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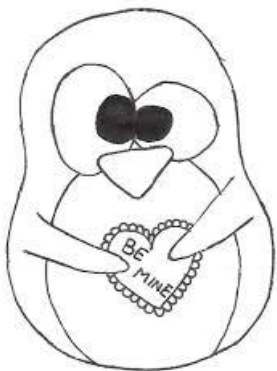
Sunday Morning Adult Class



Al White is leading a discussion on the series of petitions in the Lord's prayer. Come to the library from 9 to 9:45 am to discover some things to think about.

Understanding the Lord's Prayer.

Valentine Breakfast



The Men of Rockville United Methodist Church cordially invite the ladies of RUMC to breakfast on Sunday February 14, 2016. A delicious breakfast is in your future. While dining you will be serenaded by the gentlemen. The breakfast is for ladies of all ages. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the RUMC bulletin board.



Dear Church Family,

January is named after the Roman god Janus whose two faces looked both to the past and future. What about the future and your New Year Resolutions? Did you make any? Have you kept them so far?



In the January newsletter I suggested that we set new goals that would improve our relationship with God. Let me review what they were:

- Improve prayer life
- Read Bible through in a year
- Help other people
- Attend a study or small group at church
- Become a better steward
- Use a daily devotional
- Plant some seeds of faith
- Get to know your families
- Go on a mission
- Bring someone to church

These are ambitious goals, but even if you pick one or two, they will pay big dividends in your spiritual walk. If you are already struggling with your New Year goals, consider these helpful hints.

- Write it down
- Read it
- Share it with someone
- Be accountable to another person

Let 2016 be your time to find God's hand in your daily life and make it a goal to learn about yourself. Pursue that goal. God gave you talent and creativity. Make use of the talent and creativity that God has given you and try to find your calling. If you feel like something is missing, let your prayers fill that gap.

What is your goal this year? At the January 5th Charge Conference, the church's vision was to have ten visitors become part of our church family in 2016.

So, please think about the New Year's Resolutions you made. If you didn't make any spiritual ones, consider any of the above --especially the last one. If you ask someone to come to church, the answer might be yes. If everyone invited people we know and one actually came, then we would see new people coming through our doors this year to hear the gospel.

What could be better than that?

Looking in the past, we, RUMC, has had a great six months; if we look to the future, we can have a stronger 2016.

God be with you!

Pastor Paul

Sunday School News:

- **February 7: Sunday School offering collected.**
- **February 14:** Sunday School
- **February 21:** Sunday School
- **February 28: Pretzel Sunday**



Super Souper Sundae Bowl



The Christian Education committee will be offering soup (chicken noodle or Italian wedding), salad, and bread for \$5 and a non-perishable food item and a make-your-own sundae for \$2 and a non-perishable food item. We will provide the bowls and spoons. All money and items collected will be donated to the Hockanum Valley Food Pantry. Please join us for Fellowship and supporting our town food pantry.

Youth Basketball Fellowship: (and parents)



Wapping Community Church (1790 Ellington Road, South Windsor) There has been a time change: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. I will be there supervising our church group. Please bring a snack to share. Any questions, or if you need a ride, call me before 6:00 pm on Saturday.

Parents are welcome to stay and play if they want.

Youth basketball will meet on 2/13, 2/27, 3/12, and 3/26 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Children's Music:

There are many ways to get involved in church:

- Jr. Bells is for children of all ages; they will meet one Sunday a month.
- Grove Street Music program is for kids 10 years and older.
- Children's choir will meet two Sundays a month; it is for children under 10 years old.



If you have any questions regarding Christian Education activities, please contact me one of the ways below.

Linda Shivers
Home: 860-871-9164
Cell: 860-558-7632
Email: necsvga@aol.com



Don't forget to do extra chores to earn money for the children's mission donation.

You get to choose where to donate the money you have been working for all year.



Tea and Text

Join us for our Tea and Text bookclub. We are starting the book **Gift From the Sea** by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Books are available and cost only \$5. We will discuss the introduction and chapters one and two at our first meeting, Friday, February 5th at 1:30 pm. We will meet at Ginny's house. Please contact Judie Culy if you are interested or you have any questions.

Calling All Kids!

We are starting something new with the kids after choir and after bells. The **Key Word Learning System by Walk Thru the Bible** is the study of one word for each Bible book theme. It's fun. It's informative. Right now it is for the children but if adults are interested, let Janet O. know! Kids, even if you are not in Children's Choir, come at 9:30 on Jr. Bell and choir days. I challenge you to be part of a project that will have to memorizing a key aspect of every Bible book. You will be amazed at how much you will learn and will out-shine your elders! Your mom and dad will be in awe and will probably ask you how you did it. Don't miss out! - Mrs. O.



What's The Grove Street Music Project?



The Grove Street Music Project is an RUMC music performance program for Youth ages 10 and up who are interested in learning, playing and performing Contemporary Christian Music.

The program will be led by Mrs. Stearns and Mr. Gerow and will offer a mix of independent study and group rehearsals leading up to a live band performance in mid-June.

We need singers, musicians, and of course tech and stage managers! See Mrs. Shivers or Mrs. Stearns at church or email rumcmusic2009@gmail.com if you are interested.

Let's make some Noise!

Good Friday Walk March 25, 2016

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. 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.

Check our website <http://www.rockumchurch.com/home/> for updated information. Our website should be updated by Ash Wednesday (February 10th) at the latest and sponsor materials will be available by then.

JESUS WALKED ON GOOD FRIDAY, WILL YOU?

Volunteer Opportunities

Through the Church:

Greeter Coordinator: We need someone to gather and arrange volunteers to be greeters on Sunday mornings for the following month. See Phyllis King for details.

Soup Kitchen Team 1 needs a new volunteer. The two-person teams meet at the soup kitchen at 10:30 am once every five weeks. Please see Don Ross if you want to be part of the team.

Sunday School Substitute Teachers needed! Training and Curriculum are provided. Contact Linda Shivers if you are interested: necsvga@aol.com (860) 871-9164

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:

The Vernon Regional Adult Based Education Family Learning Center here at RUMC is looking for **tutors** for our ESL students. These students need practice with conversation, writing and grammar in English. Please contact Svetlana Grishtaev, program coordinator, at (860) 836-0514 for more information The hours are below:

Tuesday 12:30-1:30

Wednesday 1:00-2:45

Thursday 1:00-2:45

Do you have a free hour a week? The Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. is looking for volunteers who will spend some time **providing companionship and/or respite for their terminally ill patients**. Please see the Community bulletin board for more information. The volunteer coordinator can be reached by phone at 860-872-9163 x2423.

Vernon Regional Adult Based Education (VRABE) is offering ½ hour appointments for **one-to-one career coaching** and job search assistance including resume and cover letter critique, interview coaching, and labor market information. The ½ hour sessions are available on Thursdays from 9am to 1pm on 2/18; 3/17; 4/20; & 5/19. Call Christine Vincent (860) 870-3703 to schedule an appointment.

Shop to Help Your Church!



In just a few short months our church has made over \$1000 through our gift card program. The program will continue in 2016. Purchase a gift card through the church, and the company will give RUMC a percentage for your purchase. You always receive 100% value of the card. What could be better? For more information see Janet O. at joneail2@comcast.net or 860-875-3935. To see the over 600 participating retailers visit our website:

<http://www.rockumchurch.com/gift-card-program/>.

After you have received your Amazon gift cards, don't forget to use **Amazon Smile** to purchase that special gift or treat for yourself. Through the Amazon Smile program, Amazon donates .5% of the price of eligible purchases to RUMC.

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. There is an Amazon Smile link at the bottom of the RUMC home page.



Special Needs

Peggy Smith - medical
Emily Robbins - healthy pregnancy
Pat Paskowitz, - medical
Baby Lily- medical
Reverend Edward Goetz - medical
Donna Brodin - medical

Prayer Requests

Our Church Family

Ernest Pearson -medical
Judy Wilkie -medical
Linda Furnas - medical

Bereavements

Dorothy J. Willis
(9/20/1926 - 1/8/2016)
Vincent F. Kadelski
(6/18/1924 - 1/13/2016)

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
Jean Benner—Residence at SW Farms
Pat Brandt—Paradigm
Steve & Kay Lyke—home
Annette Welton—home
Irene Surette—home
Fred Nowsch - Fox Hill

Those in Service

Pastor Lorena & El Jabillo,
our sister church in Nicaragua

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 rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.



Gabrielle Spicer	February 2	Dalton Sunderland	February 15
Paul O'Neil	February 2	Samuel Velasquez	February 16
Emerson Robbins	February 3	Charlotte Gerow	February 17
Eleanor Schreiber	February 5	Austin Tyler	February 18
Pat Feeny	February 5	Lee McPeck	February 19
Jenna Sunderland	February 8	Robert Joy	February 22
Kathy Sunderland	February 9	Wayne Cheveriea	February 23
Cameron Robbins	February 13	Aidon Cortes	February 25
Geoffrey Gerow	February 15	Virginia Wehrli	February 28

Quote of the Month

"The greatest science in the world; in heaven and on earth; is love."

-Mother Teresa

February 7

Exodus 34: 29-35
Psalm 99 (UMH)
2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2
Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43)



February 14

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 (UMH)
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

February 28

Isaiah 55: 1-9
Psalm 63: 1-8 (UMH)
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9

February 21

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27 (UMH)
Philippians 3: 17-4:1
Luke 13: 31-35

February Worship Attendants

Greeters

Greeters will be chosen ad hoc on Sunday mornings until a new greeter coordinator is available.

Liturgists

Please see Candy Sunderland for dates available.

February 7	available
February 14	Candy Sunderland
February 21	David Joy
February 28	available

Acolytes

Please see Sherry Pearson for dates available.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

February 7	Souper Bowl Sundae
February 14	Candy Sunderland
February 21	available
February 28	available

Altar Flowers

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please fill out a blue form and turn it in to the office manager.

Official choir and music emails now have their own email address:
RUMCmusic2009@gmail.com.

Food Donations

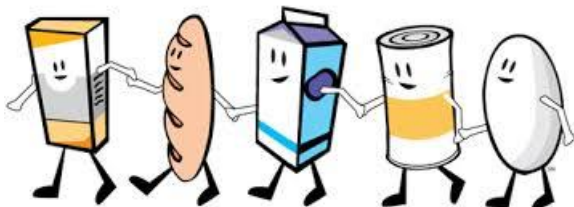


Last month, we delivered a total of **35** items to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry in September. Thank you for donating to help those in need.

Money is often a little tight after paying the holiday bills, but the need for food doesn't stop. Peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, fruit cups, tuna, soup and juice boxes are always needed.

Thank you for your continued help feeding the people in our neighborhood.

-Suzanne Bird



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Corned Beef Dinner

Saturday

March 19, 2016

Good Friday Walk

March 25, 2016

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.



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

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Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)
Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua