

**September 2015**  
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## **NEW SERVICE TIME**

# **10:00 AM**



**THIS JUST IN...**

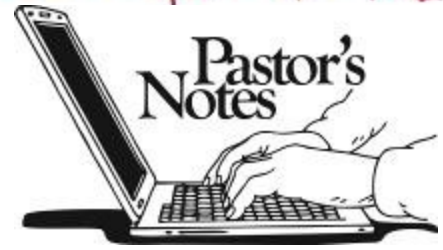
We postponed the release of our September newsletter so we could include the result of the Service Time Survey taken in church the past two Sundays. Although there are legitimate arguments for both the earlier and later times, the overwhelming request was for a 10 am service time.

**Starting on Sunday September 13, 2015**  
**service will begin at 10 AM.**

September 13th is our Rally Day—the start of the 2015-2016 Sunday school year. Sunday school will meet during the service.

Jitters Café will meet on September 20th at 9:30 am. We are looking into new formats to reenergize our discussions. If you have suggestions for formats you would like to see, please contact Stan Culy or email your suggestions to the office at [RUMCoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RUMCoffice@sbcglobal.net).





Dear Church Family,

I am glad I have had the relaxing pace of the summer months to get to know you and for you to know me. There are still more people I have yet to meet and I am still learning the rhythms of the church. As a pastor, my philosophy of ministry is rooted in the mission of this church and that is to invite each to a relationship with God, to nurture them in the love of Christ and send everyone back into our communities in service. I appreciate the help of all who have made my transition smooth. I feel very much at home. I am grateful to the congregation for allowing me to be myself and introduce new ideas.

The fall officially kicks off with the Sunday School Rally Day and having the adult choir sing during the worship service. This is also the time of year in our church calendar where we prepare for our Charge Conference in December. The Charge Conference is like a yearly report card to see how we are doing and it is also futuristic in that we plan ahead. To do all this, requires that committees meet (Finance, SPRC, Lay Leadership, etc.) as we work on a budget for 2016 as well as staff lay leadership positions.

While there is an administrative emphasis in this time of year, the worship of God and the work of the ministry continues. In the fall, I am going to start up a devotional time of study and prayer either on a Thursday or a Friday morning. We will spend time in fellowship, study the scripture text for the week and have a period of intercessory prayer for the members and friends in our congregation.

**Hebrews 11:25 Let us not give up meeting together  
as some people do, but encourage one another...**

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Paul





Hello, my name is Linda Shivers and I am the new Director of Christian Education, here at Rockville United Methodist Church. (Eileen has retired as DCE but not from the church) I have had over 15 years of experience in this field and I hope to introduce some new programs as well as keeping the old. Be patient with me as I get my feet wet working with everyone, getting the feel of what is needed, what we can improve, what we love and what we want to keep the same. I would love your input, questions, suggestions and help as we begin the program year together.

**My contact info: 860-871-9164- home, 860-558-7632-cell or necsvga@aol.com**

**Rally Sunday is Sept. 13.** Please join us as we start a new program year. Sunday school will run concurrent with worship service. A survey is being taken to decide on the time of worship service. Please call me or email me by Sept 12 you have not heard the time of worship.

I hope Sunday school will offer an opportunity for your child to learn about God, Jesus, church, worship, prayer, missions and fellowship. I know our lives our busy but Sunday school gives your child a strong foundation for living their lives. We work with you as you raise your child in the Christian faith.

What can Sunday school do for your child?

- Sunday school will improve your child's Bible knowledge.
- Sunday school will help their spiritual growth
- Sunday school provides a "place to belong"
- Sunday school helps provide meaningful relationships through fellowship and helping others.
- Sunday school gives you opportunities to serve others.

So join us for Rally Sunday and for the year- invite a friend. Give us the chance to help you raise your child in the Christian faith.

**There is a sign- up sheet for food items needed on the Sunday school bulletin board for Rally Sunday or contact me if you would like to bring in something.**



**Teachers are needed.** We need 2 teachers to rotate every other week (or plan your own schedule with the other team teacher for Sunday school). We need you to help our children learn about their faith. Not proficient in the Bible... no need to worry; curriculum is provided, support from the DCE and other teachers, and you get to learn as you go. Contact me if you are interested in helping teach. *(If you went to Sunday school as a child, I will bet there are one or two Sunday school teachers that made an impression on you. It might have been an activity they did with you, the way they answered your questions or the way they taught the Bible lesson. Please be the teacher that a child remembers when they grow up)*

**Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.**

**Proverbs 22:6**

**Linda Shivers**



ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH WOMEN and OTHERS  
are working diligently on



## **OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015 – 9 am to 2 pm**

We have been successful in the past because of the participation of our entire congregation—men, women and children. Once again we are asking you to look below at the list of “booths” and chairpersons to see how you can fit into this fun event by either helping the day of the bazaar and/or beforehand by making things yourself and/or collecting things that others have created. Should you have wreath forms, fancy containers, yarn, kits (you get the idea) bring them in now or call Judie for pickup. Clean out your basement and attic and set aside items for us. Think about donating used jewelry, jellies and relishes, Christmas Tree ornaments, Silent Auction items, handcrafted items, books, CDs, DVDs, delectable baked goods, and fancy cookies. Monetary donations welcome!!

**Put the date on your calendar now, invite your friends!!**

BOOKS, PUZZLES, ETC. – Barbara Kent  
CHILDREN'S AREA – Linda Shivers  
CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS, ETC. – Judy Wilkie  
FANCY COOKIES - Carol Ross, Lorraine White  
FANCY WORK/CRAFTS – Carol Robbins  
FOOD BOOTH – Judy Wilkie, Sue Bird  
GRANDMA'S ATTIC -- Brenda Mlodzinski, Eileen Gay  
JEWELRY – Joy Pikor  
LUNCHEON  
Kitchen – Gretchen Ross Hutton  
Dining Rooms – Sylvia Yoder  
Cashier – Sue Lessoff  
PERSONALIZED BOOKMARKS – Janet O, Janice Klingman  
SILENT AUCTION  
Beforehand – Judie Culy  
Day of Bazaar – Bridget Joy

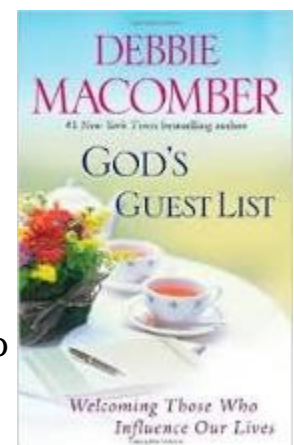
GENERAL CHAIRPERSON OF BAZAAR – Judie Culy, 872-3122

Rockville United Methodist Women's Day at the Willimantic Camp Grounds on August 8, 2015. A great time was had by those who attended. A small but mighty group!!



**Tea and Text:** Our first meeting will be on Friday, September 4 at 1 pm at Ginny Wehrli's home. We will be using Debbie Macomber's book, ***God's Guest List, Welcoming Those Who Influence Our Lives***.

The books are available as of Sunday, August 30th. Email Judie Culy, [judie.culy@gmail.com](mailto:judie.culy@gmail.com), to make arrangements to get yours. Cost is \$5.



### **Holiday Bazaar Craft Projects**

Are you creative? Here is a knitting project for an item we can sell at our Holiday Bazaar.

Winter Headband  
Size 7 needle; worsted weight yarn

Cast on 70 stitches. Then join starting with a Pearl row followed by a knit row. Alternate pearl and knit rows until there are 12 to 14 ridges (depending on how wide you want it).

End with a knit row. Cast off in a pearl stitch.



The Family Learning Program is pleased to be returning to Rockville United Methodist Church on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The program is delivered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from September to May. Last year we were able to serve 30 families and we are anticipating the same for this year.

If you know anyone that needs their GED or to improve their English skills and have young children please contact: Svetlana Grishtaev, Program Coordinator at (860) 836-0514 for more information and registration. We are looking forward to another successful year!



The Family Learning Program is looking for gently used cradles to use in the nursery for nap time. Please contact program coordinator Svetlana Grishtaev if you have one you would like to donate. (860) 836-0514



The Vernon Garden Club will be having a plant sale in the church parking lot on Monday September 21, 2015 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

## Memorial Garden

RUMC has embarked on a wonderful project for the benefit and enjoyment of everyone in our church. Through memorial funds and donations we have been able to build a memorial garden in the area beyond the back parking lot. The walkway is in place and we are now ready to start some plantings and add engraved bricks to the walk.

**If you are interested in contributing to the fall planting for the memorial garden, please see Don Ross or Bridget Joy.**

**Engraved Brick Campaign 2015:** Engraved bricks can be purchased for \$40 each. The bricks are 4 by 8 inches . You dedication can have up to three lines of text with 16 characters per line; a character is a letter, number, symbol or space. Engraving lines will be centered when printed. You dedication can be in honor or memory of someone, just someone's name; it can commemorate a special date or special event. **All engraving requests will be verified and signed off by the requestor to prevent any issues with misspellings, etc.**

### Your Dedication


**Please return a brick request form and \$40 for each brick you would like engraved. The deadline for this campaign is October 15, 2015.**



## Administrative Council Minutes

8/30/2015

With 15 church members attending, Sue Lessoff was approved as administrative council chair. Terri J. Goldich volunteered to act as council secretary.

After Conducting a survey of church members via paper and email ballots, the church council voted to move the permanent time for beginning of the church service to 10 am starting on September 13, 2015, year round. The vote was 13 yeas, 2 nays, no abstentions.

Jitters Café will continue, beginning at 9:30 am starting on September 20. The Education Committee will discuss when to hold the adult church school class. The children's church school will continue to be held during the regular church service.

Choir members will gather for rehearsal at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri J. Goldich

### Have you been to our website lately?

If you haven't visited <http://www.rockumchurch.com/> in a while, you might want to check it out. The Family and Sunday School information has been updated; the worship page provides information for the coming Sunday; and the Social Media Page contains links to our Facebook and Twitter pages.




If you missed church due to your busy summer, you can read Pastor O'Neil's sermons under both recent posts and the Sermons link at the bottom of the Worship page. After reading one of Pastor O'Neil's sermons, you can make a donation to the church online through the link at the bottom of the home page—if you are so inspired.



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](mailto:RUMCoffice@sbcglobal.net). The best way to invite new people to church over the internet is to keep our website up-to-date.

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### Amazon Smile

**Rockville United Methodist Church is signed up with Amazon Smile. Through this program .5% of the price of eligible purchases will be donated to our church. 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.**



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Through the Church:

**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.

**Sunday School Teachers needed!** Training and Curriculum are provided. Contact Linda Shivers if you are interested: [necsvga@aol.com](mailto:necsvga@aol.com) (860) 871-9164

We have an opening on the **Altar Flower committee**. We need someone to cover the duties for the third week of the month: set up the proper colored bookmark for the bible and covering for the altar; coordinate with the office manager to order the flowers; arrange the flowers and candles on the altar for service. Deliver the flowers to a shut-in if requested. Water the church plants during your week. This is a thirteen-week commitment. Additionally: help with special altar arrangements on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas and help with narthex decorating for Easter and Christmas. Please email the office if you are interested.

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:

Do you have a free hour a week? The Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. is looking for volunteers who will spend some time **providing companionship and/or respite for their terminally ill patients**. Please see the Community bulletin board for more information. The volunteer coordinator can be reached by phone at 860-872-9163 x2423.

**Habitat for Humanity** is recruiting people to act as **Ambassadors** at community and corporate events. Register to attend a workshop for training for the assignment: [Rachel@hartfordhabitat.org](mailto:Rachel@hartfordhabitat.org). There are three workshops in the fall: 9/17 (9-11am); 10/20 (57pm); and 11/12 (5-7pm).

**Habitat for Humanity's 2015 Build-a-Thon** will be from September 28th to October 10th. This is a last chance push to enclose all of the habitat projects before winter. Contact [Christina@hartfordhabitat.org](mailto:Christina@hartfordhabitat.org) to schedule a "Habitat Hammering Experience".

**Foodshare** has a few volunteer opportunities. **Retail Pick up Volunteers** use their own vehicles to pick up food from local retailers and deliver it directly to the food programs; training will be on September 10th at 9am; contact Edna Bailey at 860-286-9999 or [ebailey@foodshare.org](mailto:ebailey@foodshare.org) to RSVP. Foodshare offers **unpaid internships** to college and high school students; contact Community Involvement Manager Sarah Santora (860-286-9999 or [ssantora@foodshare.org](mailto:ssantora@foodshare.org)) for more information.

**RSVP READS:** The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program is looking for volunteers to help elementary students improve their reading skills. Training is provided for this one-hour-a-week commitment from October to May. Call or email program manager Theresa Strong for more information. 860-760-3088 or [strong@crtct.org](mailto:strong@crtct.org).

**Mentoring Opportunities: HVCC youth development program;** requesting a 1 year commitment; training is provided. For more information, please call Joan Cadieux, Program Supervisor, or Victoria Rodriguez, Volunteer Coordinator, at (860) 872-9825. **Nutmeg Big Brothers/Big Sisters;** at a weekly site-based program; For more information please contact: Beth Sadlon (860)929-0431 or [esadlon@bbbsnutmeg.org](mailto:esadlon@bbbsnutmeg.org). Check the community bulletin board for more information on both programs.

**Our Church Family**

Pat Brandt & Juli Watrous  
Tim Arzt  
Lucy Maupin  
Annette Welton  
Ernest Pearson

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

**Bereavements**

Ruth Bell  
1/29/1918 - 7/6/2015  
Margaret Parker  
4/10/1913 - 8/8/2015  
Marilyn Barton  
9/4/1933 - 8/9/2015



**Prayer Requests**

**Special Needs**

Buckingham family-health concerns  
Ron DuBois—stroke—Kay Doherty's husband  
David Taft—health issues  
Kori Kentfield-Durham — health issues  
Mary Wright—Celia Polansky Skiba's friend—lung biopsy  
Mrs. Keith—back surgery — client of Gary Tyler  
Jerrie Kirby—hip fracture, rehab  
Esther Harris- hip replacement—Woodlake

**Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility**

Merrilee Thomas-home  
June Latkofsky-home  
Esther Harris-home  
Natalie Robertson-home  
Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield  
Shirley Edwards-Brookdale SW (formerly Emeritus)  
Vita Aiello-Fox Hill  
June Guillow-home  
Jean Benner—Residence at SW Farms  
Pat Brandt—Paradigm  
Steve & Kay Lyke—home  
Annette Welton—home  
Dorothy Willis—home  
Irene Surret—home  
Ginny Hickton—Fox Hill

**Those in Service**

Pastor Lorena & El Jabillo, our sister church in Nicaragua

*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.*



Sylvia Lanz-Matthews	September 4	Andalaysia Cortes	September 16
Tami Rizner	September 4	Dorothy Willis	September 20
Janet McKercher	September 6	Matt Stearns	September 22
Andrew Velasquez	September 6	Sharon Robbins	September 24
Nicolas Velasquez	September 6	Elyse Nordell	September 25
Allison Corne	September 10	Joy Pikor	September 25
Caleb McPeck	September 10	Jacob Gerow	September 26
Rose Goldich	September 12	Phyllis King	September 29

**Quote of the Month**

"My favourite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something."

- Groucho Marx



### September Worship Attendants

#### Greeters

September 6	The Macri's
September 13	Lin Arzt & Lisa Williams
September 20	The Stenger's
September 27	Gary Tyler

#### Liturgists

September 6	Candy Sunderland
September 13	Emily Sunderland
September 20	Mel Bacha
September 27	Joy Pikor

#### Children's Message

#### Acolytes

Please see Sherry Pearson for dates available.

September 6	available
September 13	Charlotte Gerow
September 20	available
September 27	available

#### Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

September 6	Sherry Pearson
September 13	Rally Day Picnic
September 20	Gerow
September 27	Yoder

#### Altar Flowers

September 6	Janet McKercher
September 13	Doreen Ward
September 20	Phyllis King
September 27	Lin Arzt

#### September 6

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125 or 124 (UMH)  
James 2: 1-10 (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

#### September 13

Proverbs 1: 20-33  
Psalm 19 (UMH)  
James 3: 1-12  
Mark 8: 27-38

#### September 20

Proverbs 31: 10-31  
Psalm 1 (UMH)  
James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9: 30-37

#### September 27

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22  
Psalm 124 (UMH)  
James 5: 13-20  
Mark 9: 38-50

### Food Donations



We delivered a total of 61 items to the Hockanum Valley Community Council Food Pantry in August. Thank you for donating to help those in need.

One of the HVCC food pantry programs provides before and after school snacks for children. Peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta, fruit cups, pudding cups, packaged crackers and juice boxes are some of the favorite items for the before and after school snack program.

Thank you for your continued help feeding the people in our neighborhood.

-Suzanne Bird

### Are you missing your favorite casserole dish?

There are a number of casserole and serving dishes in the lobby waiting to be claimed by their rightful owner. If you are missing any kitchen items and brought something to church recently, please check the table for your things.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Sunday September 13th**  
**Rally Day**

**\*New\* Prayer Devotionals**  
**Fridays at 10 am starting**  
**on September 11th.**

Return Service

Requested

## ***Rockville United Methodist Church***

**Adult Study — 9:30 am**

**Sunday School 10:00 am**

**Worship Service 10:00 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.

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

*Rev. Paul R. O'Neil, Pastor*

*Karen Stearns, Music Director*

*Diane Lajoie, Office Manager*

*Linda Shivers, Church School Superintendent*

*Roger LaChance, Church Custodian*

*Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)*

*Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua*