

RUMC Newsletter

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YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS CAN HELP FUND RUMC!



Clean out your closets and help Rockville United Methodist Church (RUMC) raise funds!
This is in conjunction with Savers Donation Drive

We will collect goods from **May 1 to May 31**. Bring your goods to 22 Elizabeth Street (leave goods at basement door in back driveway) or call for pick-up 860-875-3935. Email joneil2@comcast.net or rumcoffice@sbc@global.net

We will receive \$.05 per pound of hard goods which include but not limited to the following: Household Items toys, appliances, books, CD's and DVD's, magazines computer printers (not monitors) etc.

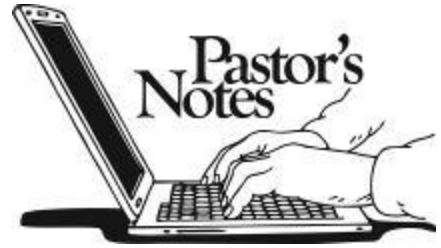
We will receive \$.20 per pound for soft goods which include but not limited to the following: Clothing, shoes, hats, scarves, jewelry, accessories, bags, wallets, bedding, towels, curtains, tablecloths and other cloth materials.

The **Do Not Accept List** includes all weapons, hazardous materials, construction materials, flammable products, automobile parts, damaged furniture, beds, bedding parts, televisions, computer monitors, infant car seats, cribs and other infant products restricted by law, swing sets, food, pets, large appliances, marine vessels, swimming pools, vehicles, cash and intangible property.

Questions? Call Janet at 860-875-3935 or RUMC at 860-875-6562.

Dear Church Family,

When people ponder the meaning of the Ten Commandments, they might think back to the time they saw Charlton Heston who starred as Moses. The Ten Commandments is the foundation of our civilization and the bedrock of our faith in God. Though much of society may view them as out of date, they are as up to date as when first written. We would be healthier and happier if we tried to live by them.



If God texted the Ten Commandments, they might look something like the following:

1. **No1 b4me. srsly.**
2. **Dnt wrshp pix/idols**
3. **No omgs**
4. **No wrk on w/end(sat 4 now; sun 18r)**
5. **Pos ok-ur m&d r cool**
6. **Dnt kil p pl**
7. **:-X only w/ m8**
8. **Dnt steal**
9. **Dnt lie re: bf**
10. **Dnt ogle ur bf's m8. Or ox. Or dnky. myob.**

(Jamie Quatro of Reader's Digest is the creative genius of these text messages)

Translated:

1. **You shall have no other gods before me.**
2. **You shall not make any idols.**
3. **You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
4. **Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.**
5. **Honor your father and mother.**
6. **You shall not murder.**
7. **You shall not commit adultery.**
8. **You shall not steal.**
9. **You shall not bear false witness.**
10. **You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

The 10 commandments are a wonderful gift from God and each is worthy of study and meditation. The obvious benefits of observing them would be better relationships and stronger families. They are like a road map to success and happiness. May God help us all to do what is right.

Pastor Paul



SUNDAY SCHOOL:

We celebrated Earth Day on April 24- all the classes went outside, raked, and cleaned up garbage and sticks. We did what we could in our short period of time. If there is a family or person interested in continuing what we couldn't finish, I am sure Trustees would love the help. Contact Noreen Veal for what the family or you could do. Maybe we can have "adopt an area" (like they do on the highway) and we can be responsible for beautifying that area. Again- please contact Noreen Veal for guidance.

May 1- Sunday School, offering collected in Sunday School.

May 1-**Teachers meeting** after church (grab a coffee first) in room 1 (old Library) discuss Children's Sunday.

May 8- children may bring in a "cell" pack or less of flowers to be blessed at children's message in honor of or memory of a special Mom/or women in your life. Bring in a small garden shovel so we can plant them around the church after the message. If you email me their names we will announce them during the blessing.

May 15- Sunday School

May 22- Sunday School

May 29- A movie will be offered for the children.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:

June 19- KICK OFF for the summer. Come join us for summer Sunday school. We have some exciting activities planned that will get you learning the Bible, outside for some fun and of course, we will work food into our class. We will meet every Sunday. July 3rd and Sept 4th we will show a movie. **A signup sheet will be posted on the Sunday School bulletin board for parents/adults to volunteer a week (or more) to teach or assist. Curriculum will be provided. I will be taking several Sundays off for vacation with the family.**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:

June 3-4- sleepover, 7:00 pm-9:00 am. We will be discussing fundraisers (so we can expand our youth fellowship get-togethers.) mission project (hopefully, Kid Safe will let me know what is needed) and a movie or games, possibly both. Please bring in a snack to share.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

June 12 after children's Sunday, we will be decorating early for VBS and our Summer Kick off program.

June 20-24- we still have openings for 3yrs to finishing 5th grade to participate. **Youth in 6th grade and up, we encourage you to volunteer. Adults are needed to lead in Crafts, Music, Recreation, and Storytelling. One day or the whole week we could use your help. Sign us sheets are in Fellowship Hall.**

Any questions, suggestions, opinions, I would love to hear from you

Contact: Linda Shivers, necsvga@aol.com, or 860-871-9164

THE **ELLINGTON SENIOR CENTER (ESC) PRESENTS** a unique opportunity for those of us that have been wanting to see the **9/11 MEMORIAL and MUSEUM** in New York City.

Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Depart: 8 am Ellington Town Hall parking lot, 55 Main Street.

Return: 8 pm Ellington

Included: Entry to 9/11 Memorial Museum and Memorial. Prior to visiting the Memorial and Museum we will have an included lunch at Ryan Maguire's, a

popular restaurant on Wall Street. (*entre choice in advance*) — Sautéed Chicken in Lemon Herb Sauce, Tricolor Fusilli, Shepherd's Pie or Sole Française



Cost: \$103 per person based on 40-50 passengers (we would be part of a trip sponsored by ESC.)

To register: Go to Ellington Senior Center (860 870-3133), fill out registration forms, choose your lunch entre and pay in full. **Deadline:** *July 29th, unless sold out.*

NOTE: THERE IS A MODERATE AMOUNT OF WALKING ON THIS TRIP

For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Adult Studies

BIBLE DEVOTIONALS: Friday mornings at 10 am.

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

Come join the conversation!



Tea and Text

We have chosen another book by Robin Jones Gunn for Spring/Summer reading and discussion.

The title is Gardenias for Breakfast!! Books have been ordered. If you would like to join us, see or email Judie Culy at judie.culy@gmail.com. Cost of book: \$5.

First discussion will be on Friday, June 3rd at 1:30 at Ginny Wehrli's home.

Some comments on the book from Publishers Weekly: "...an entertaining foray into the South and an intriguing look at the intergenerational relationships of women...one of Gunn's best offerings to date."

From author Robin Lee Hatcher: "Settle into your favorite chair and indulge yourself with Gardenias for Breakfast, a warm and gentle novel about grandmothers, mothers, and daughters. You'll glad you did!"

Blankets of Hope 2016

ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who dedicated a Mother's Day Blanket of Hope to an important women in their life. Your donation helps Church World Service (CWS) bring blankets to people world-wide during emergencies and times of need. In 2015 CWS donated 2790 blankets internationally, including 1200 baby blankets and 1050 light and heavy weight blankets to Serbia. CWS donated 5030 blankets in the US during 2015, including 990 to Texas and 360 to Kentucky after they experienced flooding.

<http://cwsglobal.org/get-involved/cws-blankets/cws-blanket-reports/>

Stay Tuned for a new dedication for Father's Day this year!

Thank you, Rockville United Methodist Church for fantastic second year! Sadly, the spring semester of the Family Learning Program will be ending on Thursday, May 5th. On our last day we will be hosting a pot-luck at noon. **Please feel free to join us!**

We will be returning on Tuesday, September 6th. Hope everyone has a safe and healthy summer.

Here are some highlights from this school year!

- 30 families in the program
- From 15 counties
- Students developed their language and progress to receiving their GED.

Some of the topics explored this year were:

- Financial Literacy
- How to become an entrepreneur
- Domestic Violence
- ECHN Birth to 3 resources
- CPR trained for friends and family
- Breast Cancer awareness
- Home Safety
- Explore Home Remedies
- Election Process taught by Pastor O'Neil
- How to deal with anxiety
- Citizenship
- Free Summer Activities taught by Pastor O'Neil



We are open for new enrollment. Please contact me if you know of anyone with young children AND who would like to improve their English or Earn their GED.

Svetlana.grishtaev@vernonct.org

860-836-0514

~Svetlana Grishtaev

Here is a sample of the events you can find on our Community Bulletin Board.

South United Methodist Church is having a showing of **Buster Keaton's "The General"**. Organ music will be played live to accompany this silent film. Friday May 6th at 7:30 pm. \$10 adults; \$5 kids 14 and under.



The Hockanum Valley Community Council **2016 Fashion Show** will be at Maneeley's Banquet Hall on Thursday May 19, 2016 from 6 pm to 9 pm.

May 7, 2016 is the next **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** in Manchester for the towns of Glastonbury, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Somers, South Windsor, Stafford, and Vernon.



We need your help!

One of the fastest and most inexpensive ways to attract new people is through the internet. RUMC is taking steps to reach out to those who don't know about us, but we need your help with the promotion. Below are some of the things you can do to help.

1. Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RUMCVernon>. I post links to the Pastor's sermons on Twitter; re-tweet them. Better yet, start a conversation about the message; use the church's hashtag: #RUMCVernonCT. You don't need a Twitter account to read the tweets, but you do to join the conversation.

2. Like us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rockville-United-Methodist-Church-116640285027645/>. Add photos, videos, and posts to our facebook page. Like or share posts from the RUMC facebook page. The more we share, the larger the number of people who see what we do.

3. Share your photos. I would love to update our facebook page and website with photos that capture the true family here at RUMC. Add them to our facebook page or email them to the office at rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net. If there are children in the photos, please make sure their parents are ok with them being posted online.

5. If you have information you wish to share with the world or corrections that need to be made to the information on the website, please email the church office at RUMCoffice@sbcglobal.net. Help me keep people informed by keeping our website up-to-date.

There are many other social media platforms we aren't using. If there is one you think would work well to promote our church, please let me know. If you have any creative ideas about how we can share our message, let's work together to initiate it.

~Diane

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. 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

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 # _____

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Sunday Morning opportunities: Sign up sheets are in fellowship hall for the attendants needed on Sunday mornings.

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.

Vacation Bible School Needs You! June 20-24 Volunteer for the week or one or two days. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. Contact Linda Shivers if you are interested: necsvga@aol.com (860) 871-9164

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:

Habitat for Humanity Family Service: Habitat for Humanity Family Services is looking for volunteers to help mentor perspective homeowners. They will have an open house the week of June 11th. 860-541-2208 ext. 2210 for details.

VITAS Healthcare has many volunteer opportunities from administrative or sewing help to working with veterans or those in assisted living. **Free training is provided.** For more information contact Michelle Tremblay at 860-494-4638 or Michelle.Tremblay@VITAS.com.

Good Friday Walk Update

As of April 23, 2016 we have collected \$9,678 of the \$10,305 pledged to our walkers. Please turn in any outstanding pledges you have remaining.

Shop to Help a Good Cause!

Going On Vacation or Working on Home Improvements?

If you are going on vacation be sure to find a good church but also remember our gift card program. We have hotels, amusement parks, gas, groceries and so much more! We also have stores for home improvement. Check out our over 600 retailers available to you at no added cost on our RUMC website:

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

Happy Spring/Summer and remember to keep God first in whatever you do.

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.

Computer slow?

Jake Gerow has a school fund raiser providing **Computer Tune Ups** and/or **viral removal**. The fee is \$30 if the problem is fixed. Details are on the Community Bulletin Board.

Special Needs

Emily Rushton - healthy pregnancy
Emily Robbins - healthy pregnancy
Baby Lily- medical
Raya Thorington - medical, age 9
Liana - medical, age 17
Ross Middleton - medical, age 18
Dianne McLaughlin - medical
Donna Brodin - medical
Linda Furnas - medical

Prayer Requests

Those in Service

Dr. Belinda Forbes,
Nicaragua
Pastor Kristin White,
Augusta, ME

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
James White- Vernon Manor
Ernest Pearson - home
Don Ross - Woodlake
Barbara Tourtelotte - home
Al White - Vernon Manor
Bill Spivey Sr. - Hartford Hospital
Janet McKercher - St. Francis Hospital

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.



Forrest Rosenberg	May 4	Kore Chen	May 16
Barbara Kent	May 6	Nathan Woodruff	May 20
Jean Benner	May 9	Ian Corne	May 21
Kady Joy	May 9	Carol Robbins	May 25
Patricia Brandt	May 11	John Ward	May 26
Emma Durham	May 13	Earl Robertson	May 31

Quote of the Month

"It would seem that something which means poverty, disorder and violence every single day should be avoided entirely, but the desire to beget children is a natural urge."

~Phyllis Diller



May 1

Acts 16: 9-15
Psalm 67 (UMH)
Revelation 21: 10,22-22:5
John 14: 23-29

May 8

Acts 16: 16-34
Psalm 97 (UMH)
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17: 20-26

May 15

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b (UMH)
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

May 12

Proverbs 8: 1-4,22-31
Psalm 8 (UMH)
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

May 29

1 Kings 18: 20-39
Psalm 96 (UMH)
Galatians 1: 1-12
Luke 7: 1-10

May Worship Attendants

Sign up sheets to help in these areas on Sunday morning are in Fellowship Hall.

Greeters

Please see Mike Faiaz for dates available.

Liturgists

May 1	Terri Goldich
May 8	Candy Sunderland
May 15	Mel Bacha
May 22	Joy Pikor
May 29	Rick Bacha

Acolytes

Please see Sherry Pearson for dates available.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

May 1	Mike Faiaz
May 8	available
May 15	Yoder
May 22	Stenger/Macri
May 29	available

Altar Flowers

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

May 1	available
May 8	Stenger
May 15	Phyllis King
May 22	Stenger
May 29	Carol Robbins

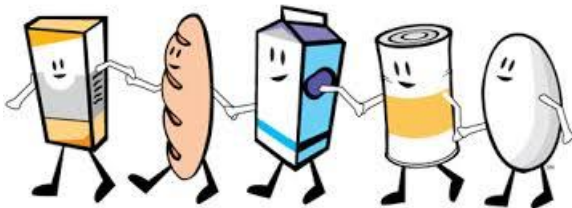
Food Donations



Last month, we delivered a total of **54** items to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Thank you for helping our neighbors.

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

-Suzanne Bird



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Grove Street Music Project
Concert**

June 18, 2016

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 2016

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

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.



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Don Ross, Church Custodian
Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)
Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua

To update address information or to be removed from the mailing list, please call or e-mail the church office.