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From the Pastor

Change is in the Air



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

My newsletter two years ago was titled "The Times, They Are 'A Changin'"; and last year it was "Memories and New Things". Apparently, there's something about August that resonates "change" in my life. Perhaps it's my birthday and the change "another year older" makes in my daily routine. Perhaps it's Faith and my anniversary and the changes we look forward to as we dream of anniversaries yet to be. Perhaps it's just the grass turning brown....

Look around and you'll see change everywhere. Change can be a challenge; and it's not always welcome. But, as hard as we resist change, it happens anyway. One might ask, "Why did God create a universe in a constant state of change?" I believe it's because without change there is no hope of growth, maturity, and new and deepening relationships. In fact, because we're not born with the knowledge of God; without change we could never come to know God. Change may not be easy, but I for one am grateful for the possibilities and hope change offers!

Change is in the air. The Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church recently submitted an amended call for the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference based on a ruling made by the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church. The amended call states that "the purpose of this Special Session of the General Conference shall be limited to receiving and acting upon a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based upon recommendations of the Council of the Bishops." Even more recently, the Council of Bishops submitted a request to the Judicial Council concerning the constitutionality of the three plans that will be discussed at the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference. This request can be read in its entirety at www.vaumc.org.

No matter what happens at this Special General Conference, change is coming. The Church we have known will become something new. It has never been perfect and will not become perfect; but that's not what matters. What matters is that the Church will still belong to God through Jesus Christ; and will still be empowered by God's Holy Spirit. God will still use the Church, in whatever imperfect form it takes, to accomplish God's perfect mission in creation. We will still have work to do "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." That won't change.

Grace and peace to each and everyone of you!

Pastor Steve

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Scripture of the Month

from the CEB (Common English Bible)

Acts 2:42-43a

"The believers devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone."

Snapshots from RUMC Graduation Celebration 2018!



Once again, Rectortown United Methodist is proud to give scholarships to our 2018 graduates: Parker Hylton, Yvie Frazier, Hunter Grogg, Chet Walker and Kate Ponn. Congratulations and many blessings in the next years to come!



Talk about Changes...



As Pastor Steve mentioned in his newsletter article on page 1, things change. Here's a photo from the dedication of the white house in 2009. Do you recognize these faces?

Suggested School Supplies

Tax Free Weekend August 3-5, 2018

Please have your donated school supplies to the church by August 12

- 16ct Crayons
- Coloring Pencils
- Scissors
- Marble Composition Books
- Tissues
- Gallon Zip Lock Bags
- Zipper Pencil Pouch
- Quart Zip Lock Bags
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Plain Yellow #2 pencil
- Eraser Tops
- Yellow Highlighters
- Spiral Notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- Pink Erasers
- Folders
- Index Cards
- Wide Rule Paper
- Pencil Box
- Hand Sterilizer

This is just a suggested list of school supplies that would help out for all grades at the school. Any supplies that you can donate will help teachers and students. Please contact Linda Daniels for additional information. Thanks in Advance for your second mile giving.



August Birthdays

Amy Riggio	8/9
Jimmy Willis.	8/9
Courtney Harrington	8/11
Steve Weedling	8/11
Carl Carter	8/11
Gladys Willis	8/15
Yeshi Pisarcik	8/18
Kate Ponn	8/19
Avis Kessler	8/27
Dave Hall	8/28
Laura Symanski.	8/29

Anniversaries

Dave & Debbie Hall	8/11
Steve & Faith Weedling.	8/17
Ben & Tara Wegdam	8/23
Alan & Suzy Barbour	8/25
John & Cindy Stolte.	8/30

Report from the Board of Trustees

Gibson Water and Sewer Improves Church Parking Areas

Due to a recent waterline break next door, we needed urgent assistance to help fix the problem. After a number of calls, Gibson Water and Sewer was recommended. Since they were working at the Mellon Foundation near Upperville, Ed Gibson agreed to take on the work, and sent his son Tim to get the work done the week of July 15, 2018. While they were working on the waterline, we discussed the parking lot condition — Ed said he could do that work on also. The Gibson team regraded the entire area to create better drainage, while connecting several smaller areas around the North side of the building. Then



they brought in new material to complete the task. For years providing more all weather parking has been a much needed effort. *Thanks to the Gibson Team for their good work.*



Connections

It's always interesting how small the world is. During the improvement effort, we learned that Ed and his wife Carla, were married at RUMC in 1979 by Pastor Mark Cheff. And, that July 19 was their 39th wedding anniversary. Then in discussions with his son Tim, we learned that Tim and his wife had also been married at RUMC, by Mark Roberson. Ed lived in Rectortown while he was growing up and knew many Rectortown friends and neighbors. Pictured at left is of Ed, with his son Tim, and Tim's son Cash. Also in the photo is their employee, John. It is a small world, and we are thankful God helped us connect with the Gibsons.

Cut this out and hand to someone you see today.

Invite a Friend



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No matter where you have been or where you have failed to be – what you have said or what you have failed to say - what you have done or what you have failed to do - whom you have loved or whom you have failed to love - you are welcome here. We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured, and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.

We would love for you to join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am. We offer Adult Sunday School at 8:45 am and Children's Sunday School at 9:00 am.

Upcoming Church Events

- Saturday, September 15th, 2018 - Bishop's Convocation on Prayer
Reveille United Methodist Church
4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond, VA 23221-2526
Cost - \$10 (includes lunch)
Time -9:30am to 4:00pm
- Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 - Cooperative Parish Ministry: a day to explore, celebrate and discern
Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
9155 Hungary Road, Henrico, VA 23294
Cost - \$15 (includes lunch)
Time - 10:00am to 4:00pm
- Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 - Middleburg Concert Series at Middleburg United Methodist Church
"Cellobration" featuring various celloists playing Latin music
Time - 4:00pm.
- Sunday, October 28th, 2018 - John Nilsen in Concert at Middleburg United Methodist Church
Cost - free (a love offering will be accepted for the pianist)
Time - 2:00pm.
- Sunday, October 28th, 2018 - Winchester District Charge Conference
Burnt Factory United Methodist Church
1943 Jordan Springs Road, Stephenson, VA 22656
Time - 3:00pm
- Tuesday, October 30th, 2018 - 5 Talent Academy - Influence 2018: Worship
Live Site: Floris United Methodist Church
13600 Frying Pan Rd, Herndon, VA 20171
Remote Site: Braddock Street United Methodist Church
115 Wolfe Street, Winchester, VA 22601
Cost - \$30 if registered on or before September 26th, 2018
\$40 if registered after September 26th, 2018
Time - 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- Sunday, December 16th, 2018 - Middleburg Concert Series at Middleburg United Methodist Church
Featuring a guitarist and other string instruments
Time - 4:00pm.

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Grace and Peace,
Steve

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

*Wed – Aug 1	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Thur – Aug 2	7:00pm	Admin Council
Tues – Aug 7	6:30pm	SPRC
Mon – Aug 13	7:00pm	Worship Committee

NOTE: *Meets weekly

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@NatsukoGraphicDesign.com. Article submissions are due by the 15th of the month.

Thanks to Muggie for this photo of beautiful lilies at RUMC in July.



Our Mission Statement

Being servants of God through prayer, love and action.