

Our Church Family

Lorraine White—death of sister
Joanne Stenger—Covid
Sara Stenger—Covid 19
Ann Chisenhall
Carol Macri
Marie Pierce
Ray Clark

In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

Shirley Edwards—Brookdale SW
Janet McKercher—White Oaks
Norine Veal—Woodlake
Phyllis King—Vernon Manor
June Latkofsky
Esther Harris
Irene Surette



Other Concerns:

Diane Lajoie on the death of her Dad
Family of Rosalie Rixham, sister of Dana Robertson
Cassity Kerstetter (niece of Dave Saunders—beginning Boot Camp)
Peter McCarthy (Wayne Badstuebner's nephew)
Dr. Belinda Forbes—Hurricanes in Nicaragua
Bob Hornbecker—Medical Issues (spouse of Debby Walters' boss)
Robertson Family on the death of Dana's aunts, Ione Robertson and Jean Kelly
Wayne and Pauline Cheveriea's son-in-law, Bob Harris - hip surgery
Paula Herlihy, caregiver, and her parents, Ed and Rosemary Ostafi
Steve Chisenhall's father, Rev. Herbert Chisenhall—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's aunt) cancer
Students and teachers
Those who are lonely

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

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Rockville United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
Third Sunday in Advent
December 13, 2020

GATHERING MEDITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his church all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us open our hearts and minds in our confession and accept each other in God's love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (please see inside of bulletin)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Today is the third Sunday in Advent.

P: **We gather today to listen to and obey God's Rule.**

L: We light this third candle of Joy

P: **To symbolize the joy that we can know in humble service.**

L: God, help every heart prepare be filled with humility in Christ.

P: **We are humbly praying, "Come to us today!" Amen.**

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE Candle of Joy

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:36-45

SERMON

Come Home—“The Spirit of Christmas”

Pastor Cheol

OFFERING

(Please send tithes and Offerings to the church office or use the online giving option.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. Receive these tokens of our blessings and cause them to work in this world which you have loaned to us to make light shine in the darkness and peace an attainable goal in all conflicts. We offer these gifts in Jesus' name.

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE (please see back page)

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Loving God, we are rushing headlong into the holidays to come. We look at our calendar and wonder how we will get everything done before the Christmas celebration arrives. But as your children, we know this is the season you want to come into our hearts to deepen our faith and be the true Lord of our lives. As we know the true meaning of Christmas, help us calm down and spend much time meditating on your words and praying to you. In doing so, we can prepare for your coming in our hearts to shine in our path and cut through our darkness. Bring us at last to your presence, where the light of hope and love continually pour out on us. We ask these things O God, with hope and praise in our hearts, our minds, and our souls, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SONG OF HOPE

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

BENEDICTION

Rejoice! God is in our midst and renews us in his love. Celebrate the Good News that God is bringing a new light to the world. Let us now go in peace and joy and witness to the love and grace of Christ to all whom we meet. Amen.



Be a part of our virtual Christmas Eve candle lighting. For details on how to participate watch Geoff's "how to" video online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MzIxfxscjYY&feature=youtu.be>

This Week at RUMC:

Sunday	12/13	3rd Sunday in Advent Online Worship (available all week)
Thursday	12/17 7pm	Zoom Worship Committee
Sunday	12/20	4th Sunday of Advent Online Worship (available all week)

Thanks to all who contributed to the Holiday Gift Fund this season.
Our gifts will help support the New Hope House Shelter.



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Donna Badstuebner	December 13
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Heather McPeck	December 15