

# The Herald

## RUMC Newsletter



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### HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

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

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

Donations to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) marked with #901670 will go directly to UMCOR Harvey 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](https://secure3.convio.net/gbgm/site/SPageNavigator/umcor_donate.html?type=1002&project=901670)



**Church Custodian** position. 6 hours a week at \$11 an hour. Please contact Pastor O'Neil or email the church office [rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested. The SPRC will review the applicants and conduct interviews.



## **Sunday September 24, 2017 6 to 7 pm**

- ◆ Breaking of Bread
- ◆ Contemporary Songs
- ◆ Prayer for Individual Needs
- ◆ Discussion from Bible Passages
- ◆ Full Participation by All



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### **“Dinner Church” Where Parishioners Eat While They Worship**

Dinner Church is our newest adventure at Rockville United Methodist Church. It will be a monthly event beginning on Sunday, September 24th from 6 to 7 PM.

The dinner church is meant to provide you an opportunity to “bring a friend” to an informal gathering. We will sit around a dinner table (as Jesus taught his disciples around a dinner table) and have The Breaking of the Bread, Singing, A Short Devotion, Table Discussions and Prayer. Of course, we will also eat.

At this time, we are still working out the details of the program, but we do want to keep the meal and program simple and low-keyed. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Have you had friends who do not want to be part of a formal traditional church? We are sure you do. Our focus is to help folks do not feel comfortable in a traditional service find that they are comfortable having a meal and discussing the Word.

Please begin to think about who you might invite. Already there is a great interest and we do expect to reach those in the community. If you would like to be in the planning stages of this, let me know.

God bless,  
Pastor Paul

## Welcome back to the start of our program year!!

### **RALLY SUNDAY-** Sept 10- picnic after church

We supply the hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, condiments and beverages. We are asking families to bring in their favorite salads and desserts to share with everyone. Come join us for fellowship and games.



### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Sunday school starts with Rally Sunday on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Children will attend worship and be excused after children's message to go to their Sunday school class. The exception will be the first Sunday of every month: the children are welcome to join in Communion with their families. After communion 3yrs-4<sup>th</sup> grade will go to room 2 to practice bells; 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older will go to their classrooms. Letters are being mailed out with a new "family" registration form; if you do not receive one in the mail please pick one up from the director of Christian education. Forms can be handed in to a teacher or DCE.

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

### **TEACHERS/CURRICULUM:**

#### **3yrs-kindergarten**- Brenda and Jim Mlodzinski.

Curriculum is a combination of "Top 50 Bible Lessons for Preschoolers - Ages 2-5 and Answers Bible Curriculum Year 1 Quarter 1 Pre-K & K Extra Take Home Sheets"

**1st-4<sup>th</sup> grades**- *We are working on recruiting teachers for this class. If you are interested, please speak with Linda Shivers- with any questions or information you might need.*

Curriculum is "Top 50 Bible Lessons for Elementary Students"

#### **5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade**- Amy Valesquez, Mel Bacha.

Curriculum is "Youth On Mission: By All Means" and "Love Out Loud."

#### **8<sup>th</sup> -high school**- Bridget Joy, Michelle Gerow, & David Saunders.

Curriculum is **L in C**, Living in Christ- helps preteens and teens examine faith and life issues using the latest music, movies, news, current events and engaging in Bible stories

#### **Children's Bells**- Jacob Gerow -teacher- ages 3yrs-4<sup>th</sup> gr.

Practice first Sunday of the month after Communion.

A Sunday school calendar will be available on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **BIBLES:**

Bibles will be given out to kindergarten children. If your child is older and does not have a Bible please let DCE know. Bibles will be handed out on Sept 10.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS:**

Confirmation class is being offered to youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> and older who would like to learn more about how to personally build on their faith, which began in Baptism and was nourished through the years with Sunday school. Confirmation is your decision to complete a more in- depth process of initiation into the Christian community and gives you the tools for the work ahead. Confirmation is not the end of your faith and spiritual journey; it is the beginning of your responsibility into this journey. Classes will be one Sunday morning a month after church. If you are interested in attending confirmation class please notify the church office so we can contact you with the schedule.

**Teacher- Pastor Paul O'Neil, assist- Linda Shivers**

**SUNDAYS BEYOND SUNDAYS-** Youth Group 4<sup>th</sup>-high school:

## Rockville United Methodist Women

***We will be meeting after church on Sunday, September 17*** at Mitchell's Restaurant around 11:30 to discuss upcoming events including the harvest dinner, the holiday bazaar and general business. The menu will be for breakfast only—so think brunch. Dutch treat. Calls will be made to find out if you are able to come. Any interested woman is welcome to come. The more the merrier. Sign up sheet will be posted mid-Sept.

Harvest Dinner: Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson: Carol Robbins; Dining Room: chair needed.

Plans for our Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> are well underway. So far, this is the listing:

Chairpersons: Judie Culy and Lorraine White

Fancy Cookies: Carol Ross and Lorraine White

Food: Judy Wilkie and Sue Bird

Luncheon: Gretchen Ross Hutton

Cashier Luncheon: Rick Bacha

Crafts of all Kinds: Rebecca Bacha

Jewelry: Karen Perras, Felecia Gerardi and Helen Stambo

Books, puzzles, etc: Barbara Kent

Grandma's Attic: Eileen Gay

Silent Auction: Judie Culy (before event),

Candy Sunderland (day of event)

Fancy Work: reorganizing but need a volunteer

Treasurer of the Day: Rick Bacha



FYI: We plan to have a few outside vendors this year. Should you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to call me at 860 872-3122.

Thanks,

Judie Culy

### **Peach Supper Update**

Thank you for helping to make our Peach Festival a success. The Men's club reports that we served 124 people for a \$1,400 profit.

### **Amazon Smile**



We received a \$5.09 donation from Amazon Smile in August. Don't forget to visit our Amazon Smile landing page (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-1283681>) before you log into your Amazon account, and RUMC will receive .5% of the price of the eligible purchases; make your purchases as you normally do. The more you use the Amazon Smile like, the more the church receives in donations. There is an Amazon Smile link at the bottom of the RUMC home page.



## MARRI FAMILY UPDATE

**The bad news:** Early in the summer, three year old Wiaam fell out of bed at 5 am one morning and dislocated her elbow. Aamina, the ten year old, crashed on her bike in the back yard and had to have stitches in her leg. Because there was no dental care in the refugee camp for five years, Suhaib, the six year old, had four very bad teeth pulled. The refrigerator stopped working properly and it took two weeks for the landlord to get it replaced and some of their food spoiled.

**The good news:** The good news is that Michelle Gerow and her kids have had a good time in several outings with the Marri kids. Michelle also helped arrange for two teachers from the kids' school to tutor the kids for four hours a week during the summer. With only four months of school since they arrived, we felt the help from these teachers would give a good boost before they started school again. It was exciting to see how much teaching was done each day and the fun they all had, as the teachers began to fall in love with the kids. As word of mouth spreads, additional help from other churches and friends is supplementing the ongoing help our church has given with rides and supplies.

Most of the payment for the teachers, at the going rate of \$32.50 an hour was donated by Amy Raccogni from the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon and the rest by our own people. Most of the month of June was Ramadan which is a religious time in Islam where adults fast from sunrise to sunset and then they feast at 8:00pm. It is also the custom to get new clothes, like we do at Easter or the start of school. We collected \$400 from our congregation to provide for this gift.

Although Mohamed, the father, and Aisha, the mother, took English as a Second Language (ESL) in the spring, they also needed some summer practice in speaking English. Tutoring was provided by four volunteers from the Emmanuel Congregational Church in Hartford. The church had just finished sponsoring a refugee family who are pretty self-sufficient now and wanted to help us. They too, came two hours a day for two days a week during the summer to help. Throw a pebble in a pool and see the ripples fan out. They are still spreading!! Many volunteers have joined our church in helping the Marri Family as the need for assistance continues.

As one of the Congregationalist's volunteers said, "They are truly a gift to us to be with. They bring their joy and gratitude for being here. They share their sense of humor and their genuine hospitality with us. I sometimes wonder how I would get along living in a new country without knowing the language or the culture. I am truly grateful for being with this family as much as I have."

The kids missed their school and friends this summer but the tutoring will give them a good start since four of the kids were promoted to the next grade, even though they had only four months of public school. Only Suhaib, the six year old, will repeat his grade. Mahmoud received a certificate for the most improved student in his 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and will be going to middle school. Steve said, "Ahid, the second grader, surprised [him] by speaking perfect English while showing [him] a picture of her class and telling [him] her teacher's name. Hard to believe how far they have come since their arrival in December."

~Stan

(Excerpts from Steve's reports for June and July, with additions by Stan Culy)



## September is Hunger Action Month

Many of our neighbors do not have enough food to feed their families. Here are some things we can do during Hunger Action Month.

- ◆ Decorate a box or jar for Hunger Action Month.
- ◆ Put 50 cents in your Hunger Action Month box/jar every time you go to the grocery store this month.
- ◆ Put your loose change in your Hunger Action Month box/jar at the end the day once-a-week this month.
- ◆ When saying grace, ask God to bless someone who is hungry as well as your meal.
- ◆ Use your “when you buy 3” coupons for groceries you need; donate one of the items to the local food pantry. (The collection box for the local food pantries is in the church narthex.)
- ◆ Reduce perishable food waste: “buy no more than what you expect to use; you will be more likely to keep it fresh and use it all.”  
<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-wasted-food-home#ways>
- ◆ Donate the money saved in your Hunger Action Month box/jar to the local food pantry or soup kitchen.



Thank you for the great response! We collected over \$700 and were able to purchase everything we needed for an 11 year-old boy and a nine-year old girl. Special thanks to Charlotte, Anna and Michelle for helping with shopping!

~Sylvia

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

Registration Forms for the **LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES** are on the RUMC bulletin board.

We have two certificates for \$55 off a Life Line Services test package. Registration is required. Contact Diane if you are interested 860-875-6562 or [rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net).

### GIFT CARDS ON-HAND

Stop by our Gift Card table during fellowship on Sundays. We have several gift cards ready for you to purchase and use immediately. Staples, 99 Restaurant, and Lowes are all available with RUMC receiving a larger donation than usual. Purchase your favorite gift cards through RUMC and help the church; major chains donate a percent of the sale of the gift cards 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/>

## 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

### In the Community:

**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



### Grove Street Music Project

Performances during service.  
Rehearsals are Sundays  
after Service.

Youth ages 10 and up.  
Musicians, Singers, and Tech Crew  
opportunities.



**Senior Choir**  
**Thursdays**  
**7pm**

### 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>

**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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**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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**ROCKVILLE FEST 2017**

Downtown Rockville  
Saturday September 16 from 10 am to 3 pm  
[RockvilleFest.org](http://RockvilleFest.org)  
Rain date September 17 from 11 am to 4 pm

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**1 MILE HIKE**

Stickney Hill, Pleasant Street  
Saturday September 9th at noon

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**ORGAN CONCERT**

Somers Congregational Church  
Sunday September 10th at 4 pm  
Donation \$10

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**LOBSTER FEST**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday September 30th  
2 pm to 7 pm  
Tickets available: <https://tlclobsterfest.org/>

**For Sale**

1971 Story and Clark piano. Newly registered, tuned, and appraised by CT Piano Co. \$700 including bench.

Contact Terri (860) 280-6431

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**Tag Sale**

Saturday September 30, 2017  
9 am to 3 pm  
Rain or Shine

Tools, Kitchen ware, Women's Clothes, Furniture, and more.

Moving to Montana; All must go.

22 Center Street  
Rockville, CT



**Special Needs**

Michael Svenson - medical  
Barbara Sweeney - medical  
Kathy Tefft - medical  
Nick - medical  
Lindsay - medical  
Victor - medical  
The Marri Family  
Chester Chase - medical  
John Oldham - medical  
Alan Hubbard - medical  
Julie - special needs  
Madison Kanneman - emotional support & medical recovery  
Sandy - medical  
Grandmother - medical  
Jodi - medical  
Benicna - family  
Betty-Ann Oppelt - medical  
Paul Doucette - medical  
Melina - health  
Joe DelRio - medical  
Bruce Rieder - medical  
Lynn & Mom - emotional support

**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  
Charlie 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



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*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.*

Tami Rizner	September 4	Andalaysia Cortes	September 16
Sylvia Lanz-Matthews	September 4	Kristin White	September 17
Janet McKercher	September 6	Matthew Stearns	September 22
Andrew Velasquez	September 6	Sharon Robbins	September 24
Nicolas Velasquez	September 6	Giada Shivers	September 25
Emma Parnell	September 8	Elyse Nordell	September 25
Mary Rose Rushton	September 8	Jacob Gerow	September 26
Caleb McPeck	September 10	Phyllis King	September 29
Allison Corne	September 10	Lucas Britney	September 30
Rose Goldich	September 12		

**Quote of the Month**

**"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."**

**~Robert Maynard Hutchins**



**September 3**

Exodus 3: 1-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c (UMH)  
Romans 12: 9-21  
Matthew 16: 21-28

**September 10**

Exodus 12: 1-14  
Psalm 149 or 148 (UMH)  
Romans 13: 8-14  
Mathew 18: 15-20

**September 17**

Exodus 14: 19-31  
Exodus 15: 1b-11, 20-21 (UMH)  
Romans 14: 1-12  
Matthew 18: 21-35

**September 24**

Exodus 16: 2-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78 (UMH)  
Philippians 1: 21-30  
Matthew 20: 1-16

**September Worship Attendants**

**Greeters**

Phyllis King, coordinator  
September 3 available  
September 10 available  
September 17 available  
September 24 available

**Liturgists**

Candy Sunderland, coordinator  
September 3 Janice Klingman  
September 10 Carol Aronson  
September 17 Harry Thomas  
September 24 available

**Acolytes**

Don Ross, coordinator.

**Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour**

Candy Sunderland, coordinator.  
September 3 available  
September 10 Rally Sunday  
September 17 O'Neil; Robin Pinchin  
September 24 available

**Altar Flowers**

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

September 3 Jane Thomas  
September 10 Laurie & Mel Bacha  
September 17 Lin Arzt  
September 24 Doreen Ward

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Rally Sunday  
September 10, 2017**

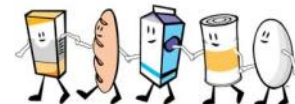
**Dinner Church  
September 24, 2017  
6 pm**

**Harvest Supper/  
Leap of Faith Concert  
October 28, 2017**

**Holiday Bazaar  
November 18, 2017**

Last month, we collected a total of **48** 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. The before/after school snack program is back. Please help keep the pantry stocked.

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



# JUNE YTD FINANCIAL RESULTS

Budget Item	YTD 2017	YTD 2016
Income	+\$95,325	\$88,465
<u>Less Expenses</u>	<u>-\$100,317</u>	<u>-\$91,067</u>
= Net Income / Spend	<b>-\$4,992</b>	<b>-\$4,449</b>

## Successes –

- Special giving for 2017 up to ~\$9k – *Thank you!!!*
- ~\$4k raised from Fundraisers to date! (Butter Braids & GSM/PJC Concert)
- YTD giving for Missions shares ~\$3k

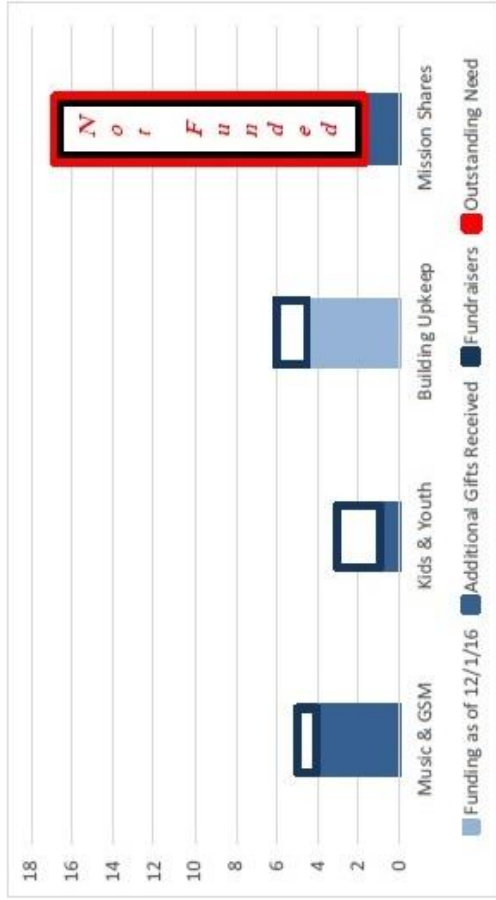
## Challenges & Opportunities –

- YTD Pledges are approximately \$2k less than expected
- YTD Expenses are higher due to snow removal and maintenance costs
- Additional Fundraisers will be happening during the remainder of the year (*Rest Stop, Dunkin week, Talent Auction, Bells Concert*) - Please spread the word to make these a huge success!
- The total 2017 Mission Share payment remains unclear



# 2017 RUMC Finance – Summary of Special Giving and Planned Fundraisers

## Program Funding for 2017 -



**Need 0.0 0.0 0.0 15.0**  
(Funding Shortfall)

Key Fundraisers:	\$Committed (in .000s)	Project Champion
Rest Stop	1.0	Rick Bacha
Local Biz	0.5	Geoff Below
Conference Grants	0.5	Teri Goldich
Butter Braids	0.5	Eileen Gay
Rock Band Concert	1.0	Linda Shivers & Mel Bacha
Talent Auction	0.5	Janice Klingman
Dunkin' Week	0.5	Mel Bacha
Handbell Concert	0.2	Karen Steams
<b>Other Additional Gifts from Members</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>Thank You!!!</b>

- Additional giving and new fundraisers will provide critical funding for Music, Kids, Building Upkeep and a small amount of Mission Shares – **Thank YOU!!!**
- Any additional gifts received will go toward funding Mission Shares (assuming no other unexpected needs or funding shortfalls)
- **Mark your calendars & get ready to support these upcoming Fundraisers!!!** – We need them to be successful in order to fully fund our Youth & Music Programs and Building Upkeep!!!

- **Successful Butter Braids**  
Great Job Eileen! Thanks to everyone for your support!!!
- **Our First Christian Rock Concert was on June 11<sup>th</sup>** featuring Pursuing JC with The Grove Street Music Project!!!
- **Look out for other fundraisers during the remainder of the year**

\* Figures are subject to revision, As of 6/30/17 \$6.8k in additional gifts increased to ~\$9k, Fundraisers raised ~\$4k and giving specifically for Mission Shares = ~\$3k

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.



**September**

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pastorpaul0202@gmail.com  
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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*