

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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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.

A Look at Church Generations



The study of generations has always piqued my interest so I would like to share how the different generations view church.

Greatest (1901-1926)/Silent Generation (1927-1945) Ages 72 to 100+

I consider the people who are alive from these two generations to be the pillars of the church. If physically able, they will be present at Sunday morning for worship. They have borne the burden of serving on committees, teaching Sunday school, participating in all the fundraisers, their vested interest in keeping the church alive is commendable. For those who have long been retired, seeing all the familiar faces at worship is a source of strength. For our shut-ins, it is mutually beneficial to receive home visits from the pastor and other caring individuals. The relationship of the Greatest Generation with the church has helped guide their life from the cradle to the grave.

Baby Boomers (1946-1964) Ages 53 to 71

This group of believers are either newly retired or at the height of their career. The years have passed quickly and their spiritual lives have been made rich by the church. When Baby Boomers came of age, our nation was socially in turmoil. Unfortunately, lot of Boomers left the church in their youth. However if some of them stayed or came back as adults, they now serve in key leadership positions in the church. Many United Methodist pastors also come from this generation. It is important for people of this generation to know they are on the right spiritual path and are open to different forms of worship.

Generation Xers (1965-1980) Ages 37 to 52

For the Generation Xer, the search for intimacy is a driving force; they value teamwork, relationships and community. This group also known as “Busters” and do not believe in absolute truth. To them everything is relative. It is possible that they can be “pro-choice” in regards to abortion, but “pro-life” when it comes to whales and other wildlife. With their postmodern mind set, they do not necessarily believe science will alone solve our problems, but there is something beyond what they can see, feel, touch, taste and smell. In the church Gen Xers are comfortable with small group ministries. They are more attuned to relationships in the church than they are to needs and wants of a religious denomination. If their hearts are into it, the Generation Xers will give the church their full support.

Generation Y/Millennials *(1981-2000) Ages 17 to 36

This group has grown up in a vastly different environment than all of the others who preceded them. There is a paradox--though they are straying from traditional Christianity, their interest in spirituality grows. Unfortunately 80% who were reared in the church and attended our Sunday and Vacation Bible schools have left or will leave. Faith is more of a conscious choice, not embedded with their family values. We need to recognize that their primary means of communication is the mobile phone; it is unlikely they will hear spiritual truths in traditional theological language. For those who are present with us on a Sunday, it is important that they see the authenticity of a faith lived out by the other generations; however, they are most likely to be spiritually nurtured by social media, movies and television.

Generation Z (2001-Present) Ages 1 to 16

The good news is that 78% of this generation believes in God and many of them are in church. As a church, we should make children's ministries a priority to attract and keep these young people. Though they are fully immersed in social media, Generation Z wants personal interaction with people and with the Lord. A religious faith that is engaging and socially relevant will keep these people from straying. These are the people who are part of Grove Street, Bell Choirs and enthusiastically participate in summer mission projects.



Summary: In our church, we have those from every generation and our outreach must be to them all. As individuals, we need to try to understand the other generations and provide rich Christian models to the younger ones. Our faith must be genuine. Our programs, our prayers, our speech should reflect a willingness to understand each other and to work together for the sake of reaching all souls with the gospel of Christ. I have found that this church does well in crossing generational lines, and I pray that we continue to do so. I will leave you with a question to ponder: "What generation are you, and what can you do for another age group?"

May you have a safe summer. Be sure to attend church if you are on vacation. Remember, God does not slumber or sleep and is always only a prayer away.

Pastor Paul



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."

Spread the diaper in the position of the diamond with you at bat. Then fold second base down to home and set the baby on the pitcher's mound. Put first base and third together, bring up home plate and pin the three together. Of course, in case of rain, you gotta call the game and start all over again.

~Jimmy Piersal, on how to diaper a baby, 1968

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

June 4- rehearsal for Children’s Sunday in Fellowship Hall, after Children’s message.
June 11- Children’s Sunday, the Sunday school classes will be taking part in the worship service.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR SEPT 2017-JUNE 2018:

Next year we will need to add another Sunday School class. After talking with teachers in 6th grade and up we will need to add an 8th grade and older class. So our Sunday School classes will be as follows:
3yrs-5yrs: kindergarten-3rd grade; 4th & 5th gr, 6th & 7th gr and 8th gr and up. We will need a new classroom- possibly the old library and 2 more teachers.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Your help is needed to keep a one room Sunday school class going this summer for ages 3yrs-3rd grade. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two throughout the summer. Curriculum will be provided.

Dates: June 16 & 25, July 9, 16, 23, & 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, & 27.
No classes on July 2- holiday weekend,

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

VBS will be the week of **June 26-30** 9:00 am- 12 noon. Family Night will be Thursday the 29th. Registration forms are now available online or in the office. This program is open to family, friends, and children in the community - get the word out to all! Don Corne and I will be directing together again this year.

SUNDAY BEYOND SUNDAY (YOUTH): -

June 11- Christian Rock Concert. Youth will be doing a bake sale.
June 23- Sleepover at church 7:00 pm-9:00 am. We will be helping to set up for vacation Bible School and a commitment is needed for mission week if you are attending.

July 17-21 Mission week.

**Vacation Bible School
June 26 to June 30, 2017
9:00am-12:00pm**

**Place: Rockville United Methodist Church
142 Grove Street
Vernon, CT 06066**

Cost: \$20 per child (\$40 Maximum per family)

**Who: Children from age 3 (*toilet trained) to 5th grade (just finished as of June 2017)
Special needs children are welcome and do not need to be toilet trained.**

The theme of this year’s Vacation Bible School is “Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God”. This week-long program is a community effort sponsored by Rockville United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School (VBS) includes Bible study, recreation, crafts, music, storytelling, science, puppet shows, bells, and a fun Family Night on June 29.

There are always funds available for children who may not have enough money to attend in this challenging economy. Please feel free to call any of the Directors if you need help. All are welcome to our program and we look forward to meeting you! Please return one (1) form per family to Rockville United Methodist Church, with a check made payable to RUMC.

Registration forms are also available to download and print at our church web-site: www.rockumchurch.com. Invite your friends for a fun week as you learn about your Christian faith. Registration ends June 9, 2017.

2017 VBS Registration

Student's Name:

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 _____ email: _____
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.

of children registered ____ at \$20 each (or \$40 family cap) = _____
Amount enclosed for **additional** music CD _____
I would like to make an additional donation of _____. Total amount enclosed _____
Check # _____



STRAWBERRY SUPPER

JUNE 17, 2017

5 - 6:30 PM

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

**Adults, \$13; Children (ages 6-12): \$5;
children 5 and under are free.**

Take-out meals are available.

Call the church for reservations 860-875-6562

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Strawberry Supper: Workers are needed to help make our 2017 Strawberry Supper a success. The sign-up sheet is 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:

Blood Drive: The Red Cross is holding a blood drive here at RUMC on Tuesday June 6th from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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

2017 SWEET SUMMER

GROVE STREET

Music Concert

*To Benefit RUMC Music
& Youth Programs*



JUNE
11TH
@4PM

With Featured Guest
Pursuing JC

HOSTED BY: THE GROVE STREET MUSIC PROJECT



Rockville United Methodist Church

142 Grove Street, Rockville CT

🌐 www.rockumchurch.com ☎ 860-875-6562

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

\$18 in advance / \$20 at the door per ticket donation to RUMC

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

CELEBRATE THE PARENTS IN YOUR LIFE BY GIVING HOPE

Church World Service (CWS) makes a difference in the lives of children and adults around the world. CWS provides us an opportunity to help people around the world who struggle against poverty and powerlessness.

CWS help comes in many shapes and sizes; You can make an unspecified donation or specify how the money should be spent.

On **Father's Day, June 18**, we will honor the **Mothers and Fathers** in our lives; these special people will be listed in the bulletin insert on Father's Day. Orders will be accepted from Mother's Day, May 14 through Sunday, June 11.

Please return this to the church office no later than June 11.

CWS - HOPE, HONOR, AND CELEBRATION

QTY	Cost	Impact
___	\$10	Provides 1 blanket
___	\$12	Provides Nutrition for Children
___	\$15	Provides 12 Jerry Cans for clean water
___	\$25	Provides 50 chicks and a self-propagating food source
___	\$25	Provides Educational Toys and helps kids be kids during emergencies
___	\$25	Provides Seeds & Tools and the training to use them
_____		Provides service where needed most

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

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Signed _____

(Orders will be accepted through June 11)



Covenant to Care for Children Pledge Submission:

<https://events.r2it.com/birdies/DefaultPage/TravelersChampionship/Default.aspx?site=travelerschampionship&siteId=101&charity=CovenantToCareforChildren&charityId=131710&birdType=Charity>

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.**

June 3rd - South Windsor Community Chorus sings songs from movies. 7 pm at South Windsor High School. <http://www.swchorus.org/>

June 4th - Hockanum Valley Ringers will perform at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon at 3 pm. <http://hvringers.org/>

June 9th - South Windsor Community Band is having a free concert. 7 pm at Timothy Edwards Middle School.

June 10th- Grove Street Music Project presents Pursuing JC. 4 pm in the sanctuary.

June 17th -

- RUMC Strawberry Supper 5 - 6:60 pm; \$13 adults; \$5 ages 6 to 12; free to kids 5 and under.
- Flamingo Big Band - swing band; 7pm at North UMC in Manchester. \$15 per person.
- Christian Music Festival- 12 pm to 5 pm; free; live music. At Hyde Park in Stafford Springs; www.fumcstafford.org

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.**

Blood Drive

Tuesday June 6, 2017 ♦ 11:30 am to 4:30 pm

RUMC Fellowship Hall

RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass- complete your pre-donation reading and health history.

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.

OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

Purchase your favorite gift cards through RUMC and help the church; major chains donate a percent of the gift cards we sell 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/>

STOP HUNGER NOW

On Saturday April 1, 2017 over 50 people gathered to package 10, 568 meals in just under two hours. The meals will be combined with meals from other packing events to fill a cargo container then shipped to help combat world hunger. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Prayer Requests

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
 Nadine Skoglund - medical
 Betty-Ann Opplet -medical
 The Marri Family

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

Merrilee Thomas-home
 Harry Thomas - Woodlake
 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 & Kay Lyke—home
 Annette Welton—Vernon Manor
 Irene Surette—home
 Leonard Aronson - Vernon Manor
 Tom Rider - Fox Hill

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

In Memory Of
Natalie Robertson
 July 4, 1929 to May 3, 2017
David Taft
 September 24, 1946 to May 5, 2017

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.



JUNE
 BIRTHDAYS



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Jack Wilkie	June 1	Joanne Stenger	June 13
Mike Gay	June 1	Wayne Badstuebner	June 20
Subhash Nayi	June 1	Craig Stearns	June 20
Annette Welton	June 3	Ricki Aiello	June 20
Arielle Shivers	June 3	Lexi	June 21
Lucas Beloff	June 4	Stephen Yoder	June 21
Camden McPeck	June 8	Rayana Culvey	June 23
Makenzie Fox	June 10	Alex Prevost	June 28
Helen Stambo	June 12	Sean Chapman	June 29

Quote of the Month

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be."

~Unknown



June 4

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b (UMH)
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
John 7: 37-39

June 11

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a
Psalm 8 (UMH)
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Mathew 28: 16-20

June 18

Genesis 18: 1-15
Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 (UMH)
Romans 5: 1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25

Genesis 21: 8-21
Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 or Psalm 17 (UMH)
Romans 6: 1b-11
Matthew 10: 24-39

June Worship Attendants

Greeters

Phyllis King, coordinator
June 4 available
June 11 available
June 18 available
June 25 available

Liturgists

Candy Sunderland, coordinator
June 4 Anna Gerow
June 11 Janice Klingman
June 18 Ian Corne
June 25 Mike Faiaz

Acolytes

Don Ross, coordinator.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.
June 4 Tom Farrish
June 11 available
June 18 Ross
June 25 Rebecca Bacha

Altar Flowers

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

June 4 available
June 11 available
June 18 available
June 25 available

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Children's Sunday
June 11, 2017**

**Christian Rock Concert
June 11, 2017
4:00 pm**

**Strawberry Supper
June 17, 2017**

**SBS Sleepover
June 23 to 24
7pm to 9 am**

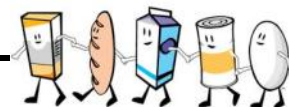
**VBS
June 26 to 30th
9am to noon**

**Sunday Beyond Sundays
Mission Week
July 17 to 21st**

Last month, we collected a total of **45** 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.

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

-Suzanne Bird



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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