



Rectortown Reporter

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From *the Pastor* Go and Make Disciples

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20



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Scripture of the month

"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

—Jesus

Matthew 28:20

I love history and visiting historical places I have never been to before. While in High School, I even considered becoming a history teacher. I believe teaching history can help us better understand who we are and our society. Recently, I went to Manassas to tour the Battle of Bull Run. Shortly after the American Civil War, in



Union Memorial for soldiers that died at Battle of First Bull Run. Located on Henry Hill at Manassas, VA.

June 1865, Union troops built two obelisks "In Memory of the Patriots" who had died during the battles. These were the first monuments built after the war.

Jesus also instructed His disciples after His resurrection on top of a mountain. He states all authority has been given to Him "in heaven and on earth..." The disciples are commissioned as The Apostles, and they are to make more disciples. Jesus makes

it clear that the multiplication of followers, would be His disciples, and not the disciples of each Apostle: Peter, James, John, etc. They were Jesus' disciples, and they were to be taught everything Jesus taught the Apostles. I find this humbling as I found I want to be remembered at times for being a "good" teacher, but that isn't what is important. Pointing others to living out following Jesus is all that matters. This causes me to think of the song, "Cornerstone" by Hillsong United (see colored lyrics). These words remind me of the centrality of Jesus in every aspect of life. Jesus also promises to be with us to the end of the age, through every storm in life. Even when we are forgotten, Jesus' name will be praised, and His disciples will be changing the world!

*"Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all"*

Let us pray.
Almighty God,

We thank you for Jesus and His words of life. Lord, help us to continue to teach others and to care for them. You are with us through every single storm in life. We lift up your Holy Name, One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

— Pastor Jonathan

APRIL SCRIPTURE PLAN

Day	Date	Gospel Lesson
91	April 1	Judges 4-5; Psalm 60; Acts 23
92	Apr. 2	Judges 6-7; Psalm 61; Acts 24
93	Apr. 3	Judges 8-9; Psalm 62; Acts 25
94	Apr. 4	Judges 10-11; Psalm 63; Acts 26
95	Apr. 5	Judges 12-13; Psalm 64; Acts 27
96	Apr. 6	Judges 14-15; Psalm 65; Acts 28
97	Apr. 7	Judges 16-17; Psalm 66; John 1
98	Apr. 8	Judges 18-19; Psalm 67; John 2
99	Apr. 9	Judges 20-21; Psalm 68; John 3
100	Apr. 10	Ruth 1-2; Psalms 69; John 4
101	Apr. 11	Ruth 3-4; Psalm 70; John 5
102	Apr. 12	1 Samuel 1-2; Psalm 71; John 6
103	Apr. 13	1 Samuel 3-4; Psalm 72; John 7
104	Apr. 14	1 Samuel 5-6; Deuteronomy 1; John 8
105	Apr. 15	1 Samuel 7-8; Deuteronomy 2; John 9
106	Apr. 16	1 Samuel 9-10; Deuteronomy 3; John 10
107	Apr. 17	1 Samuel 11-12; Deuteronomy 4; John 11
108	Apr. 18	1 Samuel 13-14; Deuteronomy 5; John 12
109	Apr. 19	1 Samuel 15-16; Deuteronomy 6; John 13
110	Apr. 20	1 Samuel 17-18; Deuteronomy 7; John 14
111	Apr. 21	1 Samuel 19-20; Deuteronomy 8; John 15
112	Apr. 22	1 Samuel 21-22; Deuteronomy 9; John 16
113	Apr. 23	1 Samuel 23-24; Deuteronomy 10; John 17
114	Apr. 24	1 Samuel 25-26; Deuteronomy 11; John 18
115	Apr. 25	1 Samuel 27-28; Deuteronomy 12; John 19
116	Apr. 26	1 Samuel 29-30; Deuteronomy 13; John 20
117	Apr. 27	1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 1; Deuteronomy 14; John 21
118	Apr. 28	2 Samuel 2-3; Deuteronomy 15; Mark 1
119	Apr. 29	2 Samuel 4-5; Deuteronomy 16; Mark 2
120	Apr. 30	2 Samuel 6-7; Deuteronomy 17; Mark 3

Serving God through
Prayer, Action, and
Love through Service

Samaritan's Purse News: Celebrating God's Faithfulness

God did incredible things through Operation Christmas Child this past year. Over 9.3 million shoebox gifts were collected in the U.S. during National Collection Week—the most ever! Our worldwide total was over 10.5 million boxes, which included the 200 millionth shoebox packed since the project began in 1993. That special gift was lovingly placed in the hands of an 8-year-old orphan girl in Ukraine. This remarkable year wouldn't have been possible without partners like you who packed the shoeboxes. Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and especially for your prayers.

Thanks to Tommy Ann Kirkpatrick for sharing this.

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Rectortown friends forever: Roxie, Butch, Eileen, Shirley, and Muggie together at RUMC March 19, 2023!

Thanks to Diane Harrington for sending this photo.

RUMC wants to know...

If you have any photos from our events, news or recipes you'd like to share, please e-mail Laura@NatsukoGraphicDesign.com by the 15th.



Middleburg-Rectortown
Cooperative Parish
Special Lenten & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Join us in celebrating Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.

10:00 am Rectortown UMC Worship

11:30 am Middleburg UMC Worship

Holy Thursday, April 6th

Remembering Jesus' Last Supper with Holy Communion.

6:30 pm Worship @ Middleburg UMC

Good Friday, April 7th

Remembering Jesus' death upon the cross.

6:30 pm Worship @ Rectortown UMC

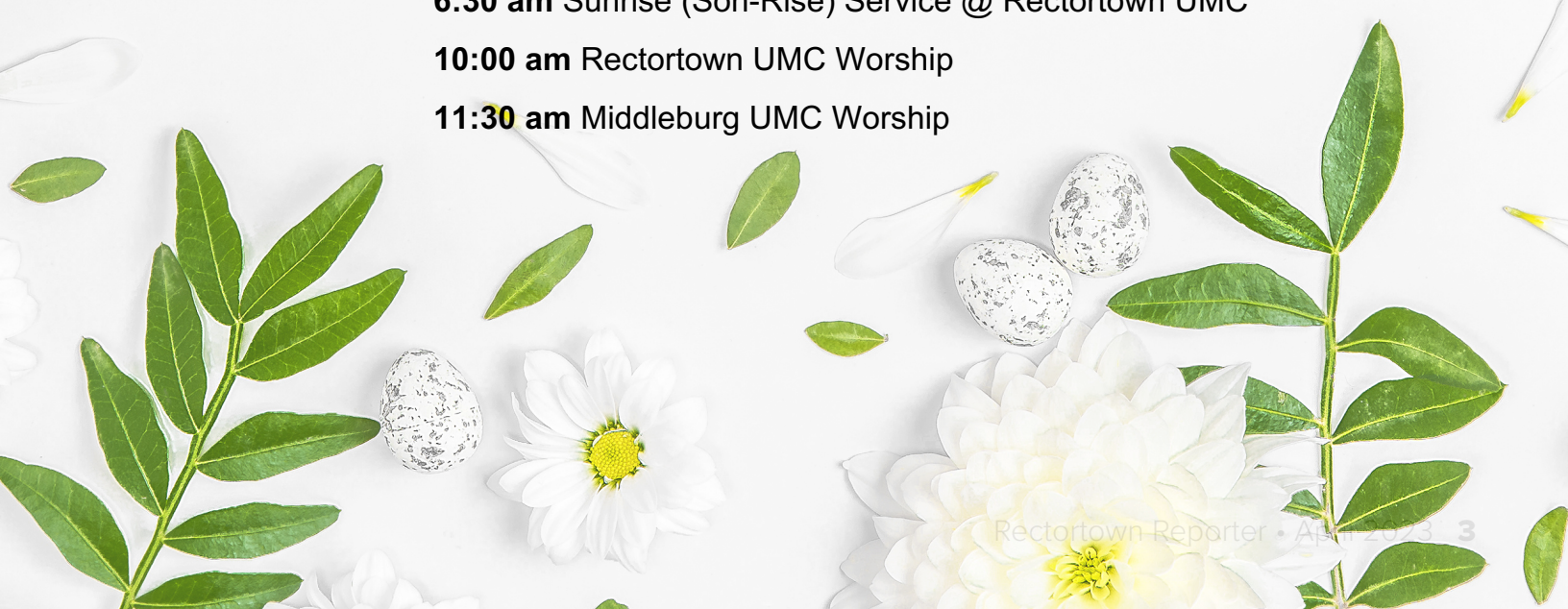
Easter Sunday, April 9th

Celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

6:30 am Sunrise (Son-Rise) Service @ Rectortown UMC

10:00 am Rectortown UMC Worship

11:30 am Middleburg UMC Worship





April Birthdays

William Deitrich	05	Linda Rose	20
Richard Thompson.....	06	Brandon Haley	23
Sandy Lowry.....	07	Dylan Hall	23
Ben Pisarcik.....	12	Larry Brown.....	24
Morgan Thomas.....	15	Amanda Crossen	25
Henry Symanski.....	17	Peyton Hall	30
Eileen Miller.....	18		

Anniversaries

James & Julie Massaro	2
Gary & Joann Garrett	10
Richard & Laura Thompson.....	11

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Sunday, April 2	10:00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Tuesday, April 4	4:00 pm	Nominations Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 6	6:30 pm at MUMC	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 7	6:30 pm at RUMC	Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 9	6:30 am at RUMC	Son Rise Service (<i>Continental breakfast follows</i>)
Sunday, April 9	10:00 am at RUMC	Easter Sunday Service
April 10-14		Pastor's Vacation
Tuesday, April 11	10:00 am	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 12	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
Sunday, April 16	6:30 pm via Zoom	Reading the Bible in a Year Journey
Tuesday, April 18	11:00 am	Fig Leaf Meeting
Monday, April 24	6:00 pm at MUMC and via Zoom	Joint Worship Committee Meeting
April 30	11:30 am at MUMC	Joint Worship Service - with Guest Speaker: Ellen Stamps , traveling aid to Corrie ten Boom

What are those scars, dear Jesus?
 What happened to your hands?
 I love You so, I want to know,
 Help me to understand.

Those scars you see, my children,
 They nailed me to the tree.
 'Twas then those scars were made for you.
 I died to set you free.

Thanks to Marsha Callwell for sharing this.



Journey Class

April 16, 2023

*Meets the Third Sunday
of each Month*

6:30 pm on Zoom

Our Mission Statement

*Serving God through Prayer,
Action, and Love through Service.*