

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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HURRICANE RELIEF

The New England United Methodist website will continue to update its disaster response page as it receives more news.

<http://www.neumc.org/disasterresponsenews>

Donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) marked with #901670 will go directly to UMCOR relief programs.

Mail checks to:
Advance GCFA
PO Box 9068 GPO
New York, NY 10087-9068

Donate by phone 1-888-252-6174 or online:

https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=901670

DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

The NEUMC has updates on the scope of the disaster response efforts in Puerto Rico, California, Florida, Texas, Louisiana and Haiti.

<http://www.neumc.org/disasterresponsenews>

The NEUMC also has an article about the “forgotten” recovery efforts. This article is about a group from Stafford Springs UMC who went to North Carolina to help build a house for a family hit by Matthew in September 2016.

<http://www.neumc.org/newsdetail/ne-team-helps-with-ongoing-flood-recovery-efforts-9867882>

The articles include links to pages showing things we can do to help.

Dear Church Family,



Behind the scenes work is going on to prepare us for the church/charge conference which will be held on Tuesday January 2, 2018. Already pledge cards have been sent out. If you could fill out your completed portion and mail it back to us or place it in the offering plate that would be appreciated.

Soon the Nominating Committee will be asking people if they would serve in lay leadership positions. Already we have positions open for Altar Guild, SPRC, Trustees, Missions, Sunday School, and Finance. Though many have served before, we could use your experience again.

Due to inclement weather on Sunday October 29th, we hope to dedicate the "Fred Edwards, Enos Stambo, and David White" Memorial Stone on Sunday November 5, 2017. On All Saint's Sunday we will remember our church and family members who have died this past year.

On Sunday November 19 at 4 pm, Rockville UMC will host the Vernon-Ellington Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 4 pm. Ellington First Selectman Lori Spielman will attend. Also participating will be other ministers and choir members from various churches.

Our next Dinner Church will be held in January due to many seasonal activities.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Paul O'Neil

Last month, we collected a total of **60** food items for our neighbors in need. Thank you. The food was distributed to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry and the Cornerstone Food Pantry. Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, pasta, fruit cups, tuna, and juice boxes are always needed.

It is time to start thinking about holiday donations. As you purchase the things you need for your holiday meals, please use your coupons and donate the extra items: Stuffing mix, pudding boxes, cake mixes, spices, sugar, flour, canned vegetables, soup stock, etc.



**GSG
Food Drive**



Grove St. Guardians (Sunday School grades 4-7) will be spearheading the Annual **Ingathering Food Collection** this year. GSG is challenging the congregation to exceed the 246 food items collected in November 2016. Please support this effort by bringing non-perishable food donations to the Sunday service on November 19, 2017. All donations will be delivered to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry and/or the Cornerstone Food Pantry.

The Food Collection Boxes are in the church Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Nov 5, - Communion Sunday- children stay with family and may participate in Communion if Parents allow them too. After Communion, children in grades 5th and under will meet in 1st classroom to practice bells with Jacob Gerow. Grades 4th and up will be informed by teacher if they are going to class or staying in worship.



Nov 12, & 19- during Sunday school kids will be assigned parts and practice for the Christmas play on 12/10.

Nov 19, - “Ingathering” Sunday, please bring in a non-perishable food item for the food pantry. Our Grove Street Guardians (4th -7th grade) are organizing Ingathering Sunday

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

SUNDAYS BEYOND SUNDAYS GROUP:

Nov 5- 6:00-7:30-Mr Van Hall will be meeting with us to talk about “WyldLife Group” and lead us in games.

Nov 12- please support our “Hands on Hartford” mission by purchasing a glove and/or hat that will be donated to a child in Hartford.

Nov 19- 6:00-7:30 – we will be putting together bags of warmth for Hands on Hartford. Vernon Methodist Church is sponsoring this with us and be joining with us to put bags together.

CONFIRMATION:

I am hoping to schedule a trip to the mosque in Ellington for November, just trying to coordinate date and time. I will keep you posted.

Nov 19- class 11:30-1:00 bring your lunch

Director of Christian Education is Linda Shivers: contact info: necsvga@aol.com, home-860-871-9164, cell-860-558-7632

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>

HVCC: <http://files.constantcontact.com/e1ebfd6201/8eddb7c7-d5c2-4844-aa26-960d17684227.pdf> (sign up for the newsletter is on <http://hvcchelps.org/>).

Interpreter Magazine: <http://www.interpretermagazine.org/magazine/current-issue>



HOLIDAY GIFT FUND

The congregation will again be participating in the Holiday Gift Fund, a program that helps struggling local families enjoy a more pleasant Christmas. The names are provided by WIC (Women, Infant & Children services). The list of names, ages, and requested gifts will be posted on the bulletin board around Thanksgiving. You can help by either purchasing a requested gift or making a monetary donation.

All gifts must be wrapped and returned by DECEMBER 17. Checks can be made payable to HOLIDAY GIFT FUND and given to Amy Velasquez or Kathy Sunderland. Gifts will be delivered on Dec 18, 2017

**Our Community Bulletin Board
is overflowing with services
available and things to do.
Take a moment to see if there
is something fun you would like
to do.**

GIFT CARDS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

RUMC makes a large percentage of our gift card profit from Oct 30 to Jan 1. We are again asking for your assistance. Please let your family and friends know about our program and give them a business-like card with the relevant information. The cards will be available at church. All profits go to the general church fund. Thank you!

The gift card program includes cards from restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, department stores, and travel expenses. The cards cost their face value; you always received 100% of your purchase. The retailers donated a percent of your purchase back to RUMC. The order form and more information is on our website

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



SHOP FROM HOME!
Over 600 GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

Cards delivered to your home in Vernon/Ellington.
<https://www.rockumchurch.com/gift-card-program/>

Rockville United Methodist Church
142 Grove Street, Rockville. 860.875.6562 or
Gift card coordinator: 860.875.3935
Gift/Shopping cards available all year

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Altar Flowers: Set up the altar with the correct color linens and the week's altar arrangement. This is a 13-week commitment: one week a month with an additional week once-a-year.

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

Holiday Bazaar: Many volunteers are needed for our holiday bazaar.

Lay Ministries: We have several lay ministry openings. The duties vary; we are sure to find a service that fits your skill set.

In the Community:

Cornerstone Foundation: Volunteers needed for their Youth Outreach Program: homework help, music, art, team building skills, substance abuse education, employment skills, self-care and sports classes. Email Paula Plante for information or to volunteer: PPPLANTE10@HOTMAIL.COM.

Habitat for Humanity: Become a Habitat Ambassador. Please join us on November 9th for our "Habitat Ambassador" workshop. This is an opportunity to partner with Hartford Habitat outside of a volunteer build day on site. We will be hosting the event at the CT Non-Profit Center in Hartford at noon and a light lunch will be served. You will meet our 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. For more information, please email Ryan Gorecki, our Volunteer Coordinator or call 860-541-2208 ext. 2201.

WJMJ Radiothon: Volunteers are needed to man the phones on Friday November 10th or Monday November 13th during the WJMJ Radiothon. WJMJ provides free radio advertising for many of our church events. Call Francine J. Nido (203) 758-7367 to volunteer.



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

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOTES --
Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9 to 2**

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 items or money, buying, eating, cleaning up—whatever. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board . We need YOU!! Qs: Judie Culy 872-3122

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS: PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM FOR ALL SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS. FORMS ARE IN ENVELOPE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. PLEASE PICK ONE UP, FILL IT OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND LEAVE IT IN ENVELOPE. BRING ITEM(S) TO THE CHURCH BY FRIDAY NOON (November 17, 2017).

The church will be open Thursday the 16th, all day and evening. Please wait to bring in Grandma's Attic items and books until then if possible. Other things can be brought in anytime and put on the bazaar table in fellowship hall including jewelry, books, etc. Suggested pricing on fine items would be appreciated.

We especially need help in sorting and pricing jewelry; please consider volunteering for this. If you are donating jewelry, please be sure it is clean and give us a clue on pricing.

SET UP SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, 11/16, 9 am –GOM's and others setting up tables in Fellowship Hall; 10 am decorate 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 and beyond–work on Grandma's attic, book nook, misc. pricing. 12:30pm. Luncheon prep. Church will be open most of the day and evening for drop offs and pricing.

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

Holiday decorations and crafts, our famous fancy cookies, baked goods and candy, jewelry, books and puzzles, silent auction, treasures in grandma's attic are all included. Top the day off with a delicious lunch and visit 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

November is National Family Caregivers Month

Taking care of a family member in need can take a toll on the caregiver. Here is a list of tips for caregivers to help you do what is best for you and your love ones.

- Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
- Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
- Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
- Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.
- Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks often.
- Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
- Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one.
- Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.
- Make sure legal documents are in order.
- Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

PATIENT MEDICAL FILE CHECKLIST:

Select a place to store the file that is logical to you – where you can grab it quickly in an emergency or on your way out the door to an appointment.

Keep it up to date. An outdated file won't do you much good when you are standing in the emergency room at midnight!

What should go in the Patient File?

- Care recipient's medical history
- Diagnosis
- Physician Contact Information
- Allergies
- Health history (e.g. surgeries, other medical conditions)
- Medication List

Insurance Information

- Private medical insurance
- Prescription plan
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Long-term care insurance
- Dental and Vision Insurance

Legal Documents

- Living Will
- Durable power of attorney for Health Care (also known as a Health Care Proxy)
- Power of Attorney for Finances
- Contact information for care recipient's lawyer

These and other helpful tips are from: <http://www.caregiveraction.org/>

*Musicians, Singers,
and Tech Crew
opportunities.*

Grove Street Music Project

Performances during service.
Rehearsals are Sundays after Service.
Youth ages 10 and up.



MARRI FAMILY UPDATE

It is almost a year since Our Syrian Refugee Family came to Connecticut—on December 6, 2016.

The father, Mohamed, who is 36 years old has been making nice progress on learning English. He is in the New Britain Adult Education Program on Tuesday and Thursday and when he comes home on Thursday, he leaves fifteen minutes later to go to his one-on-one tutoring with Sister Cornelia.



A lady from the North United Methodist Church is helping Mohamed to learn to drive her car in a large parking lot. He will be taking his driver's license test in Arabic. Furthermore, she also was one of three adults who helped Mohamed learn to use the bus system in New Britain, which he takes to school now

The older kids , 9, 10 and 11 have enjoyed playing soccer with the Gerow kids and going together to Lake Compounce. In fact, the whole family got in the lake! With the help of some scholarship money, two of their teachers came for four weeks in the summer to tutor the kids. See picture below.

Mohamed is very grateful to our church for getting his apartment ready for his moving in at the beginning of Winter, for taking his family to medical appointments, and for supporting them with clothes, cleaning supplies, and help in paying a few bills.

A Muslim couple from the Berlin Mosque have taken over almost all of the medical trips and have blended their own kids with the Marri kids in trips to New York City, the ocean, etc. Four ladies from the Emmanuel Congregational Church in Hartford also spent four weeks with the kids this summer: reading, playing games and singing.

Steve Yoder and I continue to be the major contact persons with the family from our church. If anyone is interested in visiting the family, please contact either Steve or myself.

~Stan Culy



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
Family of Mary Kibbe Butler - grief
Kate and family and all displaced by natural disasters

Prayer Requests

Those in Christian Service

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

Our Church Family

Virginia Wehrli - medical
Ray Clark - medical
Lucy Maupin - medical

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

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



Shirley Edwards	November 2	Anthony Spicer	November 20
Noah Rodriguez	November 2	Raymond Clark	November 25
Shawn Harward	November 3	Amanda Hall	November 26
Wiaam Marri	November 3	Janice Klingman	November 26
Leonard Aronson	November 6	Ardis Abbott	November 28
Carole Stambo	November 10		

Quote of the Month

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

~William Arthur Ward



November Worship Attendants

Greeters

Phyllis King, coordinator

November 5	Lisa Williams and Steve Yoder
November 12	available
November 19	available
November 26	available

Liturgists

Candy Sunderland, coordinator

November 5	Rick Bacha
November 12	available
November 19	Sandy Spivey
November 26	available

Acolytes

Don Ross, coordinator.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.

November 5	Lisa Williams
November 12	O'Neil
November 19	Lucy and Charlie
November 26	available

Altar Flowers

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

November 5	All Saints Sunday
November 12	Eileen Gay
November 19	Tamika Brock
November 26	Tamika Brock

November 5
 Joshua 3: 7-17
 Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 (UMH)
 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
 Matthew 23: 1-12

November 12
 Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
 Psalm 78: 1-7 (UMH)
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25: 1-13

November 19
 Judges 4: 1-7
 Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH)
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25: 14-30

November 26
 Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
 Psalm 100 (UMH)
 Ephesians 1: 15-23
 Matthew 25: 31-46

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Holiday Bazaar
 November 18, 2017**

**Ecumenical Service
 November 19, 2017**

**Happy Thanksgiving
 Office Closed November 23rd
 and 24th.**

The Altar Flower sign-up sheet is on the RUMC bulletin board in the Narthex.

Community



Thanksgiving Service

Ecumenical Service

Sunday

November 19, 2017

4 pm

Pastors and dignitaries from Ellington and Vernon will participate in the service.

We join as a community to thank God for our many blessings.

All are welcome!

Return Service

Requested

Rockville United Methodist Church



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



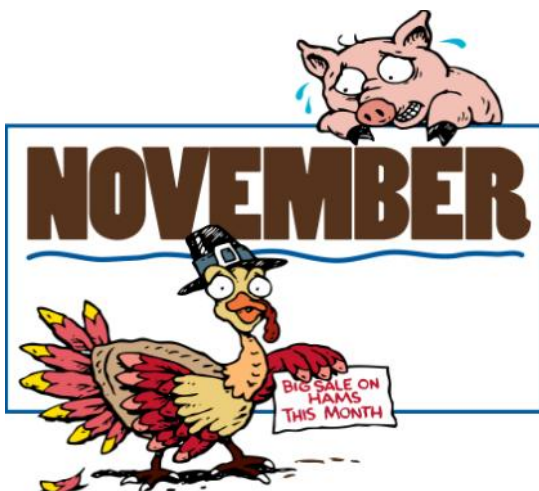
Coffee & Fellowship follow the worship service
Nursery Care is available for children 4 and under.

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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