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# Rectortown Reporter

June 2019

## From the Pastor

### Change and the People Called Methodists



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

Can you believe that June is here already? And that means its time for the Virginia Annual Conference to meet again! Actually, this will be the 237th annual meeting of United Methodists in Virginia.

A lot goes on at these annual gatherings starting with 8am registration on Thursday. At 10am the Laity and Clergy sessions convene to conduct necessary business, the Annual Conference is called to order at 2pm — and the work begins right away. Thursday afternoon and evening will be spent electing clergy and laity delegates to the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference and to the 2020 General Conference.

Friday morning begins with singing and Bible Study before conference business resumes at 8:45am; with a report from the 2019 General Conference at 10am. At 4:10pm, there will be a Memorial Service to remember those who've passed away in the past year. Friday ends with the Service of Ordering for Ministry for licensing, commissioning or ordaining those called to pastoral ministry.

Saturday morning begins a 5K Walk, Run, Bike and Yoga at 6:15am, with more singing and Bible Study beginning at 8:15am. The conference will again be called to order at 8:45am. All business is either completed or tabled for a later date by 10:45am. Finally, worship begins at 11am. The last piece of this celebration is the "fixing of appointments" which are announced and sealed by the Bishop before the Annual Conference closes around noon. It is a busy and Spirit-filled 3 days!

The theme of the Annual Conference this year is **Moving Forward in God's Mission**, based on Matthew 28:18-20:

*Jesus came to them and said: "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world."*

How is God calling us — the entire United Methodist Church, and us at Rectortown UMC — to be part of this great commission? Imagine the things God will accomplish through us when we listen and discern together what God is calling us to!

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

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## Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (BOW 441)

# 125<sup>th</sup> Homecoming at RUMC



On May 19, 2019 Rectortown United Methodist welcomed our friends and family to our Annual Homecoming, the 125th year in this building. Doors opened an hour before worship so folks could watch photos from past and present on the screens throughout the church as well as look through old memorabilia and scrapbooks that spanned the years.

Pastor Weedling opened up Worship and Pastor Jeri returned for the day to deliver a great message about sharing. Joice Freidburg returned to join Maddie Walker and the choir to provide us with music. Afterwards everyone enjoyed fellowship and a delicious potluck lunch. The afternoon came to a close with music provided by The Fresta Valley Christian Singers.

Many thanks to all who worked tirelessly the months before, during and after, to make this day extra special. It was that and more!



## June Birthdays



## Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Larry Underwood . . . 6/3 | Joann Garrett . . . 6/17 |
| Erika Harrington. . . 6/8 | Tony Willis . . . 6/19   |
| Tammy Frazier. . . 6/8    | Susan Haley . . . 6/20   |
| Debbie McLaughlin . 6/8   | Debbie Hall . . . 6/21   |

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| Larry & Betty Underwood . . . . . | .6/2 |
| Jim & Diane Harrington . .        | .6/3 |
| Rick & Kristen Hylton . .         | .6/4 |
| Todd & Tammy Frazier. .           | 6/12 |



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Thanks to guest speaker, Pastor Jeri for returning to Rectortown on this special occasion!





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Thanks to our musical guests, The Fresta Valley Christian Singers!



*Rectortown United Methodist Church looks forward to another 125 years!*

# RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Sun – June 2	10:00am	Service for Confirmation
Thur – June 6	7:00pm	Admin Council Meets
Wed – June 12	10:00am	Worship Meets
	6:00pm	Trustee's Meet
Sun – June 16	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	

*The next newsletter will be out in August. Please visit our [www.rectortownumc.org](http://www.rectortownumc.org) for July event dates and times.*

## 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.

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



### **Our Mission Statement**

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