

Our Church Family

Don Ross—medical issue
Bridget Joy—celebrating earning Master’s Degree
John and Doreen Ward—death of daughter, Maryann
Jake Gerow—healing from concussion
David Saunders—healing from emotional struggles
Jane Thomas—physical and emotional health
Ann Chisenhall



Other Concerns:

Celebrating engagement of Matt Stearns and Elise Frank
Ray Nahodil—former RUMC member—stage 4 brain cancer
Nahodil Family
Jen—struggling with addiction (friend of Dave Saunders)
Karen Thoms—stroke—co-worker of Dave Joy
Jane Lange—11yr-old daughter of Nat Woodruff’s niece—leukemia
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

In Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Limited Mobility

Barbara Hoskins—Vanderman Place
Amy Baron—Char-Laine Manor
Shirley Edwards—Brookdale SW
Ruth Garrott—Concord, NC
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

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



Rockville United Methodist Church

**Order of Worship
5th Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021**

GATHERING MEDITATION

We gather together to praise our God and proclaim our faith to the world. In remembrance and confidence of the redeeming love of Christ, let us hand in hand, and heart to heart, and worship God in joy and thanksgiving. In abiding in the love of God, let us turn our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit who is present in our worship.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is our eternal Parent who bears us in love.

P: We live in God and love one another as our siblings.

L: Christ is the true Vine who waters its branches.

P: We are the branches and bear much fruit.

L: The Spirit is the holy Guide of those who look for the eternal truth.

P: We obey the voice of the Spirit in loving service.

OPENING PRAYER

Ever present God, your love is poured out on all peoples. The Eternal Vine has filled us with life. Apart from him we can do nothing. Without Christ, we wither. The Spirit calls us to share the Good News but we keep our mouths shut and our hands closed. We refuse to abide in you. In the name of the One who forgives us and prunes us. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Abide With Me”

sung/recorded by Matt Maher
RUMC Video Productions

HOLY COMMUNION

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8

This is the Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON "The Vine and the Branches"

Pastor Cheol

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND CELEBRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE

PRAYERS AND CELEBRATIONS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Gracious God, we worship you as the source of life. Grant that we always abide in your Son Jesus Christ, the way, and the truth, and the life toward you. Help us to be united with each other in your love and grace, so that we can show evidence that the Christ our Lord is really risen and lives with us and leads people to the way of God's salvation. O God, hear our gifts of praise and confession and let this church resound with joy as we celebrate you. Let our hearts be open to your gift of forgiveness and grace. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Keveren

Dear God, we bring these gifts as symbols of our love for you and for one another. We pray God's blessing on these gifts, and pray that we may be blessed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and loving witnesses of the gospel. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE LEAVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SONG OF HOPE "Nobody" sung/recorded by Casting Crowns
RUMC Video Productions

BENEDICTION

Go forth, abiding in God's love. Go forth, claiming your identity as beloved children of God. Go forth, to share the good news with all you meet.

THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT LEADS US OUT INTO THE WORLD.




Today is the last day to participate in Church World Services Mother's Day Blanket Drive. Checks can be made out to RUMC or CWS and marked "blankets." If you would like to make a dedication please list the name of the person to be honored and indicate whether it is "in honor of" or "in memory of." Dedications on Mother's Day, May 9.
Thank you,
Missions Committee

<u>This Week at RUMC:</u>			
Sunday	5/2/21	10:00am	Online service (available all day)
		11:00 m	Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary
Wednesday	5/5/21	9:00am	In-person fellowship time following service
Thursday	5/6/21	7:00pm	GOM
Sunday	5/9/21	10:00am	Worship Committee (Zoom)
			Worship Service in Church and online
			Mother's Day

Would you like to participate in a worship service? We would love to have you take part in an online or in-person service, as liturgist, greeter or acolyte

Let us know if you would like to participate by emailing our Worship Chairman, Nat Woodruff at woodruff983@gmail.com or Pastor Cheol at starcheol@gmail.com.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Barbara Kent May 6

Kady Joy May 9