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Wow, It's almost impossible for me to believe that on Saturday, May 17th we packaged over 14,000 meals and less than a week later we received the information below that our meals have been shipped to Panama. By this point, our meals have most likely reached their final destination, and are feeding 1500 students in six elementary schools and one high school. Through our generosity, we will feed these students for more than 9 days. As a frame of reference, Rockville High School has approximately 1000 students, so imagine feeding every RHS student for 14 days. I'm hoping that everyone enjoyed the experience and that we can rally for next year's (even bigger and better) event. In closing, I am often overwhelmed but never surprised at the generosity of my RUMC sisters and brothers in Christ.

-Dave Joy



Friends of Stop Hunger Now,

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your respective meal packaging events have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our New England warehouse to Panama. If this is your second notification email it simply means that a portion of your meals have gone to impact multiple programs.

This shipment is being sent through Reach Now International.

This shipment is being sent through Reach Now International to their partner Fundacion Castillo Del Ray in Panama. Fundacion Castillo Del Ray is a nonprofit organization that provides meals to six elementary schools and one high school throughout Panama. In these schools, Foundation Castillo Del Ray feeds more than 1,500 students on a daily basis. This food also will help the schools to allocate resources to improve their infrastructure, enhance teaching tools and provide clothing for the students.

Visit www.stophungernow.org for more information on how to continue your involvement in the fight against hunger and follow us on Facebook for updates, videos and photos from the field.

Thank you for generously donating your time, energy and financial assistance as a volunteer with Stop Hunger Now. We are sincerely grateful for your dedication and for sharing our vision of a world without hunger.

Sincerely,

*Marc Vermouth
New England Program Manager | Stop Hunger Now*

Leadership has been on my mind as of late. What does it mean to be a good leader, an effective leader, a leader who embraces and invites the use of God-given gifts and who encourages transformation? Well, some of us have a rather old expectation of church leadership, something like this:

"All congregations know what kind of leader they want--the perfect one, the singular leader who, like Moses or Jesus, talks with God, inspires our confidence, tells us what to do, scolds us when necessary, reassures us when we're scared, teaches us how to be faithful, devotes his/her entire life to our needs, and, depending on the situation, parts water, walks on it, or turns it into wine.

But when you think about it, even though we like to focus all our attention on the pastor or rabbi as the singular "leader" of a congregation, congregational leadership is actually always collective, not singular. In a continual process of discernment, decision-making, praying, studying, and shared living, the faith leader and members together create the congregation. Sometimes they do a good job together and other times not so much, but each brings something to the table and each is responsible for the congregation's faithfulness."

Clearly, ministry in today's church is a collaborative effort. No one person can or should do it all. This actually isn't a new idea. Ministry has always been a collaborative, collective activity. We work together for the good of our mission and ministry. We work together to bring about a transformative experience in which God's Good News is shared and embraced both within the community of believers and beyond the church to those who are still searching and in need. How do we know this to be true? Well, in Luke 10, Christ ordains 70 of his followers to go out *in pairs* to the surrounding towns to share the Good News of Christ's redeeming love with others. Not alone, but two by two. There's an important message for us here... we don't do this work of making disciples for Christ alone. It is a shared ministry.

As we move through this summer - a time of renewal and rest, as we anticipate our energies being directed to new ministries and new opportunities for outreach in the coming year, we are all encouraged to look for ways to work collaboratively with others both within and beyond our church body. The opportunities are there; the challenges are exciting and the hope for a renewed life together is energizing. We have a wonderful message to share - God does love us and wants each and every one of his beloved children to grow in faith and to have the most fulfilling life possible on this earth. We feel most fully human and alive when we know we are living in the way of the One who shared our humanity but gave us a glimpse of what it means to embrace our divine nature. With thoughts of summer, of rest, of relaxation and anticipation for a good autumn beginning, I am...

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Ricki



Children's Sunday is June 8th and our theme is "I Hunger and Thirst for the Lord"! We will celebrate our accomplishments over the past school year with awards and recognition, so please join us. (Bibles will be given in the fall, when we come back after summer break.) Donations of non perishable food items will be taken on Children's Sunday, and we will be asking everyone to make a monetary donation to support the Sunday school for the upcoming school year of 2014-2015. We have had a busy and successfully school year, so come and help us celebrate!

-Eileen

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

June 1—Sunday school class

June 8—Sunday school class

Children's Sunday during service

Vacation Bible School is coming on June 23—27!

VBS will be held at RUMC this year and registration forms are on the Sunday school bulletin board. Children 3 years old (potty trained) to completed 5th grade are eligible to attend. **Deadline to register is June 1.**



Can you volunteer? Are you retired, a teacher off for the summer, or working part-time? Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Mom or Dad, do you want to do something that is extraordinarily rewarding and will only take a week of your time: about 4 hours a day. Please consider volunteering for Vacation Bible School, we still have leadership and assistant roles that need to be filled or the program cannot happen (crafts, babysitting, music, bells, science, storytelling). Curriculum and training is provided. Get your feet wet and reap the benefits of making children smile, laugh and have fun when you teach them about their Christian faith.



RUMWomen's book discussion group will gather for our first meeting on **Monday, June 16th at 1 pm** at Ginny Wehrl's home at 195 Tracy Drive in Vernon. Our text is *Trusting God* by Sharon Jaynes, Gwen Smith and Mary Southerland. Please read Chapters 1 and 2 and complete "Now it's your turn" for discussion. If you are interested and haven't signed up as yet, please feel free to order the book and just show up!! Any questions, contact Judie Culy, 872-3122.



Prayer Requests

Our Church Family

Charlie & Lucy Maupin
 Pat Brandt & Juli Watrous
 Tim Arzt
 Felecia Gerardi
 Kathy Kentfield

Staci Rizner-daughter of
 Tami Rizner
 Bill Summers-Shirley
 Edward's nephew

Bereavements

Family and friends of
 Joseph King, Sr. (died 5/10)
 Family and friends of
 Harold Reed (died 5/26)

Special Needs

Joe DellaGrotte-cancer-friend of the
 Klingmans
 Roger & Alice LaChance-serious
 health issues-P. Cheveriea's
 brother & sister-in-law
 Sarah-daughter of Lou & Linda Furnas
 Vita Aiello-Manchester Hospital

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

Margaret Parker-Avery Heights
 Merrilee Thomas-home
 June Latkofsky-home
 Esther Harris-home
 Marilyn Barton-Woodlake
 Natalie Robertson-home
 Eleanor Schreiber-Crestfield
 Shirley Edwards-Emeritus
 Rose Rowe-Norah's Place
 Ken & June Guillow-home

Those in Service

Pastor Lorena & El Jabillo,
 our sister church in Nicaragua

*If you would like a candle
 lit for a prayer concern,
 please contact Lucy
 Maupin at 860-454-7798.
 Thank you.*

**To make a change to this
 prayer list, please contact the
 church office at
 875-6562 or
rumcoffice@sbcglobal.net**



Jack Wilkie	June 1
Lucas Beloff	June 4
Ernest Pearson	June 5
Camden McPeck	June 8
Helen Stambo	June 12
Joanne Stenger	June 13
Ricki Aiello	June 20
Wayne Badstuebner	June 20
Craig Stearns	June 20
Steve Yoder	June 21
Sean Chapman	June 29

Scholarships are available to attend Camp Aldersgate or Rolling Ridge Summer camps from the United Methodist Women. Please contact June Latkofsky at 860-871-7311.



Beginning June 15th

Worship Service

9:30 am

Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday

9 am-1 pm





June Worship Attendants

Greeters

June 1	Marie Pierce
June 8	Lin Arzt
June 15	Carol Macri
June 22	Joanne & Sara Stenger
June 29	Virginia Wehrli

Liturgists

June 1	Candy Sunderland
June 8	Children's Sunday
June 15	Available
June 22	George Klingman
June 29	Pete Schilling

Children's Message

June 1	Bridget Joy
June 8	Children's Sunday
June 15	Kathy Sunderland
June 22	Pastor Ricki
June 29	Available

Acolytes

June 1	Available
June 8	Available
June 15	Available
June 22	Available
June 29	Available

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

June 1	Eileen Gay
June 8	Ross
June 15	Worship Committee
June 22	Wilkie
June 29	Steve Yoder

Altar Flowers

June 1	Available
June 8	Bill & Joy Pikor
June 15	Alicia Rodriguez & family
June 22	Candy Sunderland
June 29	Available

June 1

Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH)
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

June 15

Genesis 1:1-2, 4a
 Psalm 8 (UMH)
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

June 8

Acts 2:1-12
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH)
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 7:37-39

June 22

Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (UMH)
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

June 29

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13 (UMH)
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

Food Donations



A total of 61 items were donated to the Tri-Town Pantry since the May Newsletter was published. The "Greatest Needed Foods" for the month of June are: peanut butter, jelly and graham crackers.

-Suzanne Bird

Quote of the Month

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."

-Jim Valvano



My family and I want to extend our sincere thanks for the love and support we received following Harry's passing. The cards, phone calls, memorial donations and attendance at Harry's celebration of life were greatly appreciated.

We are so grateful for our church family who helped us through this difficult time.

Blessings to all,

Barbara Milanese



Minutes from Church Council Meeting May 18, 2014

Attendees: Pete Schilling, Ricki Aiello, Phyllis King, George Klingman, Janice Klingman, Karen Schilling, Eileen Gay, Candy Sunderland, Allison Corne, Don Ross, Geoff Gerow, Dave Joy, Bridget Joy, Mel Bacha, Judie Culy and Stan Culy.

Meeting began at 12:44 pm. Pete led devotions based on 1 Corinthians 12.

MISSIONS (Dave Joy)- Stop Hunger Now was a great success with the 14,000 meals we packaged going to Panama. The Mother's Day Blankets netted \$650. Father's Day Tools for Hope will begin on June 1. The weekly food collection needs to be revisited and a shopping cart needs to be obtained to collect food donations during service. Also need to revisit making the congregation aware of where our Mission Shares are going.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Eileen Gay)- The June 8th Children's Sunday theme is "I Thirst and Hunger for the Lord" and there will be a food collection June 1st and June 8th for local children who won't have access to food this summer. The decision was made to give bibles at the beginning of the school year in September, not at Children's Sunday so they don't sit on a shelf all summer. Janice asked why the Christian Education Committee hasn't met with Eileen to offer their help. Eileen stated that she is not a good delegator, but will call upon them in the future. Geoff asked what happened to "Take a Book, Leave a Book" project, and Eileen said she hasn't had a chance to put it together.

VISITATION & NURTURE (Judie Culy)- the group focuses on the "We Care List", sending out cards and visiting the shut-ins etc. There are 6-8 people on the committee, but would encourage anyone who wants to take initiative to go visit and let the committee know.

WORSHIP (Carol Robbins)- given by Bridget. Nursery clean up has been done. Alpha program going well, great participation, meals provided, helps bring people out. Lenten Cross-put a note in bulletin describing what we are doing and why. Passion/Palm Sunday-move Lenten Cross part of the service to middle of service, in line with Palm Sunday moving into Passion. Mothers Day-Carol ordered carnations and kids will give out to ladies at the door. Children's Sunday-children running service, Ricki will follow up with Eileen. Father's Day-service time change, Carol Ross will host a special coffee hour for Father's Day with help of Worship Committee. Weekly Food Donation-wait for Dave Joy to approach Carol again. Communion-Carol will follow up with Mel about assigning attendants, Mel brought bread that worked fine. Junior Bell Choir-Norine concerned about lack of attendance, older kids think its babyish, will readdress in the fall. Greeters-Jerrie Kirby is getting greeters for Bridget every month. Rally Sunday/Back to Church Sunday-Pete wants to use Rally Sunday as "Come Back" Sunday, welcoming people back. Would use Alpha group to recruit people for next Alpha. Pete discussed being a more invitational church. Ricki is thinking about changing up services, she like a musical program she saw at another church. Worship will meet again in mid August. Bridget asked if Children's Message would continue through the summer since there isn't Children's Church. Ricki said that someone would "fill in" if there happen to be children or a new family in service.

SPRC (Sherry Pearson)- given by Bridget. SPRC met on March 18th, focusing on simplifying and standardizing our evaluation forms. April meeting was canceled and next meeting is May 20th when they should be able to finish the evaluation forms.

PASTOR (Ricki Aiello)- met with Candy and Pete about our direction. Stop Hunger Now had a vision and a goal, and provided outreach to other churches. Ricki passed out article, "3 Reactions to Church Decline". 1. Denial-refusing to accept what is happening. 2. Paralysis-recognize the problem, but fear change of any kind. 3. Change-embrace the change and tend to look forward. Ricki proposes we develop a Leadership Team that would focus their energy on what the vision of the church should be. The team would create a plan to propose to Council. Ricki made a motion of establishing a Leadership Team, Geoff seconded. Dave asked how is this any different than the Church Council meetings. Ricki said Council reports on what committees have done. Council could meet monthly and alternate discussing business and discussing visioning. Karen said we should narrow our focus with a group just dealing with visioning. Janice agrees. Judy said we should develop a Worship team, changing up the worship service. The vote was taken and was unanimously in favor.

COUNCIL CHAIR (Pete Schilling)- Rally Day Sunday/Back to Church Sunday-extend an invite to everyone in the directory. Last year we had 100 people attend. This year it could be 150, date will be Sept. 14th. Alpha- Eileen and Mike Gay supplied the food for Alpha; need to expand our search in the fall. We need to become invitational and Alpha attendees need to reach out and ask outside people to come in the fall. Janice wants her Wednesdays back for Bell Choir rehearsals. Pete said they can meet in the music room while Alpha meets.

Minutes from Church Council Meeting May 18, 2014 (continued)

OUTREACH/GIFT5 (Geoff Gerow)- RUMC Finance and Stewardship Update report: GIFT5 consists of: Goal-5: every committee chair share 5 goals with Church Council; Invite-5: Each leader invite 5 new people to attend; Find-5: Each leader provides 5 new ideas for RUMC to build on; Tell-5: Each committee finds and witnesses 5 stories of how Christ Is Alive at RUMC. Ideas have been to have a worship service in the Community, reach out to people to participate in Stop Hunger Now. Submit your goals to the Leadership Team that can follow through on this. Geoff would like to implement a "Planting Good Seeds" Project where you do a good deed for someone, e.g. buy the table next to you dinner, make a meal for a new neighbor etc. And present them with the card. They should add their signature to the card (should already have two signatures on it) and pass it along or return it. If it gets mailed back to RUMC KidSafe will receive \$5 for every signature. Geoff would like to execute this over the summer and needs help launching it. Dave volunteered to help put it on the website, Janice said she would help with the cards. Eileen volunteered to donate her salary towards it to fund it. Dave will create a special email address so people can send in their stories. Leap of Faith theme for 2014 is "Up". It will kick off on October 19th and the Harvest Supper/Leap of Faith Concert will be November 1st.

TRUSTEES (Don Ross)- the Trustees met April 3 and May 5. The special offering in April to help with the snow removal bill exceeded the amount and the surplus was turned over to the general budget. The CD recorder has been replaced and we have begun recording services again. Norm Andrews daughters, Holly and Susan, gave us permission to use Norm's memorial funds to pay for it. A plaque has been installed on the console and the system was dedicated in today's service. This is Grove Street Preschool's last week. The furnishings and supplies have been reviewed by Eileen Gay, Don Corne and Brenda Mlodzinski as well as Svetlana Grishtaev from Vernon Adult Ed as to what we will keep. The preschool will donate the rest to charity. The Vernon Adult Ed Director, Carl Mandell, signed an agreement with the Trustees to use our facility 3 days a week (Tues-Thurs) from 11:30 am-3:30pm starting in September to May for \$5400. If they receive a grant for a summer session they will contact us. The office fax machine and cost of maintaining a dedicated line far exceeds the benefit. Over 90% of incoming faxes were junk mail. Canceling the second line will save the church \$440 a month. The Meditation Garden Committee received an estimate from Lori Spielman Landscaping to install the basic garden (without plantings) for \$10,000-\$12,000. Significantly less than Garden Barn. The Meditation Garden fund is currently at slightly less than \$5000. The Trustees believe it is in the best interest of the congregation to continue with installation of the garden. The Trustees would like permission from Church Council to approach families of larger undesignated funds to fund the remaining \$7000 needed to complete Phase 2. The congregation would then be approached for purchasing engraved stones, plantings and benches etc. Don Ross made a motion to be allowed to approach members with undesignated memorial funds to help fund the Meditation Garden. Dave Joy seconded. It was voted unanimously in favor. Pastor Ricki and Norine Veal have agreed to personally approach these family members to seek the funds.

TREASURER (George Klingman)- We have a \$1,422 unpaid obligation to Mission Shares. We also have a \$5000 shortfall in operating expenses for the church. Don Ross proposed that we take \$591.92 of Youth Group funds, leaving \$100, and move it to the general budget. It was voted unanimously in favor.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (Allison Corne)- Statements will be distributed every 4 months. Pledges are \$2115 behind. \$600 is timing; 6 units are behind and 8 have yet to contribute. They will receive a statement also.

FINANCE (Geoff Gerow)- \$3000 of the Contingency Fund has been used. George has been authorized to use the fund to pay bills as necessary. Geoff made a motion to continue to use contingency fund when needed. Allison seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. \$8700 is left in the contingency fund.

Janice Klingman—the Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 7:30 pm. The Holiday Concert will be Sunday, December 21st at 5 pm. Janice is stepping down as Bell Choir Director and is looking for someone to take her place.

Next council meeting will be Sept. 21st.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Joy

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS+

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY BY GIVING HOPE

Your gift of \$5.00, given to **CWS BLANKETS+**, makes a difference in the lives of children and adults around the world. **CWS BLANKETS+**, a program of Church World Service, provides us an opportunity to help people around the world who struggle against poverty and powerlessness.

CWS Blankets+ come in many shapes and sizes:

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On **Father's Day, June 15**, **CWS BLANKETS+** invites you to remember a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, or son by giving a gift of \$5.00. Tools Of Hope cards to honor someone special will be available in Fellowship Hall on the following Sundays: **June 1 and June 8.**

Father's Day "TOOLS OF HOPE"

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to Rockville United Methodist Church

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Signed _____

(Orders will be accepted through June 8)



Return Service
Requested

Rockville United Methodist Church

Adult Study 9:15 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:45 am
Office Hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday

Summer Hours begin June 15th
Worship Service 9:30 am
Office Hours 9am-1pm Tuesday-Friday

Coffee & Fellowship follow the worship service
Nursery Care is available for children 4 and under.

Our Mission Statement

Rockville United Methodist Church is a people seeking to be faithful to God; by reaching out to all, inviting each to a relationship with God, nurturing each in the love of Jesus Christ and sending everyone back into the world to minister in God's name.



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