

Bulletin for February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday

Please be advised:
Pastor Rolland's
cell phone number is:
(815) 718-3022.

Also, Rolland's work e-mail
address is now:

Rev.Rhay@gmail.com

Jubilee Soup Kitchen Mission

RUMC is scheduled to serve meals for the Soup Kitchen on March 6 and September 18, 2021. Due to Covid19 limitations imposed by the health department, we will be providing lunches via brown bags again (at least in March).

Since the foods included make most food donations ineffective, we are asking for four things: commercially made cookies, bottles of water, monetary donations, and/or notes of encouragement. The plan is to put a note of understanding, prayer, or support in each of the 70 lunch bags we will prepare.

I also need one or two more people on the Sat. morning to assist in food prep and packing starting at 9:30 a.m. We will need to have the cookie and water donations at the church no later than Friday, March 5. Contact Donna Chambers at (815) 904-4616 if you have questions/concerns.

A big thank you from the Missions committee for any help you can provide!

Worship Service is Live via Zoom.

The Link , Meeting ID and Passcode are attached with this e-mail.

Looking for Volunteers!

In preparation for the church reopening in the near future (we hope!), we are asking for 10 church members to come for a "church work day" next Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will be preparing the Sanctuary...hanging banners, and so on.

Please contact Phyllis DeGraff at
(608) 368-1051 if you can help out!

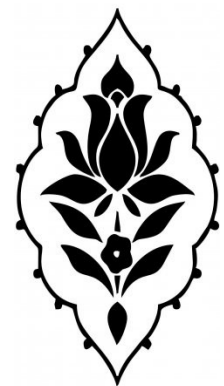


LET US PRAY FOR...

Charlie C.
Darin D.
Derek P.
David D.
Rose L.
Sandy S.
Betty H.
Melanie M.

THE FAMILIES OF... (DECEASED):

Jerry Hubble
Linda Smith
Peter "Cody" M.



*Please e-mail your prayer requests by Thursday if possible, so we can keep the prayer list as up to date!
Thank you.*

**ROCKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH and
SHIRLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Joined Zoom and Facebook Worship Service
ASH WEDNESDAY
February 17, 2021

GATHERING/GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS*

PRELUDE (By Singing)

"LORD PREPARE ME"

TFWS #2164

Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried, and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Source: Based on Psalm 51)

*Leader: The mercy of God is upon us,
Come and receive His salvation!*

**People: We are drawn by God's saving grace,
We respond to God's mercy and steadfast love.**

*Leader: Sound an alarm to those who turn their eyes from God.
Turn back with repentance and fasting!*

**People: God will create a new clean heart, and
Will renew a right spirit within me.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"

TUMH #546

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

INVOCATION

Compassionate and merciful God, we come to you with humble hearts, seeking Your healing with a mind that seeks meaning for our days. Assess us and all our ways, keep us from self-delusion that ignores our sins. We fear to face your judgement, however, we are willing to be reconciled to you. We want to serve You faithfully, in as many ways that we can. Come Holy Spirit, come among us on this Holy Day, **Amen.**

*SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament
New Testament

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Matthew 6:1-6. 16-21

MEDITATION

Repentance Leads to Salvation”

Pastor Rolland Hayag

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor

God knows our heart, God knows our loyalty belongs to Him, and all that we say and do is known to God. We cannot hide from our creator, now is the time to bare our soul before God.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

(First let us pray in silence for forgiveness)

God of steadfast love, we know our weaknesses and we know we have refused to listen, and we rejected your commandment since our earliest days, shutting you out of our lives. We have doubted and questioned your existence when we are in distress. We failed to recognize your blessing and we resented your inclusiveness, and we look on ourselves worthy than others. Blot out our iniquities we pray and cleanse us by renewing our spirit that leads to our salvation. Amen

*CLOSING HYMNS

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

TUMH #357

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fighting's and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you feel that you are safe to receive the sign of the cross on your forehead, please come and receive it after the Worship Service at Rockton UMC, which will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m., and again from 3 to 4 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 17. (You can also choose to pick up a card with the cross in it of ash and have your family members put the sign on your forehead.)



Due to weather conditions, this will be done inside, at the side entrance. I suggest that you line-up at the street and enter one at a time if you decide to come in. However, if you are not able to come due to weather condition, and allergic to ashes or olive oil, we understand. We want you to be safe.

GOD BLESS US ALL

—From Dave Hilton, UMM Rockford District President (dvohilton@yahoo.com)

The District UMM is hosting a communion Service March 13, 2021. This service will be held at Grace UMC (3555 McFarland Road, Rockford)—both live from their website GraceUmcRockford.org and in-person in the Sanctuary. Our guest speaker will be Gil Hanke, who serves as general secretary of the General Commission on United Methodist Men. He will be speaking on "Why Men's work is Important." I am enclosing a Flyer to be put up in your churches or please pass this on to the appropriate person. Thank you!

