



Rectortown Reporter

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From *the Pastor* How Majestic Is Your Name

Suggested Scripture Lesson: Psalm 8:1-9



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In March, I was able to trek up Raven Rocks Trail in Clark County. There I was able to sit on a vista and spend time with the Lord. At that time, I enjoyed the beauty of nature, which reminded me of the grandeur of the work God had done in making all of creation.



View from Raven Rocks Vista in Riverside, WV.

Psalm 8 was written with the inspiration of looking up at the sky above and the stars above. During this time away, I was able to sit in peace and journal.

There is a lot for us to gain in making the most of the coming of summer to slow down and take time to get away and listen to God. In the slower times get away from nature

and unplug. In these times, we can spend time in prayer and reading the scriptures. Jesus also spent a lot of time in prayer in remote places (Luke 5:16).

It is my hope that this summer when you are on vacation and things slow down that you will spend time with the Lord in prayer. I believe it is important to make the most of spending time with the Lord, especially if you can get out and enjoy some of the summer rays. Even a couple of hours in your backyard with lemonade is special. I pray you will find rest and renewal in this summer season.

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

We thank you for the majesty of the created order that you have made Lord. We pray that your peace and love will be revealed to us more with each passing day. We pray this in your Holy Name, One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

- Pastor Jonathan

JOIN US

**9:50 a.m. Sundays
for In-person
or Livestream Worship at
www.rectortownumc.org**

Scripture of the month

"LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is
your name in all
the earth!"

Psalm 8:1 NIV

242nd Homecoming at RUMC

Rectortown United Methodist Church welcomed friends and families to our Annual Homecoming, the 242nd year of worship. Our own Pastor Jonathan Lamb, who has served RUMC since July 2022, spoke used a theme of butterflies to talk about change. He also thanked the Harringtons and Muters for their efforts renovating the Social Hall presenting them with a small token of appreciation. Karen Chase and guest, Brian Thomas, played music during the service. Afterwards we feasted on fried chicken along with potluck sides and desserts.

Many thanks to all who cleaned, decorated, and worked so hard, to make this day extra special. And much love and appreciation to everyone who celebrated the day with our church family!

Madam Butterfly!



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>>> RUMC Homecoming 2023 photos



Thanks to Carl and Muggie for sharing photos for this newsletter

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Reflection on Ellen Stamps' Sermon April 30, 2023

by Pastor Jonathan Lamb

At our fifth Sunday worship service, Ellen Stamps shared her experience of working as a travel aid to Corrie Ten Boom for nine years. She began by noting Psalm 23, that the Lord is our Shepherd. We need a shepherd who can find us when we are lost. Corrie's family had committed themselves to helping Jewish people flee from the Holocaust. Corrie's family and Ellen's own family would feel lost in February 1944. German soldiers found out Corrie's family was hiding Jewish people and sent the Ten Boom Family to Concentration Camps. Ellen was only four-years-old in 1944 when her mother had to send Corrie and her siblings, to separate families to protect them. They were lost due to a situation that was out of their control.

Corrie and her family had to do hard labor for little food. One day, her little sister, Betsie fell, and the guards beat her. Corrie was so angry and swooped in to save her sister from the guards. However, Betsie looked up with her bloody face and told Corrie, "Don't hate." These words stuck in the mind of Corrie for the rest of her life. The Ten Boom Family always modeled how to live a godly life.

Ellen told another story about Corrie's father, Mr. Ten Boom, who was a clockmaker. One day his son accidentally dropped the queen of the Netherlands' clock which had been in their shop for repairs. When this

happened, instead of yelling at him, he made certain his son was cared for and had a glass of water, because he was empathetic. They fixed the queen's clock the following week.

Corrie's experience in the Concentration Camp made her wrestle with forgiveness. She had to forgive the guards who abused her and her family. Another such story involved Arthur, Corrie's little brother, whose food was taken by the guards. Their mama gladly gave her little son her own food and told him the guards were also hungry. She helped Arthur learn to forgive. Corrie thought while in the camps, "How can I forgive them?" She heard the Lord speak to her, "I will help you forgive this guard." Ellen went on to exhort us to ask, "How do we forgive?" Jesus' love is poured out in our Spirit. Something happens to us in our lives when we feel like we are in rubble. I believe she meant that when we are at our lowest, we are open to listening to God's voice in our lives. The Good Shepherd is calling you to go and help others.

God surprised Ellen, who planned on working as a nurse missionary in India. However, the Lord had another plan. She was connected with Corrie—now in her seventies—who needed someone to help care for her. Ellen's life was directly impacted by caring for Corrie Ten Boom. It was such a privilege to have Ellen Stamps share with us in worship.



June Birthdays

Kyle Peters..... June 1	Danielle Rininger June 17
Larry Underwood.....June 3	Joann Garrett June 17
Nathan KridlerJune 4	Tony Willis..... June 19
Debbie McLaughlinJune 8	Susan Haley..... June 20
Erika Harrington.....June 8	Debbie Hall..... June 21
Tammy Frazier.....June 8	Aimee Roberson June 22
Johvan Hackley.....June 9	Chet Walker June 23
Colin Hall June 13	Ethan Brown..... June 25
Linda Neish..... June 16	Alan Barbour June 29

Anniversaries

Diane & Jim HarringtonJune 3
Tammy & Todd Frazier June 12
Jeff & Lisa Pearson..... June 16
Jeff & Laura Symanski June 17
John & Rachel Crossen.... June 25

July Birthdays

Carla Ryder..... July 1	Kiki WegdamJuly 19
Rachael Harrington ... July 2	Roxie WillisJuly 19
Michelle Kroes..... July 5	Wade Rininger..... July 20
Hunter Brown..... July 6	Thomas HaleyJuly 21
Joshua McLaughlin ... July 6	Justin WillisJuly 21
Hazel Sisk July 6	Celeste Bergeron..... July 25
Cindy Stolte..... July 6	Lelia Muncy July 26
Jacqui Thomas July 6	Rachel Crossen July 27
Daniel HallJuly 16	Gavin Hall July 28
David Pearson..... July 17	Barbara Russell..... July 28
Kimberly Walkup..... July 17	McKenzie Pisarcik.... July 30
Parker HyltonJuly 19	

Anniversaries

Jess & Sue Lowry..... July 10
Ward & Carrie Ponn..... July 14



Pastor's Bible Study

Returns Noon Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Pastor Jonathan will be sharing a weekly You Tube Video on a particular chapter of the Bible. In July we will start a series on the New Testament letter of 1 John.

You can subscribe and follow Pastor Jonathan's Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9xozS-dgwWTZ-rR-iOnDjA>

The Channel is also called, "Jonathan Lamb" — it may take a moment to find there is a lot of Jonathan Lamb's in the world.

SUMMER 2023 SCRIPTURE READINGS

JUNE

Day	Date	Gospel Lesson
152	Thurs. June 1	2 Kings 24-25; Psalm 87; Matthew 19
153	Fri. June 2	1 Chronicles 1-2; Psalm 88; Matthew 20
154	Sat. June 3	1 Chronicles 3-4; Psalm 89; Matthew 21
155	Sun. June 4	1 Chronicles 5-6; Job 1; Matthew 22
156	Mon. June 5	1 Chronicles 7-8; Job 2; Matthew 23
157	Tues. June 6	1 Chronicles 9-10; Job 3; Matthew 24
158	Wed. June 7	1 Chronicles 11-12; Job 4; Matthew 25
159	Thurs. June 8	1 Chronicles 13-14; Job 5; Matthew 26
160	Fri. June 9	1 Chronicles 15-16; Job 6; Matthew 27
161	Sat. June 10	1 Chronicles 17-18; Job 7; Matthew 28
162	Sun. June 11	1 Chronicles 19-20; Job 8; Luke 1
163	Mon. June 12	1 Chronicles 21-22; Job 9; Luke 2
164	Tues. June 13	1 Chronicles 23-24; Job 10; Luke 3
165	Wed. June 14	1 Chronicles 25-26; Job 11; Luke 4
166	Thurs. June 15	1 Chronicles 27-28; Job 12; Luke 5
167	Fri. June 16	1 Chronicles 29; 2 Chronicles 1; Job 13; Luke 6
168	Sat. June 17	2 Chronicles 2-3; Job 14; Luke 7
169	Sun. June 18	2 Chronicles 4-5; Job 15; Luke 8
170	Mon. June 19	2 Chronicles 6-7; Job 16; Luke 9
171	Tues. June 20	2 Chronicles 8-9; Job 17; Luke 10
172	Wed. June 21	2 Chronicles 10-11; Job 18; Luke 11
173	Thurs. June 22	2 Chronicles 12-13; Job 19; Luke 12
174	Fri. June 23	2 Chronicles 14-15; Job 20; Luke 13
175	Sat. June 24	2 Chronicles 16-17; Job 21; Luke 14
176	Sun. June 25	2 Chronicles 18-19; Job 22; Luke 15
177	Mon. June 26	2 Chronicles 20-21; Job 23; Luke 16
178	Tues. June 27	2 Chronicles 22-23; Job 24; Luke 17
179	Wed. June 28	2 Chronicles 24-25; Job 25; Luke 18
180	Thurs. June 29	2 Chronicles 26-27; Job 26; Luke 19
181	Fri. June 30	2 Chronicles 28-29; Job 27; Luke 20

JULY

Day	Date	Gospel Lesson
182	Sat. July 1	2 Chronicles 30-31; Job 28; Luke 21
183	Sun. July 2	2 Chronicles 32-33; Job 29; Luke 22
184	Mon. July 3	2 Chronicles 34-35; Job 30; Luke 23
185	Tues. July 4	2 Chronicles 36; Ezra 1; Job 31; Luke 24
186	Wed. July 5	Ezra 2-3; Job 32; Acts 1
187	Thurs. July 6	Ezra 4-5; Job 33; Acts 2
188	Fri. July 7	Ezra 6-7; Job 34; Acts 3
189	Sat. July 8	Ezra 8-9; Job 35; Acts 4
190	Sun. July 9	Ezra 10; Nehemiah 1; Job 36; Acts 5
191	Mon. July 10	Nehemiah 2-3; Job 37; Acts 6
192	Tues. July 11	Nehemiah 4-5; Job 38; Acts 7
193	Wed. July 12	Nehemiah 6-7; Job 39; Acts 8
194	Thurs. July 13	Nehemiah 8-9; Job 40; Acts 9
195	Fri. July 14	Nehemiah 10-11; Job 41; Acts 10
196	Sat. July 15	Nehemiah 12-13; Job 42; Acts 11
197	Sun. July 16	Esther 1-2; Psalm 90; Acts 12
198	Mon. July 17	Esther 3-4; Psalm 91; Acts 13
199	Tues. July 18	Esther 5-6; Psalm 92; Acts 14
200	Wed. July 19	Esther 7-8; Psalm 93; Acts 15
201	Thurs. July 20	Esther 9-10; Psalm 94; Acts 16
202	Fri. July 21	Isaiah 1-2; Psalm 95; Acts 17
203	Sat. July 22	Isaiah 3-4; Psalm 96; Acts 18
204	Sun. July 23	Isaiah 5-6; Psalm 97; Acts 19
205	Mon. July 24	Isaiah 7-8; Psalm 98; Acts 20
206	Tues. July 25	Isaiah 9-10; Psalm 99; Acts 21
207	Wed. July 26	Isaiah 11-12; Psalm 100; Acts 22
208	Thurs. July 27	Isaiah 13-14; Psalm 101; Acts 23
209	Fri. July 28	Isaiah 15-16; Psalm 102; Acts 24
210	Sat. July 29	Isaiah 17-18; Psalm 103; Acts 25
211	Sun. July 30	Isaiah 19-20; Psalm 104; Acts 26
212	Mon. July 31	Isaiah 21-22; Psalm 105; Acts 27

Fundraiser for Middleburg United Methodist Church

Memorialize your family or friends by purchasing an engraved brick that will be laid in a brick pathway on the grounds of the historical Middleburg United Methodist Church.

All proceeds benefit Middleburg UMC.

For more information and the order form visit: mburgumc.org and click on the EVENTS menu.

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

JUNE

June 1, 7:00 pm	Admin Council Meeting
June 14, 6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
June 15-17	Virginia Annual Conference
June 18-24	Pastor Lamb's Vacation
June 20, 11:00 am	Fig Leaf Meeting

JULY

July 6, 7:00 pm	Admin Council Meeting
July 10, 6:00 pm	Joint Worship Committee Meeting at MUMC
July 12, 6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
July 18, 11:00 am	Fig Leaf Meeting
July 19, 10:00 am	Worship Committee Meeting
July 30, 11:30 am	5th Sunday Joint Worship at Middleburg



Mother's Day Altar

Pastor Jonathan handed out carnations to all mothers in attendance on Mother's Day.

Our Mission Statement

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



Have a Great Summer!

Our next newsletter will come out in August.