Good Friday Walk 2015

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Good Friday Walk event a success. We raised \$8,412 in pledges with almost half turned in on the day of the event.

Undeterred by a difficult winter and a reluctant spring, we had ninety-six walkers participate this year (twenty-four of them were first time walkers); seventy-four people walked the full twenty miles. Our youngest walker was eight year old Camden McPeck; our oldest walker was eighty-one year old Dave Howe. The following people were recognized during the Easter service for their milestone Good Friday Walk achievements:

Jacob Gerow: 200 miles Felecia Gerardi: 10 years

Matt Yoder: 400 miles Don Ross: 30 years

Lori Thompson: 500 miles Judie Culy: 30 years

Every year numerous people volunteer to help with the walk. Whether coordinating volunteers, donating supply items, packaging supplies for each stop, patrolling the streets for walkers in distress, or opening up their homes as rest stops, the walk would not have been a success without all of these dedicated people. Thank you to all who helped.

Stop Hunger Now

On **Saturday, April 18th**, RUMC held our second annual **Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event**. We packaged 10,000 meals in about an hour and a half. Our 10,000+ meals will be added to meals from other events to fill a transport. Once the 285,120 meals needed to fill a transport are collected, they will be shipped—most likely to Haiti for our meals. Stop Hunger Now not only addresses hunger issues in 65 countries but root cause issues such as lack of education, access to clean water, and maternal health. There is a clean water campaign going on in Haiti right now.

Thanks to all who planned fund raisers, donated money, and participated in our meal packaging event. Your dedication helped us take a step closer to the Stop Hunger Now goal of eliminated hunger world-wide. Thank you.









Dear Friends:

People have been asking me if I'm "getting excited" about retiring. The best answer I can offer is "yes" and "no". Like any new experience, there's always a measure of anticipation and excitement laced with a fair degree of anxiety and uncertainty. It's just as it should be. I remember another time when I was asked if I was "getting excited". I was pregnant for the first time and I was filled with happiness but more than a little anxious. Motherhood, especially the first time around, always carries an equal share of fear and trembling weighed against the anticipation of the joy of holding your first baby in your arms and dreaming all those impossible dreams of a wonderful future where everything comes out just the way it should.

Like most first time events in our lives we take them on as novices. We learn as we go. Along the way, we make mistakes. But it is a learning experience and, for me, learning something new and different has always been a time of excitement and challenge. I guess I kind of like the tussle. It stretches my nerve and helps me explore hidden talents while revealing some unpleasant revelations. I'm not always good at everything, but then again, I'm not supposed to be. We are created as thinking, exploring, and curious human beings. We stretch our muscles to see how much we can lift or how much we must carry. And when we reach our limit, we know we can turn to a strength beyond our own. God is an ever-present source of help in times of trouble. The psalmist assures us of this source of help and Christ confirmed it as he stilled the fears of his disciples before and after the resurrection. There would be challenging and fearful moments in the future but the disciples could count on the presence of the Holy Spirit to help lift those fears and ease their restless souls.

I'm well aware that in this time of transition and change, I'm not the only one experiencing uncertainty and excitement. Churches, anticipating the exit of one pastor and the entrance of another, go through a myriad of emotions. They walk through a labyrinth of feelings ranging from fear and trembling to expectation and hope. A church community is like a family. Conceptually, I think of it as a hanging mobile. Experiencing or anticipating change in a church is very much like touching one of the figures hanging from the wires on the mobile. Not only does that one figure respond to the movement of a finger against its surface; the whole structure responds. It shifts and then readjusts in a different configuration. It acts just as it is intended to act. Ultimately, a church community both lay and pastor does the same. If we are faithful to our ultimate mission to serve God and serve others, we shift and adjust as necessary to insure that our call to serve God and love one another is met. And, when we feel ourselves falter a bit, we know we can rely on the Holy Spirit to help us find our way back to the place God would have us be on the mobile, the place from which we give our best selves. That's a comfort to me and I hope, to all of you too.

Blessings, Pastor Ricki



Sunday School Food Drive Children's Sunday Confirmation Sunday

May 10, 2015 May 17, 2015 May 17, 2015

The Sunday School students had an Earth Day planting on Sunday April 26th. Special thanks to Norine Veal for her amazing help this year. All participants were happy to enjoy some of God's sunshine and fresh air.

Thanks to your generosity the Sunday school children collected 61 items for the local food pantry on April 12th. Our next food drive is May 10th.

We will be ending Sunday school early this year, on May 17th. We have a special Children's Day service prepared. You will want to invite family and friends to join us, as the children do the whole service...wicked cute for sure!

Our May 17th service will also be Confirmation Sunday for six students. Please join

us on the 17th to welcome these young adults as full members of RUMC.

Eileen

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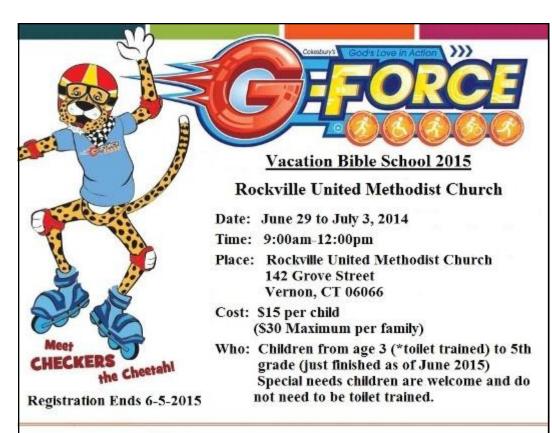
Join us for Family and Friends Fun Night—Friday May 1, 2015 at 7 pm. We have a fun evening planned for the kids and parents. All are welcome.

Volunteers are needed to help run the Vacation Bible School. Volunteer for one day or all week. Please let us know if you can help out.



-Linda, Don and Eileen

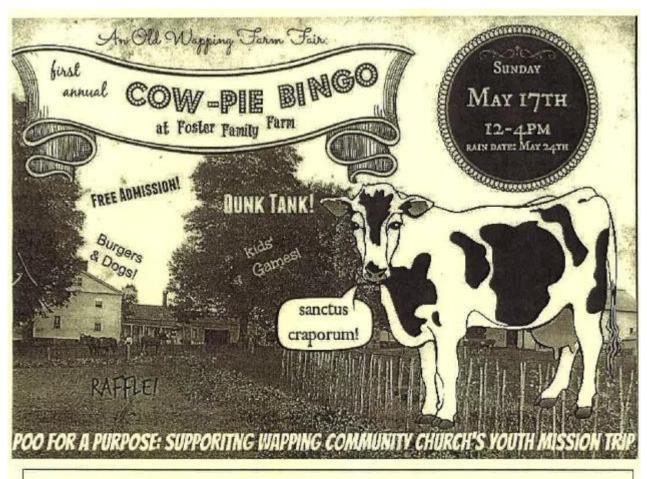
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Come join us this year for G-Force "God's Love in Action"

Vacation Bible School 2015

Registration forms are in the newsletter, available in the RUMC office, on the RUMC website, or by contacting one of the directors: Linda Shivers, Don Corne, and Eileen Gay.



Foster Family Farm is located at 90 Foster Street in South Windsor, CT www.fosterfarm.com



Another month is about to pass us by. How does that saying go? April showers bring May flowers! I don't know about you, but I'm ready for a beautiful spring, filled with flowers and all spring has to offer us. It's been a long winter and we are due for some nice weather.

As I contemplated what type of article I might contribute to May's newsletter, it didn't take long for me to decide. I had to go with the most recent events of my life and what's been most pressing on my mind and in my heart. So here goes....

Last weekend, our Sunderland family and the DelRios (my sister Connie and her husband, Jose) and her two sons, Bryan and Eric, drove back home to Pennsylvania for the auction of our parents' estate and auction/sale of their home. We had anticipated these days for a very long time and knew eventually it would have to happen. That didn't make it any easier for me. Some of us are more anxious and stressed than others. Friday night, April 17th, we had the auction of their "contents", all the material things from the house and shed. The auctioneer started the sale by thanking everyone for coming and telling those present whose estate they were there for, adding a comment that he was certain so many were there because they knew of our parents and how meticulous they were with their possessions. Now, a little perspective, we were told by the auctioneer an average auction brings out maybe 100-150 people. Our night, there were probably well over 400 people. *** A huge turnout, the biggest they ever had at that location*** In those opening moments, as the auctioneer spoke so kindly of our parents, I became a little emotional and overwhelmed as the bidding was about to start. I also was very proud that night, hearing all the wonderful compliments about our parents from everyone. We had so much support from the family, our relatives, cousins, aunts, and Pennsylvania family friends. Seeing everyone there that night somehow made me feel a bit better.

The next day was the auction of the Sunderland home, April 18th. Another day that stress and emotions ran high. Again, some of our cousins, aunts and Pennsylvania family friends came for the sale. As the "relatives" hung out in the garage, anxious with anticipation, the bidders stood outside with the auctioneer. Let the bidding begin.... All I can say, and I know this to be true...God was watching over us and the sale. And, I felt our parents were smiling down on us watching over us and their home. I believe it was meant to be...the new owners are a lovely older couple, Cathy and Steve, from just over the mountain. They were so happy and excited to be new owners. God put them there. Cathy shook as she cried, as we did, going over all the paperwork to make them the new owners. We already feel like family with them. They invited us back anytime. It was meant to be....

I may not have always known God's plan, but God had a plan for us. For Cathy and for Steve. God heard my prayers every morning and every night and God answered my prayers. God sent his angels and they were watching over us.

APRIL 18TH, 2015, it was four years to the day our father lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. The day we said goodbye to their home, and brought us some closure as we hold on to all our wonderful memories we have of them.

Mom and Dad, Always and Forever in our Hearts. We love you and miss you.

Candy Sunderland - Co-Lay Leader

Holiday Bazaar—Craft Corner Looking for Crafters or Wannabe Crafters!

The RUMC crafters are holding workshops once a week to create items to sell at our Holiday Bazaar. Join us every week or once in a while if you would like to help.

Tuesday	May 5, 2015	1 pm
Wednesday	May 13, 2015	1 pm
Tuesday	May 19, 2015	1 pm
Wednesday	May 27, 2015	1 pm

If you are feeling creative and looking for a project to do at home, here's how to make a catnip mouse.

Catnip Mice

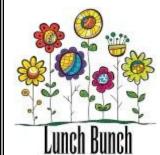
Materials Needed:

- Worsted weight yarn
- Size F Crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Catnip
- Stuffing-I use cut up quilting remnants

Single crochet a 3" square. Fold diagonally and sew up one side. For the ears, chain stitch two pieces 4 chains long. For the tail, cut four pieces of yarn 10" long and braid.

Attach the ears and tail. Stuff the mouse with catnip and stuffing, sew up to secure.





After a **LONG** winter without getting together, Rockville UM Women's Lunch Bunch will meet at Beni's Restaurant, 1280 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon on **Thursday May 28th at 1 pm** for good food, fellowship, and a brief business meeting including planning the rest of the year. Pastor Ricki will be joining us. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

The Men's club will be meeting for breakfast at Mitchell's restaurant in Vernon at 8 am on **Sunday May 10, 2015**. Join us for an informal gathering of food and fellowship.



"When God Created Mothers"

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest, tomorrow...."

"I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can't imagine what this mother can do or endure."

Can it think?"

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

What's it for?"

It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius, " said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

- Erma Bombeck, When God Created Mothers



Amazon smile

Shopping for Mother's Day?

Use the Amazon Smile link for some mother's day gift ideas:

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1283681.

Help support RUMC as you shop! 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 and then shop as you normally would.

The Family Learning Program would like to thank everyone at Rockville United Methodist Church for providing a new place for us to learn and making us all feel at home. The school year is ending on Thursday, May 14th. We are doing a potluck followed by a Family Field Day. Please join our families in celebrating our school year. We will be returning on Tuesday, September 1st. If you know of anyone interested in learning English or earning their GED please have them contact Svetlana Grishtaev Svet100880@yahoo.com or 860-

836-0514.



Mother's Day 2015 BLANKETS OF HOPE



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

For the person who has everything, why not give a gift of hope? At a cost of only \$10, a Church World Service blanket is a great gift. In war, flood, earthquake, famine, wherever people are displaced, these blankets help to let people know that somebody cares. Blankets provide warmth in the cold, privacy in crowded camps, a way of carrying a child or one's possessions on the march. In giving them we honor mothers, or anyone else who is special in our lives, whose names will be listed in a special bulletin on **Mother's Day, May 10**th. Orders will be accepted from **Sunday, April 19 through Sunday, May 3.** Please return this to the church office no later than May 3, 2015.

BLANKET SUNDAY - May 10, 2015

Enclosed is my check/cash for \$
In Honor of
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Searching for the Answers ???



To What Is God Calling Us to Be.

Join us May 3rd for that discussion with Rev. Rick McKinley, Conference consultant.

Luncheon at 12:30 pm; Open discussion at 1:00 pm.

Open to all church membership. Please let Candy Sunderland, Mel Bacha or Pete Schilling know if you are coming.

The Hockanum Valley Community council has been serving the community for 45 years. To make their 45 anniversary their most successful, they have some fund raising events scheduled at different locations in the coming months.

Thursday May 14th is their "Spring Into Style Fashion Show" at Maneeley's in South Windsor from 6 to 9 pm. The fashion show is hosted by Scot Haney and Claudette Fried. Call for tickets at 860-872-7727.

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.



Special Needs

Buckingham family-health
concerns
Ron DuBois—stroke—Kay
Doherty's husband
Ken Guillow—health issues
Terri Goldich—slipped on ice—
broken arm

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 Guilow—Fox Hill
June Guillow-home

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



Barbara Kent	May 6	Ian Corne	May 21
Kady Joy	May 9	Carol Robbins	May 25
Patricia Brandt	May 11	Karen Schilling	May 26
Emma Durham	May 13	John Ward	May 26
Kore Wei	May 16	Earl Robertson	May 31
Nat Woodruff	May 20		

Quote of the Month

"There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million."

- Walt Streightiff



May 3

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31 (UMH)

1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8

May 10

Acts 10: 44-48 Psalm 98 (UMH) 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17

May 17

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 (UMH) 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19

May 24

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b (UMH)

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

May 31

Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29 (UMH) Romans 8: 12-17 John 3: 1-17



We delivered a total of **65** items to the Tri-Town Pantry in April. Thank you for your generosity helping those in need. As the state cuts the budget for local programs, the need for our donations will only increase. Peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned or dry soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit and juice boxes are always in need.

-Suzanne Bird



May Worship Attendants

Greeters

Please see Jerrie Kirby for dates available.

Liturgists

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May 10 Candy Sunderland	1
May 17 confirmation class	3
May 24 available	
May 31 Joy Pikor	

Children's Message

May 3	Phyllis King
May 10	Pastor Ricki
May 17	Eileen Gay
May 24	Mel Bacha
May 31	Kathy Sunderland

Acolytes

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May 10	Emily Sunderland
May 17	Arielle Shivers & Jack Longo
May 24	available
May 31	Ian Corne

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

May 3	Mel Bacha & Candy Sunderland
May 10	available
May 17	Eileen Gay—Confirmation
May 24	available
May 31	available

Altar Flowers

Sandie Halm
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Phyllis King
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Phyllis King

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Sunday
Saturday May 17th
Confirmation Sunday

Return Service Requested

Rockville United Methodist Church

Adult Study 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service 10:45 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.



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Rev. Dr. Henrietta "Ricki" Aiello, Pastor Karen Stearns, Music Director Diane Lajoie, Office Manager Eileen Gay, Church School Superintendent Roger LaChance, Church Custodian Rev. Stan Culy (Retired) Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua One of the office goals for 2015 is to update our records in Servant Keeper. Keeping these records complete and accurate helps make our year-end statistical reporting to the district easier to obtain. One very important thing we noticed is we do not have emergency contact information for most of our members. In some cases we may know who to contact but not how to reach them. Please take a few minutes to fill out the information below and on the next page--even if you think I already have your information. I would like to verify that we have correct information for our records.

Thank you for your help.

-Diane Lajoie

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Please provide complete information including month, day, and year for dates.

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Emergency Response in Nepal

The massive earthquake that hit Nepal on April 25th has been devastating. There are 6,134 confirmed fatalities, 13, 906 injured, hundreds of thousands now homeless, and thousands still unaccounted for. "Thousands of villages have been devastated, with up to 90% of clinics and schools in some districts rendered unusable."¹

One of the tips recommended before giving to a disaster relief charity is to verify that the organization has a presence in the affected area: "Make sure the organization has worked in Nepal and has people on the ground there, has relationships with the government and community — and has experience responding to natural disasters." ² Here is information about two organizations with a presence in Nepal.

The Vernon Adult Education Students are collecting money for AmeriCares. They will be collecting the money next week to drop off at one of the Channel 3 collection sites for AmeriCares. Donations directly to AmeriCares can be made online https://secure.AmeriCares.org/site/Donation2?df_id=17060&17060.donation=form1&mlb=0. AmeriCares was deployed in Nepal within 48 hours, providing medical care and supplies: the emergency team on April 27th; the medical team on April 28th. The standard AmeriCares response strategy follows these steps:3

- Deploy and support medical teams providing direct care to survivors
- Provide medicines and supplies to frontline health workers
- Supply survivors with water purification tablets, health & hygiene kits, blankets and other 'need based' relief material
- Work with local health institutions to re-establish health services
- Support rehabilitation of damaged health facilities

RUMC is recommending that we donate through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR): donations to UMCOR International Disaster Response, Advance #982450. UMCOR has a small contingent already in Nepal and works closely with other organizations based in Nepal.

On April 27th, the UMCOR "Global Ministries' relief and development unit, approved a grant of \$90,000 for international partner GlobalMedic to bring sorely needed clean water to survivors through provision of household and public water-filtration units."⁴ GlobalMedic reports the following as of April 28th:⁵

As our Rapid Response Team in Kathmandu begins operations deploying our UAVs and water purification systems, the volunteers at our office in Toronto have spent the day preparing and shipping additional relief items. These items include 30 tents of various sizes from $16' \times 16'$ up to $18' \times 36'$ that will be used to replace damaged infrastructure for hospitals and health clinics. Tens of thousands of families have spent their nights outdoors due to the fear of strong aftershocks that continue to ravage Nepal. These shelters will be essential in providing people with access to safe and reliable space to receive medical care.

UMCOR stocks standard relief kits for distribution in times of crisis. They are currently in need of Health Kits and School Kits. Material requirements and assembly instructions for the kits are found at this link http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.

¹ www.theguardian.com

 $^{^2\ \}underline{\text{http://www.npr.org/blogs/goatsandsoda/2015/04/28/402842890/what-you-need-to-know-before-donating-to-earthquake-relief-for-nepal}$

³ http://www.AmeriCares.org/

⁴ http://www.umcmission.org/learn-about-us/news-and-stories/2015/april/0427unitedmethodistsrespond

⁵ <u>http://www.globalmedic.ca/</u>