

ROCKVILLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



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JOIN US ON YOU TUBE APRIL 5TH FOR OUR
PALM SUNDAY SERVICE



Watch our service online on You Tube.
We will be emailing a link Saturday, April 4th for the service.
Not sure how to do it? Call Janice at 860-798-7406 for help.



Dear Rockville Family,

“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **‘Peace be with you’** (John 20:20-21).

We have been going through tremendous difficulty, both in our country and around the world, due to Covid-19 (the coronavirus). Over the past weeks, most of the public spaces and many businesses have been shutting down and all the churches in our country are no exception. Last week, Our president just announced that the social distancing guidelines would be extended to April 30. This means we may not be back to the church to celebrate our Easter service on April 12. What a disappointment!

Yet this will not weaken or destroy our faith in God. The Bible commands us to obey the rules of the nation unless they are evil and ungodly. And we know our faith must be assisted by reason. Most of all, we know God is stronger than anything, nothing is able to separate us from God’s love in Jesus Christ our Savior, and God already dwells in our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let me remind you what happened on Easter Sunday morning 2,000 years ago. They put Christ to death by hanging him on a cross and buried him in a tomb. But early on Sunday morning, the stone was rolled away and he came out of the darkness. The Risen Christ comforted Mary Magdalene from her sadness and visited his disciples hidden in the dark room, saying “Peace be with you!” As we keep this risen Christ deep in our heart, we can always have tremendous hope for today, tomorrow, and all eternity although we are in the midst of trial for a while. Therefore, we will never let our Easter service as well as our Sunday worship be cancelled!!

This are what I am asking you to keep focusing on during this season of Easter:

- **Keep worshipping.** Our worship team will continue to provide an on-line service every week, so you will be able to worship the Lord on Sunday morning with all your family at your home. I will try my best to provide spiritual guidelines through my weekly letter, worship bulletins, and my manuscript for the on-line service.
- **Keep praying.** It is prayer that makes God take action and makes his servants fight on the front lines in response to crises. Let’s continue to pray for God’s healing and saving grace upon our world and especially those who are now in pain and suffering from this pandemic, physically, emotionally, financially.
- **Keep in touch.** As long as we connect with one another, we remain as one body, one church, one spirit in God. From time to time, I will phone you, send letters and emails, and of course, keep you all in my daily prayer. I am sure you will also not let anyone suffer alone or isolated in their struggles. Let us keep our eyes on each other in God’s love.

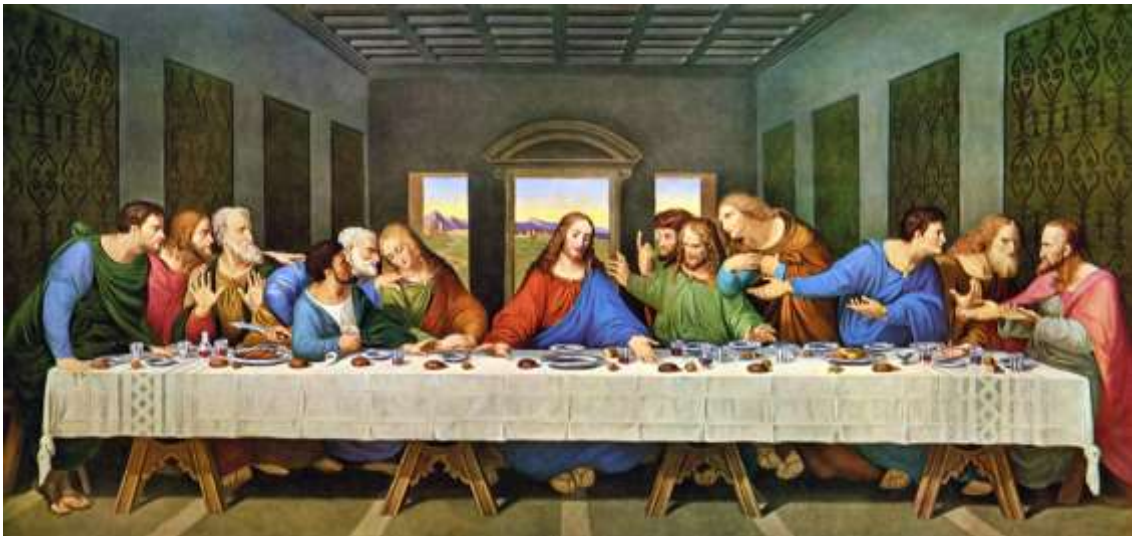
Friends, I will be in my office during the week (Tuesday ~ Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm). You can always stop by me if you need to talk and you can always call or email me if you have particular issues in your lives and want to pray with me. I will do all I can to support and connect with each of you in this time of trial. Let us stand strong and calm as we pray to God our heavenly Father and hold each other in our prayer! At last, friends, let us shout together this reality in our faith journey – “Christ is risen; He is risen indeed; Alleluia!”

In prayer
Pastor Cheol



April 9th

Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, **which means "commandment."** As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34).





Dear God,

We remember today, the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure, so we could be set free. He paid the price, such a great sacrifice, to offer us the gift of eternal life.

Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to be reminded of the cost of it all. Forgive us for being too busy, or distracted by other things, for not fully recognizing what you freely given, what you have done for us.

Thank you Lord that by your wounds we are healed. Thank you that because of your huge sacrifice we can live free. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered, and that your Power is everlasting.

Thank you that we can say with great hope, "It is finished." For we know what's still to come. And death has lost its sting. We praise you for you are making all things new. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Quote of the Month

“But those of you who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall
walk and not faint.”

-Isaiah 40:31

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

APRIL 25TH



HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CLEAN UP THE CHURCH GROUNDS!



Do you have an hour or two a month to help out in the church office preparing mailings or helping with other light tasks? If so, let Janice know (860-798-7406) or call the church office at 860-872-6562.

When we are able to meet in Church once again, we will be looking for volunteers willing to give a couple of hours a month to help with the cleaning of our church.



If you are able to help, please let us know. Call Don Ross 860-228-1390, or Dave Joy 860-709-5189.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Church Custodian: Volunteers are needed to help clean the church. Clean the restrooms, vacuum the rugs, etc. The more who volunteer, the easier it will be for everyone.

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.

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.

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

Our Church Family

Ann Chisenhall—Medical
 Judy Wilkie
 John Ward
 Ginny Hickton
 Marie Pierce
 Ray Clark



Special Needs

All who have been affected by the Corona Virus

Nick—Medical
 Colin Thorn—Medical
 Vetta—Family Tragedy
 Rob Cook—Medical
 Domanik—Healing
 Tami Rizner—Medical
 Staci Rizner—Medical
 Jade—Medical
 Paige—Medical
 Lois Wood—Medical
 Betty Ann Oppelt—Medical, Spiritual
 Madison Kanneman—Support, Recovery

In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

Eleanor Schrieber—Crestfield Manor
 Shirley Edwards—Brookdale SW
 Kay Lyke—Crestfield Manor
 Harry Thomas—Woodlake
 Janet McKercher—White Oaks
 Norine Veal—Woodlake
 Phyllis King—Vernon Manor
 June Latkofsky
 Esther Harris
 Irene Surette

Those in Christian Service

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



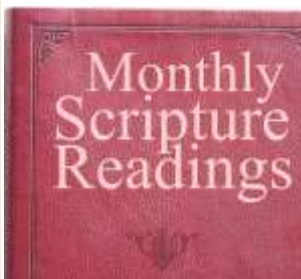
Mariah Shivers	April 2	Don Ross	April 17
Judie Culy	April 14	Zachary DeVaux	April 18
Taylor Glidden	April 14	Doreen Ward	April 21
John Machincki	April 15	Michelle Gerow	April 24
Analese Branon	April 16	Brianna Halladay	April 29
Matt Yoder	April 16	Sandra Spivey	April 30

April 5

Matthew 21: 1-11
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16
 Philippians 2: 5-11
 Matthew 26: 14-2

April 12

Acts 10: 34-43
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
 Col. 3:1-4 John 20:1-18 or
 Matthew 28:1-10



April 19

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalms 16
 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20: 19-31

April 26

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35



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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
Rev. Stan Culy (Retired)
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