

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Time to get ready for the new Sunday school year. **Sunday School teachers are needed for the preschool class.** Contact: Linda Shivers if interested.

Rally Sunday is Sept 9. **Bring a pot luck dish-dessert, vegetable, salad, etc;** hamburgers and hot dogs are going to be provided.

Volunteers needed: **Grill cook needed on September 9th to make the hot dogs and hamburgers.** Please help clean up after the picnic; many hands will make the work go quickly.



Greetings Rockville United Methodist Church,

It is good to be writing to you again as I settle back into my office after my two-week vacation. Thank you all for suggesting places I should visit, and for praying that my travels were safe. I had lots of fun during my time out. I'd like to welcome back many of you who have also been away- in mountains, on beaches, or catching up with family while on your vacations... It's September, time to return back and move on!



Thank God and thank you all that that I've spent with you the first summer season at Rockville. As your new pastor, I have strived hard to introduce myself, know who you are, and learn from you as I have joined in your gatherings. It is my pleasure to meet you as my new families and my privilege to worship and work with you for the sake of God's glory. Particularly, I have enjoyed my times at "GOM," "Youth Ministry," "National Night Out," and "Peach Festival." While working with you, I have been marveled at your love for our community and dedication to God's ministry. Once again, I want to let you know that I am so thankful with my new appointment here in this wonderful community and along with you, my family in Christ.

As I have had a great first summer season with you, I am now looking forward to my first fall season with you at our community. "What can I do when I come back?" ... This was what I had meditated on during my summer vacation. Well, I believe we have succeeded in building a good foundation, as we welcomed each other in God's grace and love. Upon it, I want to go deeper with you as we seek God's presence, guidance and vision for us. To that end, I invite you to come together at our weekly bible class and prayer meetings. I will meet each of you at our committee meetings where we can discuss and pray for how to enhance our discipleship and ministry. It's not only traditional but very primary and powerful for making us one body, one team – partners in Christ for the future.

I am also excited about our Fall programs and I know that this September will be busy with many events. We will have "Rally Sunday" (September 9) where we can invite our children back to Sunday School. Our Youth group will resume "Grove Street Music" ministry. Our choir team will prepare for "the Leap of Faith Concert" and praise the Lord at our regular Sunday Service. While writing this letter, I can see people come into our church for their "Adult Education." What an abundance of ministry we have! I am sure these great programs will deepen our faith, dedicate ourselves, and grow together in faith and life.

Friends, now we all have come back from our long summer vacation. It's time to return back and set out on our life's journey along with our loving God. May God bless you as He keeps you in his warm heart and as we strive hard to be faithful to all the challenges and opportunities of our time.

In prayer,
Pastor Cheol

Sept 9, 2018: Rally Sunday. First day of Sunday school program year.

Welcome back everyone!

Our Sunday school classes have been decided and we can't wait to begin our program year.



CLASSES:

Nursery- infant -2 yrs.,
3 yrs-5 yrs.-
Kindergarten-3rd grade-
4th-7th grade-
8th-12th grade-

TEACHERS:

Sara Stenger
Carol Macri
Brenda and Jim Mlodzinski
Mel Bacha, Amy Velasquez, Marge Wilkie
Bridget Joy, Michelle Gerow

We hope this year is filled with fun, fellowship and faith growing for you and your children and youth. The program year starts with a family picnic on Sept 9 after church, bring in a pot luck dish to share. We will also have some out -of-classroom-activities throughout the year: Trunk or Treat, Ornament Making, Children's Christmas Pageant, Pretzel Sunday, Earth Day, etc.

- Sept 9, 2018: Rally Sunday. First day of Sunday school program year. Family picnic after church, bring in a salad, dessert, favorite dish etc. to share.
- Sept 16, 2018: children/youth go to Sunday school class after children's message.
- Sept 23, 2018: children/youth go to Sunday school class after children's message.
- Sept 30, 2018: children/youth go to Sunday school class after children's message.

SUNDAYS BEYOND SUNDAYS YOUTH GROUP:

Youth group will be starting soon. Dave Saunders has taken classes in Christian Youth fellowship and is certified to lead in this program. Congrats to Dave! Dave, Don, and I will be working together toward our goal to bring the youth a program that is fun and enriching. We will help them hopefully find their core and get a grasp on life by 18 years old, so they aren't floundering in their 20's. Through fellowship and missions, our youth develop good relationships, with God, Family, Friends, and Community. We want youth to know that youth group is a judgement free zone. Our purpose is for the "Youth to have an awesome life- and to help others do the same." (These are notes from Dave that we discussed at our first meeting.)

Please invite friends and family to church, everyone is welcome. Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have regarding Sunday school or youth group.

My contact info is: home- 860-871-9164, cell- 860-558-7632 or email

necsvga@aol.com.

God Bless,
Linda Shivers

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Organ and Flute Concert
September 9, 2018, 4:00 pm
\$10

Somers Congregational Church

East Windsor Heritage Day Parade & Picnic
September 22, 2018
games, food, and fireworks



Volunteer Opportunities

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

Through the Church:

Worship Attendants: There are many opportunities to serve the church on Sundays: greeters, ushers, liturgists, hosting fellowship, or bringing the food donations to the pantry. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall or online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0EC3C8DDF5CAFF65&cs=09B6BAD8FC58B117B0A64765BB09BCB&sortby=startdate>. People who use sign-up genius will receive an automatic email reminder two days before they are needed.

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

In the Community:

East Windsor Heritage Day: Volunteers needed for the parade and picnic on Saturday September 22, 2018. There is a mandatory meeting on September 18, 2018 at 7 pm and a pizza party for the volunteers on September 30th. Online sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4fa9a62aa0f49-east>

The Cornerstone Food Cupboard

MOST NEEDED ITEMS FOR THE FALL

- ◆ Cereal, including instant oatmeal
- ◆ Spaghetti sauce
- ◆ Cans of soup, especially chicken noodle, cream of chicken, and cream of mushroom
- ◆ Boxes of macaroni, penne, rigatoni, shells, etc.
- ◆ Cans of spinach, beets, sauerkraut, potatoes
- ◆ Cans of tomatoes (diced, crushed, etc.)
- ◆ Rice side dishes
- ◆ Ramen noodles
- ◆ Jelly or jam
- ◆ Boxes of crackers
- ◆ Cans of beef stew



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

We collected a total of **132** food items this summer. The food was distributed to the Cornerstone Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community.

Cornerstone has 488 families registered for food assistance.



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:

Login to Amazon through the smile.amazon.com platform and Amazon will donate a percent of the eligible purchases to a charity. The link to our RUMC Amazon Smile login page is on the bottom of our website home page.

<https://www.rockumchurch.com/home/>

SEPTEMBER IS BABY SAFETY MONTH¹

September is Baby Safety Month, sponsored annually by the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA). This year, JPMA is helping educate parents and caregivers on the importance of properly choosing and using all the best products for your child's age and developmental stage as outlined by the manufacturer.

1. Choose and use age and developmentally appropriate products.
2. Read and follow all manufacturer's instructions, recommendations for use, and warning labels.
3. Register your products and establish a direct line of communication with the manufacturer.² (see below)
4. Actively supervise- watch, listen and stay near your child.
5. Frequently inspect products for missing hardware, loose threads and strings, holes, and tears.
6. Monitor your child's growth and development and discontinue use when needed.

²**Product Registration and Recall:** Fill out the product registration card that comes with every infant product. This is a valuable safety step because it puts you on the manufacturer's list of people to notify in case of a product recall. Check for recalls on a regular basis at www.recalls.gov.

Baby Safety Tips:

Babyproof your house early in your pregnancy and register for needed safety items. "Get down on your hands and knees and think like a baby!...Babies at any age are curious and want to touch, feel, lick, smell, and listen to everything and anything." Explore each room in your house from your baby's perspective. Child-proofing is an ongoing process; as your child develops, new hazards will become within reach. Small parts from older siblings' toys are a choking hazard to babies.

Hidden Hazards:

- ◆ **Magnets:** small magnets can be swallowed and then attach to each other inside your child. If you think your child has swallowed a magnet, seek medical attention immediately.
- ◆ **Loose Change & Button Batteries:** Shiny coins are attractive to curious children and easily swallowed. Keep a coin jar out of reach. Button batteries, often found in remotes or flameless candles, are small, flat, and round like coins; tasting one is a logical reward for finding out the remote has a hidden pocket.
- ◆ **Tipovers:** Toddlers learning to walk will hold onto and pull themselves up using anything. Make sure large items are secured to the wall so they will not fall over.
- ◆ **Pot Handles:** Keep pot handles turned inward and out of reach of your children. A handle sticking over the counter/stove's edge is very tempting.
- ◆ **Hot mugs:** Like those pot handles, colorful mugs are also tempting to a child. Keep mugs of hot liquid out of reach of those little hands.
- ◆ **Loose rugs:** Make sure rugs and carpet are secured to the floor and all bumps have been smoothed out. Toddlers are unsteady without tripping hazards in their way.
- ◆ **Detergent Pods:** Brightly colored detergent pods can look like candy to a small child. Keep them safely out of reach.
- ◆ **Cords-** Cords can pose strangulation hazards to children, whether they are connected to blinds, home gym equipment or baby monitors. It's important to keep cords tied up and out of reach of children. In addition, remember to keep cribs away from cords that the child may reach while inside the crib.

¹from: <https://babysafetyzone.org/hot-topics/baby-safety-month>

TUTORING OUR REFUGEE KIDS

Stan Culy

This was our second summer of bringing tutors to the Marri family over school vacation. The two teachers met with the family for two hours a day, two days a week for four weeks. Last year was so successful with the teachers coming into the Marri home, that the kids not only expanded the learning they had had in school, but they also formed a nice friendship with the teachers themselves. So much so that some of the kids would visit these teachers in their lunch hour.

Tutoring provides opportunities for the kids to receive loving help from the teachers who give dearly of themselves to the kids. Their bonding with an outside adult creates a bridge from the old world of a refugee camp to a new world with a new language. Day by day, hour by hour, situation by situation, the bridge is being built.

We pay the tutors \$30 an hour which is well worth the money. The tutors accept the kids “where they are” and help them in situation after situation with whatever is their next step in learning. Furthermore, the adults are included in the learning because they do not have the eight hour a day environment which the kids have to adapt to our culture.

Our new teacher, Christine, had the great idea of taking the older kids to the Hartford Science Center, which was a big hit; Steve Yoder helped with transportation. Below is a picture of Christine, who is teaching two different groups at the same time. On the left hand side, there is Mahmoud, a six-grader, doing flash cards of basic words with Muna, a fourth grade girl. On the right hand side, Christine is teaching two girls to read: Ahid, a third grader, and Aamina, a fifth grader.



ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 20 – HARVEST DINNER

Carol Robbins will once again be chairing the dinner. Look for the signup sheets early in October to volunteer your help.

Saturday, November 17 – HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Eileen Gay will chair this year for the first time and is looking for all the help she can get!! Sign up sheets for volunteers will appear in November.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Church Council
September 16, 2018
11 am

Harvest Supper
October 20, 2018

Leap of Faith Concert
October 27, 2018

Trunk or Treat
October 28, 2018

Holiday Bazaar
November 17, 2018

Ingathering
November 18, 2018



ADD YOUR VOICE!

Talk to Karen Stearns if you are interested in singing with the choir.

VRABE BACK TO SCHOOL

The Vernon Family Education Program is back at RUMC. The new batch of ESL and GED students and their small children arrived on September 4, 2018. They have a large class this year with students eager to learn.

Last year's class had 20 ESL students and 10 GED students. The GED class had one graduate, Stephanie, who is now enrolled at Capital Community Collage. Other students are getting close to their GEDs; one student needs one more test and another student needs has two tests to go.

Best of Luck to everyone for a great year!



September 2

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9; 72 (UMH)
James 1: 17-27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

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

September 16

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

September 23

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

September 30

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

September Worship Attendants

Greeters

September 2 Nat Woodruff
September 9 available
September 16 available
September 23 Carol Macri & Andalaysia
September 30 Velásquez

Liturgists

September 2 Rick Bacha
September 9 available
September 16 available
September 23 available
September 30 available

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

September 2 available
September 9 Rally Sunday
September 16 available
September 23 available
September 30 available

Food Donations

September 2 available
September 9 available
September 16 available
September 23 available
September 30 available

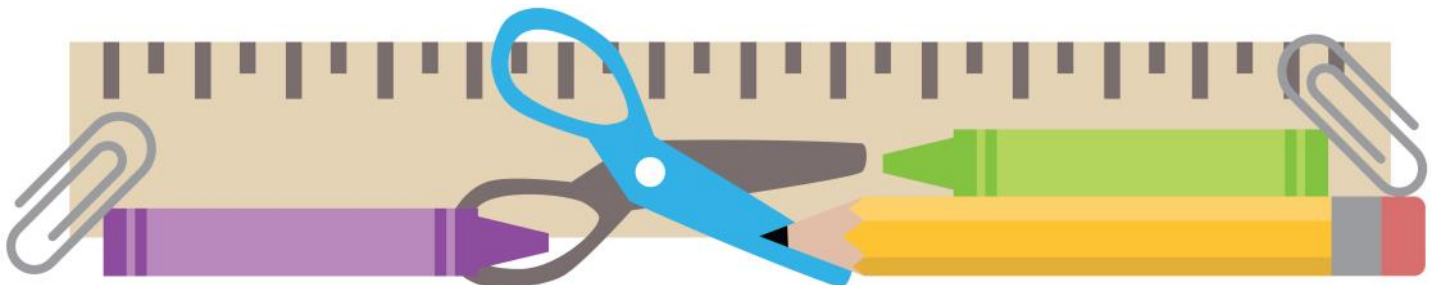
Ushers

September 2 Carol Macri
September 9 Rick Bacha
September 16 Rick Bacha & Carol Macri
September 23 Rick Bacha
September 30 Rick Bacha

Altar Flowers*

September 2 available
September 9 L & M Bacha
September 16 available
September 23 Doreen Ward
September 30 available

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



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
 Rob Cook—medical
 Bill Pikor—medical
 Judy Brewster—medical
 Domanik—healing
 Anonymous— sobriety



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 – medical
 Judie Wilkie
 Norine Veal—medical
 Phyllis King—medical
 Brianna Halladay-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 - Crestfield Manor
 Bob King - home
 Harry Thomas - Woodlake
 Janet McKercher—White Oaks
 Norine Veal—home



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 Velásquez	September 6	Sharon Robbins	September 24
Nicolas Velásquez	September 6	Giada Shivers	September 25
Emma Parnell	September 8	Elyse Nordell	September 25
Mary Rose Rushton	September 8	Freya Kravitz	September 26
Caleb McPeck	September 10	Jacob Gerow	September 26
Allison Corne	September 10	Phyllis king	September 29
Rose Goldich	September 12	Lucas Britney	September 30

Quote of the Month

“I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught.”

~Winston Churchill

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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