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What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need, then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so, He called it...Dad

Dear Church Family,

We would like to take the time and thank the congregation for opening their hearts to Janet and me. We have enjoyed our stay among you these past three years. The people of this congregation will always have a special place in our hearts. What I will always remember about Rockville United Methodist Church is that you are hard-working and always have a heart for ministry, especially towards the needy. Thank you for allowing me to pursue an outreach ministry in the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corp as a Chaplain and an Emergency Medical Responder. Through my association with those two organizations, I was able to proudly represent Rockville United Methodist Church in the community.



Janet was also able to make a connection in the Vernon School System as an Adult Educator and Substitute Teacher. She also spoke in Pastor Ricki's church once a month. She wants to especially thank you for all of your prayers for her family, especially her mother who speaks so highly of the friendships that she has made here. We will never take for granted your love and support that you gave to us. We have had good laughs together, sometimes caused by my (Paul's) foibles. Pastor Cheol is fortunate to be pastor of such a fine group of believers.

May God bless you richly.

God bless you,

Pastor Paul & Janet O'Neil

2018 Strawberry Festival June 16, 2018

5 to 6:30 pm

Adults: \$13

Children 6-12: \$6

Children 5 & under: free

Ham, beans, potato salad, and our very own Strawberry Shortcake!

Take-out is available. Walk-ins welcomed. Call for information/reservations 860-875-6562



June 2018 Christian Education Report



Sunday School:

June 3: practice for Children's Sunday June 10: Children's Sunday Worship Service

Vacation Bible School:

June 25-June 29. Registration forms are available on-line and in the office. *Volunteers are still needed* to make this program a success. Contact Don Corne or Linda Shivers if you can help us out.

Sundays Beyond Sundays:

Sleepover: Friday June 8th to June 9th.

July 23-July 27- mission week- if you are interested in knowing more about it or sign up, contact Don Corne, Dave Saunders, Linda Shivers

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

RUMC Fundraising Campaign RADA Cutlery

Need a wedding or housewarming gift? RADA Cutlery provides group fundraisers. Their knives are made in the United States Pick up a catalog and an order form. The knives, serving utensils, cookbooks, and mixes are reasonably priced. We sell the merchandise for the amount in the catalog and pay RADA; we will keep 40% of the money collected. **Please return your order forms by Sunday June 3, 2018.**



RUMC Vacation Bible School June 25 to June 29, 2018 9 am to 12 pm

\$20 per child (\$40 Maximum per family)
Children from age 3 (toilet trained) to 5th grade
(just finished as of June 2018)

Please fill out and return one (1) registration form per family with the payment to Rockville Untied Methodist Church. Make checks out to RUMC with VBS in the note section.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JUNE 14, 2018.

VBS REGISTRATION Student's Name(s):



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

CELEBRATE & HONOR THE PARENTS IN YOUR LIFE

Church World Service (CWS) makes a difference in the lives of children and adults around the world. CWS provides us an opportunity to help people around the world who struggle against poverty and powerlessness.

CWS help comes in many shapes and sizes; You can make an unspecified donation or specify how the money should be spent.

On **Father's Day, June 17**, we will honor the **Mothers and Fathers** in our lives; these special people will be listed in the bulletin insert on Father's Day. Orders will be accepted from **Mother's Day, May 13 through Sunday, June 10.**

Please return this to the church office no later than June 10.

CWS - HOPE, HONOR, AND CELEBRATION						
QTY	Cost	Impact				
	\$5	Health Center visit for a Refugee Child				
	\$10	Provides 1 blanket				
	\$10	Corn and Beans to plant				
	\$15	Rehabilitate a severely malnourished child				
	\$15	CWS Hygiene Kit				
	\$18	3 Hens and a Rooster				
	\$20	Books for 10 students				
	\$22	500 fishlings				
	\$75	CWS Emergency Cleanup Bucket				
		Provides service where needed most				
Enclosed is 1	ny che	ck for \$ payable to Rockville United Methodist Church				
In Honor of _						
In Memory o	f					
In Celebratio	on of					
Signed						

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(Orders will be accepted through June 10)

CROSSING LIVE AT ROCKVILLE UMC

Tickets are only \$20 each!

also featuring:
THE GROVE STREET
MUSIC PROJECT



Contact 860-875-6562 For tickets JUNE 23, 2018 7 pm

ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 142 Grove Street, Rockville Ct

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Caregiver Support Group Tuesdays 1:30 to 3 pm Hockanum Valley Community Council

> Hockanum Valley Ringers Spring Handbell Concerts Saturday, June 9, 2018 7 pm

Ellington Congregational Church

South Windsor Community Chorus Saturday, June 2, 2018 7pm

Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance at a door prize South Windsor High School

> Alchemy Choral and Organ Music June 3, 2018 4 pm

United Congregational Church Tolland, CT

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Old, young, musicians or no, you're invited to sing with our choir!

When: every Thursday 7:00 pm

Where: Music Room

Bring: Your sense of humor- we have a lot of fun!

See any choir member for details!

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Strawberry Fest Dinner: The Trustees and SPRC are co-hosting the Strawberry Dinner on June 16, 2018 to help raise money to cover the costs of moving the new pastor. **This event will only work if we have volunteers.** The workers signup sheet is on the RUMC bulletin board.

Church Maintenance: The GOM's need your help! Since our Grumpy Old Men are getting even older, there are many things they did without fanfare on Wednesday mornings that they can no longer do. We will start posting in the bulletin, on Facebook, and on the website activities where we need help; these are activities octogenarians should no longer be doing. Please keep an eye out for these opportunities, and help where you can.

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

Moving Day: Pastor O'Neil is moving on June 26th; Pastor Cheol is moving in on June 27th.

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: PPPLANT-E10@HOTMAIL.COM.



In this picture, you see Steve Yoder holding a little baby by a dining room window. I told Steve that I had never seen a baby so tightly wrapped as this one and he said that one of his own grandbabies was done like this; it is called "swaddling." I knew I heard that word somewhere but couldn't put my finger on it immediately. Finally, it dawned on me that I had heard it, and read it, many, many times from the King James Bible. I looked it up and found it in Luke 2:12: "12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

I have held this baby several times when I visit this family. The first time, her mother brought this tight little bundle over and laid it in my arms without me asking if I could hold her. Considering the baby was not even a month old, I thought that was pretty trusting.

The baby was born March 5th, weighting in at seven pounds and four ounces; her name is Yumna Marri. The rest of her family were born ei-

ther in Syria or in a refugee camp in Turkey. She is the first one who was born as a citizen of our country. One advantage the youngest child has in a large family is that she is played with or carried around by her older brothers and sisters.

Furthermore, over the past year-and-a-half, I have felt a special feeling about this family; for lack of a better word, I called it "cohesiveness." There is a closeness between the kids that is often seen when different ones pair off to play with each other, and then they switch.

The kids are not learning their English and math as fast as we had hoped; they will be held back this coming year to help them catch up. The refugee camp only offered school one day a week, so they virtually had no schooling for five crucial years; it is no wonder that learning a new language has gone slowly.

The bottom line is that I think they are a good family and that they will prove to be an asset to our country. I am proud that our church has helped to give them a new start in life.

~Stan

GIFT CARD NEWS FROM JANET O

Thanks to our co-coordinators, Robin Pinchin and Lisa Williams, our gift card program will continue. Please continue to support this fundraiser. We have a number of gift cards on-hand from restaurants, grocery stores, and department stores. We can order gift cards from over 600 retailers. Stop by the gift card table in fellowship hall after church on Sunday or check out our website for more information https://www.rockumchurch.com/gift-card-program/

LINKS TO ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

Here are links to some newsletters that may interest you:

 $\textbf{Cornerstone}: \ https://www.joomag.com/magazine/my-first-magazine-cornerstone-newsletter-march-2017/0041000001487529753$

Accion Medica Christiana: http://www.nicaraguacovenant.org/newsletter.html

960d17684227.pdf (sign up for the newsletter is on http://hvcchelps.org/.

Interpreter Magazine: http://www.interpretermagazine.org/magazine/current-issue Interpreter Magazine will no longer be a print document; it will be an on-line publication only.

Connected—The New England Conference of the UMC:

https://www.neumc.org/connectbulletinnewsletterinserts

JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

During Men's Health Month in June, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services encourages men and boys to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle. It is an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of preventable illnesses such as heart disease and highlight ways to stay healthy, such as exercise and getting regular medical check-ups. It is important to encourage men to take control of their health because men experience poorer health and die younger than women in the U.S. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, boys and men in the United States, on average, die 5.6 years earlier than women and die at higher rates from nine of the top 10 leading causes of death.

The HHS Office of Minority Health reminds men and boys that they can improve their health by seeking medical advice and taking other important steps such as making healthy food choices, staying active, quitting smoking, seeing a health care provider, and taking care of their mental health. ¹

- <u>Prostate cancer</u> is the most common cancer among men, excluding skin cancer.
- African-American men are at the greatest risk to develop prostate cancer.
- The American Cancer Society recommends men with an average risk of prostate cancer should begin the discussion about screening at age 50, while men with higher risk of prostate cancer should begin earlier.
- Erectile dysfunction and lower testosterone are linked to larger health risks, including heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity.²
- ¹ https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/content.aspx?ID=10238
- ² https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/awareness/june_mens_health_awareness.html http://www.menshealthmonth.org/

Vernon Family Learning Center

The Vernon Adult Education had their last day before summer vacation on Thursday May 31, 2018. The day was celebrated with a pot-luck lunch and game stations for the kids to play. This year they provided education and childcare for 20 ESL students and 10 GED students. This was a group very eager to learn; they asked for extra homework during school vacation to make up for all of the snow days they endured this year.

Four of the GED students were ready to start testing for some of the four subjects needed to pass to get their GED—Social Studies, English, Math, and Science. One student passed the first subject, one is has passed half the subjects, and one has one subject left to test. Congratulations to Stephanie! Stephanie finished all four tests and has earned her GED.

Summer Camp Scholarship

The Rockville United Methodist Women's association is offering a \$50 scholarship to one of the religious summer camps, such as Camp Mechuwana or Wanakee. Please see Judie Culy for details.

Greetings from Montana! I'm writing to let you know that we, 2 dogs, 2 cats, Rosie and me, all arrived safely in Missoula on April 30, after 5 days on the road. We spent the first night in Windsor Locks, CT, followed by nights in Cleveland, OH, Madison, WI, Fargo, ND, and Billings, MT. Billings is about 6 hours from Missoula, so the last night was in the apartment in which Rosie had already stashed towels, an air mattress, some kitchen ware, wine, and glasses. We stayed in La Quinta hotels all the way across the country since they are pet-friendly. All in all, the trip was pretty uneventful except that we did not get to see the World's Largest Ball of Twine in Minnesota, which was a disappointment of course.

I spent a while in the apartment before the furniture arrived on May 5. The kitties had gone home with Rosie to live in Polson. Even though I had gotten rid of a LOT of furniture, kitchen stuff, most of the books, clothes, and just about anything I could move out of the house, I still have too much stuff! The books are in a storage closet until I can install some shelving. The apartment is in a complex not far from the University of Montana so there are a lot of students. Lots of people have dogs, so Dixie and Zoe have met all sorts, some more friendly than others. There's a Pomeranian who wanders around by himself but he's pretty snotty. Lease laws are pretty much ignored.

There are thunderstorms almost every afternoon but the days have been generally sunny and in the 70s or low 80s. My apartment complex is in a busy, urban part of Missoula. I can walk to the Good Food Store, the Montana equivalent of Whole Foods. I can also walk downtown over a foot bridge in about 15 minutes, on the path called the Milwaukee Trail which goes through the complex. The bridge is over the Clark Fork River, which is many feet over the flood stage and has flooded other parts of the city. The downtown area reminds me very much of Waynesville, NC, with sidewalk bistros, shops, galleries, and markets. There are several craft breweries in town and one distillery that makes Quick-silver vodka, which is not for the faint of heart. The scenery around here is just breathtaking. There are no bad views.

I've met a few of my neighbors and have made a couple friends in town. I haven't found a church yet; I've been to one Methodist church and two Lutheran services but have yet to even see a choir. I'm going to a Unitarian church tomorrow and have another Methodist church to try later. I've been navigating the government offices to get a new license and license plates (two different offices), arrange for MT state taxes to start (that's a story all to itself), get the dogs licensed (at the office that gives out license plates but only by appointment), deal with the IRS (one guy who works only on Tuesdays), get local banking set up, and deal with a city layout that has even some long-term residents relying on GPS to find anything. Every time I get lost, I end up at the airport. That I can find; all I have to do is try to find anything else. From what I've seen, and spent so far, Montana is more expensive than Connecticut except that there's no sales tax. Food and beverages are a lot more expensive, even discounting the tax issue, and auto registration cost 8 ½ times what it cost in CT for one year. Yikes.

All in all, this has been a good move for me. Rosie and I have seen each other several times after the long trip, and got together for a farmer's market and beer on Thursday in Ronan where she works. It's just wonderful. My address is at the church office, and I have a guest room waiting for visitors. I'll be in touch and I'd love to hear from you. God bless!

Peace,

Terri

Minutes of Church Council meeting Sunday, May 6, 2018

Pastor Paul opened with a prayer.

Pastor Report – Pastor Paul will be moving out of the parsonage on June 26, moving to NH. Trustees can go into parsonage after that date for any last cleaning. June 10th Paul will be away for annual conference. June 17th, (Father's day) will be Paul's last day preaching.

Council chair – Sue Lessoff Judie Culy offered to be chair of Finance. Janice made a motion to appoint her and Sue Lessoff seconded. Voted and approved. It was also brought up about lights being left on, doors left unlocked and windows open. Responsibility of last group in church to close up. Don Ross said he checks everything and ensures things are secure at end of normal church time.

Christian Education – Linda would like a break from Sunday summer school as she has some personal issues to deal with. Candy spoke on her behalf, but this was more of an informational conversation, as it does not require a vote from council but will be discussed in SPRC. Linda will continue to run VBS and the mission trip.

Finance – Jim Mlodzinski is doing year to date analysis of expenses for same period as last year. Considerable dip in expenses and wondering what's going on. Jan. thru May.

Judie commented that quarterly pledge statements will be going out to people who have requested them or need them. Judie also brought up about emergency lists. She attended meeting "Roadmap to renewal" and was given the idea of having a printout of list in additional to list in computer in case of computer problems. Also, there was much conversation about name tags for early days, weeks of new Pastor. Pastor Paul has given 3 directories of our church to new Pastor for him to familiarize himself with faces in advance. Many people missing from last directory. Also, many lots of new faces in the church. Paul and Janice will work on this.

Lay Leaders – Candy had nothing to report other than that we all do our best to make this a smooth transition with new Pastor. Will work with SPRC to handle things.

Lay member to annual conference – Sandy Gallup is forming a transition team and will make a timeline of events. A "Must Have" for transition. Sandy went to a transition workshop recently.

Men's Club – Don Ross said that the Men's Club will no longer be able to sponsor the church dinners.

Missions – Stan Culy speaks to and visits Marri family on a regular basis. He also read his report. (copy attached)

Music- Karen Stearns – no report

Publicity – Janice Klingman talked about a silent talent auction in September to be held during picnic on Rally day, Sept. 9th. Several members have already donated their time, talents for this event to be kept within church family. Inserts will be in bulletins.

Also, a fundraiser event is being spearheaded by Diane Lajoie to sell RADA knives.

Minutes of Church Council meeting -cont.-Sunday, May 6, 2018

Trustees – Don Ross and its Dave Joy (co-chairs) (not Bridget as seen on agenda). Don read report for trustees. Anonymous gift of 3K given to replace sound system. Trustees will do strawberry festival with help from SPRC and Finance. The monies will go toward moving expenses of new Pastor.

UMW – Judie Culy: There will be brunch on Sunday, June 10th at Mitchells after church, 11;15 to discuss numerous topics. The Leap of Faith concert will be Saturday, October 27th 7 pm. Harvest Dinner is October 20th. Bazaar is November 17th. UMW tries to pledge 5K.

Vernon Community Network – Judie Culy is resigning as treasurer.

Worship – nothing to report. Robin Pinchin became a new member on Mothers Day, May 13th.

Old business – nothing

New Business – Sunday, June 3^{rd} all church council meeting. Children's Sunday will be June 10^{th} . Pastor Cheol will be holding his first service, July 1^{st} . July 8^{th} – all church council meeting. Submitted by Candy Sunderland

Special Needs

Nick - medical Madison Kanneman - emotional support & medical recovery Joe DelRio - medical Bruce Rieder - medical Kate and family and all displaced by natural disasters Judy Delaney - medical Debbie Balkow - medical Staci Rizner - medical Colin Thorn - medical Mike Ambrosi - medical Vetta - family tragedy Bob King - medical Melanie Kincaid—medical



Those in Christian Service

Dr. Belinda Forbes

Accion Medica Christiana, Managua, Nicaragua

Pastor Kristin White,

Green Street UMC, Augusta, ME

Our Church Family

Marie Pierce—medical

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

June Latkofsky-home Esther Harris-home Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield Manor Shirley Edwards-Brookdale SW Vita Aiello-Fox Hill Pat Brandt—Pennsylvania Kay Lyke - Crestfield Manor Irene Surette-home Leonard Aronson - Vernon Manor Tom Rider - Fox Hill Ray Clark - home Earl Robertson - home Bob King - home Harry Thomas - Woodlake Ginny Wehrli - Indiana Janet McKercher—White Oaks

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.



Jack Wilkie	June 1	Joanne Stenger	June 13
Mike Gay	June 1	Wayne Badstuebner	June 20
Subhash Nayi	June 1	Craig Stearns	June 20
Arielle Shivers	June 3	Ricki Aiello	June 20
Lucas Beloff	June 4	Stephen Yoder	June 21
Camden McPeck	June 8	Rayana Culvey	June 23
Makenzie Fox	June 10	Alex Prevost	June 28
Helen Stambo	June 12	Sean Chapman	June 29

Quote of the Month

"The greatest gift I ever had came from God, I call him Dad."

~unknown



June 3

1 Samuel 3: 1-20 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18(UMH) 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 Mark 2: 23-3:6

June 10

1 Samuel 8: 4-20 Psalm 138 (UMH) 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1 Mark 3: 20-35

June 17

1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13 Psalm 20 or 72 (UMH) 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17 Mark 4: 26-34

June 24

1 Samuel 17: 32-49 Psalm 9: 9-20 (UMH) 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Mark 4: 35-41

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Church Council June 3, 2018 11 am

Children's Sunday June 10, 2018

Women's Brunch June 10, 2018

Pastor O'Neil's last service June 17, 2018

> GSM Praise Concert June 23, 2018

Pastor Cheol's first service July 1, 2018

> Peach Fest August 18, 2018

June Worship Attendants

Greeters

Phyllis King, coordinator Please see Phyllis if you would like to be a greeter.

Liturgists

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June 3	Sandy Gallup
June 10	Rebecca Bacha
June 17	Richard Bacha
June 24	available

Acolytes

Don Ross, coordinator.

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

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June 3			Bacha
June 10			O'Neil
June 17			available
June 24			available

Altar Flowers

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



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

Last month, we collected a total of **107** food items. The food was distributed to the Cornerstone Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community.

Cornerstone has 488 families registered for food assistance. The most needed items for June include ziti, spaghetti, elbows, egg noodles, ketchup, mustard, & mayonnaise. Cereal, pasta or rice side dishes, baked beans, spaghetti sauce, fruit cups, pudding cups, crackers, canned soup, dessert mixes, ketchup and mustard are always needed.

Rockville United Methodist Church



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



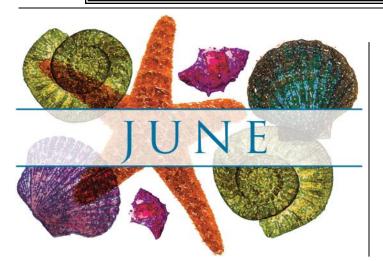
Coffee & Fellowship follow the worship service Nursery Care is available for children 4 and under.

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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