



Saturday, March 19  
5-6:30pm

**CORNED BEEF  
SUPPER**

Adults:	\$13
Children 6-12:	\$5
Children 5 & under:	Free

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Vegetables,  
Homemade Irish Soda Bread and  
Grasshopper Pie for Dessert.

**Good Friday Walk  
March 25, 2016**

For over 35 years we have been participating in the Good Friday Walk. It is a multi-organizational effort to raise money for both national and local charities. A link to the Journal Inquirer interview with Judie Culy is on [our Facebook page](#). For more information, there will be a Good Friday Walk table in Fellowship Hall, each Sunday until the event.

Walk twenty miles or less!! We have volunteers at 10 stops along the 20 mile route. Recruit sponsors to pledge either a lump sum or a per mile pledge. (Don't forget you can sponsor yourself.) We have some members who have been walking for decades accumulating a total of hundreds of miles each.

You don't have to walk to make a difference: Work here or at one of the 9 other stops along the way. Donate food. Sponsor a walker with your pledge—lump sum or per mile. Work at registration. Be a crossing guard. Be a driver. Help to put up route signs and/or take them down. Organize the materials needed for each stop.

Check our website <http://www.rockumchurch.com/home/> for updated information, sponsor sheets, and a wonderful [video trailer](#) created by Jake explaining "Why We Walk."

**JESUS WALKED ON GOOD FRIDAY, WILL YOU?**

Dear Church Family,

We are well into the 40 day Lenten season which is traditionally a time for soul searching and spiritual reflection. On February 10, our church participated in a joint Ash Wednesday service at the Crystal Lake United Methodist Church.



On **Thursday, March 24 at 7 PM**, we have been invited by the Trinity United Methodist Church in Windsor to join them in their **Maundy Thursday worship service**. A group called Jews for Jesus will be present to explain the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God. We will actually see a table set with traditional Passover items and hear the story of the Exodus told with comparisons with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We will conclude this presentation by the celebration of communion.

On **Friday, March 25 at 7:30 AM**, our church will host for the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year the **Good Friday Walk**. This concept was introduced in the early 1980's by Pastor Richard Thompson. Historically our church raises \$12,000 which supports Sharing, Inc., a non-profit organization that raises money to provide food, clothes, and books to the under-privileged people in the southern states. One third of the proceeds will go to support the Tri-Town Shelter, a local fifteen bed emergency shelter for homeless individuals.

The highlight of the Christian year is our **Easter Sunday Worship Service** on **March 27 at 10 AM**. Easter is the belief that that Jesus rose from the dead. The four gospels (Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24 and John 20 & 21) all contain abundant testimony to the resurrection of Jesus. As our church family prepares to celebrate Easter, let us renew our commitment to love and serve the Lord.

The Lord is Risen. He is Risen Indeed.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Paul

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Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 13, 2016. Time to move the clock **forward one hour**; see you in church early!

### Sunday School:

**March 6:** Offering collected in Sunday School. Communion will be served right after Children's message allowing the children to stay with their parents, then going to Sunday school. Changing the time allows the teachers to teach the lesson without having to stop and then start up again and causes less of a disruption to the congregation.

**March 13:** Sunday School

**March 20:** Sunday School, Palm Sunday

**March 27:** No Sunday School, Nursery room is open to children 5 yrs and under. Easter bag hunt will be **AFTER** the church service this year. (Either Fellowship Hall or outside depends on weather).

### Vacation Bible School:

Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 20-24 9:00 am- 12 noon. Family Night will be Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our theme this year is **Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love**. Whatever you can do to help us out during the week or in the weeks leading up to VBS we would love to have you! Contact Linda Shivers for information. Registration forms are available online or in the office. All are invited (friends, cousins etc.) Spread the word.

### Children's Music: (bells and choir) - all at 9 am

**March 6:** Children's Choir

**Mar 13:** Children's Choir

**Mar 20:** Children's Bells

**March 27:** Easter- Children's bells will be playing during the worship service

**April 3:** 9:00 am Children's Choir

**April 10:** 9:00 am Children's Choir

### Youth Updates:-

**Basketball:** Two dates left, **March 12 and March 26**. 6:30pm-8:30pm, Wapping Congregational Church (1790 Ellington Road, South Windsor). Bring a snack to share; it's not late to join us and have fun.

**Grove Street Music Program:** Rehearsals will be after church on: 2/28, 3/13, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12 after church and then 6/18 is our concert.

**If you have any questions regarding Christian Education activities, please contact me one of the ways below.**

**Linda Shivers**

**Home: 860-871-9164**

**Cell: 860-558-7632**

**Email: [necsvga@aol.com](mailto:necsvga@aol.com)**



Don't forget to do extra chores to earn money for the children's mission donation.

You get to choose where to donate the money you have been working for all year.



## **Minutes: RUMC Church Council meeting 2-21-2016**

Chair: Susan Lessoff

Recording secretary: Terri J. Goldich

Attending members: Susan Lessoff, Karen Stearns, Terri J. Goldich, Geoff Gerow, Carol Robbins, Pastor Paul O'Neil, Norine Veal, Mel Bacha, Candy Sunderland, Sandy Gallup, Don Ross, Linda Shivers, Phyllis King

### **Small Groups** (Phyllis King)

The Seekers report: The group has postponed during February due to travel and health concerns.

The Greeters report: Phyllis will not be recruiting for new members and hopes someone else will take over that role. She will continue to greet and welcome new church attendees.

### **Pastor's report** (Pastor Paul O'Neil)

The Sunday school requested a change in the timing of communion to the time of the children's message. The group approved the change.

The Pastor and some other members visited Catholic Charities to ask how RUMC can help with incoming refugees. Pastor Paul will ask a representative to come speak to our congregation after Easter.

RUMC has been invited to participate in a Maundy Thursday Seder service in Windsor. He will put a note in the bulletin.

### **Christian Education** (Linda Shivers)

Sunday School: Attendance has fluctuated some but we still average about 21 children a week. We are staying with the "Deep Blue" curriculum from Cokesbury. On Feb 28 we will be making pretzels for pretzel Sunday. March 27 – Easter Sunday – we would like to have the Easter egg hunt in Fellowship Hall after church if weather doesn't allow it for outside. Last year it was in the classrooms and the congregation including parents really couldn't witness the fun because of how small the area is.

I asked Pastor Paul to look into moving Communion to right after children's message- so the children and congregation are not interrupted in the middle of a lesson or worship by children coming in to find parents.

Vacation Bible School: will be the week of June 20-24. Family Night will be Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will have to let N/A know. Last year they were very understandable and were happy of the 2 month advance notice we gave them. An email went out to all of last year's volunteers asking if they were interested in signing up again. So far I have 10 signed up. I will be writing up the registration form this upcoming week and it will be available by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. I would like to get VBS advertised noting registration forms are available- who is in charge of contacting newspaper.

Children's Music (bells and choir): I am very happy to report that children's music is doing really well at RUMC. Children's Music Schedule: Feb 28- 9:00 am, Children's bells; Mar 6- 9:00 am Children's Choir; Mar 13- 9:00 am, Children's choir; Mar 20- 9:00 am, Children's bells; March 27- Easter- Children's bells will be playing during the worship service; April 3-9:00 am Children's Choir; April 10-9:00 am; Children's Choir.

Youth Updates: Basketball has been very popular. We are ranging around 20-22 youth with 8-12 from RUMC. We provide snacks and beverages and Wapping Church supplies the court, it is an arrangement that I have had with them for over 13 years. Next basketball dates are Feb 27, March 12 and March 26.

Grove Street Music Program has 11-12 youth interested in participating. This program is the “brainchild” of Geoff Gerow and Karen Stearns, who are also leading it. I will be attending rehearsals and doing whatever needed to make this a success. Rehearsals will be 2/28, 3/13, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12 after church and then 6/18 is our concert.

Youth Sleepover: Our first get together will be a sleepover Feb 26 at 7:00 pm- 9:00 am on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I have opened this activity to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up (friends are also invited). I feel this activity allows for all ages, 10 yrs and up, having a good time together and will establish a good base for future endeavors. We will be doing a mission project for “Kids Safe, watching and discussing a movie, games, pizza, and other snacks. We will be providing breakfast items, drinks and the pizza. Youth will bring in a snack to share. I am hoping this is the stepping stone to more youth gatherings.

**Lay Leader** (Candy Sunderland, Mel Bacha)

Candy Sunderland: if anyone is interested in being a liturgist, please let her know. She would like to devise a rotating schedule so there are no surprises. Candy retains the position of arranging for liturgists at this point.

Mel Bacha: still trying to plug some holes in the roster.

**Trustees** (Norine Veal) (report attached)

**Finance/Treasurer report** (Geoff Gerow) (reports attached)

Church council members individually and collectively committed to the RUMC 10! goal for 2016. The RUMC 10! goal is to engage 10 new families or individuals into active Christian stewardship within RUMC. The group felt that two critical areas of investment needed in order to achieve this goal were Sunday School (Youth services) and Music (in particular Grove Street Music). A lengthy discussion ensued on how to accomplish this, mostly about adding support to the line item to fund the Director of Christian Education through the year as well as funding summer programs. \$5,000 was added to the Director of Christian Education to fully fund the year including summer youth services (e.g. summer Sunday school and vacation bible school). Pastor Paul graciously donated money from his funeral fund and other members rallied to refocus their church council budgets toward this cause (Sandy Gallup will move \$350 from Conference lay member budget line; SPRC will move \$100). \$1,000 was also identified as an anticipated revenue item from the gift card program for 2016. A fundraiser during Q2 will be necessary to fund \$2,000 of this \$5,000 additional expense. Karen Stearns will check for memorial money to fund the Grove Street project further. Carol Robbins made a motion to approve the budget with changes to come, with Karen Stearns seconding. Motion was carried.

**Lay Leadership** (Pastor Paul O’Neil)

Pastor Paul will ask Diane to create a ministry board, to track liturgists, ushers, coffee hour, greeters, flowers, etc.

**Worship** (Carol Robbins) (report attached)

**Music** (Karen Stearns)

The Grove Street Music project will be purchasing instruments for the new praise band. New music is also needed for the senior choir.

**Men’s Club** (Don Ross)

Upcoming Corned beef dinner on March 19; donations will be accepted. Help in the kitchen and dining room is needed; please sign up on the bulletin board.

No report this month from the following:

**Vernon Community Network** (Judie Culy), **Publicity** (Janice Klingman), **Council Chair** (Sue Lessoff), **SPRC report** (Terri J. Goldich), **Missions, Visitation and Nurture, UMW** (Judie Culy).

### **Old business**

None.

### **New business**

Jake G would like to improve the media being used in the church service, including upgrading the connection to the internet. This requires new equipment to get a faster connection. Jake will do the installation when the equipment is purchased. Sue Lessoff will fund the purchase. Jake will also check the office connection for the Pastor's and Office manager's computers.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri J. Goldich  
Recording Secretary  
Feb. 21, 2016

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### **CTWMA Resource Day**

**When: Saturday, March 12th, 2016**

**Time: 8:30AM Registration and Fellowship  
(9AM - 4PM Workshop)**

**Where: Hazardville UMC, 330 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT**

**Learn to Lead: A Day of Training for Clergy and Laity for Leading Small Groups and Bible Studies. We have the pleasure of having the Rev. Anne Robertson, executive director of the Massachusetts Bible Society as our speaker.**

**Workshop details are one the community bulletin board. If you prefer to speak with someone you can contact Pearl Wilkinson at (413) 314-3306.**

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### **Adult Studies**

BIBLE DEVOTIONALS: Friday mornings at 10 am.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: Sunday mornings (9 am to 9:45 am)

Come join the conversation!

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### **Tea and Text**

Our Tea and Text book club is reading the book **Gift From the Sea** by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. The next two meetings are March 11th and April 1st. We will meet at Ginny's house at 1:30 pm. Please contact Judie Culy if you have any questions.



## Vacation Bible School 2016 Rockville United Methodist Church

**Date: June 20 to June 24, 2016**

**Cost: \$20.00 per child; (\$40 Maximum per family)**

**Time: 9:00am-12:00pm**

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

**Who: Children from age 3 (\*toilet trained) to 5th grade (just finished as of June 2016)**

**Special needs children are welcome and do not need to be toilet trained.**

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love". 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 Thursday June 23 at 6:30 pm at RUMC.

There is a limited space for enrollment so please enroll as soon as possible. Registration will close on June 1, 2016. Registration forms are available in the church office or you can download them on-line at [www.rockumchurch.com](http://www.rockumchurch.com). If lack of funds is preventing your child from attending, please feel free to call or contact Linda Shivers. There are discretionary funds available that we can use to send your child to VBS. 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.

God Bless You,

Director: Linda Shivers, church- 860-875-6562. Home -860871-9164, or [necsvga@aol.com](mailto:necsvga@aol.com)

Co-Director: Don Corne

### 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? _____
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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? _____
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*\*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# \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$20.00 each (or \$40 family cap) = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Check # \_\_\_\_\_



The children of the Vernon Regional Adult Based Education program said good bye to Miss Ryan on Thursday February 25th. Miss Ryan is moving into a new career in the IT field; the kids and their parents will miss her. Miss Angela is taking over as head of the nursery care and school for VARABE.

The lack of snow days has allowed the VRABE classes to maintain momentum. In February their lessons included a presentation by Pastor O'Neil on "The 2016 Presidential Election and the Electoral College."

Vernon Regional Adult Based Education (VRABE) is offering ½ hour appointments for **one-to-one career coaching** and job search assistance including resume and cover letter critique, interview coaching, and labor market information. The ½ hour sessions are available on Thursdays from 9am to 1pm on 3/17; 4/20; & 5/19. Call Christine Vincent (860) 870-3703 to schedule an appointment.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GIVEN IN CELEBRATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GIVEN IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Easter Flowers**



	<b>Small</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Large</b>
Daffodils	\$4.50	\$7.75	\$12.75
Tulips	\$7.75	\$12.75	N/A
Hyacinths	\$7.75	\$12.75	N/A
Pink Lilies	\$10.00	N/A	\$26.50
White Lilies	\$10.00	N/A	\$26.50
Pink Hydrangea (one size)		\$15.75	
Blue Hydrangea (one size)		\$15.75	
Azalea (one size)		\$21.00	

**Please return this form to  
 the church office by  
 March 20th.**

Please circle your choice



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Through the Church:

**Corned Beef Supper:** The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. We need help with food prep, cooking, serving, and clean up.

**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.

**Sunday School Substitute Teachers needed!** Training and Curriculum are provided. Contact Linda Shivers if you are interested: [necsvga@aol.com](mailto:necsvga@aol.com) (860) 871-9164

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:

The Vernon Regional Adult Based Education Family Learning Center here at RUMC is looking for **tutors** for our ESL students. These students need practice with conversation, writing and grammar in English. Please contact Svetlana Grishtaev, program coordinator, at (860) 836-0514 for more information The hours are below:

Tuesday 12:30-1:30

Wednesday 1:00-2:45

Thursday 1:00-2:45

## Shop to Help a Good Cause!

Whether you are shopping for necessities or making a special purchase, gift cards are always a valuable tool. Purchase your gift cards through our church gift card program, and the company will give RUMC a percentage for your purchase. You always receive 100% value of the card. What could be better? For a list of over 600 participating retailers visit our website:

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

Shopping on Amazon? Don't forget to use **Amazon Smile** to purchase that special gift or item you need. Through the Amazon Smile program, Amazon donates .5% of the price of eligible purchases to RUMC. **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.

## Do Your Taxes and Help Out

The United Methodist General Council on Finance and Administration is excited to announce a Turbo Tax discount for the denomination! You can do your taxes online and support global ministries.

A portion of your purchase price will be donated by Turbo Tax to support a global health initiative as part of the Four Areas of Focus of the United Methodist Church. This is an initiative led by the General Board of Global Ministries in an effort to protect children globally from preventable causes of death and diseases through prenatal and pediatric care in some of the most remote areas of the world.

To complete your taxes and provide support, visit [turbotax.intuit.com/affiliate/gcfa](http://turbotax.intuit.com/affiliate/gcfa)

**Special Needs**

Valerie--premature son  
Peggy Smith - medical  
Emily Robbins - healthy pregnancy  
Pat Paskowitz, - medical  
Baby Lily- medical  
Reverend Edward Goetz - medical  
Donna Brodin - medical  
Don Milanese - medical  
The family of Michael Sabatasso - grief

**Prayer Requests**

**Our Church Family**

Ernest Pearson -medical  
Linda Furnas - medical

**Bereavements**

Fred Nowsch  
9/6/1930 - 3/2/2016

**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  
Jean Benner—Residence at SW Farms  
Pat Brandt—Paradigm  
Steve & Kay Lyke—home  
Annette Welton—home  
Irene Surette—home  
Barbara Tourtelotte - home

**Those in Service**

Pastor Lorena & El Jabillo, our sister church in Nicaragua

*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.*



Carol Ross	March 2	Victor Retynsky	March 20
Candy Sunderland	March 5	Emily Rushton	March 21
Pauline Cheveriea	March 7	Jerrie Kirby	March 28
Linda Furnas	March 9	Angelica Tyler	March 29
James Mlodzinski	March 10	Matthew Mlodzinski	March 29
Sara Stenger	March 15	Sherry Pearson	March 30
Virginia Hickton	March 17	Ayliana Branon	March 31

**Quote of the Month**

"Courage doesn't happen when you have all the answers. It happens when you are ready to face the questions you have been avoiding your whole life."

-Shannon L. Alder

**March 6**

Joshua 5: 9-12  
Psalm 32 (UMH)  
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21  
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32



**March 13**

Isaiah 43: 16-21  
Psalm 126 (UMH)  
Philippians 3: 4b-14  
John 12: 1-8

**March 20**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (UMH)  
Philippians 2: 5-11  
Luke 22: 14-23: 56 or  
Luke 23: 1-49

**March 27**

Acts 10: 34-43  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 (UMH)  
1 Corinthians 15: 19-26  
John 20: 1-18 or  
Luke 24: 1-12

**March Worship Attendants**

**Greeters**

Greeters will be chosen ad hoc on Sunday mornings until a new greeter coordinator is available.

**Liturgists**

March 6	Candy Sunderland
March 13	Richard Bacha
March 20	Rebecca Bacha
March 27	Joy Pikor

**Acolytes**

Please see Sherry Pearson for dates available.

**Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour**

March 6	Carol Robbins
March 13	Mike Faiaz
March 20	Carol Ross
March 27	Kathy Sunderland

**Altar Flowers**

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

March 6	Jane Thomas
March 13	Stenger family
March 20	Weller Fund
March 27	Lutz Fund



Official choir and music emails now have their own email address:  
**RUMCmusic2009@gmail.com.**

**Food Donations**

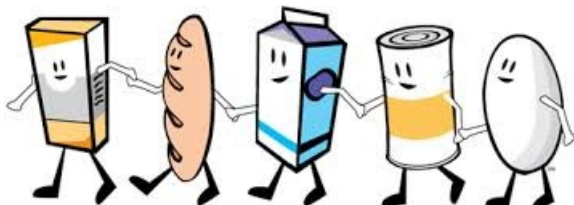


Last month, we delivered a total of **94** items to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Thank you for donating to help those in need.

Holiday items might be on sale this month: canned pineapple, cake mix, pie filling, etc. Peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, fruit cups, tuna, soup and juice boxes are always needed.

Thank you for your continued help feeding the people in our neighborhood.

-Suzanne Bird



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Corned Beef Dinner**  
**Saturday**  
**March 19, 2016**

**Good Friday Walk**  
**March 25, 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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*Karen Stearns, Music Director*  
*Diane Lajoie, Office Manager*  
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*Don Ross, Church Custodian*  
*Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)*  
*Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua*