

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For Family and Friends:

Russell Campbell	Roger Daniels
Jeff Duff	Wanda Hanna
Debbie Hall	David Hickey
Earline Hickey	Avis Kessler
Mac Kirkpatrick	James Matthew
Linda Rose	Zulla Russell
Hazel Sisk	Roy Sisk
Dougie Thompson	Larry Underwood

For Those Who Grieve:

the Brown Family	the Lenzen family
the Scheuble family	

For the Church and For the World:

For those with COVID-19, and those caring for COVID-19 patients.
 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

None.

Anniversaries

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Worship Committee – Tuesday, March 9th at 10:00 am
 Trustees – Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00 pm
 SPRC – Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 pm

Technical Assistance Manual (TAM) for Churches

Updated: February 24th, 2021

The Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church published the latest changes to the TAM, which is the document that all United Methodist churches in this Conference must operate by. On page 2 of the current TAM it says: *“Because we are putting a priority on the safety of every person present, the Conference is requiring a number of rules and protocols to be followed. These are not recommendations and they are not optional. The Bishop is ordering that the rules and protocols be implemented consistently no matter the size of the church.”* These rules are not set up to hinder or impair individual freedoms. They are set up to ensure that the most vulnerable among us can feel safe when attending in-person worship services in our facilities.

There are a number of changes in the TAM, and you can read them in their entirety by visiting www.vaumc.org and clicking on “News” at the far right of the red banner at the top. Then click on the banner that says “Return to In-Person Worship Work Group Releases TAM Update.” That will open a page that summarizes all the changes and allows you to download a full copy of the updated TAM.

There are a couple of changes that I want us all to be aware of:

- 1) “If any member or guest attending a service in Stage 2 has tested positive in the past for COVID-19, has fully recovered, is symptom-free, and has observed the required 10-day period of self-isolation, they can attend one of the in-person services. Such persons should follow the current advice of their health care provider, and should contact their local clergy to discuss attendance at an in-person worship service when submitting the Health Acknowledgement Form” (TAM, p.5).
- 2) “With the exception of Drive-In services only, every one must wear a mask as directed when attending a service on church property. Persons should bring their own masks as the church will not provide masks as a matter of course. Masks need to be two layers thick” (TAM, p. 4). “We recommend following CDC recommendations, and these include using medical masks (droplet, KN95, KN94, or N95 if available), and especially double masking, a medical mask covered by a cloth mask” (TAM, p. 1). Thus, everyone attending in-person worship will be required to wear two layers of mask that fully covers the nose and mouth at all times when on church property.