



ACROSS *the* PEWS



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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

*Psalm 107:1
NRSVUE*



WHERE LOVE HAS PLANTED US

- Pastor Eduardo Carillo -

May is a month that gently turns our hearts toward the people and places that have shaped us. It invites us to pause, to remember, and to give thanks for the love that has carried us through every season of life. Above all, let us give thanks to God for the abundance of that love.

WHERE LOVE HAS PLANTED US

On Mother's Day, we are reminded of the profound gift of those who have nurtured us—not only in the natural sense, but also in spirit and in faith. Relationships take many forms, and often the most meaningful are those formed through love, care, and even adoption. Whether she sits beside you in the pew or lives on in your heart, her influence is woven into who you are. Let us give thanks to God for the mothers and mother-figures in our lives.

This month at RUMC, we will also celebrate **Homecoming on May 17**.

Homecoming carries its own deep meaning—the reminder that belonging is sacred. When we gather as a congregation, old and new together, we live out the truth that the body of Christ is not a building or a program, but a people. We are a family across time, connected by a shared faith and a faithful God. We are a community bound together in Christ's love. As the psalmist writes, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1).

Both occasions point to the same grace: that God places us in communities of love with purpose. May we never take lightly the mothers who shaped us, the family that surrounds us, or the God who continually calls us home.

RUMC EASTER



Thank you to everyone who helped adorn the cross this Easter at Rectortown UMC. Your work proclaims the good news: He is risen indeed!

RUMC HOMECOMING



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
FOR OUR

245th

HOMECOMING

MAY 17TH | AT 10 AM

3049 RECTORTOWN ROAD
RECTORTOWN, VA 20115

Doors open at 10am

Service at 11 am with lunch to follow

RSVP Here:



MIDDLEBURG METHODIST MAINSTAYS



Reggie Dawson

This month we honor and celebrate Reggie Dawson. He has been a lifelong member of Middleburg United Methodist Church, having grown up since birth in Middleburg. His grandmother, who lived just two doors down from the Church's parsonage on Landmark School Road, used to bring him and his brother, Ronnie to church. Debbie Edwards, their younger sister, came along later. Reggie served in the US Air Force in its Supply Service for four years, after which he was hired by Ed Wright, also a member of the Church, to work at the Middleburg Bank (now Atlantic Union.) Reggie met his wife of 55 years, Gloria who was a bookkeeper there, immediately upon joining the bank, and they were married the next year. Reggie had the good fortune to work at a variety of jobs at the bank, including cashier, payroll officer, security officer, and loan officer, which made for an interesting 42-year career.

Over the years, Reggie has also held an incredible variety of assignments at Middleburg Methodist Church. He has held every board job at one time or another, and has served as treasurer, a member of the personnel/parish committee, and Sunday school teacher. Since his retirement from the Middleburg Bank, he has spent an average of one to two hours every day at the Church and some days many more hours. He currently is the person who opens and closes the Church for services and other events; helps with all the maintenance; fills in as lay reader and communion preparer as needed; puts bulletins and offering envelopes out and cleans the pews after the services; and maintains the financial books. He is, in short, the Church's manager and knows every nook and cranny of the building and its history. Reggie also packs lunches for Backpack Buddies and helps in the kitchen for our fellowship events.

One very interesting story Reggie relates is that of the construction of the education/office wing of the Church which started in 1980 and took eight to nine years to build, given the dependence on members for funding and even for the actual construction work. Reggie was given the assignment of project manager. During this time the fellowship hall was also remodeled. The building was financed by loans from members who were paid quarterly interest at a rate more than banks offered but less than a regular loan. One generous person, Molly Morgan of Morgan Oil, donated the air conditioning. Members also gave some of the construction materials such as bricks, light fixtures and cinderblocks. Those who were skilled workmen such as Reggie's father who was a carpenter, performed much of the work. At times there were as many as 22 members actively working on the construction, and they did all the framing and roofing, with other work such as plumbing subcontracted. Some of the materials were scrounged from Reggie's house which was being remodeled, such as boards and cabinets. The bricks for the walkways came from the town liquor store since they were coming loose and the store just wanted to get rid of them.

In summary, Reggie offers an incomparable example of devotion to our church's wellbeing and that of its members. We are fortunate not only to have someone who does so much to facilitate the Church's functioning, but also does everything with a smile and a warm welcome. All of us at the Middleburg Methodist Church are forever indebted to him.

MUMC EASTER LUNCHEON



Middleburg UMC was filled with joy as we gathered for a festive luncheon and Easter egg hunt after worship. It was a meaningful time of fellowship and celebration, reminding us of the new life we share in Christ.

MUMC UPCOMING EVENT

Celebrate Art in Middleburg

Middleburg Community Charter presents:

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts “On the Road”

Where: MCCS, 101 N. Madison St

Student Night Friday, May 8th, 5:00-7pm

Public Opening Saturday, May 9th, 11 am-6 pm

Tour the Artmobile and view the fine art! On Friday, participate in interactive art displays with MCCS Scholars and the Learning Adventure Bus.



VMFA on the road
An Artmobile for the 21st Century

Virginia as America:
Navigating Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

MIDDLEBURG SANDWICH SALE

Join us in beautiful Middleburg for a delicious treat during Art in the 'Burg! We'll be hosting a sidewalk sandwich sale right in the heart of town—perfect for grabbing a quick, tasty bite while you explore the art, shops, and community festivities. Stop by, enjoy a freshly made sandwich, and be part of the vibrant energy that makes this event so special. We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING DISTRICT DEADLINES



As we approach several important district deadlines, please take note of the following:

- Annual Clergy Evaluations are due by **June 1**
- Annual Audits are due by **July 1**
- Parsonage Reviews are due by **July 1**

Please note that there is a new process this year for Clergy Evaluations:

The evaluation forms are now located in Unity. To complete the process:

- **SPPRC Chairs** have the ability to enter and edit Clergy Evaluations in Unity.
- You must have a Unity account to access and submit the form. If you do not have an account, assistance is available.
- Clergy will not be able to add or edit evaluations, but pastors will be able to view the completed evaluation once it has been submitted by the SPPRC Chair.

Staying on top of these deadlines helps ensure our church remains in good standing and supports the continued strength of our shared ministry. Thank you for your attention to these important responsibilities.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MEETINGS

MUMC BIRTHDAYS

Mary Johnson - 3rd	Gracie Beaks - 24th
John Greenway - 4th	Garland Bigley - 24th
Maureen Fulkerson - 9th	Gracie Easley - 24th
Dianna Gregg - 15th	Gail May - 30th
Terry Antler - 21st	

MUMC ANNIVERSARIES

None

MUMC MEETINGS

Admin Council	Partners in Mission
April 16th at 10:30am	Every 2nd Thursday at 2pm
	<i>Previously United Methodist Women</i>

RUMC BIRTHDAYS

Olivia Walker - 7th
Ren Walker - 11th
Ben Wegdam - 13th
Vicki Willis - 16th
Kenneth Nalls - 21st

RUMC ANNIVERSARIES

Abbey & Bill Klooster - 13th
Linda & Rudy Neish - 13th
Amy & Joe Riggio - 19th
Russ & Ethel Muter - 25th

RUMC MEETINGS

Admin Council	Worship
May 7th at 7pm.	May 27th at 10am.
Trustees	
May 12th at 6pm.	

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: _____
