

The Herald

RUMC Newsletter



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Bible Study led by Stan Culy and Nat Woodruff
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
7 pm in the Library

Topic: Understanding What the Bible Says about Homosexuality.

Our aim is to understand each other's minds, not change them.

Here are the scriptures we would like to discuss:

Romans 1: 18-27

Corinthians 6: 9, 10

1 Timothy 1: 8-10

James 15

Genesis 19: 1-14, 24-26

Leviticus 18:22; 20: 13

Judges 19: 1-30

Dear Rockville Family,

Spring has been a bit of a disappointment during the past weeks. Until the end of last month, we have come through the chilly and rainy days, and so some of you might get back to your winter jacket. This fickle weather in April reminds me of the poem of T. S. Eliot: "April is the cruellest month!"



But I have high hopes for May. It is a great time of the year that reminds us of the new life we have in Jesus Christ. After spending the cold winter season with lots of snow, finally we can open our windows, celebrate spring cleaning, and come outside to rejoice in the spring breezes... Surely, these are the signs of the Resurrection!

Let me tell you why I love May... The morning is pleasant, the noon is soothing, the evening is cool, the night is comfortable, the sky is clear, the wind is refreshing, birds are singing, new leaves come out of trees and flowers are in full blossom. The things we have missed so much are coming back to our life!

When we think about this new energy all around us, it is hard not to think about those visiting or returning to our community. We will be soon greeted by our sisters and brothers who just came back from Florida. I hope and pray that our church will be filled with many guests and locals; that is a joyful thing to see.

How do we welcome the visitors among us? How can we welcome new friends who want to worship the Lord while staying in our community? A friendly handshake or escorting them to the pew will be good enough; coffee hour chatting and even just a smile are also good examples of the welcome we can offer. Yet we can be bold enough to welcome those with our love as well.

Furthermore, how can we welcome our neighbors living around us? How can we reach out to those and help them awaken from their winter sleep? How can we stand in our community as a "welcoming church" that is open wide to all human beings without any exceptions? To answer these questions, I want to remind you that we have the risen Christ in our hearts, who defeats the power of death and sin, tears down all the walls of hatred in the world, and sends his disciples to invite people to reconciliation with God and fellowship with all people.

During this spring season and, more correctly, during this Easter season, let us open wide our doors, minds, and hearts and receive the holy energy of the resurrection and spread it everywhere in our communities, so that people will know we truly love them as God loves the world. With the power of the risen Christ, let us make a radical but joyful revival in our worship and ministry and grow our church for the sake of Christ's saving ministry!

In prayer
Pastor Cheol





Confirmation Class
Mondays
6 pm to 7:30 pm



April 29, 2019 to June 3, 2019, except Memorial Day
Attendance is mandatory for all five weeks.

Confirmation Date: June 9, 2019

Children's Sunday

May 19, 2019

**Faith Builders: Brick by Brick,
Child by Child**



One Room Summer Sunday School
(ages 3 years to 3rd grade)
June 2nd & 9th

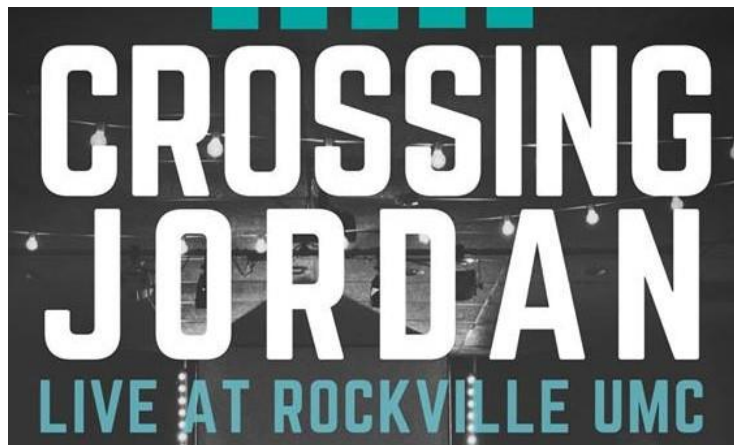
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GROVE STREET NEWS

GSM performed at Pitkat Living Center on April 28, 2019. Two videos are on the Rockville United Methodist Church, Rockville, CT Facebook group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/160205524057/>

Crossing Jordan is returning to RUMC on June 22, 2019. They will do a concert with GSM.



Student's Name(s):

1. _____
Age ____ Grade Completed _____
Allergies we should know about? _____
*Friend they would like to be with? _____
2. _____
Age ____ Grade Completed _____
Allergies we should know about? _____
*Friend they would like to be with? _____
3. _____
Age ____ Grade completed _____
Allergies we should know about? _____
*Friend they would like to be with? _____
4. _____
Age ____ Grade completed _____
Allergies we should know about? _____
*Friend they would like to be with? _____

*Please note that we may not be able to place all children with the Friends they request to be with, but we will try.

Parent/Guardian's Name _____
Home Phone# _____ Cell Phone# _____
Email _____
Address _____
Town/Zip Code _____

To keep costs down, we will provide one music CD per family. If you would like additional CDs, please enclose \$4.00 for each.

of children registered ____ at \$20 each (or \$40 family cap) = _____

Amount enclosed for **additional** music CD _____

I would like to make an additional donation of _____. Total amount enclosed _____

Check # _____



Vacation Bible School
June 24 to 28, 2019

[https://www.rockumchurch.com/
vacation-bible-school/](https://www.rockumchurch.com/vacation-bible-school/)

GOOD FRIDAY WALK 2019

Ninety walkers gathered on Good Friday morning to sign in, greet one another and pray before starting out on this year's twenty mile walk: individuals, families, friends—all walking to raise money for Sharing, Inc. and Cornerstone Overnight Shelter. All walking because Jesus walked so many, many years ago. Half of the money raised goes to Cornerstone Overnight Shelter; half to Sharing, Inc.

AWARDS were given to Dick Thompson for participating for 45 years; Steve Yoder for walking 700 miles; And Heather Ross McPeck for walking 300 miles. Kay Doherty was with us on Easter Sunday to make these presentations; she expressed her heartfelt appreciation to all of us for supporting her and Sharing, Inc. for so many years!!

- * 90 Walkers, including 34 from RUMC
- * Walkers and workers came from 15 Churches and Agencies.
- * \$9,839 Pledged; \$4967 turned in on Good Friday
- * 58 Workers
- * Youngest walker: 3, Kyle Chamberland – 1.6 miles
- * Youngest pledged participants: 4 months, Stevie Jean Yoder and 2 years, Rae Sophia Yoder
- * Oldest walker: 81, Stan Culy
- * 67 people: Walked the whole 20 miles;
- * 23 people: Did the very best they could!!

We are thankful and grateful for the law enforcement support from the three towns we walk in—Vernon, Ellington and East Windsor. Radio spots, newspaper articles, posters and other publicity made our efforts more visible to willing walkers and workers. Sign putter uppers, stop hosts and workers, crossing guards, drivers, registrars, walkers, cookie bakers, food donators, cleaner uppers, statistic compilers, pledgers, prayers and others—all together make our Walk one of the very best!! Many hands make light work!!

So, on behalf of the 2019 Good Friday Walk Leadership: Steve and Sylvia Yoder, Bob Lyle, Sandy Gallup, Claudia Steele, Kay Doherty, Bryan Flint, Nat Woodruff, George Klingman, Sandy Bogan, Pastor Cheol Shin and Judie Culy—we truly thank you for your support and prayers all these many years.

Remember the Walk isn't over until all the pledges are sent in.

Jesus walked on Good Friday and continues to walk with us each and every day. Praise God!!



Make Mom Smile

Buy your Mother's Day gifts at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and Amazon donates.

amazon smile

The advertisement features a pink watercolor flower on the left, a gold heart necklace with a 'mom' pendant, a small perfume bottle, and a teal tote bag on the right.

The link to our RUMC Amazon Smile login page is on the bottom of our website home page. <https://www.rockumchurch.com/home/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The South Windsor **American Legion** Post 133 is inviting all veterans to attend one of their monthly meetings: the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the South Windsor Community Center, room 207, 150 Nevers Road, South Windsor, CT 06074.
<http://www.swlegion133.org/>

Walk for NAMI

May 18, 2019

9 am

Bushnell Park, Hartford

Help raise money and awareness about mental health advocacy and support.

<https://www.namict.org/>

FREE NALOXONE TRAINING !!!

May 6, 2019 7 p.m.

North UMC 300 Parker St.

Manchester, CT

You can Help Prevent an Accidental Overdose

Training is Free to the Public

Register by E-mail: djmartin413@verizon.net or voice mail at 860-649-3696

Sponsored by the Greater Manchester Interfaith Peace and Justice Committee and the Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

May 4, 2019

8 am to 1 pm

at 321 Olcott Street, Manchester

April 6

May 4

June 1

August 24

September 28

November 2

For residents of Glastonbury, Hebron, Manchester, Marlborough, Somers, South Windsor, Stafford, & Vernon.

Bring a Driver's License, Tax Bill or Car Registration to prove residency.

Southern New England Walk to Emmaus Community Gathering

at

ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

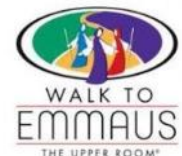
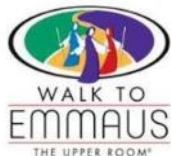
142 Grove Street, Rockville, CT

Saturday, June 8, 2019

12-3 pm

Potluck, Fellowship, Music and Worship

All are welcome – come and bring a friend



*The Church Council Minutes are now
on our website.*

<https://www.rockumchurch.com/church-council-reports/>

Syrian Refugee Family Update
The Marri Family
New Britain
By Stan Culy

1. Mohamed, the 36-year-old father, has finished working 100 hours at the Middle Eastern Grocery Store on Arch St. Because he was born with displaced hips, he is being paid the minimum hourly wage of \$10 by the state Disability Commission.
2. Aisha, the 31-year-old wife, is now going to her ESL class at the YWCA with a friend named Ghosoon, whose husband drives them both to class.
3. Jackie Abbott, from the North Manchester UMC, brought the two oldest girls (Aamina, 12 and Muna, 11) to her Bolton home for the afternoon and took them out to eat in a restaurant. Several weeks later, she brought the three younger children (Ahid, 10, Suhaib, 8, and Wiaam,5) also to her home and a restaurant.
4. Mohamed is part of a special refugee program at the UConn Medical Center and is undergoing 10 physical therapy sessions and other tests to determine the extent of his disabilities.
5. Steve Yoder and Stan Culy happened to visit the family on Yumna's first birthday, March 5; they celebrated with a nice lunch in their new dining room.



**Pot
Luck
Lunch**

YOU'RE INVITED!
VRABE Pot Luck Lunch
May 9, 2019
noon

The Vernon Adult Education Family Learning Program is wrapping up another successful year here at RUMC. Everyone is invited to join us for a Pot Luck Lunch on their last day of classes, Thursday May 9, 2019 at noon.

Volunteer Opportunities

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 the Narthex.

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

VBS: Linda is coordinating the volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Kids who have participated in our VBS are encouraged to volunteer to lead it.

Food Collection: Volunteers are needed to bring the nonperishable food items in our donation box to one of the food pantries in town. The sign up sheet is on the volunteer bulletin board.

Happiness Clothing Drive

Thank you!

Happiness Clothing Drive
March 31 – May 1, 2019

Thank you for taking the time to clean out your closets to donate to our RUMC Savers Fundraiser. We hope you achieved a sense of happiness and a job well done through your efforts.

May Worship Attendants

Greeters

May 5	available
May 12	available
May 19	available
May 26	Lisa Williams

Liturgists

May 5	available
May 12	Alison Corne
May 19	Laurie Bacha
May 26	available

Fellowship

May 5	available
May 12	available
May 19	available
May 26	Lisa Williams

Altar Flowers*

May 5	Stenger
May 12	available
May 19	Lisa Williams
May 26	Stenger

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

MAY IS NATIONAL TEEN SELF-ESTEEM MONTH¹

National Teen Self-Esteem Month®, held annually in May, is designed to focus our attention on the importance of teens having a healthy outlook of themselves and figure out ways in which we can support them in that development.

During the month of May organizations nationwide are encouraged to host programs and events to engage parents, educators, mentors and most importantly youth giving them an opportunity to address, boost or build their confidence, share their perspective and vocalize their needs.

There is a lot of focus and many activities coordinated around the results of low-self esteem, which are essential to address. However, we need more focus on the root of the issue and a national effort to begin to change the response to the influences around our youth that contribute to poor self-image, bullying, cutting, suicide, bulimia, anorexia, etc.

- It is estimated that 160,000 children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students. Source: National Education Association.
- 86% of students said, "other kids picking on them, making fun of them, or bullying them" causes teenagers to turn to lethal violence in the schools. Source: makebeatsnotbeatdowns.org
- Seven in ten girls believe they are not good enough or do not measure up in some way, including their looks, performance in school and relationships with friends and family members. Source: Real Girls, Real Pressure: A National Report on the State of Self-Esteem, 2008.
- 69% of Americans say moral values in the country as a whole are getting worse. Source: Gallup Values and Beliefs poll, 2011.
- Most of what children are seeing in these music videos are sexually charged images-- 45% of the adult content in videos analyzed by Parents Television Council in 2007 was of a sexual nature, followed by explicit language (29%), violence (13%), drug use/sales (9%); and other illegal activity (3%).

Building and maintaining self-esteem is a process that happens throughout the year. This month is just a "may-day" on how critical the need is to actively work with our youth on developing a positive and healthier self-image.

Here are a few ways to become the best version of you:

1. Accept yourself
2. Love the people around you
3. Eat healthy
4. Exercise
5. Respect the planet
6. Be awesome

¹<http://www.nationalteenselfesteemmonth.org/>

May 5

Acts 9: 1-6, 7-20
Psalm 30 (UMH)
Revelation 1: 4-8
John 20: 19-31

May 12

Acts 9: 36-43
Psalm 23 (UMH)
Revelation 7: 9-17
John 10: 22-30



May 19

Acts 11: 1-18
Psalm 148 (UMH)
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13: 31-35

May 26

Acts 16: 9-15
Psalm 67 (UMH)
Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5
John 14: 13-29

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Trustees Meeting
May 5, 2019
8:15 am

Vernon Adult Ed Pot Luck
May 9, 2019
noon

Children's Sunday
May 19, 2019
10 am

Church Council
May 19, 2019
11:15 am

LGBTQ Bible Study
May 22, 2019
7:00 pm

CPR Classes
June 1, 2019
Class lists are on the
bulletin board.

Walk to Emmaus Fellowship
June 8, 2019
12 - 3 pm

Crossing Jordan Concert
June 22, 2019

UMW Breakfast Meeting
Mitchell's Restaurant
June 23, 2019
11:30 am

Vacation Bible School
June 24 - 28, 2019
9 am to noon



Join the Choir..
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

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



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

We collected a total of **61** food items in March. So far we have donated **309** food items in 2019. The food was distributed to the Cornerstone Food Pantry and the Hockanum Valley Food Pantry. Thank you for helping your local community.



Special Needs

Nick - medical
Madison Kanneman - emotional support & medical recovery
Kate and family and all displaced by natural disasters
Staci Rizner - medical
Colin Thorn - medical
Vetta - family tragedy
Bob Hornbecker
Rob Cook—medical
Domanik—healing
Anonymous— sobriety
Betty Ann Oppelt—medical
Ellen Hendrick—medical
Tami Rizner—medical
Justin—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
Lucy Maupin - medical
Judie Wilkie
Norine Veal—medical
Finn Halladay—medical
Linda Thouin—medical
Helen Stambo—medical
Carol Robbins—medical
Ginny Hickton—medical

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

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
Tom Rider - Fox Hill
Ray Clark - home
Harry Thomas - Woodlake
Janet McKercher—White Oaks
Norine Veal—Woodlake
Phyllis King—home
Helen Stambo-home



Tyler Cardini	May 2	Nathan Woodruff	May 20
Austyn Hrabica	May 4	Ian Corne	May 21
Forrest Rosenberg	May 4	Carol Robbins	May 25
Barbara Kent	May 6	SeokCheol Shin	May 25
Patricia Brandt	May 11	John Ward	May 26
Emma Durham	May 13	Cameron Wilcox	May 30
Esther Harris	May 15	Earl Robertson	May 31
Kore Chen	May 16		

Quote of the Month

“Don’t let people disrespect you. My mom says don’t open the door to the devil. Surround yourself with positive people.”

~Cuba Gooding, Jr.

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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