

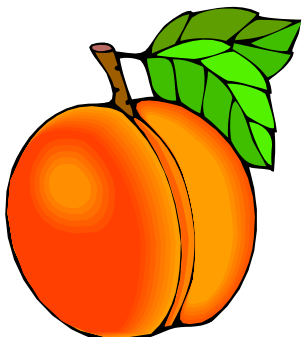
**July—August
2015
Issue No. 077**

**Join Us for Special Worship Services
July 12th and August 9th**

Last year our two special informal worship services were well attended and many visits were made either on the Sunday or during the week. Fifty persons were present at each service and most visited and agreed that this was a wonderful opportunity to let others know that we truly care about them and at the same time giving us a chance to know that we were doing something really meaningful for our less active members and friends

On each of these Sundays a light breakfast will be available beginning at 8:45 am. Come early to eat and fellowship with us. Worship will be held right in Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30.

Following the service, those who would like to are invited to join with another person and **go out to visit someone on our “We Care List”** or that special person in our congregation that you just don’t get time to call or see. Names and addresses will be suggested and guidance will be provided should you feel a bit uneasy with this idea. We hope that you will join us on July 12th for a bite to eat, fellowship, worship, followed by the opportunity to go out into the world and then come back to do it again on August 9th!! Jesus did just that and we, as His hands and feet, are called to do likewise. **A chance to Step out in Faith!!**



PEACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 22, 2015 5-6:30pm

Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls,
& Peach Shortcake!

Adults \$12 ♦ Ages 6-12 \$5 ♦ Ages 5 & under free



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church Family,

We are grateful to Bishop Devadhar, District Superintendent Calhoun and the cabinet of the New England Annual Conference for selecting us to come to Rockville. We are appreciative of the outpouring of support that has made our transition so enjoyable. We are delighted to be part of the Rockville church.

One new thing I learned about the church is the GOM's have fabulous deserts when they get together on Wednesday's. The scripture that comes to mind when we are around them is Proverbs 17:22 **A cheerful heart is good medicine**; they certainly have a cheerful heart.

The people of Rockville church remind me of Psalm 133.

**How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

Since we moved in, I can finally find the church and the parsonage without a GPS! My wife can find Home Depot, Lowes, Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby and the mall and many other stores without her GPS but she says she still needs the GPS for the home. Go figure!

We are extremely appreciative of all the hours that many have put into getting the parsonage ready; it looks beautiful! Thanks to all who helped with getting our boxes in the garage (we are still unpacking them) and for the refreshments and other acts of kindness.

In the days, weeks and months ahead, we hope to get to know all of you.

In addition to getting to know you, I do wish to get to know the community. I hope to do that by maintaining a presence in the community. One of the characteristics of the future emerging church, is not to rely on people to walk into our churches to find the Lord, but to bring the presence of Christ to those outside the church and to bring them to a personal walk with God.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Paul



Vacation Bible School June 29th to July 3rd

As I write this we have just finished day 2 of our VBS week. So far everything has been running smoothly. We have 32 volunteers and 43 children participating. This program is successful because of our volunteers and I feel so blessed to have them coming back year after year. My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all:

Adults:

Jenna Sunderland, Noreen Veal, Amy Velasquez, Jen Condry, Sue Conyers, Pete Schilling, Eileen Gay, Lynn Toolin, Don Corne, Michelle Harlow, Kristen Molin, Rebecca Bacha, Candy Sunderland, and Janet O'Neil.

Middle School and High School:

Megan Enman, Allie Enman, Mat Mlodzinski, Paul Denning, Marissa Arolidi, Isabelle Collins, Ashley Markunas, Brianna Markunas, Maddy Conddry, Olivia Toolin, Mariah Shivers, Dalton Sunderland, Melina Toolin, Emily Collins, Amy Conyers, Sydney Fournier, Emily Hampton, and Emily Sunderland.

Summer Sunday School

We have had a good turnout for summer Sunday school with an average of 14 children. I am sure with family vacations we might see a small decline in attendance, but overall this program is very promising.

I have several Sundays for my family vacations coming up in July and August and I am looking for someone (or several someone's) to volunteer to keep it running. Please contact Linda Shivers if you are interested in subbing for me; I really hate to have several summer Sunday school classes canceled.

Rally Sunday

Before you know it Rally Sunday will be here, September 13th. I will be contacting those who taught last year to see if you are still interested in teaching again this year. I am also looking for more teachers so we can have teams; this will allow everyone to get a chance to attend worship service. Interested? Contact:

Linda Shivers

Home: 860-871-9164

Cell: 860-558-7632

Email: necsvga@aol.com

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Well....It doesn't seem possible that it's almost July 1st. Summer is upon us and it's time for another newsletter article from me. I knew what I wanted to write about, it was just a matter of putting my thoughts to the tablet. Usually the words flow from my brain quicker than I can type, but this time is very different. I'm sitting down to write and it's almost

midnight. In the quiet stillness of the night, the only sound I hear is me hitting the keypad and the overhead fan above me at the dining room table.

As I reflect on the past several weeks in my life, and it has been some difficult weeks, I can't help but think of the many articles I have written and what I tend to write about. My newsletter articles are usually about the people in my life, the kids, and proud moments in my life, or my recent life experiences. This article won't be any different. But, this one is a hard one to write. My "mentor" is leaving for a new job. Pastor Ricki is the one who brought me back to my faith journey when I was struggling with church, and she taught me to become a better servant of God in ministry. So, I could have a lot to say...how she has given me so many opportunities to share my special gifts with the church...how she challenged me, and how she never gave up on me. Being asked by her to lead an entire worship service was probably the biggest and best gift I could give in my church life. It was one of those very special moments. Ricki has had a profound impact on my life, but I hope she knows that.

As most of you know, Pastor Ricki has left Rockville United Methodist Church after 9 years as our minister. I know she loved our church, the people in it, and loved her work here. She is setting off on a new adventure; or as clergy refer to it; a new appointment with Portland UMC. I had the privilege of being her liturgist on her last two Sundays with us. A communion service on June 7th, and her Farewell service, June 14th. I wanted to be up there at her side as we got through the service together. I was there from the beginning when I met her in the parsonage that first day, and I thought it fitting to be with her at the end. It was a lovely service with her favorite hymns: Amazing Grace, Blessed Assurance and a surprise anthem, "By our Love", sung by the choir. The anthem was a favorite of hers from our last Leap of Faith concert in the fall. She spoke of grace and offered thank yous Her sermon was entitled "Glimpses of Grace". A beautiful service ending with a blessing bestowed upon her by Rev. Stan Culy as we surrounded her in a large circle around the sanctuary. I think it meant a lot to her, as it did to all those present that day. And then of course, on to the good stuff; a wonderful farewell reception hosted by SPRC. We Methodists know how to provide good food.

The past two Sundays were our interim time as we were between ministers. We had our Laity Sunday. (An opportunity to recognize the "people in the pews", which we did.) This past Sunday was our transition Sunday service led by one of our lay speakers, Joy Pikor. The sermon was entitled "The Bend in the River". She spoke of transition and change. The story of Moses and Joshua with transition and change and also with our exiting minister, Pastor Ricki, and welcoming our new minister, Pastor Paul with Grace and Gratitude. A beautiful message and a powerful message. One we all needed to hear. I don't think it could have been any more perfect. Thanks, Joy! You're the Best! As we go through transition and Change in our church, people deal with change in many different ways, but we are all here to serve one God. God has blessed us with our special gifts and we need to continue to use our God given talents for the Greater Good of HIS kingdom. I look forward to His plans for me. And for you, too.

Pastor Ricki, Thank you for the past 9 years of ministry and for being my Pastor and My Friend. I will miss our little chats in the office.

Pastor Paul, Welcome to Rockville United Methodist Church.

Candy Sunderland

Co-Lay Leader

Judie Culy stated it perfectly when she emailed me this photo on June 20th:
“Our Janet gave the Laity Address...!”



This is the article from The New England Conference news about the annual conference:

June 23, 2015

Janet O'Neil was the winner of the 2015 Annual Conference Laity Address Challenge, and delivered the address on Saturday morning, June 20.

O'Neil's husband, Paul, was an Army chaplain and has been serving Moultonboro UMC in New Hampshire since 2010. He is appointed to Rockville UMC in Connecticut as of July 1, 2015. O'Neil, a special education teacher, has visited 22 countries and all 50 states. Once they move to Connecticut, the couple will have lived in nine states as well as two countries outside the U.S.

The Laity Address focused on the scripture selected for this Annual Conference Psalm 33:32: “Let Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting and hoping for You.” (AMP)

O'Neil asked members: What are you doing while you're waiting? What kind of witness are you for the Lord?

Then she told the story about a powerful witness she knew: the owner of White's New and Used Car dealership in Springfield, MO.

She went to White's to purchase a car and asked White to pick it out for her; she gave him an amount and said she would pay cash for the car he chose, no questions asked.

Her trust in the car dealer, whom she did not know, was inspired by the banner on the dealership that read: Jehovah Nissi.

“I know what that means,” she told White. “That God is the standard by which you live and do your business.”

Instead of being delighted by the prospect of an easy sale, she said, White looked concerned and began to rub his chin. After some thought, he refused to sell her a car.

He advised her to take the car to an honest mechanic (his mechanic if she did not have another) and be sure it was not repairable before buying another. He said that was the advice he'd give his own wife and could give O'Neil no other advice.

O'Neil asked members: What about us? Can we say that God is the standard by which we live and do our business? Can we say that we'll act as Mr. White did when we have nothing to gain by it?

Volunteer Opportunities

We need people to help **provide and/or serve food** at our summer worship services in Fellowship Hall on **July 12th and August 9th**. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board; Judie Culy is coordinating.

Volunteers are meeting **every Wednesday evening** of the summer to **help remove graffiti and trash throughout Vernon**. Volunteers meet in the parking lot at 200 West Main Street (New England Motorcycle Museum) every Wednesday at 5:45 pm. They head to the week's job site from the parking lot and work until 9 pm. This is a great opportunity make a difference and connect with our Vernon neighbors. Ken Kaplan is the organizer.

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.

Habitat for Humanity is recruiting people to act as **Ambassadors** at community and corporate events. Register to attend a workshop for training for the assignment: Rachel@hartfordhabitat.org. There are three workshops in the fall: 9/17 (9-11am); 10/20 (57pm); and 11/12 (5-7pm).

Habitat for Humanity's **2015 Build-a-Thon** will be from September 28th to October 10th. This is a last chance push to enclose all of the habitat projects before winter. Contact Christina@hartfordhabitat.org to schedule a "Habitat Hammering Experience".

Foodshare has a few volunteer opportunities. You can help spread the word in the community as an **Anti-Hunger Ambassador**; training is on July 15th at 8:30 am or 5:30 pm; contact Amanda Renna to RSVP 860-286-9999 or arena@foodshare.org. **Retail Pick up Volunteers** use their own vehicles to pick up food from local retailers and deliver it directly to the food programs; training will be on September 10th at 9am; contact Edna Bailey at 860-286-9999 or ebailey@foodshare.org to RSVP. **Gleaning/Farming Volunteers** work with master gardeners to maintain the produce garden; if you are interested in getting your hands dirty this summer, contact Edna Bailey (860-286-9999 or ebailey@foodshare.org). Foodshare offers **unpaid internships** to college and high school students; contact Community Involvement Manager Sarah Santora (860-286-9999 or ssantora@foodshare.org) for more information.

RSVP READS: The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program is looking for volunteers to help elementary students improve their reading skills. Training is provided for this one-hour-a-week commitment from October to May. Call or email program manager Theresa Strong for more information. 860-760-3088 or strong@crtct.org.

Holiday Bazaar Craft Workshops

We are busy making items to sell at our Holiday Bazaar. Join us to help with one of these projects or to work on one of your own projects while in good company. We meet on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm.

Wednesday July 8th

Tuesday July 14th

Wednesday July 22nd

Tuesday July 28th

Wednesday August 5th

Tuesday August 11th

Wednesday August 19th

Tuesday August 25th

Wednesday September 2nd



Our Church Family

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

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

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
Ron DuBois—stroke—Kay Doherty's husband
David Taft—health issues
Kori Kentfield-Durham — health issues
Mary Wright—Celia Polansky Skiba's friend—lung biopsy
Mrs. Keith—back surgery — client of Gary Tyler
Ruth Bell—hospice—cards would be appreciated
Jerrie Kirby—hip fracture, rehab

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
June Guillow-home
Jean Benner—Residence at SW Farms
Ruth Bell—Fox Hill

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



Happy Birthday

Sandra Bogan	July 1	Aubrey Nordell	July 8
Carol Macri	July 4	Janet O'Neil	July 14
Judy Retynsky	July 4	Aidem Goodwin	July 27
Don Corne	July 7	Abby Pierce	July 27
Jane Thomas	July 7		

Quote of the Month

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."

- James Dent



July/August Worship Attendants

Greeters

Liturgists

July 5	Terri Goldich
July 12	Fellowship Hall Service
July 19	Ray Clark
July 26	Mel Bacha
August 2	Joy Pikor
August 9	Fellowship Hall Service
August 16	available
August 23	available
August 30	available

Children's Message

Acolytes

Please see Sherry Pearson for dates available.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

July 5	SPRC Committee
July 12	Fellowship Hall Service
July 19	Helen & Carole Stambo
July 26	Mike Faiaz
August 2	Tom Farrish
August 9	Fellowship Hall Service
August 16	Loraine White
August 23	Jack and Judy Wilkie
August 30	Rebecca Bacha

Altar Flowers

July 5	Janet McKercher
July 12	Phyllis King
July 19	Sue Lessoff
July 26	available
August 2	Culy
August 9	Phyllis King
August 16	Rebecca Bacha
August 23	available
August 30	Janet McKercher

July 5

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48 (UMH)
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13

July 12

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29

July 19

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89 (UMH)
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Psalm 14 (UMH)
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

August 2

2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13a
Psalm 51: 1-12 (UMH)
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

August 9

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130 (UMH)
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2
John 6: 35, 41-51

August 16

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14
Psalm 111 (UMH)
Ephesians 5: 15-20
John 6: 51-58

August 23

1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84 (UMH)
Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 56-69

August 30

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Psalm 45 or Psalm 72 (UMH)
James 1: 17-27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



We delivered a total of **40** items to the Tri-Town Pantry in June. Thank you for donating to help those in need.

Please remember need doesn't end in the summer, it increases. Children no longer receiving school lunch are more likely to go hungry without your help.

July is the HVCC's food pantry's annual faith-based food drive. Please help keep the pantry stocked with these items children enjoy year round: spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta, baked beans, crackers (boxes or snack sized) and bottles of apple or cranberry juice.

-Suzanne Bird

Return Service

Requested

Rockville United Methodist Church

Adult Study 9:30 am—on summer hiatus

Summer Sunday School 9:30 am

Summer Worship Service 9:30 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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