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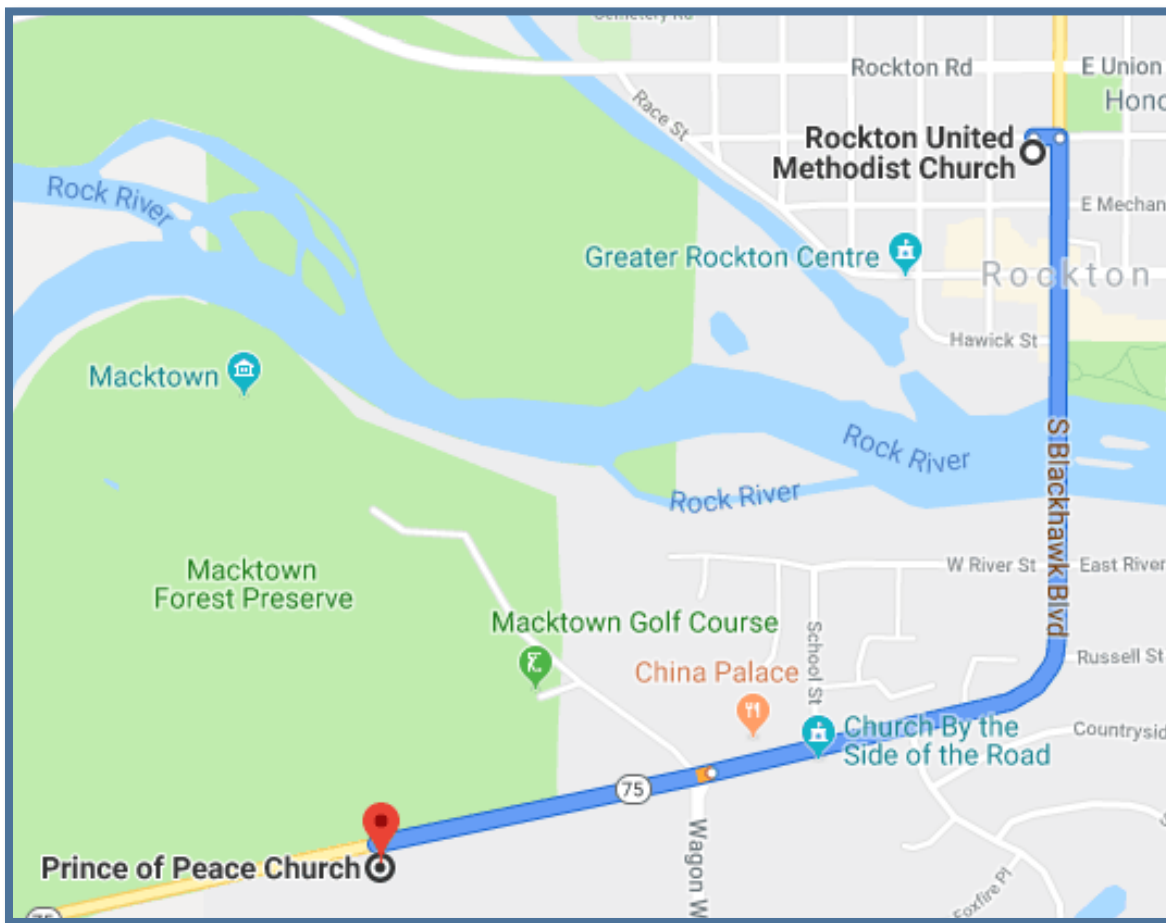
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In 1975, as part of the 120th anniversary celebration of our church, Barbara Birks Ramsby wrote a history of our Rockton United Methodist Church. In her introductory paragraphs Barb wrote:

“ Rockton's Methodists have often in the years since 1855 been without a building; we have always had a church. For a church is established and grows and lives by meeting the challenges that confront it; it is as alive and as alert as its response to the spiritual and socio-economic problems of the day.

Our Methodists have met the demands of the moment with vision and with joy, and have found a stronger faith, a greater dream, and the closeness of companionship as we have shared our sorrows and our hopes.”

These are great thoughts as we move forward to repair the sanctuary, holding our Sunday service at Prince of Peace church on Highway 75. We have also moved our worship time to 10:45 am. Come and join us at our new worship location!





Looking for Ties

A year from now, October, 2020, we will be celebrating the 165th anniversary of our church. We would like to celebrate this milestone by creating new banners for the sanctuary. The pattern for these banners has been selected and involves using neckties donated by the members of our congregation. Please take time to sort through those old ties in the closet and bring your contributions to church each week on Sunday morning. We will have a box to drop them in as you enter the church.

Winter Scarves for Veterans



Earlier this year I spent a lot of time going to the Madison Veterans Hospital with my husband. I had lots of time sitting in waiting rooms, so I took along some yarn and started making winter scarves. After making several, I decided that I would like to donate these to our Veterans Drop In Center in Rockford. Right now I have 13, Gail and Phyllis have given me some too. So I am inviting anyone who knits or crochets to make scarves to add to the collection-- any color, any style. You may drop your finished scarves off in the church office or contact me. I would like to give these to the Veterans in November. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thanks, Margo Leden

(If you need supplies, we have free yarn available at the church - down the stairs, first room on the right. Please help yourself to what you need.)

Church Work Day - October 19

The Trustees have scheduled an all church work day for Saturday, October 19th, at 10:00 am. There are things in the sanctuary and fellowship hall that need to be packed up and moved to other parts of our church as we prepare for construction.

If you plan to help out on that Saturday, please sign the sheet on the clipboard that circulates through the congregation on Sunday morning. The Fellowship Committee will be preparing and serving a light lunch for those that come to lend a hand.

A Rock River Sweep Thank You



Once again, the weather cooperated and we had a fine group of volunteers turn out for a morning of community service, picking up trash from our sector of the beautiful Rock River. The 53 helpers included a returning contingent from Maria Montessori School of Rockford led by teachers Amy Orvis and Kent Holden, and first-timers from Hononegah High School Leo Club led by advisor Justin Wieman. It's always good to see the younger generation get involved with such enthusiasm! Retired teacher Rich Muniz served as registrar. Marianne Mueller is providing photography and reportage for the Herald. Thanks to all the new and repeat helpers and my co-coordinator Tricia Davey Nelson for their wonderful support. Our ten-mile sector of the river yielded an estimated 1,050 lbs. of refuse, including 9 old tires, 3 shopping carts, 3 plastic traffic cones, the wreckage of a plastic child's wagon, a plastic lawn chair, miscellaneous steel objects, and the usual massive amounts of plastic, styrofoam, sporting goods, cloth and tarp material, etc. A couple of vintage Watkins brand glass bottles. We recycled 271 lbs. of steel and 3 lbs. of aluminum. plus some of the cleaner bits of cardboard and plastic bottles. One traffic cone was in good enough shape to be reused by the village. The rest of our haul went into the dumpster provided by Rock River Disposal. Several participants noted that our "harvest" of junk is diminishing from year to year, and the shorelines are looking cleaner. The water quality itself is another issue entirely; it looks very muddy and murky as usual from agricultural runoff and general erosion. Volunteers reported seeing 2 bald eagles being pursued by smaller birds, an abundance of small frogs, turtles (sliders and snapping), and fox snakes. Mosquitoes were not much of a problem and we managed to stay clear of the profuse patches of poison-ivy. Wild cucumber and jewel weed seem to be super-abundant this year. We all enjoyed attendance prizes from local businesses, and pizzas from Mark's in Rockton, plus watermelon, sodas and snack items. The Rockton Lions Club traditionally pays for our Rock River Sweep t-shirts. Thanks to all our supporters! We'll be back next year. Don't forget to pick up trash wherever you see it!

Loren Floto



Congregational Care Team

October 2019



Our Rockton United Methodist Church visiting team is still making visits on members and friends who are unable to make it out to church for one reason or another. If you need a visitor, or a smile, or someone to cheer you up, call the church office and let us know. We are here - ready to visit!

Blessings to each one of you.
Mary Louise Muench



There are many things that get done for our church and congregation by members that expect nothing in return for their good deeds. **If you know someone that we should acknowledge please let the church office know.** This month it was mentioned we should express our thanks to:



- The Trustees Committee for all their hard work to evaluate and begin the process of saving our sanctuary
- All those who helped with our move to the Prince of Peace church
- The volunteers who prepared and served meals at the Jubilee Center soup kitchen and to our veterans at the Drop in Center in Rockford
- The members of our congregation that volunteered to be small group leaders for the 40 days of Community



It's Time to Join the Choir!

Are you humming around the house? Singing along with the radio? Giving a concert in the shower? Then you need to join our choir!

What's that you say?
 Can't carry a tune in a bucket?
 We believe where there's a will, there's a way.
 So join us on Monday night!
 We will help you carry that bucket!

Please join us : CHOIR PRACTICE
 MONDAY EVENINGS (RUMC)
 6:00 PM

**Soup Kitchen
 October 5th**

It is once again our turn to provide a meal at the Jubilee Center, Emanuel Episcopal Church, Park Ave., Rockford.

If you volunteered to donate food items, please have them at our church kitchen by 9:00 am on Saturday, October 5th. If you will be dropping them off earlier in the week, please make sure that they are clearly marked for the soup kitchen.

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone that donated food supplies and cash to make this meal possible. They are also very grateful for all the volunteers that gave of their time to prepare and serve the meal on Saturday.





OUR PRAYER TEAM WILL NOT BE MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Come and be part of our church Prayer Team when it resumes in November. Until then, please continue to pray for our church and your special concerns privately.

Let Us Pray For:

Recovering from health issues:

Judy Cunningham
Matthew Cooper
Diana Cooper

Continued prayers for:

Charlie Cunningham
Family of Mary Jo Schenk
Family of Bradley Reich

Prayer requests will appear for about 1 month after submission. Contact the church office to add or remove names. **For an urgent prayer request, call Sharon Ruff to start the prayer chain: 815-229-1932**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Ed Miller
Jillian Stevens
- 6 Jenna Cooper
- 8 Melissa Schellenberger
- 10 Pauline Lawhorn
Merle Sprague
- 18 Laurie MacMartin
- 25 Janet Turner

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Dave and Pam Noel
- 14 Alan and Janet Bridgeland
- 13 Robert and Donna Hayenga
- 24 Keith and Jill Knoespel



October 2019

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

		<p>1 Fellowship Committee 9:00 Worship Committee 10:00 am Sisters in Christ 6:30 pm</p>	2	3	4	<p>5 Soup Kitchen 9:00am - 1:00pm Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>6 Worship 10:45 am (At Prince of Peace church)</p>	<p>7 Trustees 12:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm</p>	8	9	10	11	<p>12 Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>13 Worship 10:45 am (At Prince of Peace church)</p>	<p>14 Choir 6:00 pm</p>	<p>15 Finance meeting 7:00 pm</p>	16	17	18	<p>19 Church Work Day 10:00 am Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>20 Worship 10:45 am (At Prince of Peace church)</p>	<p>21 Choir 6:00 pm</p>	22	23	24	25	<p>26 Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>
<p>27 Worship 10:45 am (At Prince of Peace church) Food on the 4th</p>	<p>28 Choir 6:00 pm</p>	29	30	31		<p>Fusion Service 5:11 pm</p>