

**Change Is in the Air here at Rockville United Methodist Church.**

Children's Sunday May 17, 2015 marked the last official Sunday school for Eileen Gay. Eileen has stepped down as Director of Christian Education. For the past two years, Eileen has led the Sunday school program with enthusiasm--providing a curriculum and activities to get the children excited to come to church. She has certainly left her mark on the program.

Linda Shivers is bringing a new energy to the Director of Christian Education position as she begins by providing Summer Sunday School. The children are going to "eat their way through the bible" this summer as they learn related recipes and scriptures each week. The spiritual education of our children is again in very capable hands. Soon the Sunday school program will reflect Linda's style and drive.

Sunday June 14, 2015 will be Pastor Ricki's final service here at Rockville United Methodist Church. Ricki has served here for nine years as Rockville United Methodist Church's first female pastor ever. Ricki has formed many close friendships with members of our congregation, and her weekly guidance will be missed.

Sunday July 5, 2015 will be Pastor Paul O'Neil's first service here at Rockville United Methodist Church. Originally from Quincy Massachusetts, Paul served as an army chaplain for twenty years before retiring from military service and moving back to Massachusetts (from Hawaii) to serve as a pastor at Acushnet Wesley UMC. Paul is coming to us from Moultonboro United Methodist Church in New Hampshire. A couple from Moultonboro stopped by while visiting relatives in Vernon to check out their Pastor's new home; they will be visiting for services when here in town.

Although we wish all four the best in their next adventure in life, change can be difficult. While visiting the Suntime United Methodist Church in Florida, the Culy's attended a service covering some of the "Seven Steps in an Ideal Transition". These steps are specifically written for the adjustments members of a Methodist Church experiences when changing pastors; here is a brief summary:

1. **Identity:** Acceptance and appreciation for the Methodist Tradition of the bishop sending the clergy to the local church.
2. **Trust:** Believing that through God's guidance, the bishop will send us the best available clergy; someone who will address the specific needs of our church.
3. **Grace:** The local church will address their grief at saying goodbye to the departing pastor and welcome the new pastor warmly and completely before getting to know him/her.
4. **Respect:** Acceptance and eagerness for the new pastor's style and messages. "There is an anticipation of how this unique person will move the church forward in its mission and ministry."
5. **Belonging:** In the beginning there will be a time of adjustment and formation; soon both pastor and congregation will feel they belong with each other.
6. **Accomplishment:** With renewed energy the pastor and congregation work to "move the ministry of the church forward".
7. **Change:** The cycle will begin again. Take the time to grieve together and prepare for what is ahead.

**Change is in the air**

The complete write-up of the "Seven Steps in an Ideal Transition" can be found on the Suntime United Methodist Church website <http://www.suntimeunitedmethodist.org/seven-steps-in-an-ideal-transition/>.



Dear Friends

This marks my final Pastoral letter and I wish I had something immensely clever and thought-provoking to offer all of you. But the best I can come up with is to say, “Thank you.” Thank you for welcoming me in July 2006 as your pastor, for your ever present hospitality and your generous spirit. Thank you for sharing your stories and allowing me to share mine with you. Thank you for inviting me to the many birthday parties, anniversaries celebrations, and other special occasions. I always felt included as if I were a member of your families because you treated me as such.

Thank you for listening so faithfully to the many, many sermons I preached, for offering your compliments when I put words to music and tried to sing though, truth be told, not all that well. Thank you for giving me the honor and privilege of baptizing your babies and children, for confirming their faith and welcoming them into full membership in this church, for allowing me to stand with you in your grief over the loss of a loved one and for sharing in the marriage of your children or grandchildren.

Thank you for the many gifts I’ve received in the last nine years, for crosses, candles, angels, and pictures. Thank you for letting me run around the church with a hot cup of coffee in hand and for making sure there was always something good to eat when I was hungry. Thank you for working so well together as a congregation and for sharing your many gifts to make certain the ministry of Rockville UMC would blossom and expand out into the world. Thank you for always saying, “Yes” to the possibilities and for saying, with a hopeful prayer, “Maybe” to the hard challenges we faced as a church. Thank you for your tears, your laughter, and for your patience, for letting me make mistakes and not holding them against me and for sharing your own mistakes with the hope I wouldn’t hold it against you. I haven’t.

Good-byes are always difficult especially when there have been so many happy memories, but I take heart and hope you do too. It will be those memories – all of them – joyful and reflective, which will sustain you and I both for the future toward which we move. Yes, we will move in different directions but toward the same aim: to serve God with all the gifts we have received. As long as we have breath and substance, we will continue to be God’s blessed messengers of peace and hope and willing disciples of Jesus Christ in the world.

Go in peace and with my gratitude and love,

The Reverend Dr. Henrietta “Ricki” D. Aiello



## **Vacation Bible School June 29th to July 3rd**

**Thank you Eileen for all your hard work and commitment to the children of RUMC, and I want to thank you for offering to guide me and support me through my first year as Director of Christian Education.**

**I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that I am looking forward to working with the families, youth and children of Rockville United Methodist Church. I will be looking for a lot of guidance on keeping the activities going that the Sunday school and congregation look forward to every year, and hopefully together we can create some new activities for the Sunday school program. I would like to reconvene in August the Committee of Christian Education. I have a list of those that are on the committee and will be contacting you shortly to make sure you still would want to be a part of this committee.**

**I am starting a summer Sunday school program this summer and would love to invite the congregation to volunteer to teach a Sunday. I have always felt that a lot of families do not take the opportunity to come in the summer because there is no program for their children. We all need to take some time weekly, all year round, to connect with God and feel spiritually renewed and the children need a program geared for them. The classes will be combined from 4 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and the curriculum is an "Eat your way through the Bible" theme. There a few Sundays I will not be able to teach because of vacations, and family commitments.**

**Vacation Bible School still needs a Science teacher, and if you can't teach the whole week, please consider teaching a day or two- to help us out.**

**Registration is still open for VBS; we hope you pass the word to neighbors and friends letting them know about our wonderful program, open to 3yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**I officially start the second week of August, but feel free to contact me with questions, suggestions, or new ideas anytime. I will be at church most of the summer.**

**"Faith is seeing light with your heart, when all your eyes see is darkness."**

**Linda Shivers**

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## **Summer Worship Service and Breakfast**

**On July 12th and August 9th we will be having summer worship service in Fellowship Hall with a light breakfast buffet. We will be visiting shut-ins following these services. Last year, over 50 people participated at each of the two services and many visits were made. This is a fine way to keep in touch with our church community.**

## Vacation Bible School Registration

Student's Name(s)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

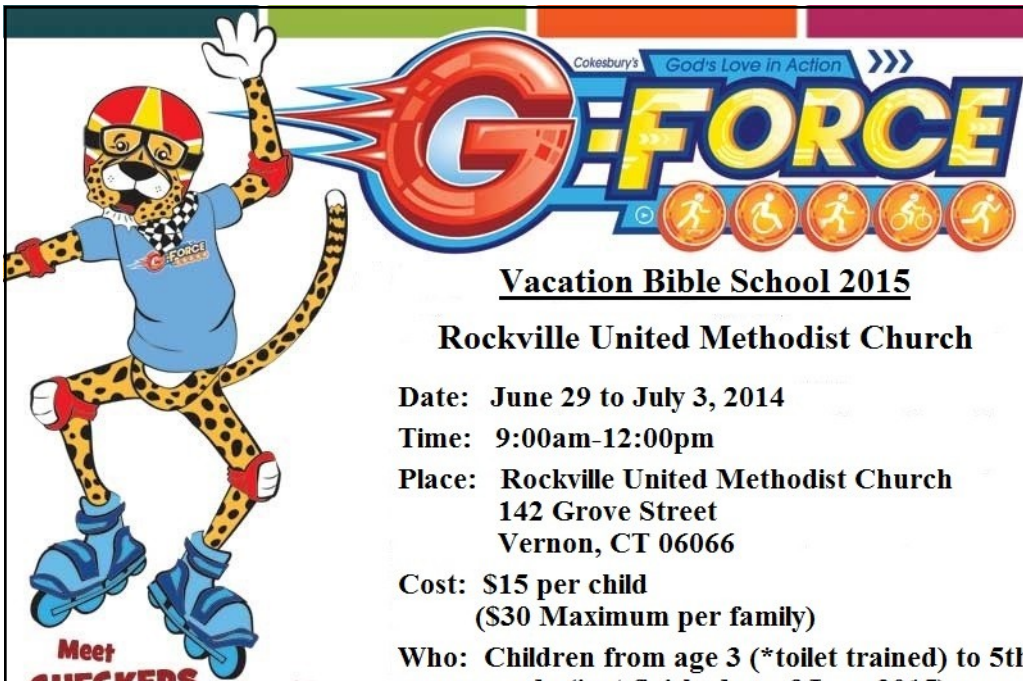
To keep costs down, we will provide one music CD per family. If you would like additional CDs, please enclose \$4.00 for each.

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# of children registered \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15 each (or \$30 family cap) = \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed for **additional** music CD \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an additional donation of \_\_\_\_\_. Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



**Vacation Bible School 2015**

**Rockville United Methodist Church**

**Date:** June 29 to July 3, 2014  
**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm  
**Place:** Rockville United Methodist Church  
 142 Grove Street  
 Vernon, CT 06066  
**Cost:** \$15 per child  
 (\$30 Maximum per family)  
**Who:** Children from age 3 (\*toilet trained) to 5th grade (just finished as of June 2015)  
 Special needs children are welcome and do not need to be toilet trained.

**Meet CHECKERS the Cheetah!**

**Registration Ends 6-5-2015**

**Come join us this year for G-Force "God's Love in Action"**

Vacation Bible School  
2015

Registration forms are in the newsletter, available in the RUMC office, on the [RUMC website](#). Registration ends Friday June 5th.



Pastor Paul O'Neil and his wife Janet are originally from Quincy, Massachusetts. Both of them were raised in the Roman Catholic Church and later joined the Assemblies of God. After Paul graduated from Plymouth State College in NH, he joined the US Army and served as a physical therapy technician, an armor and public affairs officer until he left the military to enter into the ministry. Upon completion of seminary and a subsequent pastorate, Rev O'Neil reentered the US Army as a chaplain and served in military bases in the United States and overseas. When he retired after twenty years of military service in 2003 from Ft.

Shafter in Honolulu, Hawaii, Rev O'Neil transferred his ministerial credentials from the Assemblies of God to the United Methodist Church. Since then, he has served as pastor of the Acushnet Wesley UMC in Massachusetts from 2003-2010 and the Moultonborough UMC in NH from 2010-2015. He and his wife Janet have been married 35 years and have one adult son Benjamin and a 4 month old grandson, Anthony. Pastor O'Neil and his wife look forward to meeting everyone in Rockville.

*Please join Pastor O'Neil on July 5, 2015 for his first service here at Rockville. A welcoming reception will follow the service.*

## **"When God Created Fathers"**

**When the good Lord was creating fathers, He started with a tall frame.**

**A female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."**

**And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"**

**And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy.**

**The angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."**

**And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from pockets at the end of a day, yet small enough to cup a child's face."**

**And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders.**

**The angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him with the kid falling between his legs?"**

**And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."**

**God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"**

**And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross or scare off mice at the summer cabin or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."**

**God worked throughout the night, giving the father few words but a firm, authoritative voice and eyes that saw everything but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added tears. Then He turned to the angel and said,**

**"Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a mother?"**

**The angel shutteth up.**

**— Erma Bombeck, *When God Created Fathers***



## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

### CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY BY GIVING HOPE

Your gift of \$10.00, given to **CWS** makes a difference in the lives of children and adults around the world. Church World Service provides us an opportunity to help people around the world who struggle against poverty and powerlessness.

**CWS** help comes in many shapes and sizes:

- gardening implements
- job skills training such as carpentry and welding
- training for veterinarians
- fabric for sewing classes
- wells for clean water



On **Father's Day, June 21**, **CWS** invites you to remember a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, or son by giving a gift of \$10.00. These special men will be listed in a bulletin insert on Father's Day, June 21st. Orders will be accepted from Sunday, May 31 through Sunday, June 14.

Please return this to the church office no later than June 14.

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#### Father's Day "TOOLS OF HOPE"

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Rockville United Methodist Church

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

(Orders will be accepted through June 14)

## Church Council Meeting on June 7th

There will be an abbreviated Church Council meeting following worship on Sunday, June 7th at 12:30 pm. No lunch will be provided.

*Please* prepare and submit written reports so that this meeting can be done by 1:30 pm.

Thank you,

Pete Schilling—Chair

The **Rockville United Methodist Women's** Club will be providing a **\$50 scholarship** to anyone attending a United Methodist Summer Camp in New England. Please contact Judie Culy for details.

<http://campaldersgate.com/>  
<http://www.wanakee.org/>  
<http://www.mechuwana.org/>  
<http://www.rollingridge.org/>  
<http://www.covenanthillsvt.com/>

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Any women interested in A Day Apart at Willimantic Camp Grounds, please contact Judie Culy. Judie is looking into possible dates for the trip.

## **Laity Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **9:30 am Summer Hour**

On Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>, the worship service is being planned by Candy, Mel, and Pete. We will celebrate the ministry of all lay people whose lives are empowered in ministry by the Holy Spirit. We will be recognizing those in various areas of Christian service plus a special skit rich in meaning for all of us.

Laity Sunday offers a moment for lay people of all ages to pause and consider again their own unique call to share the Good News and to reach out to others in love. It recognizes the servanthood of all believers, a concept that was modeled perfectly by Jesus when he washed the dust from his disciples' feet.

***Laity Sunday celebrates the people in the pews.***



## **Amazon smile**

**Rockville United Methodist Church is now signed up with Amazon Smile. Through this program .5% of the price of eligible purchases will be donated to our church. 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. Help support RUMC as you shop for Dad this June!**

# 2015 Strawberry Festival

## Rockville United Methodist Church

Saturday June 20, 2015

5-6:30 pm

Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad and our famous **Strawberry Shortcake**

Adults: \$13      Children (6-12): \$6      Children 5 and under are free

Walk-Ins are welcome. Takeout is available.

Shut-in delivery is free with the purchase of a meal.



### Volunteer Opportunities

The Men's Club is sponsoring our **Strawberry Festival** on **Saturday June 20, 2015**. Volunteers are needed to help prepare a fantastic meal. Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board in June.

Help us get the parsonage ready for our new pastor. **Painting, yard work, and cleaning will be needed June 8th to 13th**. Please bring your own supplies and/or tools. Please see Don Ross for coordination.

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.

We need people to help **provide and/or serve food** at our summer worship services in Fellowship Hall on **July 12th and August 9th**. Judie Culy is coordinating.

### 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

### 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  
cancer  
Mrs. Keith—back surgery —  
client of Gary Tyler  
Ken Guillow—hospice—would  
enjoy short visits from  
friends

### 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  
Ken Guillow—Fox Hill  
June Guillow-home  
Jean Benner—Residence at SW  
Farms

### 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](mailto:rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net)**



**Happy  
Birthday**

Mike Gay	June 1	Joanne Stenger	June 13
John Wilkie	June 1	Ricki Aiello	June 20
Airelle Shivers	June 3	Wayne Badstuebner	June 20
Annette Welton	June 3	Craig Stearns	June 20
Ernest Pearson	June 5	Stephen Yoder	June 21
Camden McPeck	June 8	Rayana Culvey	June 23
Makenzie Fox	June 10	Sean Chapman	June 29
Helen Stambo	June 12		

### Quote of the Month

"One benefit of summer was that each day we  
had more light to read by."

- Jeannette Walls, The Glass Castle

**June 7**

1 Samuel 8: 4-20 (11: 14-15)  
Psalm 138 (UMH)  
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1  
Mark 3: 20-35

**June 14**

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13  
Psalm 20 or Psalm 72 (UMH)  
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13)  
14-17  
Mark 4: 26-34

**June 21**

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23)  
32-49  
Psalm 9: 9-20 (UMH)  
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13  
Mark 4: 35-41

**June 28**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130 (UMH)  
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15  
Mark 5: 21-43

**June Worship Attendants****Greeters**

Please see Jerrie Kirby for dates available.

**Liturgists**

Please see Candy Sunderland for dates available.

**Children's Message**

June 7	Pastor Ricki
June 14	available
June 21	Rebecca Bacha
June 28	Mel Bacha

**Acolytes**

Please see Sherry Pearson for dates available.

**Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour**

June 7	Karen Perras
June 14	SPRC Committee
June 21	Ross
June 28	available

**Altar Flowers**

June 7	Pikors
June 14	Janet McKercher
June 21	available
June 28	available

**Food Donations**

We delivered a total of **29** items to the Tri-Town Pantry in the first four weeks of May. Thank you for your donations helping those in need. Please remember need doesn't end in the summer, it increases. Children no longer receiving school lunch look forward to the *peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned or dry soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit and juice boxes you donate.*

-Suzanne Bird

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS****Sunday June 14th**

**Pastor Ricki's farewell service. Luncheon to celebrate her retirement to follow the service.**

**Sunday July 5th**

**Pastor Paul O'Neil's first service at RUMC. A welcoming reception will follow the service.**

**Sunday June 21st**

**Laity Sunday  
(Start of Summer Hours 9:30 am)**

Return Service  
Requested

## ***Rockville United Methodist Church***

**Adult Study 9:30 am—on summer hiatus**

**Sunday School 10:45 am**

**Worship Service 10:45 am**

**Summer Worship Service Hours begin June 21st 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.



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, Church School Superintendent*

*Roger LaChance, Church Custodian*

*Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)*

*Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua*