

### Our Church Family

Jane Thomas—physical and emotional health  
Ann Chisenhall



### In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

Barbara Hoskins—Vanderman Place  
Amy Baron—Char-Laine Manor  
Shirley Edwards—Brookdale SW  
Ruth Garrott—Concord, NH  
Janet McKercher—White Oaks  
Norine Veal—Woodlake  
Phyllis King—Vernon Manor  
Ray Clark  
June Latkofsky  
Esther Harris  
Irene Surette

### Other Concerns:

Corinne Peterson, medical issues  
Family of Steven Goodwin, who passed away last week (former long-time RUMC members)  
Earl Robertson—recovery from stroke  
Lois Wood—healing for complications from foot surgery  
Karen Thoms—stroke—co-worker of Dave Joy  
Jane Lange—11yr-old daughter of Nat Woodruff's niece—leukemia  
Medical Workers preparing and distributing the Covid Vaccine  
Teachers and students struggling with a complex learning environment  
All of us who are coping with long-term separation from family and friends  
Cassity Kerstetter (niece of Dave Saunders)  
Peter McCarthy (Wayne Badstuebner's nephew)  
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 on the front lines.  
Lorna (Emily's aunt) cancer

To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the church office at 860-875-6562 or 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 Lent**  
**February 21, 2021**

### GATHERING MEDITATION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: this first Sunday in Lent we are led from the Jordan to the wilderness. In the Jordan we will repent and turn our hearts to the Lord; in the wilderness we will discover the powerful presence of the Spirit in our hearts. Let us give thanks to our Lord for calling us today and then embark upon our journey with Christ toward Easter.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Help us to know your ways, O Lord. Teach us your paths.

**P: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all the day long.**

L: You are good and upright, O Lord. You instruct sinners in the way

**P: All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep your covenant and your decrees.**

### OPENING PRAYER

God of hope and help, show us your ways. Lead us in your truth. Do not remember the sins of our youth, or the sins of this past week. Help us know you so completely that we may walk in your paths of love and righteousness, and live in the light of your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:      Genesis 9:8-17

**SERMON**

*Hope—"The Sign of Rainbow and Cross"*

Pastor Cheol

**OFFERING**

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear Lord, in gratitude and praise, we remember the many gifts of your creation and of your covenant with us. We ask you to accept these gifts we bring, that others may find in them signs of your love and grace. Amen.

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

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Loving God, you know that the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and that our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. We pray that you would keep us steadfast in your merciful hands. When we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted as we are tempted, but resisted the temptations of the evil one. O Lord, listen to the voice of your church, protect us with your strong hand and outstretched arm, that, nourished by the bread of your word and fortified by your Spirit we may proclaim the good news of your love to all people in word and deed, even as Jesus showed us. We ask it in his name. Amen.

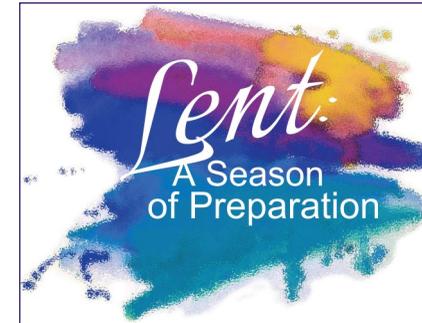
WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

**SONG OF HOPE**

*"Faithful God"*

**BENEDICTION**

The journey has begun. God is with us. Let us go forth to learn, to teach, to serve. Go bringing peace and hope to all we meet in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



On the First Sunday of Advent, we read the beginning of the book of Isaiah, where the prophet speaks in the voice of God and calls the people of Israel to repentance, to prepare them for the coming of His Son.

Navigating the **COVID** vaccine process is pretty complicated; let me help! Call me at 860-916-5832 and we can go through it together over the phone.

We can also help you find a ride to the vaccination center.  
Karen (Stearns)



Skylar Chessey	February 21
Robert Joy	February 22
Wayne Cheveriea	February 23
Aidon Cortez	February 25
Rob Walters, Jr.	February 25
Geoff Gerow	February 27
Steve Chisenhall	February 27

**This Week at RUMC:**

Sunday	2/21/21		Online Worship (always available)
Thursday	2/25/21	7pm	Worship Committee (Zoom Mtg)
Sunday	2/28/21		Online Worship (always available)