

## RUMC PRAYER LIST:

Betty & Larry Underwood  
David & Joice Fredenburgh  
Keith Kemper  
Carl Carter  
Vicki Willis &  
the Snelling Family  
James Matthews  
Vicki (Debbie Hall's sister)  
All those with COVID-19  
All those caring for COVID-19 patients



Roy Sisk  
Zulla Russell  
Debbie Hall  
Avis Kessler  
Rick Willis  
Roger Daniels  
Mac Kirkpatrick  
Bob Fallows

### Continuing Prayers:

For the sick. For those who grieve.  
For all who serve and their families.  
For God's People, The Church, and the World.  
Prayers for our Nation.

If you know someone you would like to add to our prayer list, please forward your request to Judy Scheuble by email at: [ljscheuble@aol.com](mailto:ljscheuble@aol.com), or by calling her at home.

## RUMC CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Debbie Hall, Sun, Jun 21<sup>st</sup>

### Anniversaries



## UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Healthy Church Team	Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm
Administrative Council	July 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm
Healthy Church Team	July 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Board of Trustees	July 8 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
Nominations/Leadership	July 9 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Worship Committee	July 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am
SPRC	Jul 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Healthy Church Team	Jul 21 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

*All meetings & Zoom links can be found on the church calendar on our website.*

### BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study will be suspended until we are able to meet in person again. We will restart once we are able to convene in-person worship and meetings. We will pick up with Chapters 16, 17, and 18 at that time.

## RUMC Sunday School Returns

Join us on Zoom every Sunday morning  
for a Virtual Sunday School Class!

**What to have:** All you need is an open heart and a Bible. It would also be helpful to have the David C. Cook study book to be able to follow along as well. If you'd like to have one, let Larry or the Pastor know, and we will get you one.

**When and where to be:** Anywhere with internet access or a phone at 8:45 am.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83726827996>

Use this link each week when attending. For Zoom phone numbers see church calendar on our website.

## Call for Volunteers

Don't forget the church needs help! Do you have time this week, June 22-27<sup>th</sup>? If so you can email [secretaryRUMC@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryRUMC@gmail.com) to sign up or use the links below.

Click [CLEANING](#) to sign up

Click [FLOWERS](#) to sign up

## Excerpts from the Bishop's Letter on In-Person Worship dated June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Virginia Annual Conference:

As we expand in-person worship and other church gatherings beginning this Sunday, June 21, I want to celebrate God's goodness and the faithfulness of Virginia United Methodists. Since Stage 1 of our plan to carefully return to in-person worship began, I have attended four in-person worship services and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit at each one. I have been quite impressed with the care taken by local clergy, Healthy Church Teams, and volunteers in blending public safety guidance into our worship experience. Thanks be to God we have had no apparent outbreaks of COVID-19 in our United Methodist churches since we began to return with Drive-In and Pioneer worship services.

I also want to commend all churches throughout the Conference that have had online worship services. For many, launching these services was a new and difficult challenge, requiring much painstaking and dedicated work. Yet, our churches have persevered and succeeded in offering quality online worship services at a time when many who are impacted by the pandemic yearn to be able to worship Christ.

In addition, many rural churches have provided telephonic worship services as Internet access remains a challenge in some areas of the Commonwealth. This, too, required diligent work and was a blessing to many who otherwise could not worship.

Our Workgroup on Returning to In-Person Worship has also been learning a lot as the members have received feedback and evaluations from churches offering Drive-In and in-person services. You should know that the materials produced by our team, including the Health Acknowledgement Form and Handbook, are also being used by other denominational leaders in the Commonwealth as they have contacted us in developing their own plans.

We will continue to monitor and review our process in the weeks ahead. As I have often said, this is a marathon and not a sprint. Some churches will determine that the most faithful step for them is to wait a bit longer before moving to in-person worship and in-person gatherings and continue to provide other ways to worship. We expect that many churches in the Conference will move forward to providing in-person worship and other in-person gatherings. Thank you for your patience, your flexibility, and your faithfulness to our mission.

Peace and Blessings,  
Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

For the full letter that outlines the new **Technical Assistance Manual (TAM)**, and some specific requirements for conducting in-person worship services during Stage 2, visit [www.vaumc.org/return](http://www.vaumc.org/return) or go to [www.rectortownumc.org](http://www.rectortownumc.org).

The TAM and an instruction sheet for using the required Health Acknowledgement Form can be found there as well.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to call the Pastor or our Lay Leader, Larry Scheuble.