

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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Peach Supper

August 18, 2018
5 to 6:30 pm

Adults: \$14

Children (ages 6-12): \$5

Children 5 and under are free.

**Ham, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and
our fresh Peach Shortcake.**

<https://www.rockumchurch.com/2018/07/12/2018-peach-supper/>



Mat Mlodzinski has taken over posting on the RUMC Twitter page. There is a link on the RUMC website if you would like to see the RUMC news and inspirational quotes he has posted. You do not need a twitter account to read his posts.

Dear Rockville Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you are enjoying the summer breezes.



I am writing today to greet you all as your new pastor in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who appointed me to be with you. Yet, before I do this, I would like to thank my predecessor Rev. Pastor Paul O'Neil for all that he has done with you for the sake of God's glory. Through our conversations during the transitional times, I sensed that he is an excellent minister who truly loves his people and does all his best for God's church. Honestly, I am somehow nervous about how I can effectively sustain and continue his wonderful ministries. Now, Pastor O'Neil had to leave you as I left my congregations in Vermont because God has given us new directions. I ask you to keep us all in your prayers for our new journey and mission for God's glory.

I am also thankful that I have a faithful and dedicated servant of God in our congregation – Rev. Stan Culy. I had a great time meeting and talking with him at the Annual Conference a few weeks ago. Like our Good Shepherd, Rev. Culy first reached out to me and gave me a big smile and warm hug. Oh I almost called him “Dad.” Although he is a retired clergy, I see him as my mentor and will start my ministry with his guidance.

I want to thank you all who have helped me make a smooth transition to be here with you today. Sharing our emails, Facebook chats, phone calls, and prayers, you encouraged me to cross over into my “Promised Land!” All your common message was, “We are looking forward to meeting you!” My response was also, “Yes, I am too!” Our conversations have made me confident that God has planned this new appointment; we will truly be a vibrant and life-giving community of faith. Amen!

In your May Newsletter, I saw a brief biography about me by way of introduction. Thanks for a nice summary about me! Yes, I am from Korea; you can call me “Cheol.” I came to America in 2002 and studied at BU to obtain Master of Divinity degree in 2006 and another Master's degree in 2009. Previously, I have served the Boston Hope District, 2008-2013, and the Vermont District, 2013-2018. Wow! It has been 16 years since I left my country. I have enjoyed and sometimes struggled with my adventure!

And now my new journey brings me to this wonderful and diverse community in Connecticut. It is with joy and thankfulness that I present myself to you today. I believe that God has even greater things in store for us all. Yet, as a young, new servant who is not yet familiar with Connecticut culture, I humbly ask that we accept each other as God's gifts. I ask that we open our hearts together to the Holy Spirit, so that we may be pleased to be united in the love of Jesus Christ, who will guide us step by step through our faith journey.

I see myself as a servant of God and a friend to those I serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Even though I live away from my family of origin, I have never regretted my decision because I know I have received more gifts than I lost since I left my land. The real family to me is the people who worship and serve God along with me. In God's fellowship, I see you all as my dear friends with whom I travel on my lifelong journey while sharing our joys and concerns together.

While I am sad to leave the friends I have made in Vermont, I'm also excited for the new friendship that I am going to have with you here. In God's grace and love, I am anxious to get to know all of you!

May God who has begun a good work in us bring it to completion! Alleluia, Amen!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Seok-Cheol Shin

Sunday School is taking a break from the traditional classroom setting, but Sara Stenger will be supervising the younger children who get restless through the service. Our traditional Sunday school classes will resume **Sept 9**, with our annual Rally Sunday picnic to follow after service. If you would like to help out - we could use a few teachers -- it doesn't have to be a 10-month commitment.



Youth Group is getting ready for their mission week- July 23-27. This year we have divided the week to help two different non-profits: 2 days we will be with Foodshare in Hartford and Bloomfield, and 3 days we will work with Hands on Hartford.

Our youth are looking towards expanding their mission opportunities and to do more in the community. Don and I would also like to do more group bounding experiences with them. If you feel you would like to help our youth in any way through volunteering with us, leading a youth group meeting or helping out with a financial donation (in memo put "education") - it would be greatly appreciated. Don and I would love to talk with you on how your contribution of time or money can help us with our youth programs.

Vacation Bible School was a huge success. We had 38 children attend with over 30 volunteers for the week. Some volunteers were able to help the whole week, others just a day or two. Don and I are proud of the 25 youth --6th grade and older who volunteered for the week- with 7 of those youth coordinating, organizing and leading their own 'station'. Most churches only allow adults to be in charge of the stations because of the time and work involved, and they feel the youth can't do it. We can't express enough how well the youth did as Leaders and deserve to be congratulated.

Director of Christian Education is Linda Shivers.

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SILENT AUCTION

We will be holding a silent auction on Rally Day, September 9th, and are looking for members of our Church Family to provide goods or services to be bid on. All proceeds will benefit the RUMC Church Budget. If you are willing to provide a service, please contact Janice at jjklmn@aol.com.

Below is a list of some of the services we have so far for auction:

- Financial Planning/Budget Services
- Preparing Income Taxes (Spring)
- Yard Clean Up (fall)
- 1 Session Computer Tech Services/Repair
- Lesson: Navigating the Internet
- Lesson: Using Microsoft Word and/or Publisher
- Lesson: Using Microsoft PowerPoint
- Two Piano Lessons
- Three dozen Homemade Christmas Cookies (December)
- Transportation to & from Bradley Airport
- Sewing or Knitting Lessons
- Four hours of Baby Sitting
- 2 Sessions of Personal Shopping

COMMUNITY EVENTS

IMANI Milele Choir
Friday July 27, 2018
6:30 pm
Wesley Memorial UMC



National Night Out
Tuesday August 7, 2018
5-8 pm
rain date: 8-8-2018



East Windsor Historical Society
Ice Cream Social
August 11, 2018 12—3 pm
Free haircuts, hay ride, games, and more...



Sticks for Bricks Golf Tournament
to benefit Habitat for Humanity
Monday August 27, 2018
Wampanoag Country Club, West Hartford
contact Christina@hartfordhabitat.org



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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Peach Fest Dinner: The Peach Fest will be on Saturday August 18, 2018 from 5 to 6:30pm. Volunteers are needed to prep, serve, and clean up the dinner. Keep an eye out for the signup sheet 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

Drivers Needed: Drivers needed for people in church without transportation. The signup sheet is on the RUMC bulletin board.

The Cornerstone Food Cupboard

MOST NEEDED ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER

- ♦ **Cereal**
- ♦ **Spaghetti sauce**
- ♦ **Ramen noodles**
- ♦ **Rice side dishes (such as Rice-A-Roni, Knorr Rice Sides)**
- ♦ **Soup: chicken noodle, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken**
- ♦ **Boxes of macaroni, penne, rigatoni, etc.**
- ♦ **Pudding or fruit cups**
- ♦ **Cans of beets, spinach, sauerkraut, white potatoes**
- ♦ **Crackers**
- ♦ **Peanut butter and jelly**
- ♦ **Grocery Store Gift Cards**

Food Pantry Needs Increase in the Summer.

LATEST NEWS ON OUR 2018 GOOD FRIDAY WALK

Just to bring you up to date on the Rockville Good Friday Walk, we are delighted to report that \$11,056.60 has been received so far with another \$30 to come!! 1/3 of the entire amount goes to our local Cornerstone Homeless Shelter. Sharing, Inc. will be sending out their newsletter shortly bringing us all up to date on the entire Walk results. On behalf of the Rockville Good Friday Walk Committee, we thank you all for your continuing interest in this wonderful way we serve our Lord and His children!!

Save the date: April 19, 2019

Jesus walked on Good Friday, will you?

Blessings, Judie Culy

www.rockumchurch.com/good-friday-walk

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

MOTHER'S & FATHER'S DAY DEDICATIONS

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. We raised **\$618** for CWS with our Mother's/Father's Day dedication mission. **Thank you for your donations!**

RUMC Fundraising Campaign

RADA Cutlery

We raised \$155 for the church budget through the RADA Fundraiser. Thank you for participating!.

JULY IS NATIONAL ANTI-BOREDOM MONTH

AUGUST IS FAMILY FUN MONTH

With school out, many kids find themselves bored in the summer without their friends and a school schedule to keep them busy. Here are some activities you can do to keep yourself engrossed this summer.

<http://www.kidzworld.com/article/5849-beat-the-boredom-blues>

- ♦ Boredom Busters - Wacky Workout
Learn a new sport, literally. Forget typical sports like baseball and basketball, but pick up something that's totally weird and wacky. Whether it's unicycling or parkour (free running), you'll get in great shape and enjoy it because you've never participated in such a sport before!
- ♦ Boredom Busters - Backyard Camping
Camp out in your backyard! Ask your parents to help you pitch a tent and invite a few friends over for a sleepover. You can toast marshmallows on a grill and sit around the "campfire" telling each other spooky ghost stories.
- ♦ Boredom Busters - Virtual Tours
Pick a country and learn everything there is to know about that place. Read up on its history, customs and major tourist sites because you may end up traveling to that place one day. Also try exploring another culture through the library, cultural centers and ethnic restaurants.
- ♦ Boredom Busters - Games Night
Break out classic board games like Monopoly, Backgammon and Yahtzee! They're fun to play and a great way to spend some time with family and friends. If you're not a fan of the old-school games, then check out new ones like Snap TV 2006 FIFA World Cup Game or Harry Potter Scene It.
- ♦ Boredom Busters - Get Scrappy
Start a scrapbook. Make it your mission to go on a fun adventure every few days, like hiking a new trail in your neighborhood park or discovering seashells and cool-looking rocks at the beach. Take pictures and collect fun things from your adventures and add them to your book. By the end of the summer, your scrapbook will be bursting at the seams!

FAMILY FUN MONTH

Use your imagination, spend time together and have fun! Post your ideas on social media using #FamilyFunMonth to encourage others to join in. Below are some ideas for fun family activities:

- Order pizza and watch a movie in the backyard
- Go camping
- Take a vacation
- Go out for ice cream
- Enjoy a backyard campfire
- Build a backyard fort
- Family bike ride
- Day trip to the zoo
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Day at the park
- Make a talent show
- Cook meals together
- Have a karaoke night
- National Night Out 8-7-2018

I will remember Pastor Paul for...

His pastoral care:

- ♦ By providing a funeral for the beloved Alpine dogs of Harry and Merrilee Thomas.
- ♦ By showing Phyllis King the many alternatives in her situation by listing them on newsprint.
- ♦ By encouraging Nat Woodruff to finish his musical intents.
- ♦ By keeping in contact with Pat and Julie
- ♦ By singing with Esther Harris
- ♦ By visiting Shirley Edwards again and again.
- ♦ By having Harry Thomas read the scripture in morning worship

His teaching:

- ♦ By using charts of dates and maps and illustrations in our Friday morning study to make clear what the Bible is saying.

~Stan Culy
June 17, 2018



Thank you to all who contributed to the Refugee Tutoring Fund. We have reached our goal needed to provide the Marri's tutors for the summer.

SHOP TO HELP RUMC

Gift Cards:

Don't forget the RUMC Gift Card Program. Purchase a gift card at the cost of the face value and the church receives a donation from the company. There are many gift card options available for groceries, gas, travel, and retail companies. You can double the help by purchasing an Amazon Gift Card through our Gift Card Program and using Amazon Smile to make your purchase.

Amazon Smile:

Amazon's Prime Day is almost here. Deals start July 16, 3pm ET and run through July 17. Prime Day is one of Amazon's biggest shopping events of the year; remember to shop at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to Rockville United Methodist Church Inc. The link to our Amazon Smile login page is on the bottom of our website home page. <https://www.rockumchurch.com/home/>

Grove Street Music Project had a great time hosting Crossing Jordan on June 23rd. Members of Crossing Jordan spent the whole day mentoring and worshipping with our GSM kids. Later, GMS opened for Crossing Jordan for a fantastic concert. We thank all of our congregation for your support of our endeavors and for attending the concert!



If you love to sing, can read text, and love to have fun, then maybe Senior Choir is for you! No need to be a “maestro”; we will teach you everything you need to know! Talk to Karen Stearns or any choir member for more info!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Church Council Meeting date: July 8, 2018

Attending: P. King, S. Lessoff (Chair), J. Culy, S. Culy, J. Mdlozinski, S. Gallup (recording), Pastor Cheol, D. Ross, A. White, Sylvia Yoder, Steve Yoder, K. Stearns, M. Bacha, J. Klingman, G. Klingman, G. Gerow

Church Leadership Reports

PASTOR: (including Lay Leadership) – Pastor Cheol

Opened with prayer by Pastor Cheol.

Will learn what we do, meet with all committees and groups. Will set office hours.

Parsonage phone number same. Working with Stan on visiting homebound. Positive comments on worship and work with children. Thanked church for welcome

COUNCIL CHAIR:– Sue Lessoff

COUNCIL RECORDING SECRETARY – Sandy Gallup, temp

Ministry Reports

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Linda Shivers. VBS a success, Youth Mission Week starts July 26.

FINANCE and TREASURER and FINANCIAL SECRETARY- Jim Mlodzinski, Allison Corne
Jim reported we are about \$6 k behind in budgeted income.

STEWARDSHIP CHAIR – Judie Culy

LAY LEADER(S) – (Candy Sunderland), Mel Bacha

LAY MEMBER OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Sandy Gallup

No report

Stan Culy report – attach

Sylvia Yoder reported on a picnic with the Marri Family at Jackie Abbott's

MEN'S CLUB - Don Ross.

Peach Festival coming

MISSIONS –

MUSIC – Karen Stearns. Grove Street at few more times. Leap of Faith Concert coming in October.

Pick up choir for summer; New sound system coming in late July and August

PUBLICITY – Janice Klingman. Will work on Peach Festival publicity. Getting stuff in the JI is important.

SMALL GROUPS – Phyllis King reported groups have not been meeting this summer. Will meet with Pastor Cheol.

SPRC – Al White. Read a statement from David Calhoun.

TRUSTEES – Don Ross, (Dave Joy) Don reported on Strawberry Festival deposited \$1037. To be used for moving expenses.

UMW – Judie Culy. Have bazaar people.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - cont.

VISITATION & NURTURE – Stan Culy, Pastor Cheol. Visited Earl Robertson at hospital. Will visit Jack and Judy.

WORSHIP – Pastor Cheol reported on his interest in meeting with committee, currently no chair.

Old business – Janice thanked people for wearing name tags.

New business –

Does Linda need funds for Mission project? We think donations would be welcomed.

Don proposed getting BJs cards for church. Mel made a motion to get 2 BJs cards, Don and Diane.

The District Ministry Team invites you to join us in a season of prayer and renewal. As we prepare for a District Fall Revival, we want to invite you to pray for every church, servant leader, and pastor to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Also, we want to lift prayers of thanksgiving and blessings for our District Superintendent and his family (Rev. Dr. David Calhoun, Julie, Clayton, Skylar, Zoe), the district churches, our conference, cabinet, and Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar. The vision for our conference is “Transformed by the Holy Spirit ... we boldly proclaim Christ to the world.” In order for us to be transformed, we have to ask God to change our hearts to follow God’s will for our lives. This summer please pray that God gives us a heart of peace, so that all will know that we are Christians by our love.

We will begin this season of prayer for every pastor and church on Sunday, July 15, 2018 Join us on Facebook @: www.facebook.com/ctwma.

Blessings and Miracles,

The CT/WMA District Ministry Team

We collected a total of **42** food items in June. The food was distributed to the Cornerstone Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community.

Cornerstone has 488 families registered for food assistance. Food Pantries have greater demand in the Summer months when kids are home from school.

Quote of the Month

“Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.”

~Samuel Ullman

Special Needs

Nick - medical
Madison Kanneman - emotional
support & medical
recovery
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
Heather Bonner—medical
Bob Hornbecker



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
Earl Robertson—medical
Lucy Maupin

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



Sandra Bogan	July 1	Myrna Sawyer	July 9
Judy Retynsky	July 4	Janet O'Neil	July 14
Carol Macri	July 4	Rebecca Beloff	July 15
Jane Thomas	July 7	Abigail Pierce	July 27
Don Corne	July 7	Ruth NgoLissoh	July 28
Aubrey Nordell	July 8		
Stephen Lyke	August 3	Marie Pierce	August 16
Lisa Williams	August 3	Norine Veal	August 21
Aisha Marri	August 3	Jen Chapman	August 21
Lin Arzt	August 4	Caitlyn Giddens	August 22
Daniel Joy	August 5	Amani Kievits	August 22
David Joy	August 7	Elizabeth Stearns	August 22
Kay Lyke	August 8	Lauren Stearns	August 22
June Latkofsky	August 12	Bridget Joy	August 26
Mohamed Marri	August 12	Ava Durham	August 29
Shane Kravitz	August 13	Tamika Brock	August 30

Return Service
Requested

Rockville United Methodist Church



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



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

Office Hours 10am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

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

Our Mission Statement

Rockville United Methodist Church is a people seeking to be faithful to God; by reaching out to all, inviting each to a relationship with God, nurturing each in the love of Jesus Christ and sending everyone back into the world to minister in God's name.



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Linda Shivers, Director of Christian Education
Diane Lajoie, Church Custodian
Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)
Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua



July 1

2 Samuel 1: 1; 17-27
Psalm 130 (UMH)
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15
Mark 5: 21-43

July 8

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48 (UMH)
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13

July 15

2 Samuel 6: 1-5; 12-19
Psalm 24 (UMH)
Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29

July 22

2 Samuel 7: 1-14
Psalm 89: 20-37 (UMH)
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34; 53-56

July 29

2 Samuel 11: 1-15
Psalm 14 (UMH)
Ephesians 3: 14-21
John 6: 1-21

August 5

2 Samuel 11: 26—12:13
Psalm 51: 1-12(UMH)
Ephesians 4: 1-16
John 6: 24-35

August 12

2 Samuel 18: 5-9; 15; 31-33
Psalm 130 (UMH)
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2
John 6: 35; 41-51

August 19

1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111 (UMH)
Ephesians 5: 15-20
John 6: 51-58

August 26

1 Kings 8: 1; 6'; 10-11; 22-30; 41-43
Psalm 84 (UMH)
Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 56-69

July & August Worship Attendants

Greeters

July 1	George Klingman & Sue Lessoff	August 5	Sandy Gallup & TBD
July 8	Mel & Laurie Bacha	August 12	Mel & Laurie Bacha
July 15	Stan Culy	August 19	Judie & Stan Culy
July 22	Janice & George Klingman	August 26	Velásquez Family
July 29	Don & Carol Ross		

Liturgists

July 1	Janice Klingman	August 5	available
July 8	Judie Culy	August 12	available
July 15	George Klingman	August 19	available
July 22	Rick Bacha	August 26	available
July 29	available		

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

July 1	SPRC Reception	August 5	available
July 8	Bacha	August 12	available
July 15	available	August 19	available
July 22	available	August 26	available
July 29	available		

Altar Flowers*

July 1	available	August 5	Culy
July 8	available	August 12	available
July 15	available	August 19	available
July 22	Lessoff	August 26	Mlodzinski
July 29	available		

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