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From the Pastor

Journeying with Jesus

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!



As I sit here writing this, my mind is whirling with all that needs to happen in the next several days as Faith and I are making last minute preparations for our trip to the Holy Land with Bishop Sharma Lewis, and about 90 others! We have been looking forward to this trip for the past year, and are so excited that it's finally here! We're planning to post photos and thoughts on facebook, and will, of course, bring back lots and lots of pictures to show everyone!

We'll depart Dulles on Monday, Feb. 26, arriving in Tel Aviv on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will visit Caesarea (where Jesus asked his disciples "Who do you say that I am"; and Peter answered "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."), Megiddo (an early settlement located at one of the key entrances to the Jezreel Valley), Nazareth (a small agricultural village, and the home of Joseph and Mary), and Cana (where Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding party). On Thursday we will visit Capernaum (the center of Jesus' Galilean ministry), the Mount of the Beatitudes (where Jesus summarized the basic gospel themes), Tabgha (the place where Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fish), the Chapel of the Primacy (the place believed to be where Jesus told Peter to "feed my sheep"), Magdala (the place many believe Mary came from), and the Yardenit Baptismal Site (located along the Jordan River near the outlet from the Sea of Galilee); and we'll enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee (as Jesus and his disciples sometimes did). On Friday we'll visit Jericho (which Jesus traveled through on his way to and from Jerusalem), Qumran (located near the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found), and the Mount of Olives (a traditional burial site for more than 3,000 years overlooking the Temple mount).

We'll also see many other important biblical places such as: Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Upper Room, and the Pool of Bethesda. I cannot think of a better time to travel through the Holy Land than during Lent. I look forward to reflecting and meditating on my relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as I walk along paths that Jesus once walked — and look at sites that Jesus once looked upon. I pray your Lenten journeys will be just as healing and enriching!

Grace and peace to each and everyone of you!

Pastor Steve

Scripture of the Month

Proverbs 3:5-8

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence.

⁶ Know him in all your paths, and he will keep your ways straight.

⁷ Don't consider yourself wise. Fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

⁸ Then your body will be healthy and your bones strengthened.

Snapshots from Middleburg and Rectortown

On Feb. 13, our annual Shrove (Fat) Tuesday Pancake Dinner was hosted by our Co-operative Parish Partner, Middleburg UMC. More than 30 members and friends came to enjoy pancakes, sausage gravy, fried apples and king bread. Food and drink were wonderful, conversation lively and fellowship enjoyable. Thanks again to the planners, cooks and helpers for a very nice meal and activity.



On Feb. 18, RUMC was treated to a special music performance which included tamborine accompaniment from members.

Congratulations Parker Hylton!

On Monday, Feb. 19, seniors Parker Hylton and John Backo committed to play lacrosse at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, VA. The two were joined by family, friends, classmates, teammates, and varsity boys lacrosse coach Rick Klares in the Upper School Library. Emceed by Highland Athletic Director Gary Leake, the boys used the same pen to sign their letters of commitment that all Highland athletes have used to sign their own letters of commitment. Way to go John and Parker. Parker plans to pursue veterinary medicine.



Rick and Kristen with Parker and his commitment letter.



March Birthdays

Yvie Frazier 3-4
 Skylar Riggio 3-24
 Tom McLaughlin . . . 3-26
 Joice Fredenburg . . 3-29
 Rick Hylton 3-30
 Ward Ponn 3-31

Anniversary

Larry &
 Judy Scheuble 3-4

From the Worship Committee

Many thanks to the following volunteers who are helping with the communion elements since there will be communion every Sunday during Lent. If you would like to help, please contact Debbie Hall or the Worship Committee.

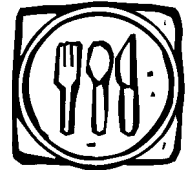
February 18	Kim Kroes
February 25	Roxie Willis
March 18	Muggie Grice
March 25	Linda Rose
April	Diane Harrington – in honor of her father

Mark Your Calendars May 20, 2018

RUMC 125TH HOMECOMING

& POTLUCK LUNCH

- immediately follows the worship service.
- RUMC will provide drinks and meat but please bring a dessert or side dish to share. Pastor Bill Wade will be our guest speaker. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Hall by phone at 540-229-9969 or by email at debhall@drengineering.com.



New Website Up and Running

Rectortown UMC has updated its website. The move from the old site to the new has added a new look and new opportunities to reach our current members and the community. Please take some time to visit and explore www.RectortownUMC.org.

If you want anything published or added, please email Kristen Hylton at kristenhylton@aol.com. Provide the item you want added, description (is it a calendar item, a story, etc.), and all details you want provided.

Stay tuned as we explore new uses for our site and other Social Media avenues!



Upcoming Meetings & Events

All events take place at RUMC unless otherwise indicated.

Thur – Mar 1 7:00pm Admin Council
Wed – Mar 7 6:00pm Trustee's Meet
*Wed – Mar 7 7:30pm Chair Practice **NOTE: Meets weekly*
Mon – Mar 12 7:00pm Worship Meets
Wed – Mar 14 6:00pm Bible Study
Sat – Mar 17 8:00am RUMC Spring Clean Up
Sun – Mar 25 10:00am Palm Sunday
Sat – Mar 24 8:00am RUMC Spring Clean Up
Thur – Mar 29 7:00pm Maudy Thursday Service
@ Middleburg UMC
Fri – Mar 30 7:00pm Good Friday Service @ RUMC
Sun – Apr 1 Sunrise Easter Service
@ Middleburg UMC

NOTE: Communion will be served each Sunday during Lent

Every Week at RUMC

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Worship for Adults and Children.
Nursery provided.

Sunday School
Adults: 8:45-9:45 a.m.
Children: 9-9:45 a.m.

RUMC Wants to know...

If you have any photos
from our events, news or
recipes you'd like to share,
we'd love to hear from you.
Please e-mail Laura at [Laura@
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Article submissions are **due by
the 15th of the month.**



Our Mission Statement

Being servants of God through prayer, love and action.