

# The Herald

## RUMC Newsletter



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# Happy Mother's Day!



**Church Clean-Up Day**  
**Saturday May 6th**  
**9 am**  
**Everyone Invited**

**HELP WITH THE SPRING MAINTENANCE AND CLEAN UP.**  
There are more tasks than can be completed on Wednesday mornings. If everyone volunteers a few hours, the work will be completed in one day! Much of the work will be yard clean-up. Please bring your own rake and gloves.



Dear Church family,

The Easter season, which began on Easter Day (April 16), lasts 50 days, ending on Pentecost (June 4). This also coincides with spring, when vitality returns after the harshness of winter and nature's cycle of life, death and rebirth is most visible.

In the graveside services that I conduct, I often quote a favorite statement which is a reminder of eternal life:



***Rest is suggested here by the quiet surroundings in which the inhabitants of this city lie.***

***Life beyond the grave is suggested by the renewal from year to year of the flowers and trees and shrubs which, having appeared to die, spring forth into newness of life.***

***That a part of humanity never dies is the positive affirmation of the Christian faith and a declaration of the Holy Bible. The future of our loved one we leave in the hands of God who is perfect in love, infinite in mercy and who does all things well.***

In this particular committal statement, the mention of spring reminds those who grieve over loved ones, that life triumphs over death. With the example of Jesus in his death and subsequent resurrection, this gives hope to all believers that we will rise again when the last trumpet sounds.

- “Easter spells out beauty, the real beauty of new life.” -SD Gordon
- “Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket.”
- “Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.” -Martin Luther
- “Easter is very important to me, it is a second chance.” -Reba McIntyre
- “Let the resurrection joy fill us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.” -Floyd Tomkins
- “Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.” -Virgil Kraft
- “He has risen as he said.” Matthew 28:6
- “I am the resurrection and the life.” John 11:25

Easter is a promise God renews to us each spring. May this time of year remind us of the promises of Easter. May our hearts be revitalized as we put our energies in renewing our souls and service to others.

God bless,

Pastor Paul

### **STOP HUNGER NOW**

On Saturday April 1, 2017 over 50 people gathered to package nearly 1,500 meals in just under two hours. The meals will be combined with meals from other packing events to fill a cargo container. Once filled the container will be shipped to help combat world hunger. Congratulations to all on a job well done!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

May 7- Little Bells will practice after Holy Communion.

May 14- We will be planting and cleaning up church grounds.  
Please bring in a cell pack of flowers. Wear play clothes;  
bring in small shovels to plant and rakes.

May 21- Sunday school class after children's message.

May 28- No Sunday school class, Memorial Day weekend

June 4- rehearsal for children's Sunday in Fellowship Hall, after  
Children's message.

June 11- Children's Sunday, the Sunday school classes will be taking part in the wor-  
ship service.



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR SEPT 2017-JUNE 2018:**

Next year we will need to add another Sunday School class. After talking with teachers in 6th grade and up we will need to add an 8th grade and older class. So our Sunday School classes will be as follows:

3yrs-5yrs: kindergarten-3rd grade; 4th & 5th gr, 6th & 7th gr and 8th gr and up. We will need a new classroom- possibly the old library and 2 more teachers.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

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

Dates: June 16 & 25, July 9, 16, 23, & 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, & 27.

No classes on July 2- holiday weekend,

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

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

**SUNDAY BEYOND SUNDAY (YOUTH): -**

April 28- Youth sleep over at church. 7:00pm-12. We are combining the sleep over with a fundraiser. We will be selling baked goods and coffee during the tag sale.

Hoping to get a sleepover scheduled in June too.

**July 17-21 Mission week.****Good Friday Walk**

Thanks to each and everyone who participated in any way to make this year's Walk a great success!! We couldn't do it without you!! Remember the Walk isn't over until all pledges have been turned in; please contact your sponsors and get the money to the church so we can write the checks to Sharing, Inc and Cornerstone Foundation.

Steve Yoder and Judie Culy,  
Co-Chairpersons, 2017

## REFUGEE HELP

Now that the initial paperwork and medical exams are complete, the Marri family has started to settle into a routine including attending school. Their needs for our support have shifted. Right now most of their food is being covered through the State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program better know as Food Stamps. However, many other essential items, such as soap and cleaning products, are not covered by this program. If you would like to help by donating one or more of these items from the list below it would be greatly appreciated. You may drop your donation off at church at you convenience. Better yet, ride along with one of us when we visit the Marri family and deliver your donation yourself. If you have not met them yet, you will be amazed by their gratitude and hospitality. If you prefer to donate cash, you may write your check to RUMC and indicate it is for the Refugee Program. Cash would allows us to purchase items in bulk at Sam's and other discount stores. -Steve

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener sheets (Downey, Bounce or equivalent)
- Dish Liquid soap
- Hand Liquid soap
- Bar hand soap-unscented (Dove)
- Shampoo (Pantene or equivalent)
- Toothpaste
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- toilet paper
- Kitchen garbage bags
- Sandwich Plastic bags, zip lock
- Ajax toilet cleaner
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, children's Tylenol
- children's thermometer
- adult thermometer
- Lotion for dry skin like Eucerin Daily Hydration
- File cabinet with lock
- Diapers- size 3 & 4
- Bicycles and helmets

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### Vacation Bible School

**June 26 to June 30, 2017**

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

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

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

**Who: Children from age 3 (\*toilet trained) to 5th grade (just finished as of June 2017)**

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

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<p><b>Directors: Linda Shivers,</b> office- 860-875-7580, home 860-871-9164 <b>Don Corne,</b> home- 860-871-2435</p>
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The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God". This week-long program is a community effort sponsored by Rockville United Methodist Church. Vacation Bible School (VBS) includes Bible study, recreation, crafts, music, storytelling, science, puppet shows, bells, and a fun Family Night on June 29.

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

Registration forms are also available to download and print at our church web-site: [www.rockumchurch.com](http://www.rockumchurch.com). Invite your friends for a fun week as you learn about your Christian faith.

God Bless.

# 2017 VBS Registration

## Student's Name:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friend they would like to be with? \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that we may not be able to place all children with the Friends they request to be with, but we will try.

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

To keep costs down, we will provide one music CD per family. If you would like additional CDs, please enclose \$4.00 for each.

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# of children registered \_\_\_ at \$20 each (or \$40 family cap) = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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



# *Church Council Minutes*

Church Council Meeting date March 26, 2017

Attending: Stan and Judie Culy, Sue Lessoff (Chair), Pastor Paul O'Neil, Phyllis King, Carol Robbins, Terri J. Goldich (Recorder), Mel Bacha, Linda Shivers, Geoff Gerow, Karen Stearns

## **Church Leadership Reports**

PASTOR (including Lay Leadership) – Rev. Paul O'Neil – *There have been some changes in programming due to weather. The one-act drama will occur on May 7. The Daughters of Zion will join us at a date to be determined. The space at the railing will be used from the center to the right for communion. Pastor Paul attended a minister's conference at which the issue was the aging of the clergy. With the inclusion of younger church members in the service, the Pastor wants to begin the dinner service program. On Easter, Joy Pikor will be the liturgist and will be preaching the following week. Kori Durham's baby will be baptized on Easter; Mary Rose Rushton will be baptized the week before. Laurie Catalano will become a member this spring and David Saunders is considering membership.*

COUNCIL CHAIR– Sue Lessoff – *For communion, the Grove Street Music equipment does not need to be moved.*

## **Ministry Reports**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Linda Shivers – *Report attached*

FINANCE and TREASURER and FINANCIAL SECRETARY-Geoff Gerow, George Klingman, Allison Corne – *Report attached. Geoff added a large thank-you to Eileen Gay for her work on the butter braids fundraiser. The more effort that can go into other fundraisers, the better. About the Grove Street Project: the concert is now Sunday, June 11 at 4pm and needs support from everyone. The band Pursuing JC is comprised of kids who just slightly older than our own group. Linda will be contacting area youth groups to attend. Tickets are \$18 each and GSM will be the opening act.*

LAY LEADER(S) -Candy Sunderland, Mel Bacha – *Still trying to plug people into open slots for liturgist, greeter, and coffee hour.*

MEN'S CLUB - Don Ross – *The Pastor reported that the Men's club will be at Bolton United Methodist Church for breakfast communion on Palm Sunday.*

MISSIONS – *The Pastor will look for a chair.*

MUSIC – Karen Stearns – *No report*

PUBLICITY – Janice Klingman – *No report*

REFUGEE COMMITTEE REPORT – Steve Yoder – *Stan and Judie Culy provided a report in Steve's absence, attached. There is a meeting after church on April 2 to discuss the issues involved. The Pastor would like to have one more meeting with Catholic Charities.*



SMALL GROUPS – Phyllis King – *The small groups have not met for the last month or so due to weather and personal health issues.*

SPRC – *The committee is still looking for a chair. The Pastor is meeting with the DS on Tuesday to discuss the issue.*

TRUSTEES – Don Ross – *No report*

UMW – Judie Culy – *No report.*

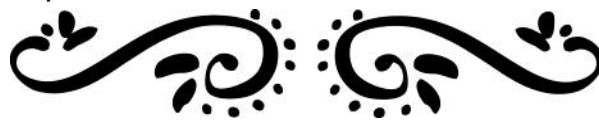
VERNON COMMUNITY NETWORK – Judie Culy – *The project is on-going. Carol Robbins is now our representative.*

VISITATION & NURTURE – Stan Culy, Paul O’Neil – *The Pastor and Stan keep up with all of our shut-ins.*

WORSHIP – Carol Robbins -

**Old business** – *Sue Bird has been taking the food donations to Hockanum and would like to change to benefit Cornerstone.*

**New business** – **A.** *Phyllis reported that no one is signing up to be greeters and asked a family to take one or two slots throughout the year. She would like members of the church to take one Sunday per year on some date that is meaningful for them.* **B.** *The church has received a letter about church video licensing. The Pastor will check with the conference attorney.* **C.** *Judie Culy reported that any extra Stop Hunger Now money will go toward a clean water project.* **D.** *Linda reported that 15 kids will be attending Godspell.*



### **RUMC IN THE NEWS**

Rockville United Methodist Church has received some good press recently. Copies of the articles from the Journal Inquirer are on our website on the ***RUMC in the News*** page under ***Share Your Spark.***



### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who donated a new or gently used winter coat this season. Because of your generosity, four trips to the Cornerstone Clothing Bank were made this winter, helping your neighbors stay warm.

### **LINKS TO ONLINE NEWSLETTERS**

Here are links to some newsletters that may interest you:

**Cornerstone:** <https://www.joomag.com/magazine/my-first-magazine-cornerstone-newsletter-march-2017/0041000001487529753>

**Accion Medica Christiana:** <http://www.nicaraguacovenant.org/newsletter.html>

## Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Through the Church:

**Church Clean-Up Day, Saturday May 6th, 9 am:** It is time to remove what winter left behind in our church yard. Please bring your own rake.

**Refugee Program:** Please talk to Steve Yoder if you would like to help the Marri family. Transportation and English lessons/practice are two of the opportunities available.

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

**Prayer Chain:** If anyone is interested in joining the prayer chain and would prefer contact via telephone, please call Phyllis King at (860) 454-5127

### In the Community:

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

**KidSafe Volunteers Needed:** Kidsafe in Vernon wants to expand the services they offer Middle and High School Students at their Youth Drop-In Center. They need volunteers who can provide 1 hour workshop/activities for the kids. Ideas for the workshops include, but are not limited to the following:

Art, dancing, music, nutrition, gardening, science, sports clinics, Team building skills, good study habits, financial literacy, martial arts and/or self-defense, self-care for boys and girls, how to start a business, social skills, substance abuse education, etc

## CWS BLANKETS OF HOPE

### A Mother's Day and Father's Day Combined Campaign

Beginning on Mother's Day (May 14th), we will collect money for the CWS Blankets of Hope Campaign. Donations will be collected until June 11, 2017. The dedications will be posted in the Father's Day (June 18th) bulletin.

Blankets provide warmth in the cold, privacy in crowded camps, a way of carrying a child or one's possessions on the march. Dedicate a blanket to the people who provided you with warmth and protection- mom and dad, or to any special parent in your life.

**Please return this form to the church office no later than June 11, 2017.**

### BLANKET SUNDAY - JUNE 18, 2017

Enclosed is my check/cash for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

### OUR GIFT CARD PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

Purchase your favorite gift cards through RUMC and help the church; major chains donate a percent of the gift cards we sell back to the church. You always receive 100% of your purchase. The order form is on our website:

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



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

Rockville Public Library has a number discount passes to museums in the area. The discount varies according to individual museum policy. Adult Rockville Public Library card-holders can borrow the museum passes from the library on a first-come, first served bases for up to two days. **The list of museum passes is posted on the Community Bulletin Board.**

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**DRESS FOR SUCCESS - MIRIAM'S CLOSET**

Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville has started a program to provide Job Interview clothing to people in need; it is called Miriam's Closet. If you know someone who can use this service, the information and request form is on the Community Bulletin Board.

Miriam's Closet accepts donations of nearly new business casual apparel, shoes and accessories. Donations are accepted Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 4 pm; Friday 9 am to 1pm and Sunday before 1pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, 55 River Road, Collinsville, CT. 06022.

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**SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE  
1-800-273-TALK**

If you are thinking about suicide help is a phone call away. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255. If you suspect someone you know might be showing warning signs, you can learn about what you can do to help on their website: [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

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**VERNON PUBLIC WORKS COMMUNITY DAY  
SHREDDING EVENT  
SATURDAY MAY 20TH  
9 AM-NOON**

The Vernon Public Works Community day will be held at 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon on Saturday May 20, 2017 from 9am to noon. It will include a document shred event (maximum 3 boxes) and Touch-A-Truck equipment show and demonstrations..A non-perishable food item or cash donation will be collected to benefit the HVCC Food Pantry. For more information, please contact the Vernon Public Works Office at 860-870-3500.

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**GENE PITNEY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
for scholarships and music education.

May 6, 2017 1:00 pm shotgun start

\$100/person

[http://www.tournevents.com/\\_tournament/?event=gpcc](http://www.tournevents.com/_tournament/?event=gpcc)



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**COMMUNITY UMC  
OPEN MIC AND SING  
MAY 13, 2017**

- 4 pm Light Dinner
- 5 pm Jam Session
- 6 pm Open Mic.

Community United Methodist Church, 278 Sandy Beach Road, Ellington, CT 06029

# Prayer Requests

## Special Needs

Paul Doucette - medical  
 Jody- medical  
 Barbara Doyle - medical  
 Scott Stubbs - medical  
 Michael Svenson - medical  
 Barbara Sweeney - medical  
 Rev. Ron Adcock - medical  
 Kathy Tefft - medical  
 Nick - medical  
 Lindsay - medical  
 Leanna- medical, age 17  
 Toye King - medical  
 Margaret & Joe - medical  
 Aieden Robbins - medical  
 Victor - medical  
 Marilyn Garabedian - medical  
 Netania Charles - prayers  
 Deolinda - piece of mind

## Those in Christian Service

### **Dr. Belinda Forbes**

Accion Medica Christiana,  
 Managua, Nicaragua

### **Pastor Kristin White,**

Green Street UMC,  
 Augusta, ME

### Our Church Family

David Taft - medical  
 Natalie Robertson - medical  
 Judy Wilkie - medical  
 Bill Spivey Jr. - medical  
 Virginia Wehrli - medical

## 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  
 Pat Brandt—Pennsylvania  
 Steve & Kay Lyke—home  
 Annette Welton—Vernon Manor  
 Irene Surette—home  
 Leonard Aronson - Vernon Manor  
 David Taft - Woodlake  
 Tom Rider - Fox Hill

*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.*



Austyn Hrabica	May 4
Forrest Rosenberg	May 4
Barbara Kent	May 6
Kady Joy	May 9
Patricia Brandt	May 11
Emma Durham	May 13



Kore Chen	May 16
Nat Woodruff	May 20
Ian Corne	May 21
Carol Robbins	May 25
John Ward	May 26
Earl Robertson	May 31

## Quote of the Month

**"There is an instinct in a woman to love most her own child - and an instinct to make any child who needs her love, her own."**

**~Robert Brault**



**May 7**

Acts 2: 42-47  
Psalm 23 (UMH)  
1 Peter 2: 19-25  
John 10: 1-10

**May 14**

Acts 7: 55-60  
Psalm 31: 1-5; 15-16 (UMH)  
1 Peter 2: 2-10  
John 14: 1-14

**May 21**

Acts 17: 22-31  
Psalm 66: 8-20 (UMH)  
1 Peter 3: 13-22  
John 14: 15-21

**May 28**

Acts 1: 6-14  
Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 (UMH)  
1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11  
John 17: 1-11

**May Worship Attendants**

**Greeters**

Phyllis King, coordinator  
May 7 available  
May 14 Phyllis King  
May 21 available  
May 28 available

**Liturgists**

Candy Sunderland, coordinator  
May 7 Rick Bacha  
May 14 Harry Thomas  
May 21 Mike Faiaz  
May 28 Sherry Pearson

**Acolytes**

Don Ross, coordinator.

**Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour**

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.  
May 7 Shivers  
May 14 Ross  
May 21 Available  
May 28 Mike Faiaz

**Altar Flowers**

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

May 7 Stenger  
May 14 Phyllis King  
May 21 available  
May 28 available

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Church Clean Up Day**  
**May 6, 2017**  
**9 am**

**May 7, 2017**  
**“The Throne of God” will be**  
**performed during the service.**

**Christian Rock Concert**  
**6-11-2017**  
**4:00 pm**

**Strawberry Supper**  
**June 17, 2017**

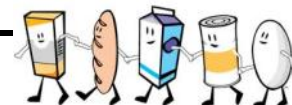
**VBS**  
**June 26 to 30th**  
**9am to noon**

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

Last month, we collected a total of **74** food items. The food was distributed to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community.

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

-Suzanne Bird



Return Service

Requested

## **Rockville United Methodist Church**



**Adult Study — 9:00 am**  
**Sunday School 10:00 am**  
**Worship Service 10:00 am**



Coffee & Fellowship follow the worship service  
Nursery Care is available for children 4 and under.

Office Hours 10am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

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

### ***Our Mission Statement***

Rockville United Methodist Church is a people seeking to be faithful to God; by reaching out to all, inviting each to a relationship with God, nurturing each in the love of Jesus Christ and sending everyone back into the world to minister in God's name.



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*Rev. Paul R. O'Neil, Pastor*  
*Karen Stearns, Music Director*  
*Diane Lajoie, Office Manager*  
*Linda Shivers, Director of Christian Education*  
*Don Ross, Church Custodian*  
*Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)*  
*Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua*



2017 SWEET SUMMER

# GROVE STREET

## *Music Concert*

*To Benefit RUMC Music  
& Youth Programs*



JUNE  
**11TH**  
@4PM

With Featured Guest  
**Pursuing JC**

HOSTED BY: THE GROVE STREET MUSIC PROJECT



**Rockville United Methodist Church**

142 Grove Street, Rockville CT

🌐 [www.rockumchurch.com](http://www.rockumchurch.com) ☎ 860-875-6562

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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