

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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Peach Supper

August 19, 2017

5 to 6:30 pm

Adults: \$13

Children (ages 6-12) \$5

Children 5 and under are free.

**Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and
our fresh Peach Shortcake.**

<http://www.rockumchurch.com/2017/06/14/2017-peach-supper/>

Meditation Garden 2017 Planting

The RUMC bulletin board has a list of the plants needed for the meditation garden this year. Please contact Don Ross or Bridget Joy if you wish to donate one of these items. The donations will not be noted in the garden, but we will acknowledge the donors during a service later this year.

On June 15-17, 2017, Sandi Gallup, Stan Culy and I attended the Annual Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. This is a once a year session where both clergy and lay people gather to conduct the business of United Methodists in New England. I have summarized the events per day.



Thursday June 15, 2017

RESOLUTIONS

Approved RS-17-101 offering of \$4,580.13 received for:

- Nicaragua Covenant
- Mission of Peace
- Ministerial Call Fund
- Northeastern Jurisdiction Multi-ethnic Center

Approved RS-17-135 Clergy Couple Housing – without discussion.

“The resolution tries to balance 1. Equity in compensation for clergy couples. 2. Stability for the finances of local churches. 3. The overall interest of the Annual Conference is to care for all of its members.”

Approved RS-17-125 Updated Racial Harassment Policy

Approved RS 17-203 to 207 the discontinuance of the following churches

- Eaton Memorial UMC, Livermore Falls, ME
- Deering Memorial UMC, South Paris, ME
- River UMC, Burrillville and Woonsocket, RI
- Bloomfield UMC, Vermont
- Chelsea West Hill UMC, Chelsea, VT
- Lexington UMC, Massachusetts

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Clergy (23) and clergy spouses (20) were remembered at the Memorial Service. Photographs were shown on the computer screen. Pittsburgh Area Resident Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi was this year’s guest preacher.

CIRCLE PROCESS

This year’s conference theme: Vital Conversations: Race. This was discussed in a Circle Process format. It was designed to help us listen to the perspective and thoughts of others. Members gathered in small groups around a circular table. We watched three videos before answering the following questions:

- When did I first become conscious of race?
- Where have I recognized personal prejudice in myself or others?
- Where have I recognized institutional/systemic racism?
- What can I do every single day?

LAITY SESSION

The speaker for this year’s Laity Session was Dr. Glory E. Dharmaraj, the retired director of spiritual formation and mission theology for the UMW. Her study focused on Psalm 137 and she reiterated that this psalm should not be dismissed as ancient history, but it is relevant to the experience of many immigrants today.

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CAMP ALUMNI

"If you have ever been a member of Mechuwana's paid summer or year-round staff, please send your email address and the years you were on staff to beth.a.dimond@gmail.com. We would like to tell you about a special opportunity coming up soon for you. Please email Beth by July 10."

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar offered a strong message about welcoming immigrants. Taking his cue from the Broadway play “Hamilton,” he urged United Methodists “*Don’t throw away your shot.*” He renewed his coffee/tea/prayer partner’s initiative and asked those to contribute the cost of 10 cups of coffee each month which would fund opportunities for professional development for clergy/laity. He also urged the Conference Global Ministries team and Connectional Table “to evaluate our existing missional commitments in other parts of the world, so we can have holistic mission involvement on all continents beginning in 2019.” Our bishop asked that we would support the creation of nine new centers of Taizé worship. Finally he urged us to be in “deep, deep, prayer” for the Commission on a Way Forward.

Ministerial Appointments in local area:

The following are the pastors who are assigned in the immediate area:

Rockville-Paul O’Neil;

Vernon/E Hartford Jackie Trotter Dove;

Bolton/Manchester North-Dave Martin;

E. Windsor-Henrietta Aiello;

Crystal Lake-Maureen Genholt;

Hazzardville Enfield-Dave Williams;

Enfield-John Morgans;

Manchester South- John Marshall;

Mansfield Center-James Mercurio;

E. Hartford/Glastonbury-Tom Getchell-Lacy

Friday June 16, 2017

State of the Cabinet Report

Central MA District Superintendent and Cabinet Dean Rene Perez along with eight other District Superintendents wore orange hats to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Africa University. Rev. Perez told the assembly, “We face many challenges, but they are not insurmountable.” He urged that we “live together, find new solutions together, embrace change together, so that what we leave for new generations is far better and fairer than what was given to us,”

Statisticians Report

Conference Statistician Joy Mueller reported, “While our conference diversity does not match the area where we are located, our conference is becoming increasingly diverse,” Mueller said. “Comparing the number of reported members for different races in 2009 with those reported in 2016, the population of African Americans, Asians, and Latinos are all increasing while the white population is decreasing. Slowly, we are looking more like the general population.” Bishop Devadhar hopes to see 40 percent of the congregations growing by 2020.

Leadership/Nominations Report

Justice For Our Neighbors Board presented for election – Approved

Board of directors for the Methodist Conference Home presented for election – Approved

United Methodist Elder Care Board presented for election – Approved

Board of Directors United Methodist Foundation of New England – Approved

District Committees to be elected by Annual Conference – Approved

Wanakee United Methodist Center James Tresner,

Camp Mechuwana-Norm Thombs

Camp Aldersgate-Jenn Carpenter

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center-Lawrence Jay

Laity Address

Lay Speaker Stephen Dry spoke of the relevancy of the church when he said “Our solutions have to come out of real needs from the community, not the traditions we established in the church; and we need to be open to the possibilities that the Spirit brings.”

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Budget Approved

The Annual Conference passed the 2018 budget of \$8,157,923 with no changes.

Election of General Conference Delegates

The Annual Conference members voted to send the 2016 Delegation to the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference rather than elect a new delegation.

Service of Ordination and Commissioning

Bishop Devadhar told the new clergy, (Full Elders-Preston Fuller, Cheryl L. Meachen; Provisional Deacons-Caroline Bass, Sean Delmore, Natalie Hill; Provisional Elders-Yunki Kim, Erin Newcomb-Moore and John Whitley) that being in ministry means being willing to “roll up your sleeves.” The bishop said “Though I may be challenged on this one, let me say this, my dear ordinands and commissioners, we become pastors and deacons par excellence, not by our theological gymnastics from the pulpit as either liberal or conservative pastors or deacons, and not because of our gender or the color of our skin, but through our willingness to roll up our sleeves.” The bishop also said “We also need to ‘put our minds into gear. We cannot journey on God’s highway for the transformation of the world if we are of a neutral or closed mind.” He concluded his comments with this admonition, “Let me hasten to say ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.’ The word of God never changes. However, we need to interpret the word of God afresh for each and every generation and circumstance.”

Saturday June 17, 2017

UMCOR Health Kits

One thousand Health Kits were completed on the first day of Annual Conference!

Wilbur C. Ziegler Preaching Award

This year’s winner was Rev. Dr. Thomas Blackstone, pastor at Pleasant Street UMC in Waterville, ME. He told the assembled gathering that the “Spirit that we keep trying to squeeze into containers of fear so that it won’t change us, it’s time to let that Spirit loose.” This award is given each year to a pastor who demonstrates “excellence in preaching the whole Gospel, addressing both personal and social salvation.”

Licensed Local Pastors

The following Licensed Local Pastors were recognized at this year’s Annual Conference.

Travis Allen, Steven Brakey, David Cushing, Dawn Dimanna, Paul Guest, Rebecca Hewett, Ross Johnson, Christ Jones, Barry Judd, Sunjae Lee, Karen Merrill, Bumshik Min, Randi Rocco, David Shim, Bob Stewart, Daniel Stone, Joanne Thomas, Michael Thorpe, Robert Woodward.

Deaconess commissioned

Roberta Bragan was consecrated and commissioned as a Deaconess. Her ministry is photo journalism and works to tell the stories of people living out the mission of the UMC.

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FAMILY LEARNING - SUMMER FUN!

The Family Learning Program has scheduled four informal summer gatherings. The families and staff meet at local parks during the summer months. The playgroups help ensure retention and recruitment. We invite past, current, and prospective families to join us to discuss summer safety, family summer actives, and back-to-school preparations. During each session, families receive a children's book along with reading materials to take home. The families are so eager to continue learning that they have extended invitations to their homes for more frequent visits. The children have fun playing together while their parents practice English.

Svetlana Grishtaev, Family Learning Coordinator
VRABE - Spring/Summer 2017

Resolutions:

Approved RS-17-208 –United Methodist Foundation

Allows offering its “full array of services” to religious institutions outside of Methodism.

Approved RS-17-214 Connectional Table Rule Change

The Connectional Table will elect co-chairs, one laity and one clergy, from among its membership.

a) Six (6) at-large* non-staff seats to help ensure diversity elected by the Annual Conference. The Committee on Leadership/Nominations will nominate six people from a pool of (12) 6 clergy recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry and 6 laity recommended by the Board of Laity.

Approved RS – 17 – 209 – Avoid Purchase of Hewlett Packard Products – Approved

Approved RS – 17 – 210 – Consider Investing in Wespath’s Equity Social Values Plus Fund.

This fund is divested from Hewlett Packard, Caterpillar and Motorola Solutions and this resolution asks that clergy and lay employees consider investing a portion of their accounts in this fund.

Approved RS – 17 – 211 – Protecting the Right to Peacefully Address Injustice Through Boycotts, Divestment, And Sanctions

Approved RS-17-212 Expanding and Supporting Sanctuary

The NEUMC declares itself in solidarity with individuals and families regardless of their refugee or immigration status or documentation, and those who come to their aid.”

Approved RS-17-128 – Share your Call

Calls on churches to observe Share Your Call Sunday on the fourth Sunday of Easter (Shepherd’s Sunday) with an offering to be received to “provide support for the recruitment and education of ordained and diaconal minister and courses of study.”

Board of Trustees

Bernie Campbell, president of the Board of Trustees told the delegates that the conference has found a new building to replace the existing one in Lawrence. Though he did not disclose the new location, he said the purchase price is \$1.2 million and expects the move will take place in early 2018. A “significant offer” has been received to purchase the current conference offices in Lawrence; a non-binding letter of intent has been signed.

United Methodist Women

Roberta Bragan, president of the New England Conference UMW showed a video on the UMW’s work with the Hattie B. Cooper Community Center.

Costs of Clergy Health Care

The Rev. We Chang observed that “the for-profit, corporate-based private health care system that is costing two, three, four times more than other developed countries that are insuring all of their people.”

Approved-Annual Conference will use gluten/dairy-free elements

It will now be a practice at that the Annual Conference and at District Level worship services to use gluten-free/dairy-free communion elements.

One Matters Awards

This was presented by Discipleship Ministries to churches that are putting a focus on discipleship with baptisms and professions of faith. Three New England churches were honored:

- Ripley UMC, Ripley ME
- Christ UMC, Lawrence, MA
- Church Ministries, multisite, Plaistow, NH (more than 250 in worship)

GOOD FRIDAY WALK RESULTS!

Our Rockville Walk has turned in \$10,320 with one outstanding walker still out there! Thanks to all! \$3,440 is Cornerstone Foundation's share!! Kay sends her congratulations for a job well done.

Judie Culy

Summer Sunday School:

Summer Sunday School will be offered on Sunday's in a group format. Teachers are needed throughout the summer to teach; This offers a great opportunity to help out without committing for a whole year. Curriculum will be provided.

Dates: June 25, July 9, 16, 23, & 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, & 27.

The Sign-up sheet is on the Sunday School bulletin board.

No summer Sunday school July 2.



Sunday School Beyond Sundays group:

We had a great experience working with Hands on Hartford last summer, and have decided to work with this organization again this summer.

Our mission week will be July 17, 2017.

Sunday School:

Rally Sunday will be September 10. We will be having a picnic after church; please bring a salad or dessert to share. 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- kindergarten or 4th 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.

HVCC Food Donations and Vacation Bible School

The 4th and 5th graders volunteered at a different location in town during their VBS week. On Monday June 26th, they helped at the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Below is Natalie C's journal entry on their visit to the food pantry:

Monday: Today we went to the food pantry. We stocked shelves, made snack packs for kids, and bagged cat food. We did this because we need to help people who are less fortunate and can't afford to buy food. 1,200 people go to the food pantry each week. They go through 700 snack packs each week as well.

Leah C wrote about what went into the snack packs:

In the snack bags we put fruit snacks, apple sauce or pudding, raisins, and milk or juice. I worked on the snack bags the whole time with Sarah, Natalie, and Avery.

Last month, we collected a total of **32** food items for our neighbors in need. The food was distributed to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Remember the pantry needs **more** food in the summer.

Snack Pack Needs: boxes of raisins, cups of apple sauce or pudding, individually packaged fruit snacks, juice boxes.

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

GROVE STREET MUSIC PROJECT RECAP

As you have witnessed through their weekly praise hymn during service, our Grove Street Musicians have developed their music talents tremendously this year. Weekly rehearsals and performances have halted for the summer, but they will resume in September.

Their year culminated with GSM sponsoring a Christian Rock Concert featuring "Pursuing JC." "The concert turned out to be a whole weekend event -- the band showed up Friday evening to unload, came back from 8 am to 8 pm Saturday to set up and rehearse, and was at service Sunday morning to start another full day of rehearsal, until finally giving the concert at 4:00. They did all of this with explicit instructions that they were not to be paid -- their primary interest was in the mentoring of our kids -- they themselves started their band when they were about the same age as GSM."*

Our Grove Street Music kids and "Pursuing JC" performed the Praise Hymn and Offertory/Anthem during the June 11th service. Grove Street Music Project opened the concert; after a wonderful opening act warmed up the crowd, "Pursuing JC" took the stage. Later in the concert, the kids from "Pursuing JC" spoke directly to the Grove Street Music kids about praising God through their music and invited GSM to dance with them for a couple of the songs.

The dedication of the Grove Street Music kids and adults is evident in their performances. However Grove Street Music project could not have progressed without the support of the church. Your positive feedback encouraged the kids to continue to practice and express their faith through music.

*Excerpts pulled from Karen and Geoff's thank you note to the church following the GSM Sweet Summer Music Concert.

STOP HUNGER NOW/RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On Saturday April 1, 2017 over 50 people gathered to package 10, 568 meals in just under two hours. The meals have been shipped to Zambia to help school children get the nutrition they need to reach their full potential. "Tens of thousands of children in countries all over the world receive Rise Against Hunger meals at school." Thanks to our volunteers, we were able to help with that mission. Here is part of the notification we received from Rise Against Hunger about the meals we packaged.

"We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event on 4/1/2017 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our New England warehouse....The meals will be received by our in-country partner Family Legacy Missions - Distribution in Zambia.

"Family Legacy operates 17 schools in the slum compounds around Lusaka, Zambia, providing education to thousands of orphans and vulnerable children every day. The 5,500 children that attend their schools are fed one meal (lunch) every day, so Stop Hunger Now meals are critical to their development and education. In addition, Family Legacy operates 26 orphan homes at the Tree of Life Children's Village, where they have over 300 orphans receiving full time care.

"Visit www.riseagainsthunger.org for more information on how you can support Rise Against Hunger and continue your involvement in the fight against hunger. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/riseagainsthunger for updates, videos and photos from the field. Thank you for volunteering with Rise Against Hunger. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to the vision of a world without hunger."

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Church Council Meeting date: June 11, 2017

Attending: Judie Culy, Pastor Paul O'Neil, Susan Lessoff (Chair), Terri J. Goldich (Recorder), Mel Bacha, George Klingman, Janice Klingman, Don Ross, Stan Culy, Phyllis King

Church Leadership Reports

PASTOR (including Lay Leadership) – Rev. Paul O'Neil – *After several months, Pastor Paul has found that Al White is interested in becoming chair of SPRC. Pastor Paul will on vacation from July 9-July 15.*

COUNCIL CHAIR– Sue Lessoff – *There is a Faith Day planned at Citi Field in New York to see the Mets vs. Dodgers game, followed by a worship service presented by Times Square Church, on Saturday, August 5. Diane will advertise within the church.*

Ministry Reports

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Linda Shivers – *Report attached.*

FINANCE and TREASURER and FINANCIAL SECRETARY-Geoff Gerow, George Klingman, Allison Corne – *George reports that Rick Bacha has been added to the church's checking account so he can sign checks. The Trustees accounts have been merged. Income is above budget by \$3000 due to two individual sizable contributions. Pledges are behind which is not unusual at this point in time. The money for the new speakers and microphones came out of the music budget. Report attached.*

LAY LEADER(S) -Candy Sunderland, Mel Bacha – *No report.*

MEN'S CLUB - Don Ross –*The tentative date for the peach festival is August 19, 2017.*

MISSIONS – *The total for the Good Friday Walk was \$10,005 and all of the money is in.*

MUSIC – Karen Stearns – *No Report*

PUBLICITY – Janice Klingman – *No Report*

REFUGEE COMMITTEE REPORT – Steve Yoder – *Report attached.*

SMALL GROUPS – Phyllis King – *The groups have not been active for the past few months due to health issues. Phyllis will ask the folks in Ray Clark's group to set a date in July and one in August.*

SPRC – *No Report*

TRUSTEES – Don Ross – *George was nominated to become a member of the Trustees; the nomination was unanimously approved. For other issues, a report is attached.*

UMW – Judie Culy – *No Report*

VERNON COMMUNITY NETWORK – Judie Culy – *No Report*

VISITATION & NURTURE – Stan Culy, Paul O'Neil – *Kay Lyke is in Crestview. Ray Clark is in Woodlake, room 314. Visits should be short; no phone calls.*

WORSHIP – Carol Robbins – *No Report*

Old business

Video licensing – *tabled for the summer. Pastor Paul will see the attorney on Thursday and will discuss the issue.*

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - Page 2 of 2

New business – a. An audit for 2016 will be performed by Rick Bacha.

b. Phyllis is disappointed in the lack of attention to her request for people to sign up to be greeters. Lexie Boucher will sit with Phyllis beginning at 9:30am with the understanding that she is calm, polite, and attentive. Phyllis would like church members to sign up for one Sunday a year, on a day that is special to them. When Phyllis finds someone who is willing to take over, she will turn the greeter task over to them gladly and feels that the service is important. Sue Lessoff thanked Phyllis for her dedication to the task and to the church.

MARRI FAMILY UPDATE

A lot has happened to the Marri family during the past couple of weeks. For example, Wiaam fell out of bed at 5:00 one morning and dislocated her elbow. Aamina crashed on her bike and had to have stitches in her leg. Suhaib had 4 very bad teeth pulled; the family didn't have any dental care for the past 5 years while they were in the refugee camp. Their refrigerator stopped working properly and it took two weeks to get it replaced. Some of their food spoiled during the long wait.

We have one or two volunteers from the Emmanuel Congregational Church in Hartford going to the Marri house starting July 3rd to help Aisha and Mohamed with their English. Also, Michelle has been working very hard to arrange for two paid tutors from the Vance Elementary School to help the kids with their English this summer. Amy Raccogni from Trinity Lutheran Church (TLC) has offer to help pay for the tutoring with her mother's memorial fund.

The family has been celebrating Ramadan all month by fasting and spending long evenings praying at their mosque. The kids decorated the house with crepe paper, balloons and Happy Ramadan signs. We gave the family \$400 in donated cash for Ramadan to help buy the kids some new clothes. Apparently purchasing new clothes is a Ramadan tradition, like giving gifts during our Christmas. Half of the money was donated by TLC and half by individuals in our church.

The kids seem to be missing school and their friends this summer. They all did very well considering none of them could speak any English. Suhaib will be repeating kindergarten, but the other 4 school kids will be advancing to the next grade level. Mahmoud received a certificate for the most improved student in his 5th grade class and will be going to middle school next year with his friends. Ahid surprised me last week by speaking perfect English while showing me a picture of her 2nd grade class and telling me her teacher's name. Hard to believe how far they have come since their arrival in December.



Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Peach Supper: Workers will be needed to help make our 2017 Peach Supper a success. Look for the sign-up sheet on the RUMC bulletin board.

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:

KidSafe Volunteers Needed: KidSafe in Vernon wants to expand the services they offer Middle and High School Students at their Youth Drop-In Center. They need volunteers who can provide 1 hour workshop/activities for the kids. Ideas for the workshops include, but are not limited to the following:

Art, dancing, music, nutrition, gardening, science, sports clinics, Team building skills, good study habits, financial literacy, martial arts and/or self-defense, self-care for boys and girls, how to start a business, social skills, substance abuse education, etc

Summer Fun for Adults!

How about reading a fun, condensed version of the Bible with us on Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45.am We will have a reading marathon capped off with about 15 minutes of discussion. The Bible will be a youth pictorial version which adults love because they can get through the entire Bible summary in short order. Are you up for the challenge?

-Janet

Strawberry Supper Update

The Men's club reported a profit of \$1018 for the Strawberry Fest. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.

MACC CHARITIES PURCHASES RESTAURANT

June 1, 2017 – MACC Charities purchased the Landmark Café, located at 867 Main Street, Manchester, CT. This social enterprise has the amazing potential to build on the good foundation and trust MACC has enjoyed for over 44 years. MACC is pleased to have grown the capacity to now offer employment and economic development opportunities to the community we love and serve. Opening target date is the fall of 2017.

-From the June Lamplighter - Bolton United Methodist Church

LINKS TO ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

Here are links to some newsletters that may interest you:

Cornerstone: <https://www.joomag.com/magazine/my-first-magazine-cornerstone-newsletter-march-2017/0041000001487529753>

Accion Medica Christiana: <http://www.nicaraguacovenant.org/newsletter.html>

HVCC: <http://files.constantcontact.com/e1ebfd6201/8eddb7c7-d5c2-4844-aa26-960d17684227.pdf> (sign up for the newsletter is on <http://hvcchelps.org/>).

Interpreter Magazine: <http://www.interpretermagazine.org/magazine/current-issue>

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

July 11th - *Experience the Flavor*, Santini Grand Lofts Clubhouse 6-8:30pm, food and drink provided by local restaurants and businesses; tickets \$40.

July 17th - *Bill Gaither & the Gaither Vocal Band*. 3pm at the Hanover Theatre, Worcester MA. Tickets are \$25.50 to \$39.50 each.

August 19th - *KidsafeCT Car Show*, 9am to 2 pm, Tolland County Agricultural Center, Vernon, CT. Free for spectators, \$10 for classic car entry. Raffles, food, music, and kid's activities.

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE 1-800-273-TALK

If you are thinking about suicide help is a phone call away. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255. If you suspect someone you know might be showing warning signs, you can learn about what you can do to help on their website: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - AUGUST 1ST

On August 1st from 5-8 pm the Rockville Community Alliance (RCA) in conjunction with the Vernon Police Department and the Vernon Community Network will be participating in the nationwide 34th Annual National Night Out in downtown Rockville. The Rockville National Night Out has a new location: St. Bernard Church Parking Lot.

This annual happening has attracted thousands of people to this family oriented event. There will be free entertainment, free exhibits, free demonstrations and FREE FOOD.

DOING SOMETHING FUN THIS SUMMER?

Our Gift Card Program has the card you need for your summer fun: restaurants, hotels, car rental, local attractions, gas cards to get you there, supermarket cards for the snacks to pack, and department store cards for the new clothes you need for the occasion. Purchase your favorite gift cards through RUMC and help the church; major chains donate a percent of the sale of the gift cards back to the church. You always receive 100% of your purchase. The order form is on our website:

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

Amazon Smile -July 11th



July 11, 2017 is Amazon Prime Day. Amazon Prime members will receive hundreds of discounts throughout the day. Don't forget to visit our Amazon Smile landing page (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1283681>) before you log into your Amazon account, and RUMC will benefit while you enjoy the sale.

Log in through Amazon Smile and RUMC will receive .5% of the price of the eligible purchases; make your purchases as you normally do. The more you use the Amazon Smile like, the more the church receives in donations. There is an Amazon Smile link at the bottom of the RUMC home page.



Summer Worship Attendants
Sign up sheets are on the board in
Fellowship Hall.

July 2

Genesis 22: 1-14
 Psalm 13 (UMH)
 Romans 6: 12-23
 Matthew 10: 40-42

July 9

Genesis 25: 29-34
 Psalm 72 or 45: 10-17 (UMH)
 Romans 7: 15-25a
 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 16

Genesis 25: 19-34
 Psalm 25 or 119: 105-112 (UMH)
 Romans 8: 1-11
 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 23

Genesis 28: 10-22
 Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 (UMH)
 Romans 8: 12-25
 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 30

Genesis 29: 1-20
 Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b (UMH)
 Romans 8: 26-39
 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

August 6

Genesis 32: 22-31
 Psalm 17: 1-7, 15 (UMH)
 Romans 9: 1-5
 Matthew 14: 13-21

August 13

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-26
 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH)
 Romans 10: 5-15
 Matthew 14: 22-33

August 20

Genesis 39: 1-23
 Psalm 133 (UMH)
 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 27

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10
 Psalm 124 (UMH)
 Romans 12: 1-8
 Matthew 16: 13-20

Greeters

Phyllis King, coordinator;
 Lexie, assistant

July 2	Judie & Stan Culy
July 9	Brenda & Jim Mlodzinski
July 16	available
July 23	available
July 30	available
August 6	available
August 13	available
August 20	available
August 27	available

Liturgists

Candy Sunderland, coordinator

July 2	Mel Bacha
July 9	Richard Poulin
July 16	Rick Bacha
July 23	Carol Aronson
July 30	Harry Thomas
August 6	Mike Faiaz
August 13	available
August 20	available
August 27	available

Acolytes

Don Ross, coordinator.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.

July 2	Laurie & Mel
July 9	Carol Ross
July 16	available
July 23	available
July 30	Janet, Dave, Laurie & Mel
August 6	available
August 13	available
August 20	available
August 27	available

Altar Flowers

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

July 2	available
July 9	available
July 16	Rebecca Bacha
July 23	Sandy Spivey
July 30	available
August 6	Lisa Williams
August 13	Rebecca Bacha
August 20	Mlodzinski
August 27	available

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday Beyond Sundays
Mission Week
July 17 to 21st

Rally Sunday
September 10, 2017

**Harvest Supper/
 Leap of Faith Concert**
October 28, 2017

Holiday Bazaar
November 18, 2017

Special Needs

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
Margaret & Joe - medical
Aieden Robbins - medical
Victor - medical
Marilyn Garabedian - medical
Netania Charles - prayers
Deolinda - piece of mind
The Marri Family
Chester Chase - medical
Art St. Louis - medical
Josh Bartlett - medical

Prayer Requests

Those in Christian Service

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

Our Church Family

Bill Spivey Jr. - medical
Virginia Wehrli - medical
Harry Thomas - medical
Ray Clark - medical

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

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



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 rum-coffice@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

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

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 10am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

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

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

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Linda Shivers, Director of Christian Education

Don Ross, Church Custodian

Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)

Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua