



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

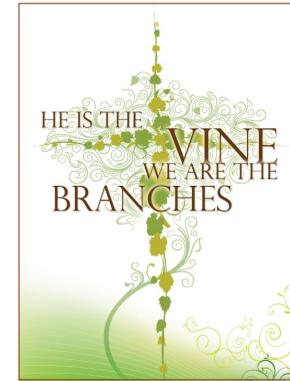
Pastor Kristin White

Green Street UMC
Augusta, ME

Special Concerns

Julianna—Teenager with cancer
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
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

GATHERING MEDITATION

We gather together to praise our God and proclaim our faith to the world. In remembrance and confidence of the redeeming love of Christ, lead us hand in hand and heart to heart to worship God with joy and thanksgiving. Abiding in the love of God, let us turn our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit who is present in our worship.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are interested in helping with the clean-up of the outside areas of the church call Don Ross (860-228-1390) or Dave Joy (860-875-0366.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

L: God is our eternal Parent who bears us in love.

P: We live in God and love one another as our siblings.

L: Christ is the true Vine who waters its branches.

P: We are the branches and bear much fruit.

L: The Spirit is the holy Guide of those who look for the eternal truth.

P: We obey the voice of the Spirit in loving service.

OPENING PRAYER

Ever-present God, your love is poured out on all peoples. The Eternal Vine has filled us with life. Apart from him, we can do nothing. Without Christ, we will wither. The Spirit calls us to abide in him, that we may live well and bear much fruit in our lives. Lord, help us rely on you only and grow under your grace and love, that we may see evidence that Christ our Lord is really risen and lives with us and leads people to the way of your salvation. Amen.

A LITURGY FOR WHEN WE CANNOT MEET

(Alternative to Holy Communion) See insert.

LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

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

SERMON

“Abide in the Vine”

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

Dear God, we bring these gifts as symbols of our love for you and for one another. We pray God’s blessing on these gifts and pray that we may be blessed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and loving witnesses of the gospel. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE

PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS

Ann Chisenhall - Cancer Treatment

Emily Rushton, Don Corne, Chelsea Whitney, Glen Stambo, Alyssa, Craig Stearns and all medical professionals and healthcare workers affected by the virus.

Lorna (Emily Ruston’s aunt) colon cancer

Tim Johnson (friend of Nat Woodruff) medical issue

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

God, we worship you as the source of life. Grant that we may always abide in your Son Jesus Christ, who is the way, and the truth, and the life. Help us to be united with each other in your love and grace, so that we can provide evidence that Christ our Lord is really risen and lives with us and leads people to the way of God’s salvation. O God, receive our praise and let this church resound with joy as we celebrate your son’s resurrection and presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD’S BLESSING

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

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BENEDICTION

Go forth, abiding in God’s love. Go forth, claiming your identity as beloved children of God. Go forth, to share the good news with all you meet. Amen.



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! The link will also be available on RUMC’s Facebook page.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Barbara Kent May 6
Kady Joy May 9



A note from our
Music Director, Karen...
rumcmusic2009@gmail.com

Would you like to be part of the “digital choir” for our YouTube Service? I would record the accompaniment, and maybe also your part (if we sing parts) for you to listen to and sing along with. Then, you would send us your recording. If enough people are on board, I can send you much more specific directions. We would like to try to get as many recorded voices singing a simple hymn as possible; then we would layer each voice on top of a piano recording and (hopefully) have a 'choir anthem' for a service in the near future.

