

Rectortown United Methodist Church

May 8th, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Mother's Day



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Welcome to Rectortown United Methodist Church

*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.*

** Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

PRELUDE - let us quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits as we begin to focus on the presence of God as we become aware of the *Light of Christ* in our midst.

ENTRANCE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CELEBRATIONS

BRINGING IN the LIGHT of CHRIST

Holy Ground

TFWS 2272

CALL to WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 139)*

We have gathered together on this day to worship the one true living God...

**who, like our mothers, loved us before we were even
born...**

who, like our mothers, knows us even better than we know ourselves...

and who, like our mothers, loves us unconditionally.

We have gathered together on this day to praise God's holy name and to give thanks to the Lord our God...

**whose presence never leaves us and whose love for us
never ceases!**

* **HYMN** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from UM BOW, #438)*

Most loving and most gracious God – for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord.

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us, we pray to the Lord.

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families, we pray to the Lord.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

Why? Because she loves you!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. C, Vol 1, p. 158)

Shepherd of souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 23

UMH 754

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:20-26

* Gloria Patri UMH 70

MESSAGE *A mother's love...*

* **HYMN** Would I Have Answered When You Called TFWS 2137

AFFIRMATION of OUR FAITH UMH 882

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

* Doxology UMH 94
Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

* **HYMN** Marching to Zion UMH 733

SENDING FORTH

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

* Precious Lord (v. 1) UMH 474

** Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

*This worship service has ended, and now your service begins.
As you leave church today, you are entering the mission field.*



Prayers of Intercession

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. C, Vol. 1, pp. 158-159)

In this season of Easter rejoicing and on this Mother's Day, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings saying, O Risen Christ, open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the goodness of the earth, that it may flourish with flowing waters, verdant pastures, and paths that lead us to protect and care for your creation. O Risen Christ...

open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the peace and welfare of the world, so that all our tables of work and worship promote the understanding and dignity that transform enemies into friends. O Risen Christ...

open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger, that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing and the comforting presence of your voice. O Risen Christ...

open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the blessings we receive and share, that we may live a life of ceaseless praise for the salvation that is ours through you. O Risen Christ...

open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the saints in light, that you will wipe every tear from their eyes as they dwell with you eternally. O Risen Christ...

open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. With all the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you; through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:
For Family and Friends:

Linda Daniels
Mike Johnson
Tom McLaughlin
Zulla Russell
Hazel Sisk

Roger Daniels
Debbie McLaughlin
Randy Robinson
Roy Sisk

For Those Who Grieve:

the Hannaman family, the Addison family,
and the family of Rob Thomas

For the Church and For the World:

For those in need of healing, and those caring for them.
For first responders, and the military, and their families.
For God's People, The Church, and the World.

Prayers for national, state, and local leaders; and for our Nation.

If you know someone you would like to add to our prayer list, please forward your request to the church office by email at: secretaryrumc@gmail.com, or by calling (540) 364-1066.

RUMC CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

John Stolte, Thursday, May 12th
Roy Sisk, Friday, May 13th
Ben Wegdam, Friday, May 13th

Anniversaries

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Worship Committee – Tuesday, May 10th at 10:00 am
Trustees – Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm
Homecoming – Sunday, May 15th at 11:00 am
SPRC – Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm
Fifth Sunday Joint Worship – Sunday, May 29th at 10:30 am at
Middleburg UMC

FIFTH SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP

Our next Fifth Sunday joint worship service
will be at Middleburg UMC on:

May 29th, 2022 at 10:30 am

After the service, there will be a joint RUMC-MUMC-BUMC picnic at Northern Fauquier Community Park at the Lakeview Pavilion #6. This will be a celebration and farewell for Pastors Faith and Steve. I hope you will put this date on your calendars and plan to attend! And, oh by the way, don't forget to invite a friend to come along with you for all the fun and fellowship!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 18th!

RECTORTOWN HOMECOMING TIME CAPSULE

It might seem like it's going to be a long time yet before Homecoming 2022 – but it's never too early to get ready – particularly when it comes to the Time Capsule!

If you have any items that represent our church and/or community past, present and future history that you'd like to put into the Capsule, please get them to the Church Historian, Diane Harrington. The success of this project depends on everyone's participation!

BIBLE STUDY: “REVELATION”

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm via ZOOM

“*Revelation*” is often regarded as the hardest book in the New Testament. In fact, many people avoid “*Revelation*” because of its often strange, lurid, sometimes bizarre, and even violent imagery. But, “*Revelation*” actually offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for all of creation, and of the way in which the powerful forces of evil, at work in a thousand ways, can be and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah and the consequent costly victory of his followers. Join us as we explore “*Revelation*” Chapters 20 and 21 at our next meeting on May 10th at 6:30 pm!

RECTORTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HOMECOMING 2022

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022 AT 11:00 AM

RSVP NOW!

Join us for a special worship service, time capsule, catered lunch, & Bluegrass band!



*Please RSVP by Monday, May 9th
to ensure we have an accurate
headcount for the catering.
Thank You!*

YES, I WILL ATTEND:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

GUESTS:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

QUESTIONS? EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT
SECRETARYRUMC@GMAIL.COM
OR VISIT WWW.RECTORTOWNUMC.ORG



Save the Date/Notification of Special Annual Conference

May 3, 2022

On Saturday, October 29, 2022, 9:30 a.m., a Special Annual Conference will be held virtually. The sole purpose of this Special Session Called Annual Conference is to ratify the disaffiliation of local churches seeking to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church over matters of human sexuality. Paragraph 2553 of the *Book of Discipline* governs this process. All approvals and agreements under this process must be completed by September 30, 2022, to be considered at the October 29, 2022 Special Session Called Annual Conference. Dates of additional Called Annual Conferences for this purpose will be available in the near future.

Additional material about the session will be forthcoming. More information about disaffiliation is on the conference website at <https://vaumc.org/a-notable-development-on-the-futureof-the-united-methodist-church/>. Questions may be directed to [the Rev. Dr. Steve Summers](#).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Peace and Blessings,
Bishop Sharma D. Lewis



District Initiative: Learn about collaboration taking place in 16 districts

District Initiative is the collaboration currently taking place in the 16 districts. In a the last article of a series, the district superintendents of the Virginia Conference share in a joint letter more about District Initiative and next steps.

**Visit RectortownUMC.org for a link to the
VAUMC District Initiative Project.**

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