

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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Good Friday Walk April 14, 2017

For over 35 years we have been participating in the Good Friday Walk. It is a multi-organizational effort to raise money for both national and local charities (Sharing Inc. and The Cornerstone Foundation).

Walk twenty miles or less!! We have volunteers at 10 stops along the 20 mile route. Recruit sponsors to pledge either a lump sum or a per mile pledge. (Don't forget you can sponsor yourself.) We have some members who have been walking for decades accumulating a total of hundreds of miles each.

You don't have to walk to make a difference: Work here or at one of the 9 other stops along the way. Donate food. Sponsor a walker with your pledge—lump sum or per mile. Work at registration. Be a crossing guard. Be a driver. Help to put up route signs and/or take them down. Organize the materials needed for each stop.

There will be a Good Friday Walk table in Fellowship Hall each Sunday until the event with information and walker sheets of people looking for pledges; stop by and help out a good cause. Check our website <http://www.rockumchurch.com/good-friday-walk/> for updated information, sponsor sheets, and a wonderful [video trailer](#) created by Jake explaining "Why We Walk."

JESUS WALKED ON GOOD FRIDAY, WILL YOU?

Easter Egg Hunt

**After service on Easter
April 16, 2017
For children of all ages!**



Dear Church Family,

In a little more than two weeks, Easter will be here and hopefully the remnants of winter will be in the rear view mirror. In the sanctuary of our church is an empty cross which symbolizes that we are the church of the resurrection. What is significant about the resurrection of Jesus is the empty town.



Consider this: The **Cairo Museum** in Egypt is world renowned because it contains the mummified bodies of the ancient Egyptian kings. **Westminster Abbey** in London, England is revered because in it rests the bodies of renowned English lords and knights. The mosque **Al Masjid al Nabawi**, with its green dome in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, contains the tomb of the prophet Mohammed. The Old Testament Patriarch, Abraham who was the father of the Jews is buried in the **Sanctuary of Abraham** in Hebron, Israel. Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC is revered, for it is the honored resting place of fallen veterans. The **Garden Tomb** or the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** in Jerusalem, Israel, the place where Jesus rose from the dead, is famous because it is empty.

There are many in society who are skeptical of a bodily resurrection. Let's share some counter arguments.

Argument #1 The Empty Tomb of Jesus-The Jews and Romans had no motive to steal the body. Christ's apostles hid behind closed doors. Jesus' burial cloths were left neatly folded inside, hardly the act of hurrying grave robbers. Angels said that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Argument #2 The Eyewitnesses of Women-Women were considered second class citizens in biblical times and their testimony was not allowed in court. Yet we are told the risen Christ first appeared to Mary Magdalene and the other women. The male Gospel writers had no choice but to report this act of God's favor, because that was how it happened.

Argument #3 Apostles' New Found Courage-After the crucifixion, Jesus' apostles hid behind locked doors, but something changed them from cowards to bold preachers. After seeing Jesus alive, Peter and the others were unafraid of what would happen to them.

Argument #4 Changed Lives-Changed lives are yet another proof of the resurrection and for 2000 years, encounters with the resurrected Jesus have changed lives.

Argument #5 They died for Jesus-Tradition says eleven of the original apostles died as martyrs for Christ, as did the Apostle Paul. Down through the ages, millions have died for their faith because they believed Jesus conquered death to give them eternal life.

The Resurrection of Christ continues to provide hope for the future and the offer of eternal life. This never gets old. Let us not forget.

He is Risen.

He is Risen indeed.

Pastor Paul

**Vacation Bible School
June 26 to June 30, 2017
9:00am-12:00pm**

**Place: Rockville United Methodist Church
142 Grove Street
Vernon, CT 06066**

Cost: \$20 per child (\$40 Maximum per family)

Who: Children from age 3 (*toilet trained) to 5th grade (just finished as of June 2017) Special needs children are welcome and do not need to be toilet trained.



Linda Shivers
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The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God". This week-long program is a community effort sponsored by Rockville United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School (VBS) includes Bible study, recreation, crafts, music, storytelling, science, puppet shows, bells, and a fun Family Night on June 29.

There are always funds available for children who may not have enough money to attend in this challenging economy. Please feel free to call any of the Directors if you need help. All are welcome to our program and we look forward to meeting you! Please return one (1) form per family to Rockville United Methodist Church, with a check made payable to RUMC.

Registration forms are also available to download and print at our church website: www.rockumchurch.com. Invite your friends for a fun week as you learn about your Christian faith.

God Bless,

Directors: Linda Shivers, office- 860-875-7580, home 860-871-9164

Don Corne, home- 860-871-2435

Museum Passes

Rockville Public Library has a number discount passes to museums in the area. The discount varies according to individual museum policy. Adult Rockville Public Library card-holders can borrow the museum passes from the library on a first-come, first served bases for up to two days. There is a \$2 per day late fine for the Museum Passes due to their popularity. Here is a small sample of the museums available and types of discounts:

- Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport: \$5 off admission for up to 6 people.
- Children's Museum/Roaring Brook Nature Center: 1 free child with each paid adult (maximum of 4)
- Connecticut Old State House: free admission for 2 adults and 2 children (\$5 parking validation)
- Connecticut State Parks and Forest: waives the vehicle fee for one vehicle with less than 12 people
- New England Carousel Museum, Bristol: fee admission for 4 people. Can be used for the museum and the Carousel Ride in Bushnell Park, Hartford.

The list of museum passes is posted on the Community Bulletin Board.

2017 VBS Registration

Student's Name:

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.

of children registered ____ at \$20 each (or \$40 family cap) = _____
Amount enclosed for **additional** music CD _____
I would like to make an additional donation of _____. Total amount enclosed _____
Check # _____



REFUGEE HELP

A few people have recently asked how they can help provide for refugee family's needs. Right now most of their food is being covered through the State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program better know as Food Stamps. However, many other essential item, such as soap and cleaning products, are not covered by this program. If you would like to help by donating one or more of these items from the list below it would be greatly appreciated. You may drop your donation off at church at you convenience. Better yet, ride along with one of us when we visit the Marri family and deliver your donation yourself. If you have not met them yet, you will be amazed by their gratitude and hospitality. If you prefer to donate cash, you may write your check to RUMC and indicate it is for the Refugee Program. Cash would allows us to purchase items in bulk at Sam's and other discount stores.

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener sheets (Downey, Bounce or equivalent)
- Dish Liquid soap
- Hand Liquid soap
- Bar hand soap-unscented (Dove)
- Shampoo (Pantene or equivalent)
- Toothpaste
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- toilet paper
- Kitchen garbage bags
- Sandwich Plastic bags, zip lock
- Ajax toilet cleaner
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, children's Tylenol
- children's thermometer
- adult thermometer
- Lotion for dry skin like Eucerin Daily Hydration
- File cabinet with lock
- Diapers- size 3 & 4
- Bicycles and helmets



Steve

DRESS FOR SUCCESS - MIRIAM'S CLOSET

Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville has started a program to provide Job Interview clothing to people in need; it is called Miriam's Closet. If you know someone who can use this service, the information and request form is on the Community Bulletin Board. Miriam's Closet accepts donations of nearly new business casual apparel, shoes and accessories. Donations are accepted Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 4 pm; Friday 9 am to 1pm and Sunday before 1pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 55 River Road, Collinsville, CT. 06022.

2017 Easter Flower Order Forms

NAME: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____
 GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: _____
 GIVEN IN CELEBRATION: _____
 GIVEN IN HONOR OF: _____
 GIVEN BY: _____
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____



Please circle your choice below:

	4"	6"	8"	10"	qty
Daffodils	\$4.00	\$7.75	\$12.75	n/a	_____
Tulips	\$4.00	\$7.75	\$12.75	\$22.00	_____
Hyacinth	\$4.00	\$7.75	\$12.75	n/a	_____
Pink Lilies	n/a	\$10.00	\$26.50	n/a	_____
White Lilies	n/a	\$10.00	\$26.50	n/a	_____
Pink Hydrangea	n/a	\$15.75	\$23.50	n/a	_____
Blue Hydrangea	n/a	\$15.75	\$23.50	n/a	_____
Azalea	n/a	\$10.50	\$21.00	n/a	_____
Martha Washington	n/a	\$12.00	n/a	n/a/	_____
Pansy/Viola	\$3	\$4	n/a	n/a	_____

I will provide my own flower. I will bring it to the church by Saturday morning April 15, 2017.



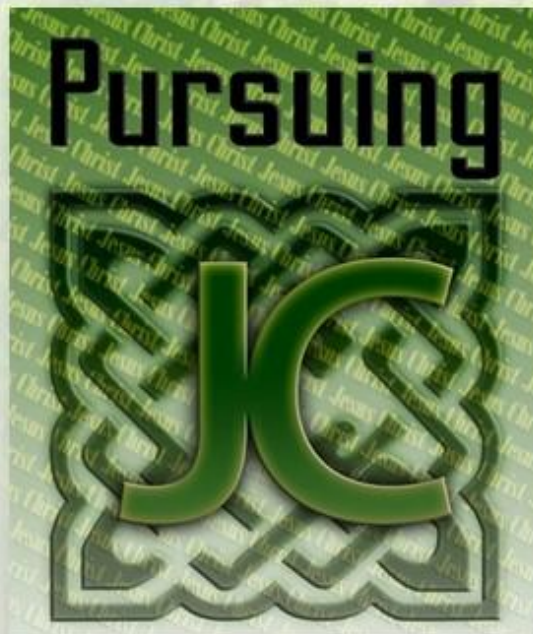
2017 Sweet Summer Grove Street Music Concert

To Benefit RUMC Music & Youth Programs

June 11th at 4pm

With Featured Guest

*"I keep
pursuing the
goal to win
the prize of
God's
heavenly
calling in
Jesus Christ"
Philippians
3:14*



Hosted By



Concert at Rockville United Methodist Church – 142 Grove Street, Rockville CT

www.rockumchurch.com – 860-875-6562

Tickets On Sale Now - \$18 in advance / \$20 at the door
per ticket donation to RUMC





Thank You

Thanks to all who participated in the Stop Hunger Now event!!! The Baked Potato fundraiser was a huge success. That along with many individual donations brought us over the top with \$3,126.25 raised and over 10,000 meals processed. We couldn't do these worthwhile efforts without the help of all of us!! God is Good..

OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

Major chains give money to non-profit agencies for a tax deduction. We want RUMC to "stand in line" for those donations. You can help by buying a gift card. Why not think of us when you buy a cake, get that cup of coffee or pick up your medicine or groceries. Give it a try! Don't let RUMC miss out. You will be spending those dollars anyway so why not be a blessing to RUMC at the same time.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - *April 9, 2017: Youth Bells will perform during our Palm Sunday service. We will celebrate Mary Rose's baptism.*

Maundy Thursday - *April 13, 2017: Union Church will present a "Christ in the Passover" Seder Presentation at 7 pm.*

Good Friday - *April 14, 2017: The church office will be closed. Registration begins at 7 am for the Good Friday Walk.*

Easter Sunday - *April 16, 2017: The 6am Sunrise service is at Vernon Tower.*

We are expecting some out-of-town members of our RUMC family to visit this Easter. Little Bells and Grove Street will be performing during our 10am Easter Service. We will also have Kathleen Q's Easter baptism to celebrate! After service, kids of all ages are invited to participate in our RUMC Easter Egg Hunt.

**Here is a sample of the events and services you can find on our
Community Bulletin Board.**

**VITA
VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

If your household income is \$54,000 or less, you qualify to have your taxes done for free by an IRS-certified volunteer. Refunds are received within 7 to 10 days.

**Call 211 and press 3 to schedule an appointment
or**

Sign up online at www.211ct.org

VITA volunteers will meet at RUMC Mondays from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9am to noon. Appointment is necessary.



33RD ANNUAL ELLINGTON SINGERS SPRING MUSICALE

Thursday, April 13, 2107

1:00 pm

Ellington senior Center

Please bring a non-perishable food donation.



GENE PITNEY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

for scholarships and music education.

May 6, 2017 1:00 pm shotgun start

\$100/person

http://www.tournevents.com/_tournament/?event=gpc

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the Mission/Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for volunteer opportunities in our community.

Through the Church:

Refugee Program: Please talk to Steve Yoder if you would like to help the Marri family. Transportation and English lessons/practice are two of the opportunities available.

Sunday Morning opportunities: Sign up sheets are in fellowship hall for the attendants needed on Sunday mornings.

Prayer Chain: If anyone is interested in joining the prayer chain and would prefer contact via telephone, please call Phyllis King at (860) 454-5127

In the Community:

Habitat for Humanity: Faith Build Week: April 18-21. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Ryan Gorecki, at 860-541-2208 ext. 2201. No experience is necessary to volunteer, and all faith groups are welcome. We will teach you everything you need to know on the build site, and there are a variety of tasks both indoors and outdoors to participate in that require all levels of skill and ability. We are looking for site hosts, snack and lunch providers and volunteers to make this build a success.

Good Friday Walk: Saturday April 14, 2017 There are many opportunities to help before and on the day of the walk. Please see Judie Culy for information.

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

Merrilee & Harry Thomas-home
June Latkofsky-home
Esther Harris-home
Earl & Natalie Robertson-home
Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield
Shirley Edwards-Brookdale SW
Vita Aiello-Fox Hill
June Guillow-home
Pat Brandt—Pennsylvania
Steve & Kay Lyke—home
Annette Welton—Vernon Manor
Irene Surette—home
Leonard Aronson - Vernon Manor

Prayer Requests

Special Needs

Paul Doucette - medical
Jody- medical
Barbara Doyle - medical
Scott Stubbs - medical
Michael Svenson - medical
Barbara Sweeney - medical
Rev. Ron Adcock - medical
Kathy Tefft - medical
Nick - medical
Lindsay - medical
Leanna- medical, age 17
Toye King - medical
Becca - grief
Margaret & Joe - medical
Aieden Robbins - medical
Victor - medical

Those in Christian Service

Dr. Belinda Forbes
Accion Medica Christiana,
Managua, Nicaragua
Pastor Kristin White,
Green Street UMC,
Augusta, ME

Our Church Family

David Taft - medical
Natalie Robertson - medical
Judy Wilkie - medical

*If you would like a candle lit for
a prayer concern or to make a
change to this prayer list,
please contact the church office
at 860-875-6562 or rumcof-
fice@sbcglobal.net.
Thank you.*

Barbara Tourtelotte

October 3, 1941 to March 8, 2017



Mariah Shivers	April 2	Doreen Ward	April 21
Judie Culy	April 14	June Guillow	April 21
Matthew Yoder	April 16	Michelle Gerow	April 24
Analese Branon	April 16	Brandan Walters	April 28
Donald Ross	April 17	Kevin Chen	April 29
Rebecca Bacha	April 20	Sandra Spivey	April 30

Quote of the Month

"When someone you love says goodbye you can stare long and hard at the door they closed and forget to see all the doors God has open in front of you."

~Shannon L. Alder



April 2

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Psalm 130 (UMH)
Romans 8: 6-11
John 11: 1-45

April 9

Isaiah 50: 4-9
Psalm 31: 9-16 (UMH)
Philippians 2: 5-11
Matthew 26: 14-27; 66
Matthew 17: 11-54

April 16

Acts 10: 34-43
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (UMH)
Colossians 3: 1-4
John 20: 1-18
Matthew 28: 1-10

April 23

Acts 2: 14, 22-32
Psalm 16 (UMH)
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31

April 30

Acts 2: 14, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 (UMH)
1 Peter 1: 17-23
Luke 24: 13-35

April Worship Attendants

Greeters

Please contact Phyllis King about volunteering to be a greeter on Sunday.

Liturgists

Candy Sunderland, coordinator
April 2 Mel Bacha
April 9 Sandy Spivey
April 16 Joy Pikor
April 23 Rick Bacha
April 30 Alfreda Lewis

Acolytes

Don Ross, coordinator.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.
April 2 Janet O
April 9 Rob & Emily Rushton
April 16 Easter
April 23 available
April 30 Lisa Williams

Altar Flowers

Please fill out a blue form and turn it in to the office manager.

April 2 available
April 9 Eileen Gay
April 16 Lutz Fund
April 23 available
April 30 Lisa Williams

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Trustees Meeting
April 23, 2017**

**Church Council
April 30, 2017**

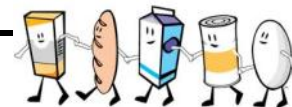
**Christian Rock Concert
6-11-2017
4:00 pm**

**Strawberry Supper
June 17, 2017**

Last month, we collected a total of **56** food items. The food was distributed to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community.

Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, pasta, fruit cups, tuna, and juice boxes are always needed.

-Suzanne Bird



Return Service
Requested

Rockville United Methodist Church



Adult Study — 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am



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

Office Hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

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.



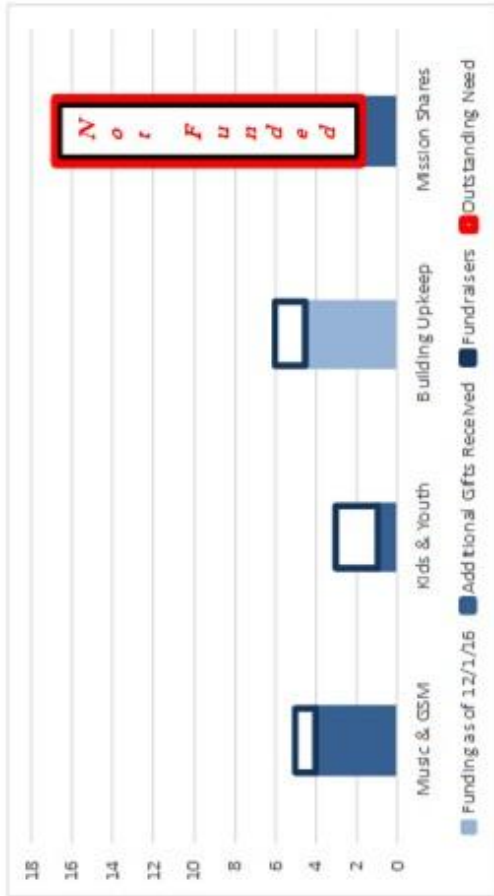
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Karen Stearns, Music Director
Diane Lajoie, Office Manager
Linda Shivers, Director of Christian Education
Don Ross, Church Custodian
Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)
Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua

To update address information or to be removed from the mailing list, please call or e-mail the church office.

March RUMC Finance Update

Program Funding for 2017 -



Need 0.0 0.0 0.0 15.0
(Funding Shortfall)

Key Fundraisers:	Committed (in ,000s)	Project Champion
Rest Stop	1.0	Rick Bacha
Local Biz	0.5	Geoff Gerow
Conference Grants	0.5	Teri Goldich
Butter Braids	0.5	Eileen Gay
Rock Band Concert	1.0	Linda Shivers & Mel Bacha
Talent Auction	0.5	Janice Klingman
Dunkin' Week	0.5	Mel Bacha
Handbell Concert	0.2	Karen Stearns
Other Additional Gifts from Members	6.8	Thank You!!!

* Figures are subject to revision

- Additional giving and new fundraisers will provide critical funding for Music, Kids, Building Upkeep and a small amount of Mission Shares – **Thank YOU!!!**
- Any additional gifts received will go toward funding Mission Shares (assuming no other unexpected needs or funding shortfalls)
- **Mark your calendars & get ready to support these upcoming Fundraisers!!!** – We need them to be successful in order to fully fund our Youth & Music Programs and Building Upkeep!!!

- **A successful Butter Braids fundraiser is currently wrapping up! Thanks for your support!!!**
- **Hockanum Handbell Concert is coming in May!**
- **Our First Christian Rock Concert will be June 11th featuring Pursuing JC with The Grove Street Music Project opening for them!!!**