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# Rectortown Reporter

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## From the Pastor

### Moving Forward in God's Mission

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



**M**uch has been going on in the United Methodist world since General Conference met in February. Here are some highlights:

- After General Conference 2019 closed, the Western Jurisdiction formally stated that it would not be obedient to the Traditional Plan that passed by a vote of 438 to 384.
- More than 600 people met at a UMCNext event in May 2019 to "discern a better way forward for The United Methodist Church." Those gathered did not reach a consensus on a single plan.
- The North Texas Annual Conference ordained an openly LGBTQ person in June 2019.
- The California-Nevada Annual Conference ordained, commissioned or licensed 6 openly LGBTQ clergy persons in June 2019
- A group met in Indianapolis in early June 2019 to devise a plan that will allow different denominations within the United Methodist tradition.
- 7 United Methodist churches were allowed to disaffiliate during the Mississippi Annual Conference in June 2019. 3 more Mississippi churches are currently working towards disaffiliation.
- The Bard-Jones Plan, "A New Form of Unity: A Way Forward Strategy 2019-2022," was offered in July 2019 to allow 3 groups — all within the United Methodist Church — for local churches to affiliate with.
- The Commission on General Conference investigated allegations of improper voting at GC2019 finding "credible objective evidence" of 4 people using someone else's credentials to cast votes. Thus, the minority report for disaffiliation substituted for Petition 90066 was voided. Bottom line — it will cost churches more to disaffiliate.
- An event called the "Post-Way-Forward Gathering" live-streamed 34 presentations from about 60 United Methodist scholars from Lovers Lane UMC in Dallas, Texas in early August 2019. The group plans to make all of this available on YouTube.
- A theologically diverse group met at Floris UMC in Herndon, Virginia August 16-17 to continue exploring ways in which the church might amicably separate. More meetings are planned.

This, of course, is not an all-inclusive list of what's been going on in the United Methodist world; but it gives you an idea of the complexity of the conversation. Throughout all of this, I remain hopeful for the future of the Church, whatever form it may take. Why, you might ask? Because it is still God's church and God still has a plan that we will continue to be invited to participate in. Let's focus first and most strongly on that.

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

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## Psalm of the month

### Psalm 100:1-5 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup>Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy!

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name!

<sup>5</sup>Because the LORD is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

# A Couple of Treats for Rectortown UMC

## Display Cabinet for Historical Artifacts



In memory of Nancy Tate, Diane Harrington and her family donated a glass display case to RUMC. The new case has been placed in the White House Education Building, and will be a great place to display and keep safe many of our wonderful historical items. Thanks to Jim Harrington and Parker Hylton for helping move the new case.

## Winchester District Superintendent Visits RUMC

Steve Summers, our District Superintendent and his wife Sally attended RUMC worship services on 18 August 2019. The service was a praise and worship service, with lots of music. It was a complete surprise and wonderful blessing having them worship with us.

Please come back soon!

The S/PPRC Committees of  
Middleburg and Rectortown United  
Methodist Churches invite you to join us  
for food and fellowship.

Sunday, September 29, 2019

At Rectortown UMC

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch/Luau Immediately After

Bring a dish to share

Please provide a card with your name and what the dish is  
and one interesting thing about yourself.

Wear your best Hawaiian shirt and bring your  
best conversation.

**Pupukahi i holomua**

*“United to move forward”*

*We hope to use this activity to build on  
growing and moving our  
Cooperative parish forward  
to make disciples of Christ.*



## September Birthdays

Emma Symanski . . . . .	9/2
Joseph Pisarcik . . . . .	9/18
Jim Harrington . . . . .	9/30

## From the Board of Trustees

### Crazy Lines Around the Church

You may have noticed orange, blue and other color lines painted on the grass and driveway areas around the church and social hall.

Some of the markings are required by Virginia Law to indicate power and telephone lines. Other lines, created by the Trustees, are to mark other underground lines, sewage lines and other buried items. The fiberoptic cable can not be installed until all are marked, so as of this printing, everything is ready for the contractor to begin installation.



### Parsonage Driveway Maintenance

Although most of us won't notice, Jim Harrington recently sprayed weed killer on the parsonage driveway. As with so many areas around our facilities, not so noticeable action is required to keep areas usable. The parking expansion has been a great addition to our parsonage, and keeping it maintained will keep it that way. (Note, Jim also did the entire Church and White House side walks, parking and driveways)

Thanks Jim!!

### Social Hall Entrance Roof Replacement



The Social Hall rear steps roof will be replaced when the new metal roof is put on the new front porch and Social Hall. The current roof had significant leaking in severe weather. So

when the contractor comes to install the main Social Hall roof, the rear entry steps roof will be included.

Thanks to Commercial Tool and Die, we have the new support posts for the Social Hall front porch roof. Now that the posts are installed we can move forward finishing the new roof.

So, excuse the mess, as the Trustees continue to keep our facilities safe and sound.

*Your Trustees*



# RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

*\*Events take place at Rectortown unless specified*

Sept TBD	7:00 p.m.	Nominations and Leadership Development Committee
Sept TBD		Fellowship Committee
Sept TBD		Finance Committee
Sept 5		Committee reports and budget information due to Admin Council
Sept 5	7:00 p.m.	Admin Council
Sept 11	10:00 p.m.	Worship
Sept 11	6:00 p.m.	Trustees
Sept 25		Charge Conference Reports due to District Office
Sept 13-14		Winchester Lay Servant Training @ Duncan Memorial UMC
Sept 29	10 a.m.	Middleburg/Rectortown UMC joint worship service and picnic
Oct 6	3-5:30 p.m.	Charge Conference @ Marshall UMC

## 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.