

Rectortown United Methodist Church

May 15th, 2022, 11:00 a.m.
Homecoming



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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

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

CALL to WORSHIP

Eternal and loving God – today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of Salvation...

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities...

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation...

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here, for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord, for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service...

We give you thanks, O God.

HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2022, p. 125)*

Most gracious and loving God – you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice. Open our eyes to see your glory. Open our minds to receive your word. Open our hearts to perceive your presence. All these things we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES’ MESSAGE

Jesus loves us all!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. C, Vol 1, p. 162)

O God of promise, you word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-35

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

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 148 UMH 861

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

* Gloria Patri UMH 70

MESSAGE *What God has made...*

* **HYMN** The Gift of Love UMH 408

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** How Great Thou Art UMH 77

SENDING FORTH

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

* Amen UMC 898

** 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.***

Questions for Reflection

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 1, p. 164)

In the Acts passage today, Peter – led by the Spirit – discloses God’s new directions to heal creation, and the church reconfigures its social boundaries. The Gentiles, who were excluded from the church in Jerusalem because their eating habits were judged to be vile and unclean, are now included by the reconciling work of the Spirit. Where is God’s Spirit opening us to new directions in mission this day?

Prayers of Intercession

(adapted from *FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. C, Vol. 1, pp. 162-163*)

For the well-being of your creation, so that we may promote its ability to offer praise to you through spacious skies, bountiful seas, verdant lands, and precious creatures great and small. O God of love...

raise us to new life in Christ.

For the life of the church, so that our generous witness may broaden your table as all find a place to live and grow in love. O God of love...

raise us to new life in Christ.

For the welfare of your world, so that all leaders and people both young and old will strive to live together in harmony while serving the common good. O God of love...

raise us to new life in Christ.

For all who suffer any violence, pain, or grief, so that they will know the comfort of your presence as you wipe every tear from their eyes. O God of love...

raise us to new life in Christ.

For the love made known to us in Jesus Christ through this community. We give you thanks and praise for this and for so many other things as well. O God of love...

raise us to new life in Christ.

For all who have died, so that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy, where morning and pain will be no more. O God of love...

raise us to new life in Christ.

For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For Family and Friends:

Linda Daniels
Wanda Hannah
Debbie McLaughlin
Randy Robinson
Roy Sisk

Roger Daniels
Mike Johnson
Tom McLaughlin
Zulla Russell
Hazel Sisk

For Those Who Grieve:

the Hannaman family
the Addison family

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

Vicki Willis – Monday, May 16th
Gary Garrett – Thursday, May 19th
Kenny Nalls – Saturday, May 21st

Anniversaries

Joe and Amy Riggio, Thursday, May 19th
Tom and Debbie McLaughlin, Saturday, May 21st

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

SPRC – Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm
5th Sunday Worship – May 29th at 10:30 am at MUMC
5th Sunday Picnic – May 29th after worship at Northern Fauquier Community Park.

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!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We all really enjoy and appreciate the jobs that Larry, Tammy, and Carl do for us during our Sunday worship services! Unfortunately, they cannot be here every Sunday morning – and when they cannot be here, then we need others to fill in so our online worship and inhouse multimedia still work! If you would like to volunteer as the videographer (online service), the multimedia (inhouse powerpoint), worship leader (greeting, announcements, opening prayer), or scripture reader (prayer for illumination, first reading, and psalm reading), please let us know!

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 17th at 6:30 pm!

We're excited to announce we're rolling out the ability for you to give to Rectortown United Methodist Church online or through text-to-give!

Give online

- Give one time or set up recurring gifts
- Use credit/debit card, or bank ACH transaction
- Choose to cover the transaction fee for the church

Fast, easy, and safe!

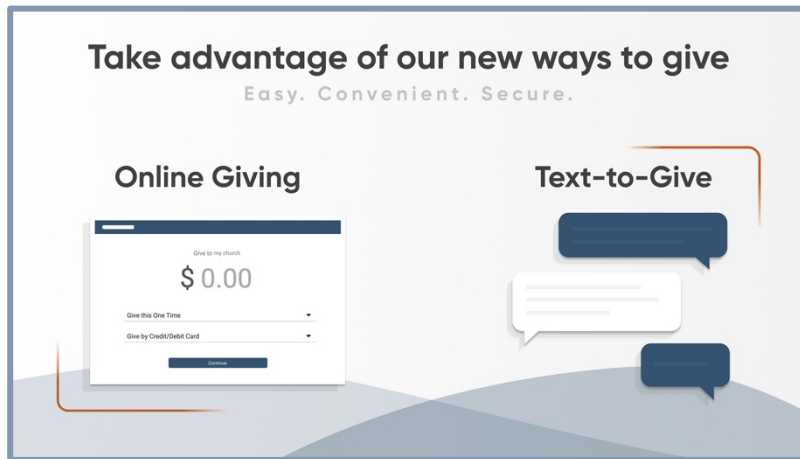
The graphic features a smartphone displaying a donation interface with a "\$0.00" amount and a "Donate Now" button. Below the phone, a church building is shown with a stack of cash and a coin being placed into a slot, symbolizing online giving.

As less and less people are using checks or carrying cash, offering a safe means to give online ensures we're providing you the most convenient methods possible to offer a gift of support to our church.

As many of you are primarily streaming our services online, we hope this will be more convenient than mailing a check, though you are welcome to continue to do so if you prefer.

Through our new online giving platform you have the ability to give one-time or set up automatic recurring gifts from a credit/debit card or through a bank ACH transaction. Our church does pay a small transaction fee to process online payments, but we feel the fee is well worth the convenience. If you choose to, you are able to cover that fee for the church at the same time you give.

You may also designate a fund for your giving by selecting a drop-down list.



To Give Online:

- Go to <https://rectortownumc.org/online-giving>
- Enter the amount you'd like to give
- Select a fund from the drop down list
- Click the dropdown that shows the words "one time gift" and select a different frequency from the menu (weekly, every two weeks, monthly, yearly)
- Select your Payment Method and click "Continue"
- Now, enter your Contact and Payment Information and choose if you would like to cover the processing fees
- Click the "Give \$" button

To Give by Text:

- Text the amount you'd like to donate (example: **20**) to **540-502-3377** and follow the prompts for a one-time set up. In the future, you'll simply be able to text the gift amount to our giving number and hit send!
 - Example: 20 RUMC
 - To give to the General Fund
 - Example: 20 Memorial
 - To give to the Memorial Fund
 - Example: 20 Kits
 - To give to Kits for Conference, our Homecoming Special Offering
- There is a one-time set up to get started with Text to Give but after that you just text the amount you want to give - easy!



Special Homecoming Offering Cans & Kits For Conference

- **Foods items** – Cans and dry food will be collected and shared with local ministries. Please bring your food items to Homecoming and place in the collection box.
- **UMCOR Kits** – This year we will focus on collecting funds for UMCOR Cleaning & Hygiene kits. To purchase relief kits, you can contribute \$75 for each cleaning kit; \$12 for each health kit by texting the dollar amount and "Kits" to **540-502-3377**, visiting our website at rectortownumc.org/online-giving to give online, or donate by check/cash on the offering plate. Any amount is appreciated!



Rectortown United Methodist Church is excited to announce the Fig Leaf, a new community outreach program. The Fig Leaf is a clothing closet serving local residents in need of clothing for work, everyday, and special occasions in a variety of sizes for children, teens, and adults.

The idea is to display donated clothing in an environment where those in need can “shop” for what they can use at no cost. We are hoping to involve the Rectortown community by recruiting volunteers to receive, sort, clean, merchandise, re-cycle excess or unused clothes as well as staff the Fig Leaf during hours of operation.

The Fig Leaf will be open during the same hours as *Share The Harvest Food Bank* at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Deplane:

Tuesdays 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays 10:30 am -12:30 pm

1st Saturday of the month 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Volunteers are needed immediately to set up the clothes closet in the lower level of the White House at Rectortown United Methodist Church. Please contact the church office at 540-634-1066 or FigLeafAtRUMC@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Services are broadcast via live stream and digital recording. To view, visit RectortownUMC.org.

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