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From the Pastor

From worship as an event to worship as a lifestyle...



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

“So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service.” (Romans 12:1, *Common English Bible*) Here’s the same text as translated from the original Greek by Eugene Peterson, “So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering.” (The Message)

In his book, *The Air I Breathe: Worship As a Way of Life*, Louie Giglio avers that “we’re created to worship.” Thus, worship isn’t just a Sunday morning event that we attend — it’s the way we live every moment of our entire lives as disciples of Jesus Christ who are “life-long learners influencing others to serve.” (Virginia Annual Conference vision statement)

In his book, *Shift*, Phil Maynard says that the true purpose of worship is about honoring and glorifying God at both the corporate and the personal level. Corporately, we gather as a community of believers to praise God and to learn more about God; and to be challenged to grow in faith so we may commit more holistically to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Remember that “glorifying” God is more than simply praising God — it’s more about making God known in all the world through the things we say and do, and the ways in which and by which we love our neighbors as ourselves. And this is exactly what personal worship is all about.

The common liturgical flow of worship used by many churches around the world (including the United Methodist Church) designed to connect us with God goes something like this: gathering praise and prayer proclamation response to the word sending forth. This has remained pretty much the same for centuries. Yet, a recent Barna survey revealed that about 14 percent of adult believers admit that they’ve never experienced the presence of God in or out of church.

How about you? When and how have you experienced the presence of God in our worship services? How does our corporate worship experience affect your personal worship in the way you live your life? Would you be willing to be a more active participant in worship? How would that look? I’d love to hear your thoughts!

Grace and peace to each and everyone of you!

Pastor Steve

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Prayer of the month

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given
Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say “I am
strong”,

let the poor say “I am rich
because of what the Lord has
done for us.”

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Luau!



On September 29, Rectortown United Methodist Church became a tropical paradise. We were joined by our friends from Middleburg UMC where Pastor Steve preaches each Sunday after our worship service. Everyone was invited to contribute a dish to our potluck luau and contribute they did.

The weather was perfect, probably considered too warm for an early Autumn weekend by Virginians but just right by Hawaiian standards. People were decked out in floral prints and grabbed leis from a welcoming post outside as well as on each pew.

Music filled the air thanks to Karen from Middleburg leading their fantastic singers from Middleburg and joined in by the laity.

Afterwards everyone lined up outside to feast on the bountiful meal and delicious desserts.

Thanks to everyone who contributed and came to our Luau!



Luau! continued

Save the Date
for our next shared worship
service with Middleburg UMC.
Next time it'll be in Middleburg.





November Birthdays

Jean Payne 11/10
 Diane Harrington 11/13
 Tara Wegdam 11/14

Do You Know Who These People Are?

Email or call the office if you can identify the photo of this couple.



In this photo taken at Carl Carter and Norma Jean's Wedding in the mid-70s are Carroll Embrey, Pauline Bell, Dollie Butler, Shirley Embrey, Carroll's wife—Elsie Embrey, Roxie Willis in background. In the foreground are Suzanne Weston, Susan Embrey, and Danny Neff.



Please send us more photos to identify in future newsletters!

From the Worship Committee Advent Calendar of Events

30 Nov Saturday 12-2 PM

Set up Creche
 Decorate Community Tree,
 make ornaments and enjoy
 hot dogs and chips.

1 Dec Sunday 5-7 PM

1st Sunday of Advent
 Decorate Sanctuary Christmas
 Tree and enjoy a meal.

7-7:15 PM

Community Tree Lighting

8 Dec Sunday 5-7 PM

*2nd Sunday of Advent**

15 Dec Sunday 5-7 PM

3rd Sunday of Advent
 Craft night*

21 Dec Saturday 6:30 PM

Menorah Setup*

22 Dec Sunday 5-7 PM

*4th Sunday of Advent**

23 Dec Monday 5-7 PM

Hannukah
 Lighting of the Menorah*

24 Dec Tuesday 5:30 PM

Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service*

**Note: Save the Date—Details to come in December*



POINSETTIA ORDER



If you would like to order a Christmas Poinsettia "in honor" or "in memory" of someone for the Advent season, please fill in your order form and place it in the collection plate **by November 17.**

Christmas Poinsettia - \$7 each

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____



RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Events take place at Rectortown unless specified*

Thur – Nov 7 7:00pm	Admin Council Meets	
Wed – Nov 13	10:00am	Worship Meets
Wed – Nov 12	6:00pm	Trustees Meet



Annual Shoe Box Event

It is time for Shoe Boxes! Each year, we have the opportunity for an outreach ministry to children around the world. These boxes are important to children in parts of the world that they either can't afford, have no access to or don't know about. The Outreach Committee is providing shoe boxes (at RUMC) with a list of suggested items inside. Please contact Linda Daniels or other members of the Outreach Committee for more information. **Boxes are due by Sunday, November 24.**

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**. Please send **by the 15th of the month.**



Our Mission Statement

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