

RUMC Newsletter

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 19th
9am-2pm

Handcrafted Items

Seasonal Arrangements

Baking Mix in a Gift Jar

Fancy Cookies

Grandma's Attic

Books & Puzzles

Baked Goods & Candy

Silent Auction

A Mixed Bag (gift items)

Gift Cards

Luncheon Available

Dear Church Family,

As a church, we just finished an eventful October. Here are some of the highlights:

- Baptism of Skylar Chessey.
- Youth Spaghetti Dinner
- Finance, Worship, Nominating Committee Meetings
- Memorial Service for Sandie Halm
- Dedication of the Memorial Garden
- Stewardship campaign
- Harvest Dinner
- Leap of Faith Concert
- Advanced Lay Speaker Course taught by Janet O'Neil
- Trunk or Treat



This is also a busy time for our church in which we administratively plan for 2017 in terms of budget, pledge campaign and filling lay positions. The SPRC meets with the District Superintendent on Thursday November 17 at 5PM and the Charge Conference on Thursday December 8 at 7PM. There are lots of meetings and forms to fill out in preparation for these events.

If you have not pledged for the coming year, I would ask you to prayerfully consider what you would give for 2017, fill out a white card and mail it in or drop it in the offering plate. This is the tradition for all United Methodist Churches and it is done so we can make a budget for the next calendar year. Thank you for your support.

While we are in the midst of many activities in what I call "Charge Conference" season, we received word that we will be hosting a refugee family from Syria. This program is Christianity in action: "When you have done it to the least of these, you have done it for me." For the past 6 months, we have been collecting furniture and household items and storing it in several locations. Once this family arrives, we hope to show them a furnished apartment, rent will be paid for by Catholic Charities. Those in our church who are involved in this project will help this family become acclimated to Connecticut. We will help provide transportation to many appointments (medical, school, governmental assistance) to help them in their transition. We have been told that these refugee families become self-sufficient with jobs and schools in several months. The refugee family will be living in the Hartford area where everything that they need is located in a small area.

With my position as the Chaplain for the Ellington Fire Department, I have met many people in the community as I have responded to as many calls as I can. It is honor to represent the church and serve the community.

Pastor Paul

Refugee Family Update

The Syrian family we will be helping contains a mom, dad and seven children ages 3 to 11 (4 girls and 3 boys). They are moving out of a crowded refugee camp in Turkey. We will have the apartment set up by the time the family arrives (December 5th).

Sunday School:

Nov 6, 2016- Communion Sunday- children stay with family and may participate in Communion at their Parents' discretion. After Communion, children in grades 5th and under will meet in 1st classroom to practice bells with Jacob Gerow. Grades 6th and up will be informed by teacher if they are going to class or staying in worship.

Nov 13, 2016- children attend class after Children's message

Nov 20, 2016- "Ingathering" Sunday, please bring in a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. children attend class after Children's message

Nov 26, 2016- a movie will be shown in 1st classroom for all interested children.

Sundays Beyond Sundays Group:

The youth would like to thank the congregation for their support for our spaghetti luncheon fundraiser. With your help we raised over \$500.00 that we will put towards mission work.



Nov 4- 7:00 pm- 9:00 am sleepover and working on another fundraiser. We are making cookie/ brownie mixes in mason jars to sell at the bazaar. Bring your sleeping bags, air mattresses (if wanted) snack, beverage, breakfast item to share.



Nov 19- 8:30 am- 3:00 pm- set-up, clean-up and we need volunteers to work the table selling our "jars", and our help has been requested to work the food tables. Please let Don Corne, Dave Saunders, or Linda Shivers know if you are available.

Any questions or if you would like more information, please contact me at:
home: 860-871-9164 or email: necsvga@aol.com

God Bless,
Linda Shivers, Director of Christian Education



Youth Bell Choir

4th Grade and up

First Rehearsal

November 6, 2016

following service



Grove Street Music Project

Rehearsals are Sundays after Service.

Youth ages 10 and up.

Musicians, Singers, and Tech Crew opportunities.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, November 19, 2016

Hope you've all marked your calendars and that you plan to participate in our bazaar in some way—Helping to set up, helping the day of the bazaar, donating, buying, eating, cleaning up—whatever. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

THERE IS A FORM FOR ANYONE DONATING TO THE SILENT AUCTION. PLEASE PICK ONE UP AND FILL IT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND LEAVE IN ENVELOPE ON BULLETIN BOARD.

If you plan to donate ingredients, please put them in designated boxes in the kitchen. Look for the luncheon ingredient sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Our Fancy Cookie Booth needs donations of the following items: All purpose flour, granulated sugar, light brown sugar, confectioner's (10X) sugar, butter, coconut, shelled pecans, semi-sweet chocolate chips, white chocolate chips, vanilla, powdered cocoa, boxes of round Thin Mints, candied cherries, maraschino cherries, creamy peanut butter, and red-hot's. We can only accept unopened items. Should you have any questions or wish to help make cookies, please be in touch with Carol Ross, 875-0616 or Lorraine White, 872-2787.

Grandma's Attic donations may be put in the corner in Fellowship Hall along with jewelry, books, etc. Suggested pricing on fine items would be appreciated.

SET UP SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, 11/16, 9 am –GOM's setting up tables in Fellowship Hall;

Thursday, after 3 pm – finish decorating tables and begin to set up luncheon dining room, book nook tables, silent auction, etc. Items for sale can be brought in. Pricing. Many hands make light work!

Friday 9 am –work on Grandma's attic, book nook, misc. pricing.

12:30pm. Luncheon prep. Church will be open most of the day and evening.

Saturday -- All workers should be here by 8:30 am

A Mixed Bag (outside vendor) will be offering bags of all shapes and sizes. Great gift items. Gift Cards will also be available as well as Mason jar cookie mixes. Not to mention holiday decorations, our famous fancy cookies, baked goods and candy, handcrafted items, jewelry, books and puzzles, silent auction goodies, treasures in grandma's attic, all to be topped off with a delicious lunch and visiting with friends, old and new.

We hope to see you all at our traditional holiday bazaar this year. Please invite your family and friends to join us.

Many thanks, Judie Culy





Our Winter Coat box is out by the front door just in time for the cold weather and snow.

Donations are taken to the Cornerstone Clothing bank for our neighbors in need.

Last year we made four trips to Cornerstone thanks to the generous people here at RUMC.

Last month, we delivered a total of **62** items to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community. **KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THOSE SEASONAL SALES THAT ARE STARTING; HOLIDAY NEEDS WILL BE HERE SOON.**

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

-Suzanne Bird

Food Donations



Shop to Help a Good Cause!



Christmas? Already?

It is not too early to think about Christmas shopping; many stores have their displays up already. Here at RUMC, the gift card program is no different. So far we have made \$2,012.10 profit in our first year. A great success -- thanks to all of you. However, Christmas is the time when we do most of our business. Therefore, please buy your gift card Christmas presents through us; ask your dentist, doctors, hair stylists, etc. if you could place a brochure about the gift card program in their offices. Talk it up with your friends, neighbors and family members and ask them to shop through us also. Please see Janet O for an order form and cover letter if you would like to share them. Information and ordering information are on our website <http://www.rockumchurch.com/gift-card-program/>. If you need cards mailed see me, we can make that happen. Remember you will always receive 100% of your gift card order!

Shopping on Amazon? Don't forget to use our Amazon Smile page. The church will receive .5% of the price of the eligible purchases. 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.

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

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS
Support for families who have lost a child.

Union Congregational Church
3 Elm Street, Rockville

**Meetings on the First Tuesday of every
month at 7 pm.**



HVCC Senior Food Program. Free food assistance available to Vernon residents age 60 and older. Sign up in person; bring positive id and proof of income. Form more information call 860-872-7727 x2910.

Farmhouse Fair
Ellington Congregational Church

Crafts & Food

Friday, November 4 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 5 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Vernon Regional Adult Based Education



The Family Learning Program is having a **Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch** on Tuesday November 22nd at noon. Please join us as some of our ESL students are learning about this traditional American holiday.

*The Mansfield Public Library and Vernon Regional Adult Based Education (VRABE) are working in conjunction to offer monthly workshops showcasing the richness of our foreign neighbors. Each month one of our ESL adult students will showcase an aspect of their culture by providing dynamic, multicultural workshops in an atmosphere of respect, appreciation and acceptance of all. Our goal is to provide the community with enrichment opportunities, as we contribute to an atmosphere of respect and acceptance to our local immigrants.

All performances start at 2:00 p.m.
at Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, CT.

Congratulations to Svetlana Grishtaev, director of the Family Learning Program, for winning the William Perry Award for dedication and excellence in Adult Education.



The performance dates are: November 12, December 17, February 18, March 11, and April 1.

*From the VRABE October Newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Holiday Bazaar: Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board. (See the schedule on page 4)

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.

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:

Cornerstone Food Cupboard: Cornerstone has added a food cupboard to help the community in addition to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry. Monetary donations can be made through FoodShare with a notation in the memo space "for account #21605;" this will ensure the money will go to help in the tri-town area.



Don't forget we are collecting labels for the final year of the Campbell's Soup Labels for Education program. Lake Street Elementary School, in Vernon, is 5000 points from meeting their goal. We will collect labels until June to help them get the equipment they need. Leave your labels in the plastic bag on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Savers Donation Drive Progress

So far from Savers, we brought in \$757.60, and from the Rockville Fest, we brought in \$236.85 for total of \$1005.45. But that's not all folks! I still have items that I will try to sell on-line and some antiques. More information will be forthcoming.

Janet O.

Holiday Gift Fund

The congregation is again participating in the Holiday Gift Fund, a program that helps local families enjoy a more joyous Christmas. The deserving families are selected through our local WIC (Women, Infant & Children services). The list of names, ages, and requested gifts will be posted on the bulletin board. You can help by either purchasing a requested gift or making a monetary donation. **All gifts must be wrapped and returned by December 18, 2016.** Checks can be made payable to **HOLIDAY GIFT FUND** and given to Amy Velasquez or Kathy Sunderland.



Church Closings

If our church has to cancel a class, activity or event (examples: worship service, Sunday school, choir practice, dinner event) due to inclement weather, etc., we will post the cancellation notice on WFSB Channel 3. This will be our way of communicating cancellations throughout the winter season. Likely notices are: "No religious ed." (Sunday school canceled), "Event cancelled" or "Closed".



Bible Devotional - Fridays at 10 am: Join us for a deeper discussion of the coming Sunday's lectionary reading.

Pastor's Prayer Meeting- Saturdays, 9 am to 11 am: Join Pastor Paul and a group of United Methodist from Ghana as we pray for the United States, the United Methodist Church, and our local church.

SUNDAY'S AT 9 AM

JITTER'S CAFÉ, JOIN US FOR COFFEE.

ADULT STUDY: ADULT STUDY IS BACK. NEW TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED EACH WEEK COVERING BOTH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT.

Fire Safety Tips*

No one wants to think about tragedies in their home, but everyone in your household should understand and practice what to do in a fire emergency. Establish an escape plan and hold practice drills with your family to make sure everyone knows how to get out safely from every room in your home. The following are four important facts you should know about fire to increase your chances of a safe escape.

1. Smoke is dark. People have been trapped in their homes because they could not find their way out in the dark. Practice your escape plan and keep a working flashlight handy, not just in the junk drawer in your kitchen.
2. Smoke can be deadly. Most fire fatalities occur between 2 am and 6 am when people are sleeping. A sleeping person can't smell smoke, but he/she can hear the piercing sound of a smoke alarm. Test your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly.
3. Fire has intense heat. The temperature can rise several hundred degrees in just seconds; the heat alone can cause someone to become unconscious and unable to escape. One breath of this intense heat can cause severe lung damage. When there is a fire, get out fast to avoid these dangers.
4. Time is critical. A home fire can double in size in just 30 seconds and completely consume a house in less than five minutes. A closed door is often the best way to stall a fire; by closing the door, you may save yourself seconds to use an alternate escape route.

The time-change (November 6th) is a good time to inspect and test your smoke detectors and change the batteries. Smoke detectors have a 10 year life span. If you are not sure how old your detectors are, replace them.

*pulled from articles issued by the Town of Vernon Fire Department and posted in www.eventsmagazines.com.



Prayer Requests

Special Needs

Baby Lily- medical
 Raya Thorington - medical, age 9
 Leanna- medical, age 17
 Dianne McLaughlin - medical
 Rose- infant daughter, medical
 Paul Doucette - medical
 Al Boulais - medical
 Ross Middleton - medical
 Bill Kayba - medical
 Jody- medical
 Barbara Doyle - medical
 Scott Stubbs - medical
 Michael Svenson - medical
 Lincoln Gottier - medical
 Barbara Sweeney - medical
 Don Milanese - medical
 Rev. Ron Adcock - medical
 Staci Rizner - medical
 Pat - employment

Our Church Family

William Spivey, Jr. - medical
 Lin Arzt - healing
 Robert King - medical
 Jane E. Thomas - medical

Those in Christian Service

Dr. Belinda Forbes
 Accion Medica Christiana,
 Managua, Nicaragua
Pastor Kristin White,
 Green Street UMC,
 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
 Pat Brandt—Pennsylvania
 Steve & Kay Lyke—home
 Annette Welton—Brookdale SW
 Irene Surette—home
 Leonard Aronson - Vernon Manor
 Barbara Tourtelotte - home

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.



Shirley Edwards	November 2	Anthony Spicer	November 10
Noah Rodriguez	November 2	Raymond Clark	November 25
Shawn Harward	November 3	Janice Klingman	November 26
Leonard Aronson	November 6	Amanda Hall	November 26
Carole Stambo	November 10	Ardis Abbott	November 28

Quote of the Month

"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow."

~Edward Sandford Martin



November 6

Haggai 1: 15 - 2:9
Psalm 145: 1-5, 17-21 (UMH)
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20: 27-38

November 13

Isaiah 65: 17-25
Isaiah 12
Psalm 118 (UMH)
2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
Luke 21: 5-19

November 20

Jeremiah 23: 1-6
Luke 1: 68-79 (UMH 208)
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

November 27

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122 (UMH)
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 36-44

November Worship Attendants

As of this printing, we do not have anyone signed up as Sunday Worship Attendants for the month of November. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall.

Greeters

Mike Faiaz, coordinator.

Liturgists

Candy Sunderland, coordinator

Acolytes

Sherry Pearson, coordinator.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.

Altar Flowers

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

November 6	All Saints Day
November 13	Eileen Gay
November 20	Available
November 27	available

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

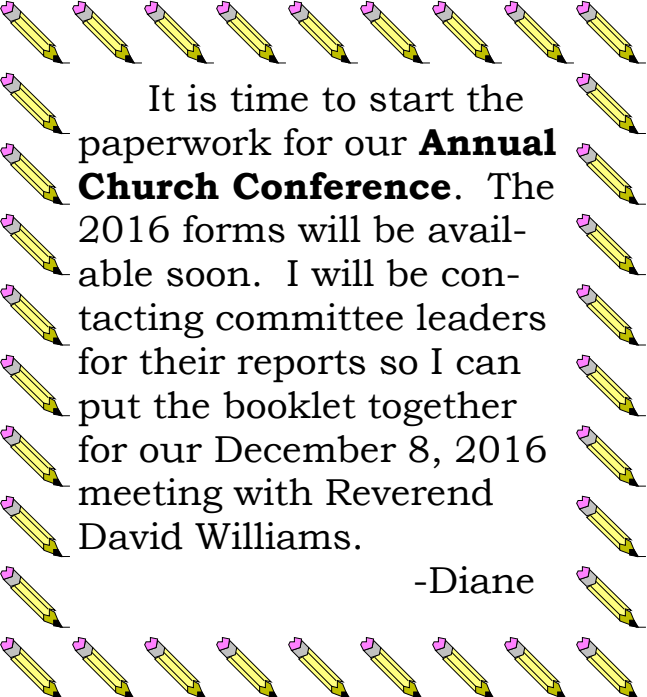


**Daylight Savings
Time Ends
Sunday November
6th at 2 am
Turn your clocks
back 1 hour.**

**SPRC Meeting with the DS
November 17, 2016
5 pm**

**Holiday Bazaar
November 19, 2016
9 am to 2 pm**

**Annual Church Conference
December 8, 2016
7 pm**



It is time to start the paperwork for our **Annual Church Conference**. The 2016 forms will be available soon. I will be contacting committee leaders for their reports so I can put the booklet together for our December 8, 2016 meeting with Reverend David Williams.

-Diane

Return Service
Requested

Rockville United Methodist Church



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



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

Office Hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

Our Mission Statement

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



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

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