



Our Church Family

Ann Chisenhall—Medical
John Ward
Ginny Hickton
Linda Thouin
Marie Pierce
Ray Clark

In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

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

Dr. Belinda Forbes

Missionary
Accion Medica Christiana,
Managua, Nicaragua

Pastor Kristin White

Green Street UMC
Augusta, ME

Special Concerns

All teachers and students teaching and going to school online.
All professionals facing the challenges of running a business online.
Employees working outside the home in grocery stores, drug stores, day care facilities and all other on-site locations.

To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the church office at 860-875-6562 or RockvilleUMC@outlook.com.



Rockville United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
Ascension Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

GATHERING MEDITATION

Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God. We look up in wonder as he is lifted from us into heaven! But this is not a time to gaze upward. There is work to be done. Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us. Let's get to work! Let's make our hearts ready for the task ahead with prayer and praise! Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

BOW #402

L: Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

P: Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

L: He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,

P: That he might fill all things.

L: When Christ, our Life, appears,

P: We shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

The Ascension

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Everliving God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern at every time and place the presence among us of him who is the head of all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

LORD'S PRAYER

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Why Did Jesus Leave?"

Pastor SeokCheol Shin

OFFERING

(Please continue to send your pledges and offerings to the church office.)

DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer our gifts to you. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the use of our gifts so that together our gifts will work to spread your message of love and grace throughout this community and the world. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE

PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Ann Chisenhall - Cancer Treatment

Emily Rushton, Don Corne, Chelsea Whitney, Glen Stambo, Alyssa Walters,

Craig Stearns, Scott Gay, Al Laflamme, Nancy Beimler, Margaret Wilke

and all medical professionals and healthcare workers affected by the virus.

Lisa Williams—Medical

Jan Docherty (Emily’s cousin) for healing. Nurse in Detroit, sick with Covid-19.

Lorna (Emily Ruston’s aunt) colon cancer

Paul and Tim (Nat Woodruff’s brothers) medical issues

Sue Woodward—healing (Covid-19)

Michael—(Carol Macri’s son)—medical issue

Julianna—high school student with Cancer

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son Jesus promised that if he was lifted up to heaven, he would send his people the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith. As we accept him as our Savior and confess we will always live for the sake of his name and salvation, we ask you to send us the Spirit, that we may live powerful lives of witnessing of your glory. As you pour out the Spirit upon us, may you also keep your church in the unity of your peace, that we might show the world the light you want us to see. We ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen

WE LEAVE WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Hymn of Thanksgiving

“Go Now in Peace”

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Benediction

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to him; may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us; may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls, and may we be his witnesses wherever we may be. Amen.



Time for Spring Cleaning Inside!

If you have a couple of hours and would like to help, call Don (860-228-1390) or show up Wednesday at 9am.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pastor Cheol May 25

Carol Robbins May 25

John Ward May 26



Be sure to tune in to our Virtual Worship Service on YouTube Sunday! It’s pretty easy—on Saturday afternoon, we will email you a link to watch the service on your PC, laptop, tablet or phone. Just click the link and worship together!