

Our Church Family

Beth Stearns—recovery from being struck by a car while crossing street (minor injuries)
David Saunders—healing from emotional struggles
Sara Stenger—death of her dad
Tom and Anne Steed—healing from Covid 19
Jane Thomas—physical and emotional health
Ann Chisenhall



Other Concerns:

Pete Schilling
Paula Herlihy and Family on death of her mother, Rosemary Ostafi
Corinne Peterson, medical issues
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)
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 and all front-line workers.
Lorna (Emily's aunt) cancer

In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

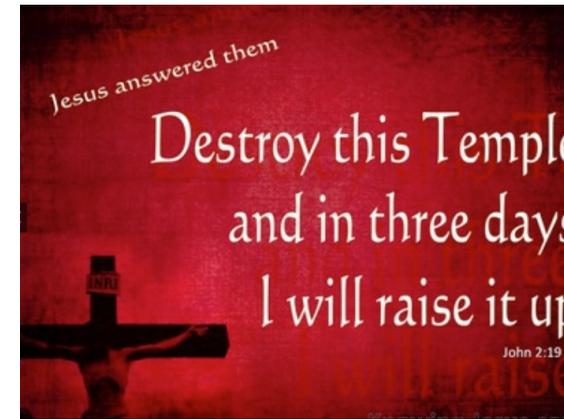
Barbara Hoskins—Vanderman Place
Amy Baron—Char-Laine Manor
Shirley Edwards—Brookdale SW
Ruth Garrott—Concord, NH
Janet McKercher—White Oaks
Norine Veal—Woodlake
Phyllis King—Vernon Manor
Ray Clark
June Latkofsky
Esther Harris
Irene Surette

Dr. Belinda Forbes

Missionary
Accion Medica Christiana
Managua, Nicaragua

Pastor Kristin White

Green Street UMC
Augusta, ME



Rockville United Methodist Church
Order of Worship
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021

GATHERING MEDITATION

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this is the third step on our Lenten Journey. We stand in the need of the presence of God. Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed. But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey. "Gracious Lord, guide our steps. Come, let us worship God who is always with us. Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. Amen."

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

P: It is on this journey that we will face our greed and selfishness

L: It is on this journey that God will confront us.

P: Our hearts are ready to receive God.

L: Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

P: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22

SERMON *Passion—"I Will Raise it Up"* Pastor Cheol

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious Lord, we worship a God of abundance, from whose hands flow all the blessings of our lives. Give us right and generous hearts that your blessings may flow from our hands to those in need. Amen.

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

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER
Gracious Lord, we often find ourselves weary, tired out by a load of care, a heap of responsibility and concern. Lord, we are here now before you and we ask you to refresh and make us new. We pray today for those around us who have special needs of the spirit, for those whose souls that are full of pain and grief; for those who feel tired and do not know why; for those who have anger and do not feel free. Lord, grant to them and to all for whom we pray, a vision, a word or a sign which they may specially treasure; fill them and us with your Spirit that we may be renewed for our on-going journey in this world; touch us so that we may enter into your sacred realm for a moment of strengthening and encouragement. And granting this, make us more faithful than before in our service to you. We pray, O Lord, for the people and the issues that you have placed upon our hearts today and this past week. Lord, hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SONG OF HOPE *"Hope of the World"* UMH #178

BENEDICTION
As we come into God's house, let us remember God is our Lord and our Savior. As we go now in the world, let us remember God loves us so much and wants us to share the Good news of his grace and love with all we meet. Go now in peace and let people know Christ died for us and rose again to save us. Amen.



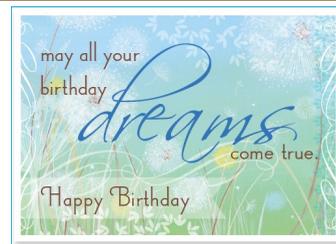
Ten people joined together for our first in-person Fellowship Time last week (using Covid 19 Guidelines). We will be meeting each Wednesday at 1pm. It felt wonderful to catch up with some of our Church Family!
We hope you will join us if you feel comfortable in this environment.

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)



Lenten Bible Study—

Pastor Cheol will be leading a Bible Study during this Lenten Season. We will be studying the book of Jonah, via Zoom, Tuesdays at 7pm. For more information, call or email Pastor Cheol. We hope you will join us.



Pauline Cheveriea	March 7
Linda Furnas	March 9
David Martin	March 12
Barbara Hoskins	March 13

This Week at RUMC:

Sunday	3/7/21	Online Worship (always available)
		11am Zoom Fellowship Time
Tuesday	3/9/21	7pm Online Bible Study
Wednesday	3/10/21	1pm In-person Fellowship Hour at Church
Thursday	3/11/21	7pm Worship Committee (Zoom Mtg)
Sunday	3/14/21	Online Worship (always available)