



The Herald

RUMC Newsletter

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From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name
of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113-3





July 7, 2020

Dear Rockville family and friends,

One of our publishing ministries has always been a monthly newsletter. But with the church being **closed for worship services and the lack of summer activities, there wasn't enough news for a July newsletter.** So, we decided to combine July and August and include my weekly letter. Janice Klingman, who volunteers in the church office, came up with the idea of filling some of the pages with pictures from our church family along with church news. What a great idea!!!

Indeed, what would be more enjoyable than seeing each other's faces during this unprecedented period of social distancing? Since the day we closed the church, my biggest concern has been how to stay connected with each other as a family in God. Sending you a weekly letter is one of my ways to check in to see how you are doing. Yet, I want to confess that the most exciting moments for me have been while I was alone in our **church office, and you stopped by just to say "Hi" to me. Again, what is more enjoyable than seeing each other's faces during this unprecedented period of social distancing?**

Don't get me wrong. I don't encourage or suggest coming back to the church just yet. We have seen that over 3 million people have been infected with Covid-19 in July. As the cases of the pandemic have not yet deescalated, we will continue to have to meet online. So, we are planning to continue to strengthen and deepen our connection through our cyber ministry:

- We want to reach out to our children. We are now creating a curriculum for the Sunday School and Youth **group and will soon provide a children's ministry on YouTube.**
- We want to have fellowship time through zoom (maybe once a week or every other week?). Soon, Nat Woodruff (the chair of the worship committee) will send you a link by email. Just click it and we will **gather together online to see each other's faces.**
- We want to open an online-giving option. Giving is another way of continuing our worship and fellowship. Online giving is something we should have available for our ministry in this 21st century. Maybe we are a little behind, but we can always catch up.

We will do all our best to strengthen our connections with one another during this particular time. I will continue to send my pastoral letter every week, Janice will carry on a publishing ministry via email and regular mail, and our virtual worship team will work hard to provide and improve our online worship. But once **again, what could be more enjoyable than seeing each other's faces during this trying time? We want to see you** and want to know how you are doing. For this, we ask you to help:

- Please take pictures of you and your family and send them to starcheol@gmail.com (my email) or jjklmn@aol.com (Janice's email). **We will share your pictures with all our church family through my weekly letter and online worship service.**

I am hoping we will have more opportunities to see each other's faces in a safe way and develop our fellowship through all we do. O yes, the best way to keep in touch is to pray for one another. Let us keep each other in our hearts every day!

Blessings

Cheol



New England Conference

The United Methodist Church

Clergy Class of 2020



❖ SeokCheol Shin

Born in Incheon, Korea, my parents taught me the value of genuine love, of an honest and sincere life, and the dignity of labor. My mom, an evangelist, nurtured my call in her prayers and her vision for my life.

During seminary, I completed two Master's degrees, then I was appointed to two churches – double blessings!

Cross-cultural living and ministry is challenging, teaching me to listen to congregations, understanding their culture, and be a friend, delighted to accompany their life journey. That includes peeling potatoes, washing dishes, and delivering meals on Saturday morning with parishioners – when that is their ministry vision!

June 12, 2020

Congratulations, Pastor Cheol Well Done!

“Friends, I am so thankful that I got this gift of ordination here in Rockville while serving and working with you together. However, it doesn't mean that I have finally arrived at the final stage of my calling. I am still called to go on my sanctifying journey along with you. Ordination is God's gift to the whole congregation to affirm and continue Christ's salvation ministry through the persons called and empowered by the Holy Spirit. God has established us as co-workers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us continue our journey together in God's grace and love for the world.”

Pastor Cheol

(The Board of Ordained Ministry is working with class members on the Service of Ordination and Commissioning which has not yet been scheduled. The priority in planning the service is the health and safety of all. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.)

MISSING OUR CHURCH FAMILY....



(Email or Text us your pictures!)





**Watch Our SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
on YouTube.**

Stay Connected in worship!

The link to the service is sent out every Saturday evening. If you are not already included on this list, email Janice at jjklmn@aol.com.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sandy Bogan	July 1	Don Corne	July 7
Carol Macri	July 4	Myrna Sawyer	July 9
Jane Thomas	July 7	Jean Williams	July 16

Lisa Williams	August 3	Marie Pierce	August 16
Lynn Arzt	August 4	Norine Veal	August 21
Debby Walters	August 5	Elizabeth Stearns	August 22
Daniel Joy	August 5	Lauren Stearns	August 22
Dave Joy	August 7	Jack Kentfield	August 25
Kay Lyke	August 8	Bridget Joy	August 26
June Latofsky	August 12	Tamika Brock	August 30

Happy Anniversary!

John & Doreen Ward	July 23
Vic & Judy Retynsky	July 31
Michelle & Geoff Gerow	August 1
Janice & George Klingman	August 31

Our Church Family

Ann Chisenhall
Barbara Hoskins
Carol Robbins
Lisa Williams
John Ward
Ginny Hickton
Marie Pierce
Ray Clark



In Our Prayers

In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

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

Other Concerns:

- Emily Rushton, Don Corne, Chelsea Whitney, Glen Stambo, Aylssa Walters, Craig Stearns, Scott Gay, Al Laflamme Nancy Beimler, Margaret Wilkie and all medical professionals and healthcare workers affected by the virus.
- **Jan Docherty (Emily’s Cousin, Covid-19)**
- **Lorna (Emily’s aunt) cancer**
- **Paul and Tim (Nat Woodruff’s brothers) medical**
- Julianna—High school student with Cancer.

Those in Christian Service

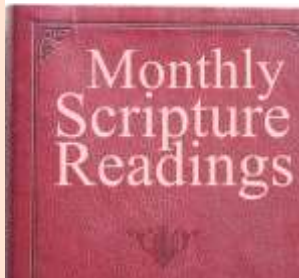
Dr. Belinda Forbes
Accion Medica Christiana,
Managua, Nicaragua
Pastor Kristin White,
Green Street UMC,
Augusta, ME

August 2

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23



August 16

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 23

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

August 30

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28



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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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