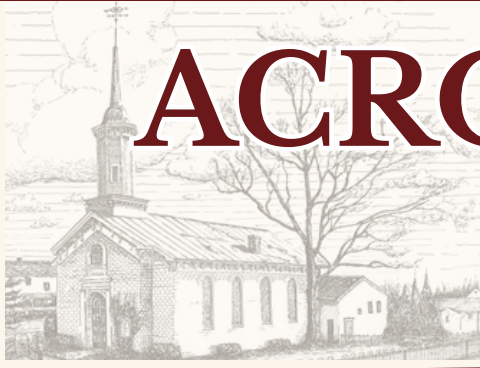




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"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

*Isaiah 43: 19
 NRSVUE*



BIBLE STUDY? I KNOW THE BIBLE!

- Pastor Eduardo Carillo -

Have you ever wondered why on earth we keep reading the same scriptures over and over?

One of my favorite moments in ministry was encountering someone who proudly told me he'd read the Bible cover-to-cover multiple times. When I asked what he discovered, he smiled and said, "It's alive. I've never read the same verse the same way twice."

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He nailed it. That's the true beauty of God's WORD. As Hebrews 4:12 says, scripture is "alive and active." Furthermore, the WORD shines the path ahead of us, its literally a lamp at our feet (Psalm 119:105), just like a light shows a different angle, the WORD sheds new light on whatever season of life, or path, we find ourselves in today.

At our **Wednesday Pastor's Bible Study in Rectortown**, we dive into scriptures you've likely heard a hundred times before. The invitation isn't to test your knowledge, it's to re-read together, uncover fresh insights, wrestle with good questions, and find comfort in today's world and personal struggles.

Whether you've memorized half the book or are just getting started, you belong here. Come join us this Wednesday at 10am, let's see what new thing God has to say to us! Maybe, just maybe, you will find the WORD is alive.



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE



A monthslong detour on Route 710/Rectortown Road in Fauquier County will begin **July 31**, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The detour will come as the result of a bridge deck replacement over Goose Creek, according to a department news release.

During the work, a segment of Rectortown Road will be closed between approximately 1.4 miles west of Route 713/Maidstone Road and 2.2 miles east of Route 712/Delaplane Grade Road.

An approximately 10-mile detour will be in place for through traffic during the closure and uses the following routes:

Delaplane Grade Road
Route 17 (Winchester Road)
Maidstone Road

The detour is expected to be lifted by Dec. 7.

During construction, access to all private entrances within the project vicinity will be maintained for local traffic.

ESCALATED WATER CONSERVATION

WATER CONSERVATION IN EFFECT

The Middleburg Town Council enacted Voluntary Water Conservation measures on June 12, 2026. Ongoing drought conditions in the region and concerns with declining water levels in the wells that supply the Town led to Council's decision to request voluntary efforts by users of the system to reduce or eliminate all non-essential water use.

Because we are still experiencing decline in water levels in the wells that serve the town, the Town Council will consider implementing MANDATORY water restrictions at its next meeting on July 23.

Should these be approved, mandatory water restrictions will include such measures as prohibiting most outdoor uses of water including irrigation systems and outdoor sprinklers, washing vehicles, and filling/refilling of swimming pools. Hand watering plants would be allowed during certain hours.

We continue to ask users of the system to conserve water wherever possible. These steps can include:

- Short shower times
- Only use laundry and dishwashers for full loads
- Cease watering of lawns, plants and other outdoor vegetation between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm; watering instead in the early morning or late evening can reduce water loss due to evaporation
- Cease washing of automobiles at similar hours; use a small bucket when washing and ensure your hose is off completely except when actively rinsing
- Cease draining and refilling of swimming pools; only top off as needed
- RESTAURANTS - only serve drinking water to customers upon request

The Town greatly appreciates the efforts of all users to voluntarily conserve water. Staff will continue to provide regular updates on well levels to the Mayor & Council at each of their meetings (2nd and 4th Thursday of each month) to inform future decisions on water conservation measures. Written reports are also available on the Town's website. With everyone working together, we will be able to reduce the stress on our wells and allow them to recharge so that there continues to be sufficient water to meet all of the needs in town.

We appreciate your cooperation.

TOWN OF MIDDLEBURG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Town of Middleburg has a new events coordinator, Jennifer Bell. She is responsible for creating and administering the events the Town sponsors or helps sponsor such as the upcoming Oktoberfest, Christmas in Middleburg, and Art in the Burg. As a newcomer in our area, she is anxious to get to know the area and its people.

Given MUMC is an important player in Town events, she met with Pastor Eduardo and Linda Taylor to hear how the Church might contribute and how the Town could support the Church. She was especially interested to hear of our sponsorship of the Middleburg Concert Series a few years ago and hopes to introduce more such musical events.

During the meeting Jennifer stated she needs volunteers to help her with the events, such as managing the parking in our lot, which the Town is leasing for the Oktoberfest day, September 19th. There are many other tasks which she cannot accomplish alone.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the many community events the Town sponsors, or if you have suggestions for new events and activities or ways to enhance existing events, please contact
Jennifer at jnell@middleburgva.gov or 540-687-5152.

ASK THE PASTOR



Ask The Pastor



Do you ever find yourself wondering, *“What does the Bible say about this?”* or *“How should we think about that as people of faith?”*

Each month, Pastor Eduardo will respond to questions from our church family and community—big or small—offering answers that are biblically grounded, pastorally inspired, and theologically sound. It’s a way for us to grow in faith together, ask the things that are on our hearts, and engage in open conversation.

Have a question you’d like to see answered? Drop it in the question box at church, email it to the office, or hand it directly to Pastor Eduardo. No question is too simple, and chances are, if you’ve been wondering about something, others have too! See the answer to your questions in the next newsletter!

Have a Question for Pastor Eduardo?

We’d love to hear from you! Use this space to write your question. Drop it in the basket at church, hand it to Pastor, or return it to the office.

My Question: _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MEETINGS

MUMC BIRTHDAYS

Kimberly Warfield - 2nd
 Michele Clark - 9th
 Gloria Jean Dawson - 10th
 Lisa Glikbarg - 13th

Larry Gregg - 14th
 James Jeremiah - 16th
 Gary Nickelsom - 17th
 Steven Chase - 20th

Katie Carrillo - 28th
 Karen Chase - 28th
 Jan Coxwell - 28th

MUMC ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor Eduardo & Katie - 17th

MUMC MEETINGS

Admin Council
 August 20th at 10:30am

Partners in Mission
 Every 2nd Thursday at 2pm
Previously United Methodist Women

RUMC BIRTHDAYS

David Nalls - 3rd
 Priscilla Krick - 7th
 Amy Riggio - 9th
 Jimmy Willis - 9th
 Carl Carter - 11th

Courtney Harrington - 11th
 Todd Frazier - 16th
 Dawn Brown - 17th
 Elena Cooper - 22nd
 Dawn Dye - 23rd
 Joe Riggio - 25th

Muggie Grice 27th
 Dave Hall - 28th
 Karen Chase - 28th
 Katie Carrillo - 28th
 Linda Daniels - 28th
 Laura Symanski - 29th

RUMC ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor Eduardo & Katie - 17th
 Tara & Ben Wegdam - 23rd

RUMC MEETINGS

Admin Council
 August 6th at 7pm

Trustees
 August 11th at 6pm

Worship - TBD

Joint Secretary Meeting
 August 12th at 9:30
Abbey out of office