Bulletin for February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

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 the bulletin each week.





LET US PRAY FOR...

Charlie C.

Darin D.

Derek P. David D.

Rose L.

Sandy S.

Rachel (friend of Betty H.)

Melanie M.



THE FAMILIES OF...(DECEASED):

Jerry H.

Linda S.

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.

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GATHERING/PRELUDE

"Surely the Presence"

TUMH #328

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are invited to walk with God.

We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness..

People: It is an honor to be in the presence of our Maker.

God not only speaks to us but also listens and hears our cries.

Leader: Let all the peoples of the earth turn their eyes to God, Let every family of the nations worship the Creator.

People: We will pay our vows to the One Who calls.

We will give our praise to the creator of life on earth.

PASSING THE PEACE

Say "Hi and Hello" in Zoom

Pastor: The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us. The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

TUMH #92

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore, lifted holy hands above, offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love; Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

INVOCATION

We call on Your name Almighty God, with hearts eager to serve you faithfully. We have heard your amazing promises given to our ancestors in faith. We come to experience that promise and to know you more and to grow strong in our faith as our ancestors. We have gathered to do the same and serve you in the ways we can. and as we age in our own generation, we seek to teach our Children in the ways they will not depart from you and be drawn to do ministries in your name.

Amen

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

New Testament Mark 8:31-38

*Response: "Thy Word Is a Lamp" (Refrain Only) TUMH#601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path

MEDITATION "Blameless" Pastor Rolland Hayag

OFFERATORY INVITATION 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 **Pastor**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

OFFERING *Hymns Response "Give Thanks with Grateful Hearts"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us, give thanks.

*OFFERATORY PRAYER Pastor

*CLOSING HYMN "The Summon" TFWS #2130

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

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Pastor

("The Summon" — Cont'd.)

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENT

—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 Grace-UmcRockford.org and in-person in the Sanctuary. Our guest speaker will be Gil Hanke.

Mr. Hanke 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!