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# Rectortown Reporter

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## From the Pastor

### Prioritizing Our Priorities

*Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!*



It seems like Advent and Christmas was just a few days ago—and here we are already moving into Lent and Easter! Where does the time go? Are you one of those that often says things like “there’s just not enough hours in the day” or “there needs to be at least one more day in the week”? Perhaps that’s one of the reasons people seem to be so fond of the past “golden age” of their lives—things were simpler then, and not nearly so hectically chaotic! Perhaps that could be the focus of your Lenten reflections this year—prioritizing your priorities.

Lent is a period of 40 days (not counting Sundays, which the church considers to be “mini Easters”) that begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is more than just a series of days—it’s a journey that takes us along the path to Jerusalem and the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Traditionally, Lent began as a preparation period for those wanting to join the church. Later, it became a time of penance for everyone in the church; which continues today in the form of “giving up” some vice or temptation during these 40 days.

That changed not too long ago when many Christian leaders began asking folks to consider “taking on” rather than “giving up” something during Lent. Rather than giving up chocolate, or soft drinks, or desserts after dinner, or.. well, you get the point—why not take on a new spiritual discipline, or a new mission task? Perhaps you could add a time of prayer to your busy schedule, or you could spend time reading the Bible each day. Perhaps you could get involved in helping the Friends of Rectortown with their Backpack Buddy program that feeds hungry children at Claude Thompson Elementary. Perhaps there is another way you might help meet the many needs in and beyond our community. Perhaps you could reprioritize what’s really important in your life.

Jesus prepared for the time when he would act for everyone’s benefit. Now is the time for us to reflect and prepare so we can be ready to answer God’s call to act for the benefit of others. Now is the time for us to determine how we will live as disciples through prayer, action, and love through service.

Grace and peace to each and everyone of you!  
*Pastor Steve*

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## Scripture of the Month

### Matthew 4:1-4

#### Temptation of Jesus

<sup>1</sup>Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him.

<sup>2</sup>After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, “Since you are God’s Son, command these stones to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus replied, “It’s written, People won’t live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.”

# On the Road with RUMC Youth

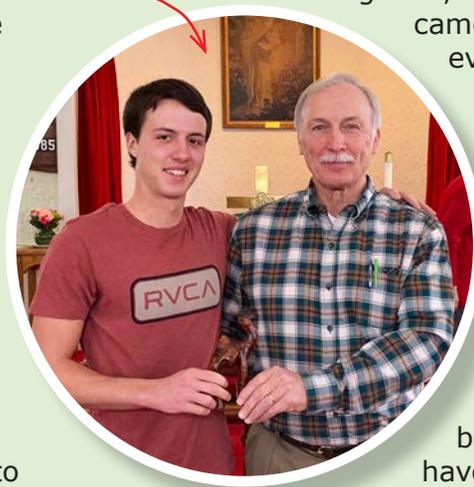
## Chet Walker Travels to Africa for His First Mission Trip

On Sunday, Feb. 17, Chet Walker presented Larry Scheuble with a camel! It was a small wooden one that Chet brought back as a thank you to RUMC for support of his mission trip to North Africa. It was his first mission trip as well as his first trip overseas.

In January, he and 11 other college students representing Campus Crusades for Christ, went on a 9-day "Vision Trip" to try to spread Christianity to a very heavily Muslim country. They stayed with other missionaries and interns (called "stinters") who have been there months longer. One thing he noticed was how the energy of new arrivals like his group helped re-energize the spirits of those who had been serving the mission months longer. Chet explained, "It is a very challenging mission to share the gospel with individuals... a task that requires complete faith and trust in God because ultimately he is the one who opens their heart and mind to the gospel."

On a lighter note, he told us about the food—grains, vegetables and meats (including camel)—served in large shared bowls for everyone to scoop from with pieces of bread. In what would be similar to a living room, only a single cushioned couch known as a frosh would surround the walls.

Though many of the students were nearing graduation, trying to decide their next steps, Chet, is a freshman and has a few more years at Liberty University. His first mission trip will hopefully not be his last. RUMC is very proud to have someone like Chet out in the world spreading our faith.



From left to right. Back: Chet Walker (Fr.), Sean Howat ('18 Grad), Stone Felty (Fr.), Lexi Lahmann (Jr.) Lindsey Ball (Sr.), McClain Felty (Stinter), Jaren Hinten (Sr.). Middle: Morgan Mays (Stinter), Haley Davenport (So.), Sarah Haglund (So.), Laura Saad (Stinter), Amanda (Stinter), Adam Buchwald (Stinter), Britta Hinten ('18 Grad). Bottom: Ian Prince (Sr.), Marishia Allie (Grad student), Carly Reimer (stinter), and Melinda Liao (stinter).

## From the Friends of Rectortown

### Friends of Rectortown Work to Connect Community to the Ethernet

In October 2018 at the Friends of Rectortown (FOR) session hosted by RUMC, there was an alternate proposal to a major cell tower service provider. That proposal was to run fiberoptic cable throughout the community, which would reduce/cut many of the hazards/concerns presented by a cell phone tower near the community.

Since then a small team of FOR members has been working on the alternate solution. On **March 24 at 1:00 p.m.**, RUMC will again host a presentation and discussion on the new alternate proposal. If this proposal is viable, it could mean ethernet connectivity in the very near future for the community. All are invited to attend.

## From the Board of Trustees

### New Copier on The Way!

After 20 years, the main printer in the church office is on its last leg. Vicki has nurtured it for the past few years, but parts are very hard to find, as is basic service. After researching current usage and considering new capabilities, the Trustees have contracted with CANON Solutions to provide the new copier. The copier should be delivered, and up and operating by early March.

### Plans Progress for New Porch Roof Above Social Hall Entry

The Trustees will be contracting to replace the Social Hall entry roof soon. Currently, the roof is covered with asphalt shingles that were installed almost 30 years ago. In an effort to continue to improve all the facilities, the replacement roof will be metal. As this project begins, to protect the entry door and provide cover for those entering, a temporary porch roof will be built prior to the final metal roof installation. These pictures are a rough depiction of the new roof, which will hopefully also capture the character of the Sanctuary main entrance.



## FINAL CALL TO RUMC MEMBERS—PAST AND PRESENT

### RUMC Needs Your Photos and Memorabilia by March 19

The Worship Committee is in search of anything that shows "RUMC history" for a presentation at our 2019 Homecoming in May. We are gathering through March 19. Either **bring** them to the church office at 3049 Rectortown Rd (Tues. thru Fri. 9am-12:30pm), **email** them to [rectortownsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rectortownsecretary@gmail.com), or **mail** them to Rectortown UMC, PO Box 301, Rectortown, VA, 20140. Let us know who's in the photo, the occasion, and date.

# From the Education Committee

## Confirmation Class 2019 Schedule

For Youth Ages 12-18

Sessions are 90 minutes from 2:00-3:30pm

### Introductory Meeting • Sunday, March 3

Building our 'Tree of Life', snacks, establishing schedule

### Session One • Sunday, March 10

Know Your Story: *Creation, Sin, Redemption*

### Session Two • Sunday, March 24

Know Your Story: *Holy Spirit, Church, New Creation*

### Session Three • Sunday, March 31

Confirm Your Faith: *Way of Discipleship, Way of Salvation, Wesleyan Quadrilateral*

### Session Four • Sunday, April 7

Confirm Your Faith: *Worship, Sacraments, Living a Holy Life*

### Session Five • Sunday, April 14

Live Your Commitment: *Renounce/Reject/Repent, Accept, Confess*

### Session Six • Sunday, May 5

Live Your Commitment: *I Believe, PPGSW (membership vows), Going Forth*

### Confirmation Celebration • Sunday, June 2

For more information, contact Pastor Steve, Lay Leader Larry Scheuble or Education Chair Kristen Hylton.

## Come Learn About: *Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition*

March 7 - May 1

*Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition* by Steve Harper will be explored in depth at RUMC. There will be **two separate classes offered:**

### Class 1 • Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

### Class 2 • Wednesdays

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

*The Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition* workbook will be required for the class, and there will be daily activities to complete.

Please contact Larry Scheuble if you are interested in joining the class. God does not call you to have a devotional time, God calls you to live a devotional life.



Happy birthday to Shirley Embrey! Pictured left to right are Muggie, Jane, Eileen, Nancy, Roxie and Shirley at Hunter's Head Tavern.



## March Birthdays

Yvie Frazier . . . . . 3/4  
Skylar Riggio . . . . . 3/24  
Tom McLaughlin . . . . . 3/26  
Rick Hylton . . . . . 3/30  
Ward Ponn. . . . . 3/31

## Anniversary

Larry & Judy Scheuble . . 3/4

# RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

<b>Tue – Mar 5</b>	<b>5-7 p.m.</b>	<b>Pancake Supper</b>
<b>Wed – Mar 6</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thur – Mar 7	7 p.m.	Admin Council Meets
<b>Sun – Mar 10</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>
Tue – Mar 12	7 p.m.	Worship Meets
<b>Sun – Mar 24</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Friends of Rectortown Connectivity Meeting</b>
<b>Sun – Mar 30</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>The Three Sistas Perform</b>

## Every Week at RUMC

### **Sunday Worship**

10:00 a.m.

Worship for Adults and Children.  
Nursery provided.

### **Sunday School**

Adults: 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Children: 9-9:45 a.m.

**RUMC Wants to know...** If you have any photos from our events, news or recipes you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you. Please e-mail Laura at [Laura@NatsukoGraphicDesign.com](mailto:Laura@NatsukoGraphicDesign.com). Article submissions are **due by the 15th of the month.**



### **Our Mission Statement**

Serving God through Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.

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