



The Herald

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Dear Rockville Family and Friends,

I am writing this October newsletter while looking at the yard outside my window. I am going to mow the lawn this afternoon and I believe it might be my last mowing of this year. Hurrah~ ~ ~ However, I also know that I still have to **go out in my yard from time to time to rake the fallen leaves in the fall wind. I don't know** how you feel about this time of transition, but I feel a little sentimental and even melancholy. O please, somebody tell me why I feel thirsty and lonely in my heart.

Fall is somewhat of a sad time of year. The warm days of summer are shortened. Flowers are dying. Trees become stark. Lightning bugs are no longer glowing in the dark. Cold weather is approaching. Steve Yoder just sent me an email that has a video of snow falling on **Mt. Washington this past Wednesday with the words, "your timing (hiking to Mt. Washington a few weeks ago) was perfect!"**

This radical change of weather reminds me that permanence or eternity is not the way of nature. Our world works not in permanence, but in change. Until a few weeks ago, I complained a lot about the hot and sticky summer humidity. Now, I am grateful for the cool weather, but soon I will find myself complaining again about the cold wind and the frozen streets.

Yes, we live in an uncertain world where things change constantly, and nothing seems to stay with us forever. Moreover, the world is still under the power of this pandemic and we **feel like we're walking on an unknown path covered in fog. That's why we feel gloomy in our hearts and look for something to quench our spiritual thirst and to safely guide our life's journey** in this uncertain world.

But let us not be too discouraged by this transition and uncertainty in the world, for we all know that there is one thing we can always trust and rely on in our ever-changing **world. That is Jesus' 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 to 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 working to create amazing opportunities for growth and transformation. And while the season of fall may mark the end of some things, it also comes with the hope of new life because Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior will never leave us alone but 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 always be with us. He 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



“FAR AND AWAY THE BEST PRIZE THAT LIFE OFFERS IS THE CHANCE TO WORK
HARD AT WORK WORTH DOING.”

THOMAS JEFFERSON

“NOBODY CAN THINK STRAIGHT WHO DOES NOT WORK.
IDLENESS WARPS THE MIND.”

HENRY FORD

“LABOR DAY IS SEEN AS A DAY OF REST FOR MANY HARD WORKING AMERICANS.”

JIMMY HOFFA

“LABOR DAY IS DEVOTED TO NO MAN, LIVING OR DEAD,
TO NO SECT, RACE OR NATION.”

SAMUEL GOMPERS

“THE REWARD OF A THING WELL DONE, IS TO HAVE DONE IT.”

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

“WORK IS NO DISGRACE; THE DISGRACE IS IDLENESS.”

GREEK PROVERB

“WITHOUT LABOR NOTHING PROSPERS.”

SOPHOCLES

“IT IS ONLY THROUGH LABOR AND PAINFUL EFFORT, BY GRIM ENERGY AND
RESOLUTE COURAGE, THAT WE MOVE ON TO BETTER THINGS.”

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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EXCITING NEWS!



**New Hope House
is now open!**



THE NEW SHELTER



In 2018, Cornerstone was able to purchase the old Tri-Town Shelter building with the help of MISAC (Manchester Interfaith Social Action Council). Since then, we have been working to renovate the building and get it ready for occupancy.

Currently we have 15 beds in our congregate shelter at 1A Prospect Street. This is an adult only shelter with two large rooms divided by gender. That facility will be now used as an evaluation space for new residents so we can determine the best possible placement for them among our different residences.

The new shelter will allow the shelter residents to have their own room and provide them with dignity and privacy. It will also allow us to be able to quarantine residents in the event of illness which has been a great concern during the past few months.

The new space also gives us the ability to offer educational programs, career training, and case management to help the residents work towards their goal of permanent housing.

Shelter Director, Bryan Flint, Sr. has worked tirelessly over the past several months to coordinate with building professionals, volunteers and providers of furniture, rugs, etc to get the building completed and ready for people to move in. Several companies donated services and materials to get the job completed.

After many suggestions of a name for the new building, the Board of Directors voted and the winning name is:

New Hope House

This new name is indicative of what the mission of Cornerstone is and what all of our ministries strive to be—a place to give new hope to someone who is struggling and needs that extra helping hand to get their life back on track. It might be a hot meal, a bag of food, clothing or furniture and in the case of New Hope House, a roof over their head and supports to help them move to permanent housing. We are very excited to start this new endeavor and to have the capacity to help as many people as we possibly can.

On August 3, New Hope House opened to its first residents.

Exciting News
From Cornerstone!



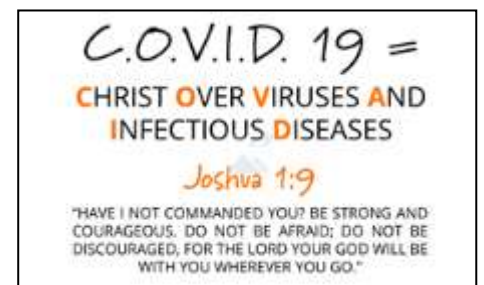
CHURCH RE-OPENING SURVEY

A church re-opening survey was sent out recently. We received 46 responses. This is a summary of information received. Responders were asked what concerns they may have, from a specific list. The results:

- 57% are concerned about adequate preparation/cleaning of church building
- 28% are concerned about participating in Communion
- 57% are concerned about limited socialization; no coffee hour, no 'lingering' recommended
- 35% are concerned about wearing a face mask
- 24% are concerned about reading from the large screen, as the use of bulletins, Bibles, hymnals, etc. is not recommended
- 37% are concerned about socially distant seating in the pews
- 65% are concerned about the lack of singing; rather music will be instrumental (non-wind/brass instruments) solo and/or music videos on the large screen
- 63% are concerned about regular cleaning/sanitization of church on a weekly basis

The last question on the survey was meant to ascertain who was comfortable with certain tasks needed to be completed in order for the church to resume in-person services. It was also an attempt to understand who might be willing to help on an ongoing basis. People were allowed to check off as many tasks as were applicable to them; **therefore, it's probably reasonable to assume that people could have volunteered for more than one task. We will** have to examine the breakdown of tasks more thoroughly in order to better understand whether or not the same people volunteered for different tasks. For now, the results are as follows:

- 8 people are willing to help with deep cleaning of sanctuary and narthex to prepare for sanitation (our church has been empty, but the dust still accumulates!)
 - 10 people are willing to participate in 'teams' that will take turns sanitizing the church every week.
 - 3 people are willing to be our designated 'enforcer' of guidelines on Sundays as people enter our church (recommended by the conference).
 - 4 people are willing to help with signage which explains guidelines throughout the narthex and indoor/outdoor sanctuary.
 - 4 people are willing to help as an usher to seat people in outdoor/indoor sanctuary to maintain social distancing between families.
 - 14 people are willing to donate money for face masks, cleaning, and sanitation supplies (per Conference guidelines, we need at least a 3-month supply on hand).
 - 1 person is willing to help church leadership write a formal plan to be presented to our District Superintendent
- Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to the survey! It will help church leadership make decisions moving forward. As always, your feedback is welcome and encouraged. Our hope is



Monday, September 7th



September Birthdays

Ann Chisenhall	September 2	Caleb McPeck	September 10
Tami Rizner	September 4	Andalaysia Cortes	September 16
Sylvia-Lanz-Matthews	September 4	Sharon Robbins	September 24
Andrew Velasquez	September 6	Elyse Nordell	September 25
Nicolas Velasquez	September 6	Giada Shivers	September 25
Janet McKercher	September 6	Jacob Gerow	September 26
Emily Rose Rushton	September 8	Freya Kravitz	September 26
Finn Halladay	September 8	Phyllis King	September 29
Emma Parnell	September 8		
Allison Corne	September 10		



Steve and Sylvia Yoder	September 2
Karen and Craig Stearns	September 16

Our Church Family

Family and Friends of David
Kuslanski

Ann Chisenhall
Barbara Hoskins
Iisa 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
Harry Thomas—Woodlake
Janet McKercher—White Oaks
Norine Veal—Woodlake
Phyllis King—Vernon Manor
June Latkofsky
Esther Harris
Irene Surette

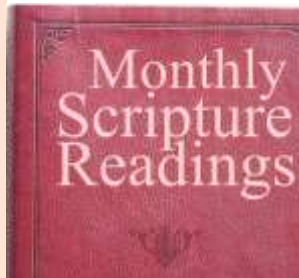
Other Concerns:

- Rev. Herbert Chisenhall—**Steve’s Dad/Recovery from stroke**
- 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.
- **Lorna (Emily Rushton’s aunt) cancer**

Those in Christian Service

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

September 6
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149 or Psalm 148
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
September 13
Exodus 14:19-31
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35



September 20
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or
Psalm 78; Phil 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16
September 27
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4; 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



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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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