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Harvest Supper

October 19, 2019
5 pm to 6:30 pm



Adults: \$15

Children (6-10): \$5

Continuous service

Take Out Available (after 5:30 pm)

Walk-ins Welcome



Dear Rockville family,

I am writing this October newsletter while looking at falling **leaves in my backyard. I don't know how you feel now** around this time of transition but I feel little sentimental and even melancholy. O please, somebody tell me why I feel **thirsty and lonely...**



The falling leaves remind me that permanence or eternity is not the way of nature. Our world does not work in permanence but in change. A few weeks ago, I was grateful looking at the dazzling greenery everywhere in our town, but now I see all the flowers are dying, and I will soon enjoy watching the golden color when I drive on the highways.

Yes, we live in an uncertain world where things change all the time and nothing **seems to stay for us forever. That's why we sometimes feel gloomy and always look** for something to satisfy and quench our spiritual thirst.

But let us not be discouraged too much by this change or transition, for we all know that there is one thing we can always trust and rely on in our ever-changing world. **What is it? The Holy Spirit's presence in our lives and his promise for God's children: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me... And I will** ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you **as orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:1, 16-18).**

Although it is hard to accept, change is God's work to create amazing opportunities for growth and transformation. And while the season of fall may mark the end for some things, it also comes with the hope that new life will come because Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior will never leave us alone, He dwells within our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through this time of change and transition, let us hold fast to the unchanging truth that God has been, is, and will be always with us and that God will be faithful to equip us for every good work through this journey in our ever-changing world. May **God's peace and grace always rest upon you!**

In prayer,
Pastor Cheol

Thank you Jacob Gerow
Jacob Gerow choose to enhance
Rockville United Methodist Church
for his Eagle Scout project. Jacob
led a team that created an outdoor
sanctuary area and some benches
for seating behind the church.



Hello,

In January we will offer a 3yrs-5yrs classroom, for our nursery ages children who are turning 3yrs this fall.
(We will need 2 teachers for this class too)



Teachers
Needed!



To continue our Sunday school classes, we need teachers. We need an immediate spot filled for the 1st-5th grade class. Carol Macri and Stan Culy are teaching the class, but need another person so they can also keep other church commitments. A schedule is worked out between the teachers, curriculum/lesson are provided.

Please contact Linda - necsvga@aol.com, 860-871-9164 or Pastor if you are able to fill this teaching spot.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Sunday, October 27, 2019 after service. Wear your Halloween costume to service and participate in the costume parade after service. Open to the public.

There will be a sign-up sheet for people who will open their trunks and provide candy to the kids in the parade.

Youth Group: The Youth Group will meet October 25th from 7 to 9 pm. to learn CPR and First Aid. If you have a friend who would be interested in learning, invite him/her to attend the meeting. Bring a snack to share.



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

RUMC Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Started 11:30 am Ended: 12:45 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary: Ann Chisenhall

Council Chair Judie Culy opened the meeting with prayer and a reading from Pastor Cheol's sermon.

Christian Education – Report submitted and attached from Chair, Linda Shivers

In addition, there was a discussion of the need for additional teachers. Dave Joy will teach if he can work out timing with choir. SPRC will follow up.

SPRC – Report submitted by Chair Sandy Gallup and is attached.

Discussion: District has gifted RUMC with a Consultant - Bonnie Marden. She submitted two possible dates for a meeting and discussion resulted in selecting the date of October 27 for an all-church meeting. Prior to that Bonnie will have calls with a variety of church leaders and members.

It was brought to the Council's attention that our Facebook presence is separated into two areas – official page and another page where people are posting photos of RUMC events. The council recommended combining these and SPRC will follow up with staff.

Trustees: Dave Joy and Don Ross gave a report. They shared that the Vernon Adult Ed contract was renegotiated and is now \$7,920 per school year (it was formerly \$7,200).

Finance: A review was given by Geoff Gerow that 2019 is tight with projections that there will be a small shortfall covered by credit cards. Projections for 2020 are for a shortfall of \$30,000 with no contribution to apportionments other than contributions specifically earmarked for mission shares (apportionments). The need to cut any expenses possible was made and a review of janitorial services was called for.

Discussion was held on the need for stewardship campaign and how to best conduct it.

Publicity: a report was submitted by Janice Klingman and is attached.

Missions: a report was submitted by Chair Sylvia Yoder and is attached. Dr. Belinda Forbes will be with us the evening of October 30th.

Worship: Pastor Cheol gave a report that the committee had met two weeks ago. Discussion of the **music director's contract which includes 3 weeks off and RUMC paying a substitute (\$150 typically)** and the decision was made to invite church members to volunteer to provide music or use electronic means of providing music. Music director to coordinate.

In addition, it was brought to attention that there is a need to have communion preparation assigned as the former members who did it are no longer with us.

Reduced paper format for the weekly bulletin was highlighted. Committee will meet again soon to discuss the communion among other items.

RUMW- upcoming event are Harvest Dinner October 19 and Holiday Bazaar November 14. RUMW use \$5,000 of funds to pay their pledge to the church in the coming year.

Marri Family update was presented by Stan Culy. The family has been given food stamps, Husky insurance and a \$1200 government allotment which is now gone. The family is struggling financially and has a shortfall to pay their bills. Stan is looking into new programs to help the family. The Council discussed some possible ways to help them as well. The church is collecting cans and bottles for them to cash in.

Pastor Report will be submitted in the upcoming newsletter.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded with prayer.

The Marri Family

As October 1 comes upon us, we realize that our refugee family has been with us for two years and ten months, almost three years, and they are facing a great deal of uncertainty. In fact, the only stable things in their life are their food stamps and their Husky Insurance. The biggest uncertainty is that their \$1,200 cash allotment per month from the government for refugees dried up after Sept. 1 and there is no more money coming in. There is another program they hope to sign up for in about six weeks, but that is not guaranteed.

Aisha has a job as janitor of the Mosque but that only brings in \$250 a month. Because Mohamed was born without functional hips, he is limited in what he can do, and with a medium skill in speaking English, he cannot take a job where that is important. He worked for a month as custodian for a Middle Eastern Grocery Store in a program sponsored by the Connecticut State Rehabilitation Commission, and earned about \$850. He has been applying for disability, but that has not come through.

Without a substantial income, the family will not be able to pay their rent and utilities and face the possibility of having the eight children and two adults stay in a shelter of some kind. If their application for aid is turned down, they will have to call 211 which is a state agency who will find them a place to stay. Meanwhile, Mohamed applied in Vernon for Section 8 Housing, which pays for part or all of their rent. However, with hundreds of applications there is a lottery for limited openings, and a possible two year wait.

Recently, after Mohamed got his driver's license, he borrowed some money to buy a van and has been driving family members to medical appointments and to the grocery store. This meant we have not had to provide them their transportation. But, he will need a steady income to pay for gas, repairs, insurance, etc.

On June 3 at Vance Elementary School in New Britain, a Response Intervention Team met with the principal and with Mohamed and Aisha about their oldest daughter, Aamina who is 12 years old and now in the 6th grade at the Slade Middle School. From observing her for the last two years, the teachers have come to believe that Aamina has a learning disability and wanted to talk with the parents about the situation. It was too late in the school year to do the testing at Vance school, so the hope is that the middle school will do it and be of help to her for the rest of her schooling.

As you can see, their lives are surrounded with uncertainty and we pray that with **God's help, they will be able to overcome their difficulties, and eventually become productive citizens of our country.**

-Stan Culy



Can and Bottle Collection

Stan Culy is collecting redeemable cans and bottles for the Marri Family; Mohamed brings them to the store to be redeemed. We have a container in the front entry of our church. Thank you for helping the Marri Family

COOKIE & CAKE ROLL FUNDRAISING SALE

October 13th to November 4th.



Please email Diane at RockvilleUMC@outlook.com if you would like to be set up for online sales.

<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/2019-fall-rockville-united-methodist-church/diane-lajoie>

Music Dedication

Make a donation to offset the cost of the music for our Leap of Faith Concert.

(Make the check out to RUMC with "Music Donation" in the memo.)

Yes, I would like to donate money to help purchase new music:

___ \$50, which usually buys enough copies of one song for the whole choir

___ \$_____ some other amount - thank you!

In Honor of : _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Thank you for supporting our music program!

10th Annual Leap of Faith



November 3rd at 10:00am -
Concert during Worship hour

Worship Service through Music
Featuring the RUMC Concert Choir
under the direction of
Jereme Martineau

Belinda Forbes Talk and Pot Luck Supper



Join us on October 30th at 6 pm for a potluck supper and presentation by Dr. Belinda Forbes, the International Liaison for Community health for Accion Medica Cristina (AMC).

Dr. Forbes works in a part of Nicaragua where medical treatment is often over a day's journey. AMC trains locals to help take care of basic medical needs for the local people. Dr. Forbes has been working in Nicaragua for 20 years.

Please bring something to share - salad, vegetables, casserole, or dessert. Beverages, rolls, and butter will be provided. Please let us know how many are coming and what you plan to bring.. (860) 875-6562



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Cornerstone Soupfest 2019

Thursday, November 14, 2019

6:00 - 9:00 pm

St. Bernard Church Hall

admission is free

All are welcome!

This is a wonderful evening of soup tasting, Great Harvest bread, and desserts with teacup raffles and a silent auction.

Raffle tickets are \$20 each. The prizes are Visa Gift Cards in the amounts of \$500, \$400, \$300 and \$200. One hundred percent of the proceeds of the raffle will go directly to the Cornerstone to fund the soup kitchen, two shelters, the food pantry, clothing bank and youth outreach program. Tickets are available by calling Joanne Bedard at 860-205-3884.

ROAST TURKEY DINNER
BOLTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boston Tnpk., Bolton, CT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
4:30 to 6:00 P.M.

Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Vegetables, Stuffing, & Fixings.
Hot and Cold Beverages and homemade desserts.

Adults \$12.00

Seniors \$10.00

Children 6 to 10 \$5.00

Age 5 and Under free

For Information call 645-9736

Habitat for Humanity's First Volunteer

November 2, 2019

10 am

The Town and County Club

Clive Rainey joined Habitat for Humanity International on April 1, 1977, soon after the organization was formed, as its first volunteer.

During his 35 years of service with Habitat, Rainey has travelled the world and has challenged Habitat affiliates to serve as leaders in their own communities in the effort to eliminate substandard housing. Through his work, Clive Rainey helped to make Habitat for Humanity one of the most recognized brands in the world.

Our event will be at The Town & County Club, 22 Woodland St., Hartford on Saturday, November 2nd at 10AM. Admission is free, please rsvp. Contact April Hansley at (860) 541-2208 ext. 2207 with any questions or email RSVP@hartfordhabitat.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Through the Church:

Harvest Supper: Sign up sheets are on the bulletin boards for the workers at our October 19th Harvest Supper. We need people to help set-up, cook and serve, and clean up.

Trunk or Treat: Will you be at church on October 27th? We are looking for people to open their car trunks and candy bags for our annual Trunk or Treat afternoon.

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.

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

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.

In the Community:

Cornerstone Soup Kitchen: Cornerstone Soup Kitchen is looking for volunteers who ServSafe Certified; they are the only volunteers who can cook the Soup Kitchen meals. Non-certified volunteers can serve the food or clean-up, but not prepare the food. Contact Sharon Redfern or Bryan Flint to volunteer. Sharon.Redfern@cornerstone-cares.org or Bryan.Flint@Cornerstone-cares.org

BPS 5 K Run: October 19, 2019, 8:30 am, \$25 - Oasis at Union Church - 3 Elm Street, 06066. Visit bpsrockville.com for Registration and Donation details. Become Part of the Solution (BPS) was established in 1991 as part of Union Church in Rockville to help alcoholics and addicts recover from their addictions. 100% of the proceeds go to benefit the work of BPS. The race is held annually in remembrance of one of its founders, Smokey Orcutt, who was an addiction counselor at Rockville General Hospital.

Volunteers
Making an Impact



ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Our Holiday Bazaar is on Saturday, November 16 from 9am to 2 pm. Candy Sunderland is coordinating the bazaar this year. We will have some outside vendors at the bazaar this year, and are looking to add new and interesting displays. This is a project of RUMW but it benefits our church and our community. Please consider helping us out with one of the following ways; sign-ups will be on the bulletin board soon.

The BAKED GOODS AND CANDY TABLE will accept candies jams, jellies, **relish, pickles, and any baked goods except cookies.** We don't want to compete with the Fancy Cookie Tables.

BOOKS, PUZZLES, ETC. - **Books, DVD's, puzzles, etc.**

HOLIDAY CRAFTS – Expect a beautiful presentation of all types of Christmas and Thanksgiving items—hand painted shutters, swags, centerpieces, ornaments, decorated candle holders, etc. Donated items as well as materials are greatly appreciated; monetary donations are always welcome.

HANDCRAFTED ITEMS Do you knit, crochet, make scrubbies, whatever?

FANCY COOKIE TABLES – Always a great hit!! Help us by donating popular ingredients or volunteering to bake or work at the table.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC – Please save your new or used items for us. You would be surprised at what great values can be found and given to us by cleaning your attic or basement!

JEWELRY TABLES – Good, clean usable jewelry is needed. Love jewelry? Volunteer to help at the table on the day of the bazaar.

LUNCHEON – Monetary donations are welcome. People are needed to help prep the food on Friday and serve on Saturday.

SILENT AUCTION – Donations are accepted for our silent auction. Unusual items are very popular. People are needed to work the auction.

We will also need volunteers for the following:

Help set up: Wednesday, November 13 and Thursday, November 14.

Time to be announced in the November newsletter. (put skirts on tables, etc.).

Work the day of Bazaar: November 16, 8:30 to 2

Clean up after the Bazaar: after 2 pm on the 16th

Special Needs

Nick - medical
Madison Kanneman - emotional support & medical recovery
Kate and family and all displaced by natural disasters
Colin Thorn - medical
Vetta - family tragedy
Bob Hornbecker
Rob Cook—medical
Domanik—healing
Anonymous— sobriety
Betty Ann Oppelt—medical & spiritual
Tami Rizner—medical
Staci Rizner - medical
Lois Wood - medical



Our Church Family

Marie Pierce—medical
Lucy Maupin – medical
Norine Veal—medical
Finn Halladay—medical
Linda Thouin—medical
Ginny Hickton—medical
Judy Wilkie—medical
Ray Clark—medical
John Ward - medical
Susan Lessoff - 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
Harry Thomas - Woodlake
Janet McKercher—White Oaks
Norine Veal—Woodlake
Phyllis King—home
Ray Clark - home
Jane Thomas-home
John Ward - Fox Hill

Those in Christian Service

Dr. Belinda Forbes
Accion Medica Christiana,
Managua, Nicaragua
Pastor Kristin White,
Green Street UMC,
Augusta, ME

The Church Council Minutes are now on our website.
<https://www.rockumchurch.com/church-council-reports/>

The Church Bulletin is now on the website.
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Patrick Chapman	October 4	Brayden Lavigne	October 14
Shawn Spicer	October 4	Emily Sunderland	October 16
Lorraine White	October 7	Sylvia Yoder	October 19
Jude Barnes	October 7	Karen Stearns	October 21
Jack Longo	October 9	Yan-Wun Jhang-Li	October 27
Julie Nagy	October 10	Amy Velasquez	October 31
Hector Vasquez	October 12		

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.



October 2019

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Diane Lajoie, Church Custodian
Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)
Dr. Belinda Forbes, Missionary to Nicaragua

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Harvest Supper
October 19, 2019

2019 Charge Conference
October 22, 2019
7 pm

Trunk or Treat
October 27, 2019
11 am

Dr. Belinda Forbes
Lecture & Pot Luck
October 30, 2019

Leap of Faith Concert
November 3, 2019
10 am

All Saint's Service
November 10, 2019
10 am

Worship Committee
November 10, 2019
11 am

Cookie/Cake Roll Fundraiser
forms due
November 4, 2019

Holiday Bazaar
November 16, 2019
9am to 2pm

Cookie/Cake Roll pick-up
available
November 22, 2019

Ingathering
November 24, 2019



Leap of Faith Concert
Sunday 10 am
November 3, 2019

Dress Rehearsal:
November 2, 2019.



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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Soup and Salad Fellowship on September 22, 2019. We raised \$271 during the lunch.

PASTA SUPPER AND AUCTION UPDATE

We raised \$2517 at our Pasta Supper and Auction night. Thank you to everyone who attended or worked the event.



LAWN MOWING FUND UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Lawn Mowing Fund. We raised \$675 to offset our \$1200 mowing costs.



October 6
Lamentations 1: 1-6
Psalm 137 (UMH)
2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Luke 17: 5-10

October 13
Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7
Psalm 66: 1-12 (UMH)
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19

October 20
Jeremiah 31: 27-34
Psalm 119: 97-104 or Psalm 19 (UMH)
2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 5
Luke 18: 1-8
October 27
Joel 2: 23-32
Psalm 65 (UMH)
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

Quote of the Month

“October is a fine and dangerous season in America...a wonderful time to begin anything at all.”

~Thomas Merton