



The Rocktonian

Newsletter of
Rockton United Methodist Church

August 2018



Worship With Us

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School 9:15 am

Enjoy fellowship downstairs following the service
with coffee and treats!

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Mission Statement

Grow FAITH in Jesus Christ.
Share LOVE with others.
Give SERVICE to our neighbors.

Interim Pastor for the Month of August

As our district superintendent continues to work through the details of making the appointment of our next pastor, Rev. Bettye Mixon will be providing our pastoral leadership and care through the month of August. In these next weeks, please pray for Pastor Megan as she moves and begins a new ministry experience, for Pastor Bettye as she ministers among us, and for our new pastor, that our hearts will be ready to receive his/her ministry among us.



A Thank You from Caritas

After receiving a check from our congregation for your generous donations totaling \$500, we received the following note of thanks from Max Dodson, the Executive Director.

Dear Rockton United Methodist Church Congregation,

On behalf of the Caritas Inc., I want to personally thank you for your generosity. Your donation of \$500.00 for the "44 in 44 for 44" campaign is profoundly appreciated. The timeliness of your donation has caused me to pause and reflect on the kindness of people like you.

There is a statement that goes "for those who understand, no explanation is necessary, and for those who don't, no explanation will do." Thank you for your understanding. Because of you, many will be served.

With sincere appreciation,

*Max Dodson
Executive Director*

CHURCH NEWS

August Food Drive for the Old Stone Pantry

Below is the weekly schedule of food items we will be collecting for the local food pantry this month. Please bring the designated items to church with you on the appropriate Sunday as indicated below. We will be helping stock the shelves at the Community Food Pantry housed at the Old Stone Church.



Bring on August 5

Canned Meats

(Tuna, Pink Salmon, Chicken, etc.)



Bring on August 12

Paper Products

(Paper towels, Toilet paper 2-ply, Kleenex, Dinner napkins)



Bring on August 19

Canned Meals

(Chili, Stews, Soups, Chef Boyardee canned ravioli, spaghetti, etc.)



Bring on August 26

Dry Boxed Goods

Cereal , Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Jello

Sisters in Christ

Sisters in Christ will begin next year's meetings in September but have voted to change the monthly meeting dates to the first Tuesdays of the month. Please watch for those dates and event topics to be announced in the fall. We hope you will plan to be with us!



FREE CABINET

LAST CHANCE!

This cabinet has one shelf and two sliding doors. It measures 48" wide x 18" deep x 29" high and is in good condition. It is located downstairs at church, in the hall outside the kitchen. **If you can use this, please take it! Feel free to ask family and neighbors. It needs a new home!**



Special Music Scheduled For the Month of **AUGUST**

- 5 **Julie Shippee** (a flutist from the Roscoe UMC)
- 12 **Luke Mohns** (pianist from the Roscoe UMC)
- 19 **Our very own Ladies Vocal Quartet:**
Roberta Hoover, Darlene Matlock,
Sharon Ruff, and Christine Gustafson
- 26 **Then and Now, Forever Friends**
(A group from the Pecatonica UMC)
(A love offering will be taken)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the love offering of \$542 for "The Basin Street Boys" on July 15th.



There are many things that get done for our church and congregation by members that expect nothing in return for their good deeds. Let us express our thanks to:

- ◆ All who helped pull weeds at the church
- ◆ Judy Cunningham for filling the pulpit in Megan's absence
- ◆ The Fellowship and Staff/Parish Committees for their combined efforts to host Pastor Megan's farewell reception
- ◆ Ron Zoeller for trimming the bushes and Darlene Matlock who helped pick up the branches
- ◆ The Trustees for buying and replacing the broken blinds in the office and library
- ◆ Matthew Alcorn for volunteering to mow the grass at the parsonage



2018 Highway Project

Construction continues on the streets surrounding the church. The only access is still from the Chapel Street entrance to the parking lot. On Tuesday morning, July 31st, they removed the entire sidewalk on the north side of the church. They are planning on having it replaced before our Sunday service on August 5th. When you arrive on Sunday morning, if you are an active person, please park in the south parking area to allow those who aren't as active to have the closer parking spots in the west parking lot. The lift is available, although you won't be able to park in front of it at this time.

Rock River Sweep

Hello Everybody,

Planning is underway for our 9th annual Rock River Sweep, and I hope you will be available to help us clean our section of the river. Mark your calendars now, tell all your friends and stay tuned for more information to come.

What: Rock River Sweep—a community effort to clean our river.

Date: Saturday, September 8, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.

Where: The shelter house in Settlers Park, near the parking lot behind First National Bank and Trust, East Main Street, Rockton, IL

Needed: Community - minded volunteers to help collect trash along the river. Participants can work from boats, canoes, kayaks or walk along the banks.

Attire: Long sleeves and pants, old shoes, dress for the weather.

Provided: Trash bags, gloves, refreshments, insect repellent and door prizes

For more information, contact me at:
flotowood@gmail.com

Thank you and hope to see you at the sweep.
Loren Floto



Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team is alive and well during the summer months. Please call the church office and leave a message if you know of a member who needs one of us to come and visit. It would be our pleasure to spend time with them.

Veterans Meal

August 17
(Leaving the church at 2:30 p.m.)

We go to the Veterans Drop in Center in Rockford to prepare and serve a great meal to our veterans. We leave the church and prepare the meal at the Center, serving at 5:00. If you would like to participate in this activity, please call the church office.

2018 AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:00 Missions Meeting Right after church Worship Meeting Right after church	6 Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:00	13	14	15	16	17 Veterans Meal Leaving the church at 2:30	18
19 Worship 9:00	20	21 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm Church Library	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:00	27	28	29	30	31	

Printable Calendars From 123Calendars.Com

BIRTHDAYS

2 Tina Schulz	25 Jim Stamm
9 Charlie Cunningham	28 Mike Kerch
10 Kassie Vail	29 Pan Noel
13 Judie Heinschel	Elliot Schultz
16 Bill Campbell	30 Betty Homer
17 Jan Martin	
18 Richard Read	
Bradley Reich	

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Don and Jill Huett
4 John and Sandy Carleton
10 Jim and Diane LaForge
13 Merle and Mary Sprague
21 Mike and Jan Kerch
26 Mark and Nicole Alcorn