



The Cookie Booth will be getting an early start baking this year for the Holiday Bazaar on **November 16**. Therefore, we welcome early donations of the following ingredients....**all purpose flour, granulated sugar, light brown sugar, confectioner's (10X) sugar, coconut, shelled pecans, semi-sweet chocolate chips, white chocolate chips, vanilla, powdered cocoa, boxes of round Thin Mints, candied cherries, maraschino cherries, creamy peanut butter, and red hots.** Donated items may be put in the box in the kitchen marked "Cookie Booth." We also ask that all donated items be unopened. If you have any questions or would like to help at the Bazaar, please contact Co-Chairmen Lorraine White (860 872-2787) or Carol Ross (860 875-0616).

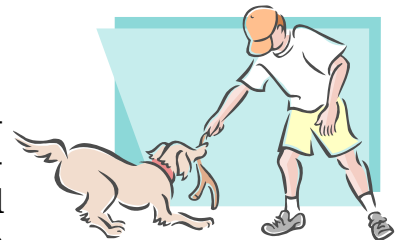
National Night Out was a worthwhile undertaking. For me, the highlight was when a woman came to thank us for the prayers for her son last year. He was desperately ill and no one had found the cause. One week after our prayers (as well as those of other people) the cause was found and treated. He is now well. I found it heartwarming that she thanked us. We had many people stop at our table and it was so pleasant. I feel that having prayer requests gives people an opportunity which makes people realize that we can help them. It was a really busy night. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Phyllis King

Can You Teach An Old Dog New Tricks?

by Stan Culy

The older we get, the more important that question becomes. Is it too late to learn things about life, about ourselves, about our faith, etc.? A few weeks ago, a small group of people who had attended various classes in the church during the past year, met in the church library to brainstorm some ideas for the future. It was a Roundtable of Adult Learners and we came up with a questionnaire which was passed out during the last two Sundays of August. As this newsletter goes to press, the Roundtable will meet on August 29th to review those questionnaires and formulate some options to study for the coming year. Keep on the look-out for future announcements.



September...how did that happen? But, here we are...at the start of a new Church year and this year there is a promise of good things about to occur. First and foremost, we have a new Director of Christian Education, Eileen Gay. She comes with new ideas and a fresh approach to our Christian Education ministry and with tons of energy and enthusiasm for the task ahead. Once again, God's timing has proved to be much better than mine. Though it took nearly two years to find the right person to take on this important ministry, God provided and gave us someone just right for our church and our children.

In addition, Stan Culy has enthusiastically taken on the task of polling our adult community and seeking input into what we might offer in the way of Christian Education for those over the age of 18 and up. Christian Education is vital at all ages; there is so much more to learn about our God and how God relates to us and invites us to relate to others. We never really graduate from God's School. I've always loved to study God's Word and to apply God's Word to my life while helping others find ways to apply it in their lives too. The very first time I really picked up the Bible to read it, I was hooked. It is so much more than just a series of letters and prophecies and songs and stories. It is not only about God; it is about us too and the more we study scripture, the more we learn how and why God loves us. I invite everyone to find a class sometime during the year and catch the wave of excitement and curiosity learning about God can bring.

There are plans ahead for Stewardship and for Mission. We also have a date for *JesusFest*, which is November 9th. Phyllis King is our coordinator for this event; so if you have any questions, don't hesitate to give her a call and ask. Also, we are actively involved in the Vernon Community Network with two people – Judie Culy and Pete Schilling – serving as our representatives.

It's going to be a good year and it all starts with ***Rally Day Sunday*** on September 8th. Come join us. Worship with us. Stay after the service to share a time of fellowship, food and fun as we kick off our church year. Bring a dish to share and enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers cooked perfectly by our own chefs. And remember, Jitters Café opens on September 8th too. Charlie and Lucy Maupin, our host and hostess, invite you to come and have a sweet and a cup of coffee served during Church School time.

I look forward to another year of exciting and new ministry and sharing it all with all of you.

Blessings,

Pastor Ricki



I am so happy to take on the role of Director of Christian Education. As we kick off our 2013-2014 Church school year, I am looking forward to getting to know each child, each parent, and every family. My goal is to make the children want to come to Sunday school every week. I want the children to grow and learn with Christ. I am hoping that as the children grow, so will their desire to seek out the good works of the Lord and put what they learned into use throughout their daily lives. I really want you, their parents, to feel free to contact me anytime if you are happy about what your children are learning and bringing home. If you are not happy about anything that is going on at Sunday school, please let me know. We will be doing some things that may be different than the way it was always done before, but give me a chance and we will be doing some things the way it was always done. Sometimes you can not improve on Greatness! I will be sending out letters to all families of Sunday school age in the next week to let you know what to expect for the coming year, until then, please seek me out and say HI.

-Eileen Gay

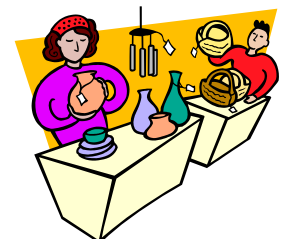
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

1st Day of Sunday School/Rally Day Picnic
Sunday, September 8



Harvest Supper and
Leap of Faith Concert
Saturday, November 2

Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 16



Prayer Requests

Our Church Family

Charlie & Lucy Maupin
Pat Brandt & Juli Watrous
Tim Arzt
Warren & Eleanor Schreiber
Ken & June Guillow
Judy Wilkie
Bill Pikor
Barbara Tourtelotte

Staci Rizner-daughter of
Tami Rizner
Bill Summers-Shirley
Edward's nephew
Billy McLellan—Eleanor
Schreiber's son

Bereavements

Special Needs

Roy Jenkins-fighting leukemia
-friend of Amy Nagy
Alan Lessoff-stepson of Sue Lessoff
Dan Reynolds-terminal cancer-
neighbor of Phyllis King
Joe DellaGrotte-cancer-friend of the
Klingmans
Doris Hollister-mini-stroke-Phyllis
King's sister
Jim Beley-recovering from surgery-
Phyllis King's daughter's
partner
Jay—Brother-in-law of Karen Perras

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

Those in nursing homes, Assisted Living and with limited mobility

Margaret Parker- Welles Village
Merrilee Thomas—home
June Latkofsky-home
Peter & Janet McKercher—home
Rose Rowe-home
Warren & Eleanor Schreiber-home
Esther Harris-home
Marilyn Barton-Woodlake

Those in Service

Pastor Lorena & El Jabillo,
our sister church in Nicaragua

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



Alice Campbell	September 3
Marilyn Barton	September 4
Sylvia Lanz-Matthews	September 4
Janet McKercher	September 6
Andrew Velasquez	September 6
Nicolas Velasquez	September 6
Allison Corne	September 10
Caleb McPeck	September 10
Rose Goldich	September 12
Dorothy Willis	September 20
Matt Stearns	September 22
Sharon Robbins	September 24
Joy Pikor	September 25
Jacob Gerow	September 26
Phyllis King	September 29



Logan Benton Paulson

June 6, 2013

Noah Anthony Rodriguez

July 14, 2013

Ayliana & Analese Branon

July 21, 2013



September Worship Attendants

September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13
 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (UMH)
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH)
 Philemon 1-21
 Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
 Psalm 14 (UMH)
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
 Psalm 79:1-9 (UMH)
 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH)
 1 Timothy 6:6-19
 Luke 16:19-31

Greeters

September 1	Carol Macri
September 8	Jerrie Kirby
September 15	Virginia Wehrli
September 22	Carole & Helen Stambo
September 29	Wayne & Donna Badstuebner

Liturgists

September 1	Joy Pikor
September 8	Ray Clark
September 15	Candy Sunderland
September 22	Pete Schilling
September 29	Mel Bacha

Children's Message

September 1	Available
September 8	Pastor Ricki
September 15	Wayne Badstuebner
September 22	Pastor Ricki
September 29	Bridget Joy

Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour

September 1	Pearson
September 8	Rally Day Picnic
September 15	Lessoff
September 22	Maupin
September 29	Eileen Gay

Altar Flowers

September 1	Ward
September 8	McKercher
September 15	Arzt
September 22	King
September 29	King

Food Donations



A total of 125 items were donated to the Tri-Town Pantry since the July/August Newsletter was published. The "Greatest Needed Foods" for the months of September are: boxes of pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruit.

-Sue Bird

Quote of the Month

"As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in schools."

~Author Unknown

Society of St. Andrew Thank You

This summer we received this thank you from the Society of St. Andrew:

"Thank you for your gift of \$131.00 we received in June. Your gift helps the Society of St. Andrew's Potato Project salvage tractor-trailer loads of potatoes for distribution to agencies across the nation that are feeding the America's hungry children and adults. The Society of St. Andrew continues to work diligently to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to all our hungry brothers and sisters and your prayers and financial support make that possible."

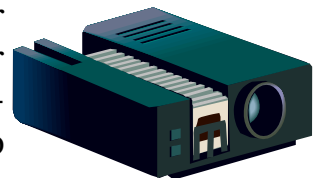
New Multimedia Equipment in Our Sanctuary and in Fellowship Hall

Overview: Our New England Conference -United Methodist has given us \$5,000 through the "Together for Tomorrow" program in support of our multimedia initiative for Fellowship Hall and our sanctuary. This represents approximately half of the cost of the equipment and its installation.



Sanctuary: A new, brighter LCD projector and an eight foot wide screen have been permanently mounted at the front, pulpit side of our sanctuary. From the rear corner we can show photo shows, video clips, PowerPoint and DVD movies with the audio powered through the current sound system. The new equipment allows maximum use and flexibility with minimum setup time.

Fellowship Hall: In the past we utilized a classroom projector and guitar amplifier for the occasional presentation and larger size meetings. Today, we have a permanently mounted projector and sound system to show slides, videos, and other laptop media. In addition, we installed a live camera in the sanctuary which allows viewing of the services on the large screen in Fellowship Hall. Also, videos shown on the Sanctuary screen can be simultaneously seen in Fellowship Hall.



With the upgrade to Fellowship Hall, we hope to encourage civic and other groups to use our hall for meetings and conference during week days. Also, this may help us discover opportunities to better serve the neighborhood in our corner of Vernon.

September 22 Sunday Service: Come and experience the new sights and sounds when we premier this equipment during and following our worship service.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Holiday Bazaar is quickly approaching. **SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, November 16th from 9 am until 2 pm.**

The bazaar has a long standing history in our church, and is an event that provides something for everyone. People are needed to make, donate and sell items, help set-up and dismantle booths, and assist in the kitchen with the luncheon.

(I'm very happy to report that we already have a luncheon chair, Gretchen Hutton). We hope that you will join in the spirit of this event and volunteer your time and talents to help make this year's bazaar a success. Once again, I look forward to an awesome, fun-filled bazaar with your help. Watch for sign up sheets to be posted on the bulletin boards for the luncheon and food items needed. Any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Candy Sunderland, 860-463-5430.

ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Rockville United Methodist Church Women met on Tuesday, August 27, at 1 pm at Mitchell's Restaurant. 15 were in attendance including Pastor Ricki, who we assured was part of our group!!

Meeting was led by Judie Culy. Distributed was an updated "We Care" list. Sign up sheets were available for the following opportunities (I will put the sheets up on the bulletin board at Church in case you might like to sign up):

Fall-winter reading program, using the book, Trusting God by Sharon Jaynes, Gwen Smith and Mary Southerland—8 persons signed up. Books can be ordered on line or let me know and I will order you one.

DVD and discussion using Joyce Meyer TV material, five Friday's beginning October 11, 11-noon at Felecia Gerardi's home, 2 Woodland Trail, Ellington.

"A Day Apart" – getting out of Vernon to a quiet place for fellowship, discussion, lunch, whatever—15 persons signed up. Plans in process, probably in the Spring of 2014.

We actually elected two officers: Judie Culy, President and Secretary and June Latkofsky, Treasurer--Trusting that others will step up as the need arises for planning, etc.

June reported that there was a balance of \$2,486.94. All commitments are up to date. We gave two scholarships for Camp Aldersgate this year: Billy Spivey and Dalton Sunderland. We will publicize this opportunity for scholarships in the Spring, hoping more persons will take advantage of the help. Any spiritual related activity would qualify. June is the person to see.

Candy Sunderland, our Holiday Bazaar Chairperson, reported that things were moving right along for our November 16th bazaar. Please feel free to volunteer. This is one of our opportunities to reach out to the community. Carol Ross and Lorraine White will be baking cookies and will be asking for donations of ingredients very soon: sugar, flour, pecans, chocolate chips, etc. A box will be in the kitchen.

Norine Veal gave us a report on the Memorial Garden that we were all interested in. Right now things are still very much in the planning stage.

Joy Pikor spoke about our Church Library, reminding us that there are many books available and she would welcome more current books to the collection.

We always ponder over "how to get the younger women involved." One idea was to meet in someone's home for fellowship and a meal and some discussion. Any ideas?

Sylvia Yoder encouraged cooperating with the Missions Committee on "food packing" as discussed and we will discuss this possibility with Dave Joy. The program is called *Stop Hunger Now*.

Also discussed was a request from the New England Conference United Methodist Women for us to host their Annual Meeting in October of 2014. Details were discussed. We tentatively agreed to this after having various questions that came up in the meeting were discussed. (After the meeting Judie called the contact person, asked the questions and it looks like we could do this.) The date would be Saturday, October 18, 2014 and we need all of our church family to pull it off!! I will send more detailed data to the group attending to get affirmation before totally committing us.

Devotions began by singing, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" followed by a prayer ended the meeting. We do so need to keep in mind that we can do nothing without God's support.

Respectfully submitted, *Judie Culy*

Conference-wide Reading Suggestions

During Annual Conference 2013, Bishop Devadhar invited the conference members to read one of the following three books (or all of them) if possible. During his Episcopal Address, the Bishop suggested that "reading these will help facilitate important conversations on what we are called to be in this present age. These books challenge us to understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to demonstrate that leadership to "serve the present age" as Charles Wesley expressed it in one of his hymns."

The books are:

When "Spiritual but Not Religious" is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church, by Lillian Daniel (Jericho Books, 2013). This is a humorous and sincere book about people finding God in the most unexpected places: prisons, airports, yoga classes, committee meetings, and, strangest of all, right there in church.

Building a Discipling Culture - How to Release a Missional Movement by Discipling People Like Jesus Did, by Mike Breen and Steve Cockram (3 Dimension Ministries, 2011). This is a guide to overcoming our discipleship problem by making missional disciples like those we find in Scripture.

The Missional Journey, by Robert E. Logan (ChurchSmart, 2013). This book invites the church to be missional and dedicates a chapter showing how John Wesley gives us the greatest example of how to go about doing it.

In addition, Rev. Lillian Daniel ("Spiritual but Not Religious" author) is our 2014 Annual Conference honored guest and speaker. The 2014 Annual Conference sessions will be held June 11-14, 2014 at Gordon College.

Take me out to the ballgame? On **Sunday, September 22nd**, Pete Schilling will lead our service and start his morning message talking about **baseball**.

With a sermon entitled "Is This Heaven?" could Pete be thinking about our Red Sox team now ranked #1 in the American League East? Come and find out.

Pete will be using our new video equipment which will be dedicated in this morning service.



UPDATE ON 2013 GOOD FRIDAY WALK



Again, our thanks to all who participated in any way to bring about our most successful walk. To date, **\$13,349** has been collected--\$4,333 of that amount went to our Tri-Town Shelter. The rest to Sharing, Inc. for supported entities in Alabama and Mississippi. Looking forward to your participation in next year's Walk. Save the date for the next walk: **Friday, April 18, 2014.**

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

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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