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From the Pastor

Fires, and floods, and storms – oh my

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

A year has passed since I wrote “from the pastor” last October. That article began with reflections and laments in the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. And, here we are today, assessing the effects of Hurricane Florence, which has caused at least 40 deaths. As much as I am saddened by those human losses, I am relieved and thankful there were not more.

As disturbing as it is to experience just how disconnected, and even disrespectfully mean, humanity can be to one another when philosophical, ideological, and theological differences collide—it is so much more comforting and uplifting to witness how quickly we can set all those differences aside to come together for the sake of our neighbors in desperate situations. It has been reported that more than 40,000 volunteers from all over the United States traveled to the Carolinas in preparation for Florence’s landfall.

One of those volunteers is a Battalion Chief in the Fire Department in South Bend, Indiana—and my cousin, Chris Baker. Chris was one of 18 Hoosier firefighters that formed a swift-water rescue team that conducted 160 rescues in 10 days. They were credited with saving 169 human, and 20 canine, lives. And they were just 1 of many such teams! I say to Chris—and to all of those who responded to desperate need and risked their lives to help their neighbors—well done you good and faithful servants!

And now, the storm is over and the floodwaters are receding. The immediate threat to life and property is past. But the need is not. Soon, other teams from across these United States will be needed to conduct the long and laborious work of cleaning up and rebuilding homes, businesses, and communities. The Virginia Conference Disaster Response Coordinator (CDRC), Rev. Bob Pihlcrantz, is already working with UMCOR and other CDRC’s to determine needs, and to plan and coordinate a United Methodist response.

The need is great. The response must be even greater. There are many ways you can be a part of that response. You can: pray for those impacted by the storm, and for emergency response volunteers; make up relief kits and send them to UMCOR; donate to UMCOR to help fund the cost of recovery; or, join a response team. What’s important is not what you do, but that you do what you can.

Grace and peace to each and everyone of you!

Pastor Steve



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Psalm of the Month

Psalm 62: 5-8

- ⁵ Oh, I must find rest in God only, because my hope comes from him!
- ⁶ Only God is my rock and my salvation—my stronghold!—I will not be shaken.
- ⁷ My deliverance and glory depend on God. God is my strong rock. My refuge is in God.
- ⁸ All you people: Trust in him at all times! Pour out your hearts before him! God is our refuge! Selah

Report from the Outreach Committee

Packing Lunches to Support Students at Claude Thompson Elementary School

RUMC has supported weekday and weekend lunch programs for years through tithes, special grants and offerings. For the past two years, more of the project has been happening in the White House Education Building. Rhonda Lavine, who leads this local effort, reached out for additional support recently, as the number of students in need doubled at the start of the school year. Pictured below (left to right) are some of the volunteers from RUMC that responded, Linda Daniels, Eileen Miller, Judy Scheuble, Shirley Embrey, the Rectortown Postmaster, and Paula Grice. In the other photo, Rhonda explains how to pack the lunches.



More Banners

The Outreach Committee has completed and placed all the PALS banners, PRAYER, ACTION, LOVE, and SERVICE in the sanctuary. These banners continue to share the pieces of our mission statement that we are working hard to focus on and share with others. Thanks to Linda Daniels for leading this effort.



Winchester District Mission Trailer visits RUMC

On Sept. 2, 2018, the Winchester District Mission Trailer was on site for the weekend. The Mission Trailer, new to Winchester District, is being set up to help in all manner of mission opportunities, local, state and nation wide. **The Mission Trailer is available to all District churches**, to use in support of mission trips, emergencies, and projects. Funds are being requested to help complete furnishing the trailer with tools, materials and support items. RUMC Administrative Council tithed \$100 to the effort at the Sept. 6 meeting—everyone is encouraged to support the project.

More from the Outreach Committee

Aging in Place/Senior Services information

Poppy Foddrell from the Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services/Area Agency on Aging provided information a multiple services and events focused Aging in Place and Senior Services on Sept. 11. The event was sponsored by the Friends of Rectortown and hosted at Rectortown United Methodist Church. Presentations and discussions ranged from Medicare open season events, Medicare insurance comparisons, daily meals, adult day care and more. Most all of the services are provide at no cost, and are available year round. **Private sessions can be scheduled by calling Poppy at 540-825-3100 ext 3427 or email at pfoddrell@rrcsb.org.**



From the Worship Committee

Organist Needed ASAP at RUMC

The Worship Committee is in the process of finalizing the requirements for a new Organist. (Our thanks to Joice Fredenburgh, our long time Organist/Choir Director, who will be playing at her home church.) We plan to first, find a musician to play each Sunday for the immediate future; second, find a temporary fill to get us through the upcoming Advent/Christmas season; and, third fill the position permanently in January. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please pass this information to them and contact anyone listed below. Also, if you have any suggestions on organizations, websites or other means to reach out, please let us know.

Worship services are Sundays @ 10 a.m. at Rectortown UMC, Rectortown, Va; instrument is an electric piano (other instruments could be considered).

Meanwhile, we are also looking for a volunteer to work with the Worship Committee to play recorded music thru the church organ, as a back up until we fill the position. Looking for your support and prayerful consideration.

Interested in Playing? Contact:

Pastor Steve Weedling: revweedling@ymail.com
434-709-2654

Debbie Hall: debhall@drhengineers.com
540-229-9969

Larry Scheuble: lscheuble@aol.com 540-272-2162

Thanks

Cindy Rainger, a certified ministerial candidate in the Alexandria District, was the guest speaker at RUMC on Aug. 26 2018. Cindy's home church is Bethel UMC, and this was her second visit to RUMC. Her message was on Service, and fit nicely into our mission statement focus and the displaying of our final banner, Service.



October Birthdays

Larry Scheuble 10/10

Anniversaries

Jimmy & Vicki Willis. . . . 10/18

Greg & Kim Kroes. . . 10/27

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

*Wed – Oct 3	6:00pm	Bible Study
Thur – Oct 4	7:00pm	Admin Council Meets
Mon – Oct 8	7:00pm	Worship Meets
Wed – Oct 10	6:00pm	Trustees Meet
Sun - Nov 18	3:00pm	Annual Charge Conference (@ RUMC)

**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.



Our Mission Statement

Being servants of God through prayer, action, and love through service.