



The Herald

RUMC Newsletter

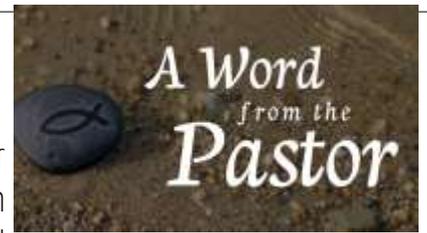
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**"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time
we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."**

Galatians 6:9 NIV



Dear Rockville Friends and Family,



I pray that this letter finds you well and at peace. No doubt, this year has been filled with challenges for all of us, and we are still on an unknown path covered with fog. My prayer is that we continue to trust and obey God and hold each other in our hearts and prayers, so that we may withstand and overcome all the trials as one family in God our Rock and our Savior.

One of the reasons why we appreciate our outdoor services is that it gives us a time to get together as a family. Last Sunday God provided us with more wonderful weather, and 16 families came together to praise the Lord and enjoy our fellowship together. A special joy for this past Sunday is that we had visitors from MA., **Ruthie and Wayne Roberts. It's always great to see our old friends, isn't it?**

FYI, this coming Sunday, we will have another joyful family time as we celebrate Communion together – Communion is about dining together with family! In order to celebrate a safe and healthy Communion, Steve Yoder ordered a box of 100 pre-filled cups with wafer, which means each of us will have our own cup and bread for communion. As a pastor, I have never celebrated Holy Communion with church families outdoors or **in a garden. I am really curious about how this outdoor Communion will bless us all together. Let's come and see!**

For my ministry with you, October feels like a family season here in Rockville. It is the month when we always invited family and friends to celebrate our joy together in our church –**"Harvest Dinner," "Leap of Faith," "Halloween Trunk or Treat,"** and **"Youth Sleep-Over."** **As a pastor, it's always a pleasure to meet your families and see the church filled with people.** Thanks for your hard work for those wonderful events!

We can't participate in all those family festivals this October and you know why. However, I want to suggest that we still take this month as a homecoming month as we prepare for re-launching services in the church. By the middle of October, we won't be able to have outside services because the weather will be really chilly (and we know the coronavirus and flu are cousins.) Before it's really cold, we need to decide when we can have in-person services in the sanctuary once again.

You may also be wondering when we can come back to the church. Friends, I am so sorry that I am unable to give you the exact date for that right now. We are still concerned about the situation in the world and are still working on it. But what I can let you know is that the Trustees will make the final decision as to when they can clean the church, and from there, we will know when we can start our in-person services in the sanctuary once again. Tentatively, we might have our first in-person service on the second (11th) or third Sunday of **October (18th). But if the situation gets worse again and we judge that it's still dangerous to reopen, we may have to cancel our plan and continue social distancing for a while longer.** I humbly ask you to be patient in waiting, faithful and constant in our virtual and outdoor services, and pray for the wisest and best decision coming from God.

When we are finally able to decide on an opening date for church, I will send you another email or letter with a specific request. I will be asking for your help! Before we gather and sit together in the pews, we must clean the church everywhere for our own safety, and we must organize a team that can guide people to experience a healthy and safe environment at our gatherings. And I know you will come and help us because this is your church and you love your church family!

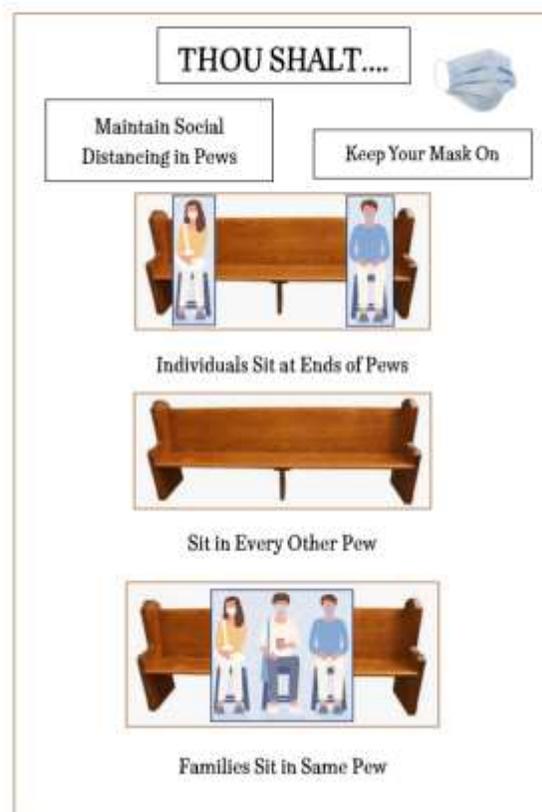
In prayer
Pastor Cheol

OUR TENTATIVE DATE TO RETURN TO IN-PERSON
SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY IS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH!



Please observe the following guidelines established by the United Methodist Conference:

- Masks are required from the time you enter the church until you leave following the service.
- Your temperature will be taken and you will be asked to use hand sanitizer (provided by RUMC) upon entering the church.
- A greeter (wearing gloves) at the entrance of the Sanctuary and provide you with a bulletin.
- You are welcomed to bring your own Bible from home. (Hymnals and Bibles in the pews must be removed prior to the service.)
- A trustee will direct you to your seat, using the guidelines shown at the bottom of this page.
- There can be no singing. Music will be provided by our Music Director or in the form of a music video.
- Please, no food or drink in the sanctuary during worship.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized and available for use.
- There will be no Fellowship Hour with refreshments.
- Sunday School rooms will not be available for the children during Worship. A plan to address inclusion of children in our services will be a focus in the coming weeks.





Town of Vernon
Department of Social Services

On behalf of Vernon Social Services and the families we serve, I wish to thank you for your generous \$800 gift card donation for our Back-to-School Program. With the support of caring people like you, we were able to provide 71 Vernon children with gift cards to purchase new clothes and supplies for school this year.

Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated. And we sincerely appreciate your flexibility in providing gift cards this year due to COVID-19. Thank you once again for helping to make this program a huge success.

Michelle Hill
Interim director of Social Services
(September 4, 2020)



Thanks to our Church Family for your response to the Adopt-a-Child program once again. this year, We raised almost \$900 to support this important program.!

Our Mission Team thanks you all for your continued generosity and support .



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Cereal
- Canned Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni or Knorr rice side dishes
- Canned baked beans or Pork and Beans
- Instant soup mix
- Canned fruit

We greatly appreciate all donations, including grocery store gift cards.

Because of the coronavirus, we provide clients at the door with pre-packed bags of nonperishable foods. We have to consider the weight and size of food items, and so we ask for regular size food items instead of large or family size items or multi-pound items. And we do not put glass jars in the bags of food.



Thank you Pastor Cheol!

History of Pastor Appreciation Day

Pastor Appreciation Day began with the establishment of Clergy Appreciation Month. In Timothy 1 (5:17), Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the church are worthy of double honor. He reiterated this idea in Thessalonians 1 (5: 12-13) when he stated that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. This idea became Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992, established by pastors and religious workers. Eventually, Pastor Appreciation Day would be celebrated during this month.

Greetings from Dr. Belinda !

Greetings, Friends and supporters of Mission in Nicaragua!

First and foremost, my hope is that you are all keeping safe and healthy in this challenging time of the coronavirus pandemic. I have been able to connect with many of you at online worship services, Bible studies, and **"Zoom social hours"** as well as through personal emails and messages. These virtual connections have helped me understand the concerns of local congregations as they consider returning to in-person worship and activities or not, and the ongoing issues of maintaining church budgets, schools reopening, elections and the devastation caused by the pandemic in some local communities.

I am grateful for this time of sharing and feeling included as your missionary. I want to say thank you to United Methodist Churches for your ongoing support of missionaries through Global Ministries, which allows me to continue to serve on your behalf in Nicaragua at my place of assignment Accion Medica Cristiana (AMC).



Our RUMC Church Family has generously supported Dr. Forbes and her mission work in Nicaragua. Here is her latest news.

Stan and Judie Culy	October 4
Dave and Bridget Joy	October 20
Steve and Ann Chisenhall	October 23
Don and Carol Ross	October 25



October
Anniversaries



Saturday, October 31

Shawn Spicer	October 4
Jude Barnes	October 7
Lorraine White	October 7
Jack Longo	October 9
Julie Nagy	October 10
Hector Vasquez	October 12
Linda Thouin	October 13
Brayden Lavigne	October 14
Emily Sunderland	October 16
Sylvia Yoder	October 19



Birthdays

“The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures **forever.**”

Isaiah 40:6-8 NIV

Our Church Family

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

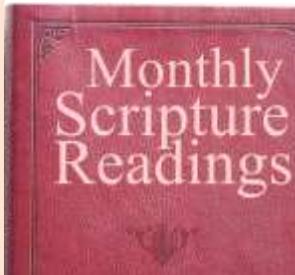
Other Concerns:

- Ruth Roberts—Upcoming knee surgery
- Celebrating the marriage of Carole Stambo
- Rev. Herbert Chisenhall—**Steve's Dad/Recovery from stroke**
- Emily Rushton, Don Corne, Chelsea Whitney, Glen Stambo, Alyssa 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**
- Teachers and Students back at school

Those in Christian Service

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

October 4
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
October 11
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14



October 18
Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
October 25
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



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Rockville United Methodist Church

(Services are provided online during the Corona Virus quarantine.)

Office Hours 10am-2pm Tuesday-Friday



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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