

### Our Church Family

Michelle & Charlotte Gerow—Covid 19  
Carol Aronson—issue with eyes  
David Saunders—healing from emotional struggles  
Jane Thomas—physical and emotional health  
Ann Chisenhall



### Other Concerns:

Nat Woodruff's son, Matthew and his wife, Kate—Covid  
Pete Schilling  
Corinne Peterson, medical issues  
Earl Robertson—recovery from stroke  
Karen Thoms—stroke—co-worker of Dave Joy  
Jane Lange—11yr-old daughter of Nat Woodruff's niece—leukemia  
Teachers and students struggling with a complex learning environment  
Cassity Kerstetter (niece of Dave Saunders)  
Peter McCarthy (Wayne Badstuebner's nephew)  
Steve Chisenhall's father, Rev. Herbert Chisenhall—Recovery from stroke  
Those distributing the Covid Vaccine, and workers in the medical field: Emily Rushton, Don Corne, Chelsea Whitney, Glen Stambo, Alyssa Walters, Craig Stearns, Scott Gay, Al La flame, Nancy Beimler, Margaret Wilkie  
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](mailto:RockvilleUMC@outlook.com).

### 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

### Dr. Belinda Forbes

Missionary  
Accion Medica Christiana  
Managua, Nicaragua  
Pastor Kristin White  
Green Street UMC  
Augusta, ME



Rockville United Methodist Church  
Order of Worship  
5th Sunday in Lent  
March 21, 2021

### GATHERING MEDITATION

Jesus prayed that God's name would be glorified and it was glorified. We pray that our lives may be reflections of Jesus' love and grace and it is so. Let us bring our prayers before the Lord, that God may be glorified, and we may be heirs of salvation with Christ.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\* Call to Worship

L: Come to God this day. Bring with you all who thirst in the wilderness.

**P: Lord, bring to us healing and hope.**

L: Come to Jesus this day. Bring with you an alabaster jar of ointment.

**P: Lord, we anoint your feet and praise your glory.**

L: Come to the Lord, Bring with you the cross of Christ.

**P: Lord, help us to share his resurrection by following his suffering.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we journey through this life in search of meaning, companionship, fulfillment, and contentment. We confess that we often look for these things in the wrong places. We lament our sad state. Our journey has left us broken, confused, and bewildered. Hear us. Guide us. Save us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 12:1-8

**SERMON** Love—"Give Our Best to Friends" Pastor Cheol

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
O God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Help us not take for granted all that you have given us. Help us see our lives as gifts from you. Bless these gifts and send them into the world to proclaim your grace and salvation to all people. Amen.

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

**SILENT PRAYER**

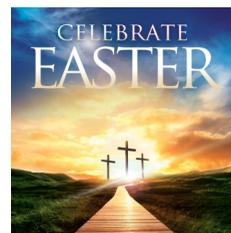
**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
Our gracious God, we bow before you in deep thanks and praise for your extravagant gifts for us. You have given to us again and again. You provide for our every need, but we confess that we often still desire more. Our wants and cravings get the best of us. Forgive us in our selfish ways. May we, like Mary, learn the joy of giving. O God, teach us how to provide for those we meet in our everyday lives. And, help us see that giving sacrificially is what you desire. For we pray in the name of the One who gave his all. Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

**SONG OF HOPE** "Oh How I Love Jesus" UMH #170

**BENEDICTION**  
Go in peace and may God's peace go with you. Bring the fragrance of God's grace through your own giving and serving to all whom you meet. Amen.

**Good news for our Easter service!** We will celebrate Easter Sunday on April 4<sup>th</sup> both *online* (YouTube) and *in person* at our church. Our worship team is planning to have the youth involved in our Easter service with scripture and special music. As we are aware that our world is still under the challenge of the coronavirus, we will make safety our primary concern, which means we will wear masks, keep social distancing, and not be allowed to sing and shake hands with one another in our gatherings. By keeping these rules, we will have a safe and wonderful service together on Easter Sunday morning.



**This Week at RUMC:**

Sunday	3/21/21	11am	Online Worship (always available) Zoom Fellowship Time
Wednesday	3/24/21	1pm	In-person Fellowship Hour at Church
Thursday	3/25/21	7pm	Worship Committee (Zoom Mtg)
Sunday	3/28/21		Online Worship (always available)



Emily Matthews Rushton	March 21
Jerrie Kirby	March 28

Some of the members of our Church Family have been joining together at church for in-person Fellowship Time on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. (following Covid Guidelines). We hope you will join us if you feel comfortable in this environment.



**Visit the RUMC website!** Just type Rockville United Methodist Church Rockville CT in your web browser to check out everything we've been doing, from previous Newsletters, Sunday Services, Bulletins, Sermons, and updated Calendars, to the online worship service links on YouTube. If you need help navigating the website, call Janice for help. (860-798-7406)