

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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JESUS WALKED ON GOOD FRIDAY, WILL YOU?

2018 Good Friday Walk

Proceeds go to Sharing, Inc. (2/3) and Cornerstone Homeless Shelter (1/3)

Walk 20 miles or one mile

Children 13 or under must walk with an adult

Calling all walkers and workers who are available to join us in our 2018 Good Friday Walk. You may stop at the table in Fellowship Hall most Sundays in March to get information and pick up a pledge sheet or sign up to help. This is the 46th year that Sharing, Inc. has supported African American children in southern states attending day care centers and similar entities along with partial college scholarships for qualifying teens. The impact of our efforts have been so successful we continue to support Sharing, Inc. these many years. The Cornerstone Homeless Shelter continues to be a blessing to many in our community. Their services go far beyond just making a bed available for the night. Please go to our website for further information:

<https://www.rockumchurch.com/good-friday-walk/>

Pledge sheets have been sent to all who walked last year. Persons can print off a pledge sheet and instructions by accessing the website.

RUMC HAS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

RockvilleUMC@outlook.com

Beginning in March, I will start using our new outlook email (RockvilleUMC@outlook.com) to send notices about our church. Please make sure the messages do not get sent to your spam/junk mail folder. I will monitor our Yahoo account for one year before I discontinue it.

~ Diane

Dear Church Family,



As you read this column, I will be returning home from a ten day sabbatical trip to Israel with Bishop Devadhar and other clergy from the New England Annual Conference. Though I have visited this country previously, the Holy Land has had such a magnetic effect on me I felt compelled to return. Understandably, many are fearful of traveling to the Middle East where there is a long history of conflict, but I have always felt safe with the heavy emphasis of security in the airport, hotels, and tourist areas.

There is a good reason why a pilgrimage to Israel would be beneficial; it is a life-enriching experience, and we will never be the same. Prior to my first visit, I read the Bible devotionally and regularly attended worship services. But after I returned, I became more diligent in all aspects of my faith and my pilgrimage took on a third dimension in my soul.

Though God is not limited to any one location and we can pray anywhere in the world, there is something to be said about being able to walk where Jesus walked; we can't help but see things differently.

Another aspect of an overseas trip like this is we can gain understanding and perspective. When we arrive in the country, we can see with our eyes the security situation of the region and identify pain and suffering of the Palestinians. Hopefully this will cause us to be more aware as we intercede in prayer for a peaceful solution to a conflict that has lasted several millennia.

I feel privileged to have been given this opportunity, but I wish you could have been with me. You were in my prayers as I put all your names from Rockville UMC in the cracks of the Wailing Wall. If the Lord opens doors for you to visit Israel, I encourage you to take advantage.

Shalom,

Pastor Paul

IF THE WORLD WERE 100 PEOPLE

- **86 are able to read and write**
- **7 have college education**
- **70 have no internet access**
- **48 live on \$2 (U.S.) a day**
- **23 don't have adequate shelter**
- **13 don't have safe drinking water**
- **1 is starving**
- **31 are Christians**
- **23 are Muslims**
- **16 are not aligned with any religion**

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If you have any questions, or if you would love to help us out: summer teacher, VBS, youth chaperone, please contact me. Linda Shivers- necsvga@aol.com, 860-871-9164



Sunday School:

Teachers meeting , March 4, after church.

March 4- Sunday School class after Communion. Lil bells will not be practicing.

March 11- Sunday School class after Children's message

March 18- Pretzel Sunday. Children please meet in Fellowship Hall at the start of church. The children will be serving the pretzels they make during coffee hour.

March 25- Palm Sunday, Sunday school class after children's message.

April 1- Lil Bells will be playing during worship service. No Sunday school class, but the child care room is open and staffed, and a movie will be shown for those children who cannot sit through worship service. Join us for our Easter Bag hunt after church. You will be given a number and you have to find the bag with your number on it.

Confirmation Class:

March 18- class after church.

I have gone down to the soup kitchen and they will let me know in the next week or two when we can go and serve. There is a church that does it every Sunday morning for the past 20 yrs (St. Johns) but Chris (he's in-charge of kitchen) will ask them if they would like a Sunday off- he will get back to me as soon as he speaks to the volunteer coordinator at St. John's. I have also spoken with Mr. Yoder about bringing in someone to speak with us about the Muslim culture, and religion. He will get back to me also with a Sunday after church.

*****April 15 class has been changed to April 22. School vacation is just ending on the 15th and some will not be back yet.*****

Youth Basketball:

One Saturday left, March 17. 6:00pm-8:00pm, Wapping Congregational Church South Windsor. Bring a snack to share, bring a friend, join us and have fun.

Sundays Beyond Sundays Youth Group:

March 2-3-sleep over- 7:00 pm-8:00 am. Bring a snack or breakfast item to share We will be talking about going to BORDA-BORG in Mass for a youth challenge/and collaborating with each other as a group (it is an "Escape Room"). The cost for the day and taco bar is \$45.00. We will discuss at sleepover using some of our fundraiser money left over from last year to cut cost for families. We are going April 7, it opens at 10:00 am, and we will look at leaving at 8ish. If you want to go please let us know by March 4th so we can make reservations.

Vacation Bible School:

Keep your fingers crossed --- We are looking at the week of **June 25-29, 9:00 am- 12 noon**. Family Night will be Thursday the 28th. Our theme this year is "Ship Wrecked: Rescued By Jesus". 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 or Don Corne. Registration forms will be available in mid-March online or in the office, and all are invited (friends, cousins etc.) Spread the word. There is a small cost to help cover expenses but is waived for financial hardship.

~Linda

OUR REFUGEE KIDS

Mahmoud is the oldest child of our Syrian Refugee family whom we helped to bring over from the United Nations Refugee camp a year ago December. The family was there for five years which means that the youngest child, Amed (also pictured), was born in the camp.

Mahmoud is twelve years old and is in the sixth grade at Slade Middle School in New Britain. He likes soccer, which he played in the camp, and he has come to like basketball as well.

He speaks the best English in the family so when the plumber came over to fix the toilet, it was Mahmoud who did all the translating.

Mahmoud is also adept at being a good host which means he brings us orange juice or cookies when we first get there. Hospitality is a primary virtue to many Middle Eastern peoples.

When you look in his room, you see that Mahmoud is becoming Americanized. Prominent are his star-wars blanket and a Lego house that he has put together.

There is a good feeling that binds together the seven kids and makes it very enjoyable to be there. Hopefully, there will be a time in the future when they can visit us again.



STOP HUNGER NOW!!

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018
FROM 3 TO 5 PM

ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED— COME
FOR AN HOUR OR TWO
ALL AGES WELCOME -- A GREAT TIME FOR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS

CONTACT PERSON: DAVID JOY 860 875-0366



PRETZEL SUNDAY

MARCH 18, 2018

The Sunday School children will be making pretzels for Pretzel Sunday on **March 18th** for your yummy consumption following the service. We need donations of pretzel dough! **Please use the recipe below, and bring your dough to church by 9:00 am the 18th, along with a cookie sheet to borrow.** We appreciate your help!

Pretzel Dough Recipe

1 pkg. dry yeast

1½ cups warm water

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. sugar

4 cups flour

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Stir in sugar and salt. Add 2 cups flour, and work in remainder. Knead until smooth. Let rise for at least one hour.



2018 Easter Flower Order Forms



NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF: _____

GIVEN IN CELEBRATION: _____

GIVEN IN HONOR OF: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please circle your choice below:

	4"	6"	8"	10"	qty
Daffodils	\$4.00	\$7.75	\$12.50	n/a	___
Tulips	\$4.00	\$7.75	\$12.50	\$22.00	___
Hyacinth	\$4.00	\$7.75	\$12.50	n/a	___
Pink Lilies	n/a	\$10.00	\$26.50	n/a	___
White Lilies	n/a	\$10.00	\$26.50	n/a	___
Hydrangea Pink	n/a	\$15.75	\$23.50	n/a	___
Hydrangea Blue	n/a	\$15.75	\$23.50	n/a	___
Azalea Martha	n/a	\$10.50	\$21.00	n/a	___
Washington	n/a	\$12.00	n/a	n/a/	___
Pansy/Viola	\$3	\$4	n/a	n/a	___
Mixed Bulb Pan (Tulip, Hyacinth, Tete)				\$22.00	___

___ I will provide my own flower. I will bring it to the church by Saturday morning March 31, 2018.

Please submit the order form to the church office by

March 25th.



Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 11, 2018. Time to move the clock **forward one hour**; see you in church early!

The Gift Card Program is alive and well!

We have Big Y \$100's and \$50's; Stop and Shop 2 @ \$50; Amazon.com 2 at \$50; CVS 2 at \$25; Dunkin' Donuts 8 at \$10; Subway 4 at \$10; 2 at \$25; Walmart 2 at \$100 and 2 at \$10. Remember we can order for over 600 retailers. Please support this year-round fundraiser that allows business to contribute to RUMC through your purchases. Sincerely, Your Gift Card Team.



RUMC Fundraiser Sale

Just in time for Easter!

February 25 to March 18, 2018

Delivery March 27, 2018



Grab an order form and ask your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family if they would like to purchase a 22 oz. pastry for only \$13. RUMC will receive \$3 for every pastry sold.

Strawberry Cream Cheese

Cinnamon

Apple

Cream Cheese

Raspberry

Italian Herb Bread (20 oz.)

9 Caramel Sweet Rolls

9 Cinnamon Sweet Rolls



Orders taken during Fellowship at the Gift Card table. Order forms available to take home for a friend.

CORNERED BEEF SUPPER

Saturday

March 17, 2018

5-6:30 PM

Take Out
Available

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

Adults	\$13
Children 6-12	\$5
Children 5 and under	Free

Walk-Ins are Welcome, Reservations are Recommended. 860-875-6562



The Grove St Guardians (Sunday School grades 4-7) are coordinating a toiletry collection for the Cornerstone Shelter. Continuing into March, we will be collecting items for both the Shelter and for those who use their services. We will be collecting toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap & shampoo; new socks; paper towels; toilet paper; and cleaning supplies. We have a collection box placed under the bulletin boards.

RUMC Men's Palm Sunday Communion Breakfast March 25, 2018



Communion	7:00 am
Breakfast	7:45 am
Free	



Reservations needed; please call the church office
(875-6562) by Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Church Council Minutes Sunday Feb 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Sue Lessoff at 11:30. Those present were: Sue Lessoff, Alan White, Jim Mlodzinski, Mel Bacha, Stan Culy, Paul O'Neil, Sylvia Yoder and Steve Yoder. Pastor Paul opened meeting with prayer.

Jim Mlodzinski reported that church finances are in good shape. G. Klingman will come back in April and they will finish the transition. Jim will work with Diane and Sue about making the best decision concerning the copy machine.

Pastor Paul-would like to start a metal recycling fund raiser that will benefit mission shares. Discussion was initiated about extending this to cans and bottles. The pastor will be in Israel and Millie Victor will conduct the service on 25 Feb/4 Mar. The pastor would like to try putting on sticky name tags at least once people of congregation, once every two months.

Sue Lessoff-there is a new email for the church. It is RockvilleUMC@outlook.com. Diane will make the appropriate changes. Butter braid and Cutlery fund raisers will take place soon. There is an opportunity for church to attend the Hartford Yard Goats and there was talk about combining Mother's and Father's Day fundraisers. She noted the many projects Diane L is doing.

Stewardship-Judy hopes to keep in touch with church through letters. We need to make congregation more aware of how we fund projects. Sandy Gallup and Tom Farrish are the new counters.

Christian Education-Confirmation on Sunday May 20, 2018.

Lay Leadership-Candy is spearheading the birthday cards.

Men's Club-Bolton, Vernon, Manchester N UMC's are invited to our Palm Sunday breakfast. Corn beef dinner is scheduled for Saturday March 17.

Missions-Stan Culy gave an updated about the Marri family (health, public school, language, job skills)

Music-Choir is holding own with 12 consistent members and preparing anthems for Lent and Easter. Bells taking a break with praise band rehearsals every Sunday. Emily Blanchard is new sub. Leap of Faith and June concerts are being planned.

Publicity-Janice Stearns is in Florida and everything is proceeding in her absence.

Small Groups-Seekers and Pastor's Bible Study will resume in March.

SPRC-First meeting of year will be Sunday Mar 11 at 11:30.

UMW-Ladies brunch in May.

Vernon Community Network-Friday Feb 23 at the Union Church (9-11am)

Visitation and Nurture-V. Wehrli will be moving to Indiana and live with her son. H. Thomas and D. Ross are at Woodlake. S. Culy and Nat Woodruff have visited T. Rider at Fox Hill.

Worship-a meeting will be scheduled for March.

Meeting adjourned 12:40

Respectfully submitted,

-Pastor Paul O'Neil

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Corned Beef Supper: Sign up sheets are on the RUMC bulletin board for people to prep, cook, serve, and clean-up for the Corned Beef Supper.

Palm Sunday Men's Breakfast: The ladies cook for the men this time. Please see ___ to help.

RUMC Vacation Bible School: Adults and Youth 6th grade and up are needed to make our VBS (June 25 to 29) a success. Keep an eye out for sign up sheets soon.

Church Maintenance: The GOM's need your help! Since our Grumpy Old Men are getting even older, there are many things they did without fanfare on Wednesday mornings that they can no longer do. We will start posting in the bulletin, on Facebook, and on the website activities where we need help; these are activities octogenarians should no longer be doing. Please keep an eye out for these opportunities, and help where you can.

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.

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

Lay Ministries: We have several lay ministry openings. The duties vary; we are sure to find a service that fits your skill set. Please see Pastor O'Neil for details.

In the Community:

Good Friday Walk: There are many activities before and on Good Friday that need volunteers. Please see Judie Culy or Steve Yoder for information.

Camp Mechuwana: Camp Mechuwana is looking for Youth Leaders for this summer. If you are currently in grades 8-12, you are eligible to take part in our training, which will allow you to become a Youth Leader and spend at least one week at camp assisting in the leadership. Training Sunday March 11th 10 am to 3 pm. Cost \$100 includes training and one or two weeks of summer placement. Visit www.mechuwana.org for registration form or email us: mechuwana@fairpoint.net
Phone 207-377-2924

Habitat for Humanity: Ambassador workshop March 8, 2018 at noon. Please email volunteer@hartfordhabitat.org or call 860-541-2208 ext. 2201. A light lunch will be served as you meet their leadership team and learn about the various ways to get involved, such as: becoming a family partner, crew leader, site host, internships, office support, ReStore volunteer and much more.

Community Events

Speaker Sisterhood of Enfield, CT Launch Party

The mission of the Speaker Sisterhood is to provide a community to women who want to increase confidence, boost public speaking skills, have fun, and maybe even change the world.

Tuesday March 20, 2018

6:30-8:30pm

Awards & More

492 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

45th Annual Women's Communion Breakfast

at Vernon United Methodist Church

Saturday - March 17, 2018 8:00 A.M.

A \$7.00 donation is requested per ticket.

Special Needs

Michael Svenson - medical
 Barbara Sweeney - medical
 Nick - medical
 Lindsay - medical
 Victor - medical
 The Marri Family
 Chester Chase - medical
 Julie - special needs
 Madison Kanneman - emotional support & medical recovery
 Jodi - medical
 Paul Doucette - medical
 Melina - health
 Joe DelRio - medical
 Bruce Rieder - medical
 Lynn & Mom - emotional support
 Kate and family and all displaced by natural disasters
 Judy Delaney - medical
 Beverly Myers - medical
 Debbie Balkow - medical
 Staci Rizner - medical
 David Howe - terminal
 Dianne McLaughlin - medical
 Colin Thorn - medical



Those in Christian Service

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

Our Church Family

Harry Thomas - Woodlake
 Ginny Wehrli - medical
 Anette Welton -
 Shirley Edwards - medical
 Dottie Stronberg - medical
 Don Ross - medical

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

June Latkofsky-home
 Esther Harris-home
 Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield Manor
 Shirley Edwards-Brookdale SW
 Vita Aiello-Fox Hill
 Pat Brandt—Pennsylvania
 Kay Lyke - Crestfield Manor
 Annette Welton—
 Irene Surette—home
 Leonard Aronson - Vernon Manor
 Tom Rider - Fox Hill
 Ray Clark - home
 Earl Robertson - home
 Bob King - home
 Harry Thomas - 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-coffee@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.



Logan Paulson	March 1	Victor Retynsky	March 20
Carol Ross	March 2	Emily Rushton	March 21
Candace Sunderland	March 5	Geraldine Kirby	March 28
Linda Furnas	March 9	Angelica Tyler	March 29
James Mlodzinski	March 10	Matthew Mlodzinski	March 29
Ahmed Marri	March 14	Sherry Pearson	March 30
Sara Stenger	March 15	Ayliana Branon	March 30
Virginia Hickton	March 17		

Quote of the Month

“Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there.”

~Clarence W. Hall



March 4

Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm 19 (UMH)
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
John 3: 13-22

March 11

Numbers 21: 4-9
Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 (UMH)
Ephesians 2: 1-10
John 3: 14-21

March 18

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: 1-12 (UMH)
Hebrews 5: 5-10
John 12: 20-33

March 25

Liturgy of the Palms
Mark 11: 1-11
Psalm 118: 12-19-29 (UMH)
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50: 4-9
Psalm 31: 9-16 (UMH)
Philippians 2: 5-11
Mark 14: 1-15: 47
Mark 15: 1-39 (40-47)

March Worship Attendants

Greeters

Phyllis King, coordinator
March 4 available
March 11 Rebecca Bacha
March 18 O'Neil
March 25 available

Liturgists

March 4 Myrna Sawyer
March 11 Sue Lessoff
March 18 Carol Aronson
March 25 Terri Goldich

Acolytes

Don Ross, coordinator.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.
March 4 available
March 11 Farrish
March 18 Pretzel Sunday
March 25 available

Altar Flowers

Please fill out a blue form and turn it in to the office manager.
March 4 available
March 11 Stenger
March 18 Weller Fund
March 25 available

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Holy Thursday

Vernon UMC

**Good Friday Walk
(office closed)**

March 30, 2018

Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

**Rise Against Hunger
(Stop Hunger Now)**

April 21, 2018, 3-5 pm

Last month, we collected a total of **44** food items. The food was distributed to the Cornerstone Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community.

Cornerstone is having difficulty getting enough chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, and macaroni and cheese. Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, pasta, fruit cups, tuna, and juice boxes are always needed.

Our winter coat box is by the front doors. Please bring your new or gently used coats for the Cornerstone Clothing Bank.



**Have you made your will?
Have you remembered
your church?**



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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