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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

We hope that everyone is planning to attend, have lunch and buy gifts for the upcoming holidays and find goodies and articles to fill your homes with cheer!! Bring a friend or neighbor along with you. The more the merrier.

The Bazaar is an all-church event led by your United Methodist Women. The profits traditionally go toward our pledge to the church budget for the next year. For the past few years, that number has been \$5,000.

We do appreciate and thank you in advance for attending, helping and/or contributing in any way either before, during or after the event. WITH YOU, we will be successful. Look in this newsletter for more details.

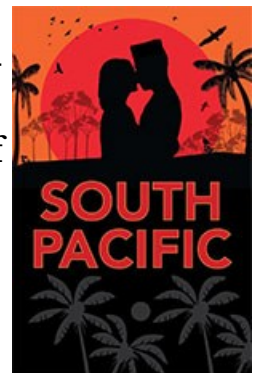
We are delighted again this year to have Gretchen Ross Hutton in charge of the Luncheon. There is a list of needed items on the bulletin board that you could donate to make her profits greater!! Do you make apple pies? She'd love to be able to add them to the menu. Lemon Meringue Pies are already promised.



Many thanks, *Judie Culy, coordinator*

Item to Bid on at the Bazaar

The Little Theatre of Manchester will have a table at the bazaar this year. They have contributed two tickets to the play, South Pacific, for **Saturday, November 22 at 8 pm**, a value of \$48. Check your calendar and look for the appropriate bid sheet on November 15th!! A treat to be sure!!





Pastor's Corner

It's nice to have a dream, isn't it? Something you put on your wish list, which you really want to accomplish in your life. We all have dreams, hopes, plans, places we want to go and challenges we hope to meet. I'm on the other side of one of my dreams. I'd always hoped to go to England. It is a lifelong dream of mine and finally, in October, I did it. I went to England and found it was all I could have hoped for and more.

Traveling outside the USA can be challenging in and of itself. In the heated times in which we live, uncertainties are heightened. With the ever-present threats of terrorism and the uneasiness of new, more violent displays of power worldwide traveling beyond our borders now entails greater security checks at airports. Our sense of privacy, the days when we could secure our luggage with a lock and key or combination...well, those are long gone. I suspect that particular freedom will never be ours again.

While I welcome the means used to keep us safe, at the same time I resent the loss of my autonomy and freedoms as I suspect, you do too. However, it does remind me that losses of this kind have always been evident. Even Jesus and his disciples had to be a bit more careful as they traveled from place to place sharing Christ's gospel. In the end, Jesus lost his life on the cross and what had been preached as truth became real and known in the resurrected life of both Christ and in his disciples who would eventually find their voices and would more fully share their lives. It would seem when something is truly important to us it asks of us a willingness to challenge the status quo and accept the potential consequences of pain and loss. Not any easy thing for any of us to do.

I listen regularly to NPR on my car radio and was struck by the statement; "This is not our home...this earth, this world, this life." Our home isn't here but rather rests in and with God. So, while our superficial freedoms can be denied us in the name of "security" our true freedom in Christ can never be taken from us. We can relinquish this freedom; that's a part of having received a free will but we can reclaim it by God's grace and forgiveness. For those of us who are apt to be uneasy in the face of greater airport security and who don't like the endless lines of bag checks or entering and leaving a country, like me, we can take comfort in the knowledge that our true legitimacy isn't written in a passport book or on a visa. No, our true legitimacy, our true identity can only be found in our relationship to the God who gave us life and bore the weight of our faults on a cross through the divine Son of God, Jesus Christ. This is true freedom and something for which we all can give thanks.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Ricki



I, as I write this newsletter, am thinking how lucky we have been with October weather. I think we all would like it to last a little longer. For October we collected 4 food items, \$19.50 for missions, and we had about 25 kids join us for Trunk or Treat. What Fun!

November will be a quick month as **there is no class November 30th**. For the month we will be learning about Joseph and his brothers, "Joseph in Egypt saves the day", and reunited (Thanksgiven) Bible verse Genesis 37, 39-40, 41, 42-26.

Food collection will be November 23rd.

Reminder to all parents: Please call or email your child's teacher if he/she is not going to be there on any Sunday. (They plan as if every child is there.) Also please no children in the nursery unattended.

We went back to Grow, Proclaim, Serve. Parents and grandparents can download an app to see what your kids are learning; it has scripture references, videos, and songs. It works for iPhones, iPads & Androids.

*"Life begins when you do."
-Huge Downs*

If you have an questions, my contact information is below:

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Home: 860-875-7641

Email: eileengay1928@gmail.com

*Peace & love
Eileen*

Finding Bethlehem in the midst of Bedlam

Yes, that is the name of our Advent study book this year!

In it are Christmas scriptures and stories. The author uses Muhammad Ali as an example of a man who changes from fighting for himself to fighting for others. In his hometown of Lexington, Kentucky, he started a youth center with this motto: "confidence, conviction, dedication, giving, respect and spirituality."

We will meet at two different times at church: The first four Monday nights of December at 7:00 and Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning Nov. 30. The books are \$9.50 and will be available in the narthex; please pay Stan Culy.

Our Church Family

Pat Brandt & Juli Watrous
Tim Arzt
Lou Furnas

Staci Rizner-daughter of
Tami Rizner
Bill Summers-Shirley
Edward's nephew
Sue Brannon and Family
Joyce Pike

Bereavements

Family and friends of
Alice Campbell.

Prayer Requests

Special Needs

Buckingham family-health
concerns
Sandra Bradley-uterine cancer-
Bill Pikor's sister

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 & June Guillow-home

Those in Service

Pastor Lorena & El Jabillo,
our sister church in Nicaragua

*If you would like a candle
lit for a prayer concern,
please contact Lucy
Maupin at 860-454-7798.
Thank you.*

**To make a change to this prayer
list, please contact the church
office at 875-6562 or
rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net**



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

Quote of the Month

"As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by
them."

— John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Our books of daily
Advent readings
from the Society
of St. Andrew will
be available in
the church foyer
starting Sunday,
November 16th.



And he will
be called...
Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6



November 2

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

November 9

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

November 16

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

November 23

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

November 30

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

October Worship Attendants

Greeters

Please see Jerrie Kirby for dates available.

Liturgists

November 2	Joy Pikor
November 9	Patrick Chapman
November 16	Sherry Pearson
November 23	Terri Goldich
November 30	George Klingman

Children's Message

November 2	Eileen Gay
November 9	Ricki Aiello
November 16	available
November 23	David Joy
November 30	available

Acolytes

Dates are available for your child to participate as an acolyte. Please contact Sherry Pearson to schedule an available day.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

November 2	Carol Robbins
November 9	Lisa Williams
November 16	Marie Pierce
November 23	The Joys
November 30	Tom Farrish

Altar Flowers

November 2	Janet McKercher
November 9	Eileen Gay
November 16	Rebecca Bacha
November 23	The Pearsons
November 30	available

Food Donations



A total of 56 items were donated to the Tri-Town Pantry since the October Newsletter was published. In addition to the always needed items (*peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned or dry soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit and juice boxes*), please consider adding a "holiday item" such as *canned yam, jarred gravy, boxed stuffing mix, or canned pie filling*.

-Suzanne Bird

A Morning with Robert Frost

The Sunday Morning Forums at 9:30 in the fellowship hall are times of coffee and discussion. Two upcoming special topics are:

- November 9 with Nat Woodruff reading, reciting and leading a discussion on some of his favorite poems by Robert Frost.
- Nov. 23, Stan Culy will lead a discussion on the description of the pilgrims found in the book Saints

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Church Conference
Wednesday
December 3rd
7:00PM

Confirmation Class to begin in January 2015

As we approach another new year, I look forward to beginning a class of students ready to be confirmed as full members of the church. This is an exciting time and one in which our young people explore their faith and engage with the Bible, the history and tradition of the United Methodist Church, and learn more about their God-given gifts and how to use them. This year I'd like to invite more involvement from the adults in our congregation. Specifically, I'm looking for individuals in the church who are full members of our congregation and who are willing to offer some time to mentor a young person as he or she moves through the experience of Confirmation. Specifically, the adult would, with the young person, select four activities outside the classroom instruction, i.e., attend a worship service together in another faith tradition; tour the Community Food Pantry or one of our local shelters, attend a funeral/memorial service or wedding service and write briefly on the differences and similarities to Sunday morning worship, etc. If you would be willing to serve as a mentor: please call the office at 860-875-6562 or email me at revricki@sbcglobal.net. Or, you can drop off or mail this form to the office by December 5th. ***[Please note: Not all willing volunteers may be chosen. The students will choose with whom they would be willing to work.]***

Confirmation Mentor

Yes, I would be willing to work with a Confirmation student as a Mentor.

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

[Please note: Not all willing volunteers may be chosen. The students will choose with whom they would be willing to work.]



Well, here we are...already into November. The weather is changing. The time is soon changing. And would you believe, I had already written my newsletter article for November more than a month ago? I had so many thought's running through my head; I

figured I better get it written down. That all changed a couple weeks ago. My original article no longer seemed important at this point. As I sit down to write again, I am writing this article with a heavy heart. This past Saturday we said goodbye to a long time member of Rockville United Methodist Church, and a very dear friend, Alice. I believe her memorial service was what she would have wanted. We had her favorite scriptures and her favorite hymns *celebrating* her life, (which is what she wanted). The ladies of the church put on a wonderful hot meal at the reception, which she was so concerned about. (She wanted to be sure all the folks had a nice meal.) I know she was smiling down on us that day. As I sat with her very dear friends, Deb and Dave (her neighbors from Crestridge drive) and we shared stories at the reception, the sun was beaming in through the window right in my face. I know Alice was right there! I want to dedicate this article to Alice. She was my strongest supporter of writing and would always make it a point to comment on my articles every month and how she loved them. Alice always tried to encourage me every chance she got, which was pretty much every week. Somehow she felt my calling was to go into ministry and would tell me so as often as she could. I always brushed it off, telling her I'm way too sensitive for this business and I'm too old to start college.

Last month with my first visit to her in St. Francis Hospital just two days after she suffered a serious stroke, she asked about the newsletter and how she wouldn't be able to read my piece. She was quite upset that she couldn't read it. Alice looked forward to the newsletter every month. As I sat at her bedside, I promised her I would bring in the newsletter and read it to her. And so I did. As I read to her, she held my hand tightly, listened intently, and added her comments in her sweet voice. We talked about heaven and who she would see up there, even laughed a little bit. I told her not to be chasing Morgan around when she got up there. She said, "I'm too old". I said, "Everyone is young again in heaven and Let him chase you around instead". I would have one more short visit with Alice the night she asked for me. She wanted to be sure I had her "candy bear" safe back with me, to take care of. I could see she was getting tired and was having difficulty speaking. I told her I loved her and said my goodbyes. I want to close this piece with two quotes that were read at the memorial service.

A beautiful life that came to an end. She died as she lived,
everyone's friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept, of
one we loved, and will never forget.

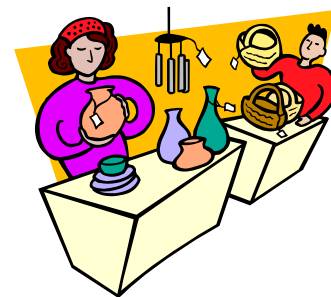
And from the poem, "God Saw You," which my brave little girl read.

We loved you dearly, we could not make you stay....God broke
our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best. God will love
you and keep you until we meet someday. May God grant you
eternal peace and may your tender love watch over us always.

Dear Alice, always and forever in my heart. I love you and miss you.

Candy Sunderland

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
(Donations, Booths and Help Needed)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014
9AM TO 2 PM



A list of all Booths can be found on the Sign Up Sheet on the bulletin board. Help is still needed to work the day of the bazaar, help set up and price on Thursday or Friday. The GOMs will be setting up Fellowship Hall on Wednesday morning (11/12).

Bring your knitted, crocheted, crafts, decorations, scrubbies, handtowels, Antikews (anything in good condition; ie, knickknacks, small rugs, dishes, serving china, small furniture, fancy cup and saucers, new items that you've never used, and the like), holiday decorations, wreaths, ornaments, handcrafted furniture, etc. in before Friday morning (11/14) so that it can be priced and made ready by 9 am on Saturday.

Items for the Silent Auction can be brought in as soon as possible. I am in charge of the Silent auction pre-bazaar and Pauline Cheveriea will be in charge the day of the bazaar. If you have something, please call me so that we can get the paperwork ready.

The Baked Goods and Candy chairpersons, Judy Wilkie and Sue Bird are looking for Pies, Cakes, Cupcakes, Muffins, Bread or Ross, Sweet Breads (Banana, Cranberry, Date nut, Pumpkin, etc.), Danish, Donuts, Cream Puffs, Candy, Fudge, Brownies or Cookie Squares or bars such as 7 layer bars, Rice Krispy Square, Rocky Road Bars, Apple Crisp, Chex Mix, Carmel Corn, Popcorn Balls, Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Relish, Applesauce and homemade Salsa. Whew!! (There must be something here that you can pick from.) Please include a note on ingredients, **especially nuts**. PLEASE NO COOKIES as the Fancy Cookie Booth has any kind of cookies you could want and they don't sell well at this booth.

Fancy Cookies – Carol Ross and Lorraine White and their crew are baking up a storm for their ever popular booth. Contact them if you can be of any help. A list of needed ingredients can be found in the October newsletter.

Should you have any questions, please call me or see me in Church. This is a joint venture. YOU are appreciated.

Judie Culy, Coordinator



ADVENT SERVICES

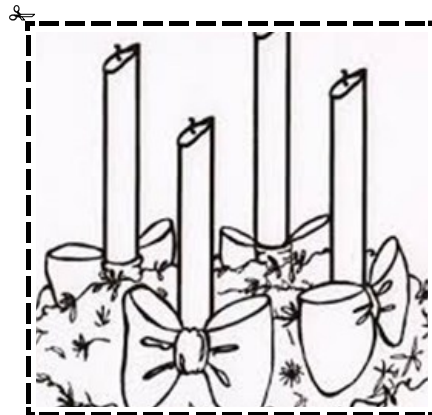
Advent is the name given by the church to the four weeks leading up to Jesus' birth. It is the beginning of the church year and marks a new beginning in our lives, as we join the faithful through the centuries in waiting, hoping, and praying for the coming of a Savior.

Advent is also a season of preparation. We look forward to the coming of the Christ child, the promise of peace for the world.

Where will your focus be as we prepare for Christmas?

This year, our Advent services are full of readings, carols, and first person Bible characters as we focus on services of hope, love, joy and peace culminating with a Christmas Eve service full of traditional carols. Of course, there will be our traditional Children's pageant and roast beef dinner in the middle of December. Our "Ring and a Prayer" bell choir brings a musical Christmas celebration on December 21st.

Please plan to join us for these special Advent services following Thanksgiving.



Rockville United Methodist Church's donations to the Church World Service Blankets and Tools Program totaled \$596.00 for the month of October.

Donations to The United Methodist Church Global Ministries of \$250.00 were made on October 14, 2014 from Rockville United Methodist Church.



Thank you for your generous donations.

News from Nicaragua

Dr. Belinda Forbes

In 2014, AMC's Project #14846A received a total of \$99,146 through The Advance. This is a record fundraising success for AMC in support of ongoing projects. More than half of the Funds came in on Giving Tuesday (Dec. 2, 2013) by generous donors who had already committed funds to AMC. Many of you stayed up to the wee hours to get your donation in. Only some were matched but over \$6.5m was raised for UMC mission projects around the world. Thank you for your support!!!

2013 Giving Tuesday donations were used to support the following aspects of AMC's Advance Project:

Community Health

A contribution to building a health house in the community of Rosario, La Mina Rosita, and painting a maternal house in the community of Risco de Oro.

Food Security

The purchase of agricultural materials (seeds and tools) to 9 families. Training for 13 families in organic agriculture and environmental protection. The purchase of a plot of land for each of 6 families and technical assistance for sustainable farming.

Pastoral Care

Twenty-two devotionals with an average of 30 people participating in each. An 8-week reflective group study of two books of the Bible: Nehemiah and Titus. An Annual Prayer Week with the participation of 45 people. Thirty-one people, all members of the Positive People HIV Self-Help received a Christmas food basket. The delivery of 21 soccer balls to two schools, benefiting 150 children.

Partnerships and Volunteers

Hosting and accompanying 3 Global Justice Volunteers in AMC's Rosita field project. Education Scholarships for 32 young people: 7 elementary school, 15 high school and 8 university students receive a monthly stipend to help with their expenses (transportation, school supplies).

Giving Tuesday is December 2, 2014

You can give online to the health and development ministry of Accion Medica Cristiana in Nicaragua, Advance Project #14846A and support efforts in health and development. AMC's 30-year history and Nicaraguan Christian leadership guarantees continued stories of success for empowerment of local people in impoverished and remote parts of Nicaragua where even the most basic of services are often unavailable. Your gifts changes lives – read testimonies on AMC's website at www.amcenglish.org.

Multiply the impact! Your gift to any Advance project on December 2 UMC #GivingTuesday will be matched* for gifts made online for the first \$1m in gifts. Thank you!!

* Global Ministries will allocate 2:1 "matching funds" up to the first \$1 million in gifts to Advance projects received online on Dec. 2, 2014, between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. EST. A maximum of \$2,500 per individual gift to a project will be dispersed as matching funds. A project may receive a maximum of \$25,000 in matching funds.

The Family Learning Program of the Vernon Regional Adult Based Education (VRABE) services are using the church's classrooms, replacing our previous tenant, the Grove Street Preschool. Below is an excerpt from the VRABE newsletter, written by the Family Learning Program coordinator, Svetlana Grishtaev.

Vernon Regional Adult Based Education

The Family Learning Program started the school year at a new location, Rockville United Methodist Church which is located at 142 Grove Street, Vernon. The new space provides us with the opportunity to grow and develop the program in order to better serve the community. To help welcome returning and new families, we held a community potluck picnic. We invited church trustees, directors, and teachers.



Do you know anyone who has young children and needs their GED or to improve their English skills? Please contact: Svetlana Grishtaev, program coordinator, at (860) 836-0514 for more information procedures.

The **Cornerstone Foundation Soupfest** will be held at St. Bernard's Church in Rockville on Thursday November 6, 2014 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided by Rob Thomas from "Off the Clock". **Admission is free!!!**

Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$20 by contacting David Joy at bandjoy@sbcglobal.net. Raffle prizes include \$500, \$400, \$300, and \$200 Visa Gift Cards.

Members of Rockville United Methodist Church regularly volunteer at The Cornerstone Soup Kitchen; Cornerstone also provides a Shelter and Clothing Bank. For more information on their services, please visit

<http://www.cornerstone-rockville.org/>

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.



November

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