

RUMC PRAYER LIST:

Betty & Larry Underwood
David 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
Laine Scheuble

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, or by calling her at home.

RUMC CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Josh McLaughlin, Mon, Jul 6th
Hazel Sisk, Mon, Jul 6th
Cindy Stolte, Mon, Jul 6th
Aubrie VanOrman, Sat, Jul 11th

Anniversaries



UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Healthy Church Team, July 7th at 7:00pm
Trustees, July 8th at 6:00pm
Nominations, July 9th at 7:00pm
Worship Committee, July 14th at 10:00am
SPRC, July 16th at 7:00pm
Healthy Church Team, July 21st at 7:00pm

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.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Virginia Annual Conference:

These are certainly challenging times – and there is also a great deal of positive news for our church. Through faith, flexibility, and hard work we are returning to in-person worship in a safe and responsible manner.

Virginia is on track to enter Phase Three of Governor Northam's reopening plan this Wednesday, July 1, 2020, as the number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths continue to decline in the Commonwealth. The Conference has been carefully monitoring events at the state level and the transition to Phase Three by Governor Northam was expected. It does not impact our return to worship plans.

Our churches continue the return to in-person under the [Stage 2 criteria](#) that went into effect for the Conference on June 21, 2020. The Conference will remain in our Stage 2 for the foreseeable future as we are being rigorous about the safety of our members and guests. Face coverings and social distancing are essential at all in-person gatherings.

I encourage all churches to return to in-person worship, even if it is with a modest number of church members while continuing to provide online or telephonic worship services. We will continue to monitor and evaluate events. As trends are expected to continue to improve in Virginia, we will likely loosen some of the requirements for in-person worship.

Thank you to the hundreds of churches that have returned to in-person worship and other church activities, and thanks to those that are making plans to do so soon. Even though the services are smaller than before the pandemic, you are providing important, essential ministry to help the well-being of the Body of Christ. Every church that is comfortable can have in-person worship by following the [Technical Assistance Manual](#) on the Conference website.

Peace and Blessings,
Bishop Sharma D. Lewis