

### Our Church Family

Ann Chisenhall  
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:

Those travelling during the holiday season

Cassity Kerstetter (niece of Dave Saunders—Boot Camp)

Peter McCarthy (Wayne Badstuebner's nephew)

Dr. Belinda Forbes—Hurricane devastation in Nicaragua

Bob Hornbecker—Medical Issues (spouse of Debby Walters' boss)

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

Those who are separated from family

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

### Dr. Belinda Forbes

Missionary  
Accion Medica Christiana Managua, Nicaragua

### Pastor Kristin White

Green Street UMC  
Augusta, ME



Rockville United Methodist Church  
Order of Worship  
1st Sunday of Christmastide  
December 27, 2020

### GATHERING MEDITATION

Merry Christmas again! God has given to us the blessing of the Christ Child who will make known His forgiveness and love for each one of us. While continuing the Christmas season, let us ponder how we may start our new life and new year with Christ who dwells in our hearts.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.

P: **We are here to worship God our Immanuel, incarnated in our hearts today.**

L: We have seen a great light and increased joy and hope of life in your presence.

P: **Glory be to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to all people of good will.**

All: **Alleluia! Amen!**

### LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

### OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, we confess that we are not ready to come down from the Christmas "high." Lord, let us be ready to be people of compassion and hope. Wake us up, and help us see the beauty and possibilities of peace around us. Let our words, our thoughts, and our actions speak of your love for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2:21-24; 39-40

**SERMON** *Coming Home—"Going Back Home"* Pastor Cheol

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
Loving God, out of your great love for the world, you have given us so much. We respond by offering these gifts and our lives to spread the Good News of Jesus' birth. We pray that you will empower us with your Spirit to be faithful witnesses of Christ, our eternal Light, praising your name now and forever. Amen.

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

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
We praise you, God of the universe, for calling us into being and for your steadfast love and faithfulness since the beginning of creation. We give you thanks for the Word made flesh in our Savior Jesus Christ, so that we may have the hope of forgiveness and eternal life in his name. Grant that we and all the world may know the joy and peace we have in Christ, especially in this Christmas season. Fill our hearts and homes with the joy of his birth. Help us to live this and every day, knowing that the Spirit of Christ dwells in us and guides us so that we may be his witnesses in all that we say and do. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

**SONG OF HOPE** *"For Unto Us A Child is Born"*

**BENEDICTION**  
You have seen the Savior. Go now in peace. Be his light to enlighten everyone you meet, and let your life reflect the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Leah Corne	December 28
Roger LaChance	December 29
Carol Aronson	December 30
Bobby Williams	December 31



Alyson Stearns	January 1
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