

RUMC Newsletter

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2016 Peach Festival

August 20, 2016

5 pm - 6:30 pm

**Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and
Fresh Peach Shortcake**

Adults \$13; Kids 6-12 \$5

Children under 6 are free

Walk-Ins Welcome;

Reservations Recommended

860-875-6562



Fresh Peach Shortcake made from NJ peaches and transported to CT by our very own church members. Is that dedication or what?

Dear Church family,

In a future church service, the announcements might sound like this. **“This week’s ministry meetings will be held on the usual Facebook pages. Log-in and don’t miss out! Thursday’s Bible study will be held live on Skype at 7PM. You can follow the Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayer.”**



The future pastor might begin the sermon like this: **“Can we please turn on our tablet, PC, iPod or Kindle to Psalm 100. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon.”**

For the pastoral prayer, you might hear this: **“Now let us pray as we commit this week into God’s hands. Open your Apps, Twitter and Facebook and chat with God.”**

For the offertory, this might be said: **“As we take up our Sunday morning offering, please have your credit or debit cards ready. You can log onto the church Wi-Fi using the password John3:16. Our ushers will circulate with mobile card swipe machines and those who wish to make electronic fund transfers may use computers at the rear of the church. Those who prefer telephone banking may take out their cell phones and transfer your offering to the church account.”**

This very well could be the church of the **“Millennials” (born 1980-2000)**. Their ages are currently 16-36 and they are the most wired generation in history. For the **“Millennials”** a wired connected world is all they have ever known, and at the same time, they evolved into multi-tasking extraordinaire. It is not about the gadgets, but it is how they fused their entire lives with electronics and have incorporated that into their spiritual lives. The **“Millennials”** can be described as overly self-confident and self-absorbed, perhaps narcissistic. Their main source of news is television and the internet, but they also have a soul that needs a personal relationship with Christ and the church can capitalize on that when they offer real personal relationships rather than communicating with someone electronically on a small screen.

The Pew Center reports **Millennialist** priorities: 52%-Being a good parent; 30% Having a successful marriage; 21% Helping others in need; 20% Owning a home; 15% Living a religious life; 15% Having a high paying career; 9% Having lots of free time; and 1% Being famous. To understand **“Millennials”** consider this: 2% serve in the military. 3% get their news from Facebook or Twitter. 6% text every waking hour. 13% have postponed marriage due to the economy. 19% have voted on American Idol. 37% of 18-29 year olds are unemployed. 41% own a smart phone. 43% view texting as meaningful as conversation. 47% of the 19-27 year olds are employed.

“Millennials” are the least religious generation in modern times and 26% are unaffiliated with any religion. Of this group, 1/3 consider themselves to have a strong faith. They are considered tolerant and more accepting than previous generations. What the **“Millennial”** type of church will look like in terms or numbers or what gifts the faithful will bring remains to be seen, but as long as the Lord is present, we may see and worship God in a new frame of reference.

While on vacation July 3rd, I attended a church that I believe was pastored by a Millennial who wore jeans and sneakers. I didn’t realize he was the pastor until he delivered the sermon. The Christian message was the same but the method was distinctly different. This church employed an organ which was supplemented with a worship team of singers, guitarists and a drummer. Next newsletter, I will write about **Generation Z** (born 2001-2013).

-Pastor Paul



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Summer Sunday School will be offered on Sunday's in a group format. There are a couple of Sundays that a teacher is needed as I will be on vacation with my family. The nursery will be open and staffed every Sunday for children.

July 17, 24, and 31 after children's message, the children will gather in Fellowship Hall for Sunday School

August 7, *14, *21, 28 after children's message, the children will gather in Fellowship Hall for Sunday School

*denotes teacher needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEYOND SUNDAYS GROUP:

We had a great experience with Hands on Hartford. The youth worked in several different places and did a wide variety of mission projects. We will be working with Pastor Paul to get a date for the youth to talk about their experience and show the pictures of what we did. Don Corne and I were so impressed with how much work was done by our youth in 90+ temperatures. We all can be proud of the youth who represented our church.

This mission was so successful, the youth want to do another one next summer. So please join us **October 9th after church for our fundraiser spaghetti dinner**. All profits will be put in the youth account for next year's mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Rally Sunday will be September 11. Please bring a salad, or dessert to share; we will be having a picnic after church. Christian Education Committee will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks.

There are several volunteer opportunities available in the church- (sign ups are in Fellowship Hall), but please also consider teaching. A curriculum and support is provided and we have several age groups to work with.

I will be mailing a letter out to all the children I have registered in Sunday School welcoming them to Rally Sunday. If you don't receive a letter by the first week of September let me know. In my letter I will be asking you if your child- 3rd grade and up- has received a Bible. If not, I would like to be able to present them one at church. So let me know.

If you have any questions or need to contact me:

Linda Shivers: necsvga@aol.com, home 860-871-9164 or cell 860-558-7632.





Pot Luck Supper
9/7/2016
6:30 pm
Guest of honor: Dr. Belinda Forbes

On Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 6:30 pm Dr. Belinda Forbes, our United Methodist Missionary serving in Nicaragua, will be joining us for a pot luck supper to update us on the progress of her mission. Please save the date and pass the word. All are welcome! A freewill offering will be taken to benefit Dr. Belinda's work in Nicaragua.

Read Dr. Forbes' newsletters and more information about ministry in Nicaragua at www.belindagbgm.blogspot.com

JITTER'S CAFÉ SUNDAY'S AT 9 AM. JOIN US FOR COFFEE.

Our own beloved David White's History of our church was mentioned in the NECUMC UMCatalyst News Notes released on June 29, 2016.

Churches honored for written histories

The Conference Commission on Archives & History has recognized seven local churches for excellence in writing the most recent editions of their church histories. Margaret Bickford from the Commission announced the winners. Congratulations to all the honorees:

Larger Churches (over 250 members):

St. Paul's, St. Albans, VT – Winner
First UMC, Gilford, NH – Honorable Mention

Mid-size Churches (125-250 members):

Puffer Memorial, Morrisville, VT – Winner
Wesley UMC, Hadley, MA – Winner
Rockville UMC, Rockville, CT – Honorable Mention

Smaller Churches (under 125 members)

North Searsport, ME – Winner
South Portland, ME – Winner



GOOD FRIDAY WALK UPDATE

All \$11, 159.40 raised on our Good Friday Walk has been collected. Sharing Inc. received \$7,586.40. Our 2016 GFW donation of \$3,573 marks the end of our partnership with the Tri-Town Shelter. The Tri-Town Shelter closed its doors in the spring of 2016 due to financial strain caused by state funding cuts. Beginning in 2017, one third of the money raised on our Good Friday Walk will be donated to the Cornerstone Foundation.

The Cornerstone Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Rockville, Connecticut. The Foundation was started in 1982 by local resident Helen Syriac to provide shelter for the local homeless. Today the Cornerstone Foundation is a multifaceted community resource providing the following services: soup kitchen, overnight shelter, food pantry, clothing bank, and community center.

<http://cornerstone-rockville.org/>

Back To School



We are once again participating in Vernon Social Services Department's **Adopt-a-Child for Back to School Clothes Drive**. This year we will be sponsoring two children. We will be collecting money from **August 7th to August 21st** so we can purchase the specific items the children need. This is an important local program and your support is greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please call Sylvia Yoder (860-) 644-2663.

CPR Class August 27, 2016 1-4 pm \$25 per person

Do you know how to save a life? Don Corne will be instructing us in the following: Adult/Child/Infant CPR, the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) like the one we have at church, and what to do if someone is choking. Signup on the board in Fellowship Hall by August 14th. Money is payable on the 27th.

Refugee Assistance Meeting Sunday July 17, 2016 11:15 am

This meeting is to determine what our congregation can do to help refugees resettle in the area. We need to determine our level of interest before we make any commitment.

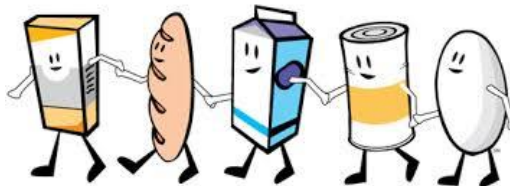
Areas where we can help include the following: tutoring, setting up apartments, donating furniture and household items, and providing transportation. We hope to see you there.

-Pastor Paul and Steve Yoder.

Last month, we delivered a total of **17** items to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Please remember food pantry needs increase in the summer when children are not receiving school lunch.

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

-Suzanne Bird



Strawberry Festival Update

The Men's Club made a little over \$1,000 on the Strawberry Festival which should allow us to meet our pledge of \$3000 to the church budget. The bake sale made a little over \$500 for the church's Christian Education. Great job to everyone!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work and attended our Strawberry Festival. It would not have been a success without you.

-Steve



**Tea and Text
July 22, 2016
Bring your Inspirations!**

We will be sharing favorite sayings, poems, essays, etc on Friday July 22, 2016 1:30 pm at Ginny's house. Bring a few for us to share and discuss. All ladies are invited. Contact Judie Culy with questions.

**PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR THAT WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016 FROM 9 TO 2 PM
SPONSORED BY ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

It seems early to be thinking about this event. However, as it involves all of our church family, I wanted you to know who's in charge of what to date.

Please look at the list of "booths" and chairpersons to see how you can fit into this fun event by either helping the day of the bazaar and/or beforehand by making things yourself and/or collecting things that others have created. Should you have wreath forms, fancy containers, yarn, kits (you get the idea) bring them in now or call Judie for pickup. Clean out your basement and attic and set aside items for us. Think about donating used jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, , Christmas tree ornaments, silent auction items (donated last year—handcrafted furniture, a kayak, electronic piano, musical instrument). Eternity scarves went very fast—do you or a friend knit or crochet? Do you make jellies and/or relishes?

BOOTHS So Far:

Baked Goods and Candy: Judy Wilkie
Books, Puzzles, Etc.: Barbara Kent
Decorative Items of all kinds: Rebecca Bacha
Fancywork/Crafts: Carol Robbins
Fancy Cookies: Carol Ross and Lorraine White
Granny's Attic: Eileen Gay and Brenda Mlodzinski
Luncheon Kitchen: Gretchen Ross Hutton
Luncheon Dining Room:
Luncheon Cashiers (2 needed):
Jewelry: Karen Perras
Silent Auction Beforehand: Judie Culy
Silent Auction Day of Bazaar: Bridget Joy

As you can see, we are well on our way!! Set up and Clean up crews are needed also. Many hands make light work!!

General Chairperson: Judie Culy, 860 872-3122,
judie.culy@gmail.com

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

The Kid Safe 6th Annual Car Show

Saturday August 20, 2016

9 am

Cars, music, raffles, food, & fun



**East Windsor Historical Society
Ice Cream Social.**

Saturday

August 13, 2016

1pm

August 27, 2016 is the next **Household Hazardous Waste
Collection** in Manchester for the towns of Glastonbury, Hebron, Man-
chester, Marlborough, Somers, South Windsor, Stafford, and Vernon.

8 am to 1 pm

August 27th, September 24th & October 29th



We would like to thank our church family for all your expressions of affection and sympathy following Mother's passing. We cannot imagine a life without you all being a part of it.

-Janice and George

Visit our memorial garden.

The Memorial Garden Committee and the GOM's have been working hard on the memorial garden this spring and summer and the garden is really taking shape. The plants are getting stronger and the flowers are starting to bloom. Come enjoy the beautiful and meditative space they have created.



Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Peach Festival (8-20-2016): Helpers are needed Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening. **Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board around August 10th.**

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

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.

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:

Kid's Safe Car Show: Raffle items are needed for the August 20th Kids Safe Car Show. You can bring your donations to the church by August 2nd for delivery to Kids Safe.

To my church family,

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, love and support during Ernie's last few months. Also, a very special thank you to the men for their quick clean up after VBS and to the women for the wonderful dinner they prepared.

With love,
Sherry Pearson

Shop to Help a Good Cause!

Don't forget to use our Amazon Smile page to find great deals online. The church will receive .5% of the price of the eligible purchases. 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. **Don't forget you can use our gift card program to get an Amazon Gift Card to use to pay for your purchase.**

Summer Sales? Back to School Shopping? **Think RUMC gift cards for all your shopping needs.** This is a great opportunity to have businesses give to RUMC. Remember, you always get 100%; it's the company that gives to us! Companies give a certain percentage to non-profits so this is like "standing in line" to get our share! If you haven't participated and would like to start, it's as simple as buying a shopping card or also known as a gift card and then use it when you shop. Everyone has to eat, why not allow RUMC to get back a portion of your food budget as Big Y and Stop and Shop and others will do. Pharmacies participate also. Gardening, yard work, back to school, whatever, please visit us at <http://www.rockumchurch.com/home/> or each Sunday after services.

Prayer Requests

Special Needs

Emily Rushton - healthy pregnancy
 Baby Lily- medical
 Raya Thorington - medical, age 9
 Leanna- medical, age 17
 Dianne McLaughlin - medical
 Rose Many- infant daughter ,
 medical
 Paul Doucette - medical
 Al Boulais - medical
 Ross Middleton - medical

Our Church Family

Bill Spivey Sr. - medical

Those in Christian Service

Dr. Belinda Forbes

Accion Medica Christiana,
 Managua, Nicaragua

Pastor Kristin White,

Green Street UMC,
 Augusta, ME

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—Paradigm
 Steve & Kay Lyke—home
 Annette Welton—home
 Irene Surette—home
 Leonard Aronson - Vernon Manor

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.



Sandra Bogan	July 1	David Joy	August 7
Judy Retynsky	July 4	Kay Lyke	August 8
Carol Macri	July 4	June Latkofsky	August 12
Natalie Robertson	July 4	Shane Kravitz	August 13
Jane Thomas	July 7	Marie Pierce	August 16
Don Corne	July 7	Norine Veal	August 21
Aubrey Nordell	July 8	Jen Chapman	August 21
Janet O'Neil	July 14	Elizabeth Stearns	August 22
Rebecca Beloff	July 15	Lauren Stearns	August 22
Abigail Pierce	July 27	Bridget Joy	August 26
Stephen Lyke	August 3	Kyle Marquis	August 28
Lisa Williams	August 3	Ava Durham	August 29
Lin Arzt	August 4	Tamika Brock	August 30
Daniel Joy	August 5		

Quote of the Month

"The heart is the chief feature of a functioning mind." - Frank Lloyd Wright



July 3

2 Kings 5: 1-14
 Psalm 30 (UMH)
 Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16
 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

July 10

Amos 7: 7-17
 Psalm 82 (UMH)
 Colossians 1: 1-14
 Luke 10: 25-37

July 17

Amos 8: 1-12
 Psalm 52 or 82 (UMH)
 Colossians 1: 15-28
 Luke 10: 38-42

July 24

Hosea 1: 2-10
 Psalm 85 (UMH)
 Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)
 Luke 11: 1-13

July 31

Hosea 11: 1-11
 Psalm 107: 1-9, 43
 Colossians 3: 1-11
 Luke 12: 13-21

August 7

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20
 Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23 (UMH)
 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12: 32-40

August 14

Isaiah 5: 1-7
 Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19 (UMH)
 Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2
 Luke 12: 49-56

August 21

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
 Psalm 71: 1-6 (UMH)
 Hebrews 12: 18-29
 Luke 13: 10-17

August 28

Jeremiah 2: 4-13
 Psalm 1: 1, 10-16 (UMH)
 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14: 1, 7-14

July/August Worship Attendants

Sign up sheets to help in these areas on Sunday morning are in Fellowship Hall.

Greeters

Please see Mike Faiaz for dates available.

July 3	Mike Faiaz
July 10	Rick Bacha
July 17	Rebecca Bacha
July 24	Rick Bacha
July 31	Rick Bacha
August 7	Lisa
August 14	Mike Faiaz
August 21	Brenda & Jim Mlodzinski
August 28	available

Liturgists

Please see Candy Sunderland for dates available.

July 3	Candy Sunderland
July 10	Sandy Spivey
July 17	Mike Faiaz
July 24	Tom Farrish
July 31	Mel Bacha
August 7	Richard Poulin
August 14	Mike Faiaz
August 21	Judy Culy
August 28	Joy Pikor

Acolytes

Please see Sherry Pearson for dates available.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

July 3	Carol Ross
July 10	Yoder
July 17	Tom Farrish
July 24	Mike Faiaz
July 31	Rebecca Bacha
August 7	Lisa
August 14	available
August 21	Wilkie
August 28	Wayne B.

Altar Flowers

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

July 3	Stenger
July 10	Phyllis King
July 17	Sue Lessoff
July 24	Rebecca Bacha
July 31	Phyllis King
August 7	Culy
August 14	available
August 21	Brenda Mlodzinski
August 28	Tamika B. & family

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Refugee Assistance Meeting

July 17, 2016

Tea and Text

July 22, 2016

Peach Festival
August 20, 2016

Dr. Belinda Forbes
September 7, 2016

Rally Sunday
September 11, 2016

Youth Spaghetti Dinner
October 9, 2016

Leap of Faith Concert
October 22, 2016

Holiday Bazaar
November 19, 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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Linda Shivers, Director of Christian Education

Don Ross, Church Custodian

Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)

Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua