting the water they needed to survive. It was frigid outside. They must need water. So, against all sense, I put a pan of water out on the front step and wisely, no bird came anywhere near it. When I brought the water in several hours later, which was, as one might expect, frozen solid, I remembered the passage above and again thought God has it all in hand. I need not worry "*do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink*". Not about the birds and not about me or those I love. God has it well in hand...all of it. If God takes the time and trouble to insure the lives of these littlest ones surely God will take care of you and me. Life goes on ... then, now, and in Christ, always. The cycle continues; the rhythm endures because God has ordained it. Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace for a glorious and welcome Easter,

*Pastor Ricki*



**Easter Bag Hunt**  
**Sunday School Food Drive**  
**Earth Day Planting**  
**Children's Day**

**April 5, 2015**  
**April 19, 2015**  
**April 26, 2015**  
**May 17, 2015**

We all had a great time making pretzels on Sunday March 22nd. Twenty-six children helped make them, and we all enjoyed eating them with coffee hour. Thanks to all who brought in dough or cookie sheets. There will not be any Sunday school on Easter Sunday, but there will be an Easter Bag Hunt for all children 12 and under at 10:15 am. Please sign up your child on the board this week.

We collected 43 food items this past week; our next food drive will be April 19th. We will be doing an Earth Day planting April 26th if the weather is/has been warm. We will be end Sunday school early this year, on May 17th.

May 17th will be Children Day. You will want to invite family and friends to join us, as the children do the whole service..... wicked cute for sure!

Well I think that all for now... hope you get a chance to get outside and feel the spring, hear the birds singing, find the flowers coming up.

“You can make your life whatever you want it to be.”

-Wally Amos

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## Vacation Bible School Registration

Student's Name(s)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please note that we may not be able to place all children with the Friends they request to be with, but we will try.*

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

To keep costs down, we will provide one music CD per family. If you would like additional CDs, please enclose \$4.00 for each.

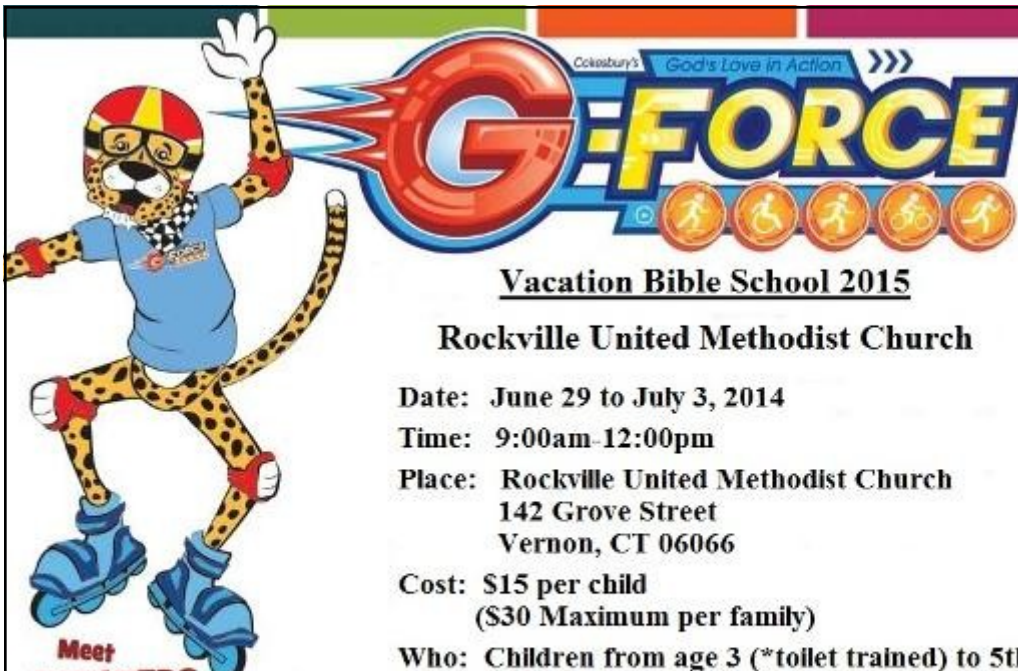
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# of children registered \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15 each (or \$30 family cap) = \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed for **additional** music CD \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an additional donation of \_\_\_\_\_. Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_





**Vacation Bible School 2015**  
**Rockville United Methodist Church**

**Date:** June 29 to July 3, 2014  
**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm  
**Place:** Rockville United Methodist Church  
 142 Grove Street  
 Vernon, CT 06066  
**Cost:** \$15 per child  
 (\$30 Maximum per family)  
**Who:** Children from age 3 (\*toilet trained) to 5th grade (just finished as of June 2015)  
 Special needs children are welcome and do not need to be toilet trained.

**Meet CHECKERS the Cheetah!**  
 Registration Ends 6-5-2015

**Come join us this year for G-Force "God's Love in Action"**

Vacation Bible School 2015

Registration forms are in the newsletter, available in the RUMC office, on the [RUMC website](#), or by contacting one of the directors: Linda Shivers, Don Corne, and Eileen Gay.

**Volunteers are needed to help run the Vacation Bible School. Volunteer for one day or all week. Please let us know if you can help out.**

**-Linda, Don and Eileen**



### Summer Sunday School

I am interested in running a Summer Sunday School program. Volunteers are needed for a one Sunday commitment. Curriculum and training would be provided. Ages 4 years to 5th grade would be in a combined class.

Please let me know if this type of program for the summer interests you, as a volunteer or as a parent with Sunday school age children.

Contact me: Linda Shivers—[necsvga@aol.com](mailto:necsvga@aol.com) or 860-871-9164.

## Church Council Meeting March 22, 2015

Attending: Pastor Ricki, Linda Shivers, Terri Goldich, Carol Robbins, Judie and Stan Culy, Sandy Gallop, Geoff Gerow, Phyllis King, Mel Bacha, Don Ross, Bridget and David Joy

The following is a brief summary of reports presented. Individual reports on file in the office.

Church Treasurer: (on file) End of February we have \$999.68 balance in checking account.

Trustees: (on file) Recommend that the Fellowship Hall be carpeted over with a product called carpet squares; they are estimated to cost around \$9600. A bequest from the estate of Hazel Dimock Bedard was received; trustee board requested that it be used to start a fund for the new carpet in F. Hall.\* Snow removal cost for December through February has totaled \$3835. Budgeted at only \$3000. Pastor Ricki has notified Trustees that she plans to vacate the parsonage by June 1<sup>st</sup>. That allows us several weeks to spruce it up prior to Rev. O'Neil moving in.

Worship: (on file). Lenten services – Palm Sunday- children will distribute palm crosses; Maundy Thursday evening will be reenactment of the last supper (communion), Easter Sunday will be the traditional awakening service. Children's Day/Confirmation Class Sunday on May 17. Our summer service hours will begin on Father's Day, June 21.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: (on file). Pastor Ricki's last preaching date will be June 14; the balance of the month will be taken as vacation time. Services on June 21 and 28 will be led by lay people/speakers. Rev. Paul O'Neil will preach on July 5<sup>th</sup>. A farewell celebration will be held on June 14 for Pastor Ricki. A welcoming event will be held for Rev. O'Neil on his first Sunday. A new Director of Christian Ed will soon be named to replace Eileen Gay whose last Day will be May 18, the closing day of church school before summer.

VBS: (on file). VBS runs June 29 – July 3<sup>rd</sup> with Family Night July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are going alone this year. Mailing going out to 44 families of last year's VBS. This year's Director is Linda Shivers with Don Corne and Eileen Gay the co-directors.

Council Chair: (on file) *"Discovering the Possibilities"* study underway with open discussion with congregation and leadership on May 3, after service, led by (Rev) Rick McKinley. Lunch at 12:30 pm. Discussion on exploring existing and new ministries. Brief study of greater use of F. Hall for outside banquets and events was presented. Quarterly Town Hall meetings on church budget and spending to be held Sunday, April 26 by Pete and George.

\*voted to use the \$1000 bequest for F. Hall new carpet. Motion made by Don Ross; seconded by Terri Goldich. Passed. No abstentions.

Submitted by Pete Schilling - Council Chair

## Amazon smile

**Rockville United Methodist Church is now signed up with Amazon Smile. Through this program .5% of the price of eligible purchases will be donated to our church. Log into Amazon through our RUMC Amazon smile page**

**<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1283681> and then make your purchases as you normally do. Help support RUMC as you shop!**

## **Holiday Bazaar—Craft Corner ... Looking for Crafters or Wannabe Crafters!**

I know...I know...we are all anxiously awaiting Spring! The last thing we want to think about is the Winter Holidays! So don't think Bazaar...think of making items you enjoy and getting together to chit-chat.

We are bringing back Bazaar workshops! Each workshop will have a project that you can work on, or if you prefer, bring your own project(s) and just join in the fun.

Some of the project ideas we have in mind are:

- Scrubbies
- Kitchen Towels
- Christmas Ornaments



We will also be looking for handmade knitted or crocheted items, doll clothes, stuffed animals...well you get the idea.

One of the upcoming workshops will be making an ornament out of Christmas design material. If you have any cotton material that is red, green, white, or with a Christmas print you would like to donate, let us know. We are also looking for a "Quilter Cutter" for this project as we will need to cut the material into small squares. If you have one we can borrow, or would be willing to cut the squares...let us know!

Our first workshop will be **April 15, 2015 at 1:00pm** at the church. We will be working on Scrubbies. If you don't know how to make them....teachers will be available. If making scrubbies isn't your thing, bring your own project and join in the fun!

Any questions or ideas, please contact Janet McKercher or Carol Robbins. Hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

Carol Robbins

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## **Town Hall Session on Church Finances Sunday April 26, 2015 at noon**

Join us in the church sanctuary as George Klingman and Pete Schilling will answer your questions about our church finances. We hope to meet with you quarterly to take the mystery out of the church budget and spending. Any and all questions are welcome.

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The Hockanum Valley Community council has been serving the community for 45 years. To make their 45 anniversary their most successful, they have some fund raising events scheduled at different locations in the coming months.

April 14, 2015 Rein's Deli will sponsor a "Let's do Lunch and Dinner" event. Rein's will donate \$1 for each lunch, dinner, and dessert purchased. Patron's making a donation of \$50 or more will receive a bucket of Rein's pickles. The event is Tuesday April 14, 2015 from 11 am to 2pm and 4pm to 8pm.



# *Discovering Our Possibilities*

## *Sunday May 3rd*



**Rev. Rick McKinley**

Join us Sunday, May 3rd as we explore current and future ministries in our community.

Lunch at 12:30 pm.

Discussion begins at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Join us.

***What is God calling us to be ???***



***Join us for lunch, followed by discussion***



## **Inscription of Hope**

**Sung by our choir in the March 15, 2015 service.**

**“The Holocaust is a stunning reminder of the tragic results of prejudice and hate toward other people. But it is also a reminder that hope held firm will eventually reign victorious over the greatest of odds. The following words were inscribed on the walls of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews were hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Hope was all they had to hold on to; hope was their only bridge to a brighter tomorrow.”**

**I believe in the sun even when it is not shining,  
and I believe in love even when there's no one there.  
And I believe in God even when he is silent,  
I believe through any trial there is always a way.**

**But sometimes in this suffering and hopeless despair,  
my heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there.  
But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child,  
I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a little while.**

**May there someday be sunshine,  
May there someday be happiness,  
May there someday be love,  
May there someday be peace.**

### **Our Church Family**

Pat Brandt & Juli Watrous  
Tim Arzt  
Lucy Maupin  
Annette Welton  
Ernest Pearson

Staci Rizner-daughter of  
Tami Rizner  
Bill Summers-Shirley  
Edward's nephew  
Sue Brannon and Family  
Joyce Pike  
Paul McKercher

### **Bereavements**

*If you would like a candle  
lit for a prayer concern,  
please contact Lucy  
Maupin at 860-454-8689.  
Thank you.*

## **Prayer Requests**

### **Special Needs**

Buckingham family-health  
concerns  
Sandra Bradley-health issues-Bill  
Pikor's sister  
Ron DuBois—stroke—Kay  
Doherty's husband  
Ken Guillow—hospital  
Terri Goldich—slipped on ice—  
broken arm

### **Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility**

Margaret Parker-Avery Heights  
Merrilee Thomas-home  
June Latkofsky-home  
Esther Harris-home  
Marilyn Barton-Woodlake  
Natalie Robertson-home  
Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield  
Shirley Edwards-Emeritus  
Vita Aiello-Fox Hill  
Ken & June Guillow-home

### **Those in Service**

Pastor Lorena & El Jabillo,  
our sister church in Nicaragua

**To make a change to this prayer  
list, please contact the church  
office at 875-6562 or  
[rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net)**



Mariah Shivers	April 2	Rebecca Bacha	April 20
Sandie Halm	April 4	June Guillow	April 21
Margaret Parker	April 10	Doreen Ward	April 21
Judie Culy	April 14	Michelle Gerow	April 24
Analese Branon	April 16	Brandan Walters	April 28
Matthew Yoder	April 16	Kevin Wei	April 29
Donald Ross	April 17		

### **Quote of the Month**

"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure  
to follow."

- Proverb



#### April 5

Acts 10: 34-43  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (UMH)  
1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
John 20: 1-18  
Mark 16: 1-8

#### April 12

Acts 4: 32-35  
Psalm 133 (UMH)  
1 John 1:1 - 2:2  
John 20: 19-31

#### April 19

Acts 3: 12-19  
Psalm 4 (UMH)  
1 John 3: 1-7  
Luke 24: 36b-48

#### April 26

Acts 4: 5-12  
Psalm 23 (UMH)  
1 John 3: 16-24  
John 10: 11-18

### Food Donations



We delivered a total of **91** items to the Tri-Town Pantry in March. Thank you for your generosity helping those in need. Please remember *peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned or dry soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit and juice boxes are always needed.*

-Suzanne Bird

**Pastor Ricki will be on vacation from April 20, 2015 through April 27, 2015.**



"The pastor's taking a personal day? You mean pastors have personal lives?"

### April Worship Attendants

#### Greeters

Please see Jerrie Kirby for dates available.

#### Liturgists

April 5 Candy Sunderland  
April 12 Sue Lessoff  
April 19 Joy Pikor  
April 26 available

#### Children's Message

April 5 Linda Shivers  
April 12 Ricki  
April 19 Eileen Gay  
April 26 Geoff Gerow

#### Acolytes

April 5 Leah Corne  
April 12 Sean Chapman  
April 19 Nicolas Velasquez  
April 26 available

#### Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

April 5 Rebecca Bacha  
April 12 Kathy Sunderland  
April 19 Ross  
April 26 available

#### Altar Flowers

April 5 Lutz Fund  
April 12 Eileen Gay  
April 19 Phyllis King  
April 26 available

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Stop Hunger Now**  
**Saturday April 18th**  
**3-5 pm**  
**Native American Ministries Sunday Offering**  
**April 19th**

Return Service  
Requested

## ***Rockville United Methodist Church***

**Adult Study 9:30 am**  
**Sunday School 10:45 am**  
**Worship Service 10:45 am**  
Office Hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

Coffee & Fellowship follow the worship service  
Nursery Care is available for children 4 and under.

### ***Our Mission Statement***

Rockville United Methodist Church is a people seeking to be faithful to God; by reaching out to all, inviting each to a relationship with God, nurturing each in the love of Jesus Christ and sending everyone back into the world to minister in God's name.



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*Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua*