



Rectortown Reporter

June 2020

From the Pastor

The Times They Are a-Changin'...

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



Bob Dylan wrote this song “as a deliberate attempt to create an anthem of change for the time...” ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Times_They_Are_a-Changin'_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Times_They_Are_a-Changin'_(song))). There was a lot going on in America when he wrote it in late 1963. We’d just been through World War II, the Korean War, and, after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis, were on the brink of nuclear war with the Soviet Union; John F. Kennedy had just been assassinated; we were sending more “advisors” to Vietnam and becoming more involved in the almost decade-long war there; the civil rights movement was in full swing... Well, you get the picture — the times they were a-changin’...

In our Scripture reading this month, things were changing for the Israelites as well. Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt and been their leader for forty years, had just died; God had chosen Joshua to lead the people out of the wilderness into the promised land; and those people would have to leave their nomadic lives behind to settle in the cities they would possess. I’m sure the Israelites were as anxious and fearful of what would come next just as we Americans were in the early 1960s; and are again here and now. Because, just like then, the times they are a-changin’...

Interestingly enough, the pastor’s letter in June 2019 was titled “Change and the People Called Methodists.” The changes I’d envisioned then are not the changes we’ve been actually dealing with for the past several months. And, as you all know full well, there are more changes to come — some we want, and some we don’t. Nevertheless, come they will. God knows change is hard for us, and yet without change there is no learning, no growing, no maturing. Without change, there would be no possibility of the restoration of the image of God within us. God told Joshua then “to be brave and strong,” and not to be “alarmed or terrified”; because no matter what happened next, God would always be with him wherever he went (CEB, Joshua 1:9). I believe God is telling us the same things today. While we don’t know what tomorrow might bring, we do know that God will be right there with us through all the times as they are a-changin’...

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

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11a.m. Sundays for
Livestream Worship at
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Scripture of the month

Joshua 1:1a, 2b, 9, CEB

After Moses the LORD’s servant died, the LORD spoke to Joshua, Nun’s son... Now get ready to cross over the Jordan with this entire people to the land that I am giving to the Israelites... I’ve commanded you to be brave and strong, haven’t I? Don’t be alarmed or terrified, because the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Notes from the Board of Trustees

Livestream Worship Services

Although Rectortown UMC had been offering on-line meetings since early 2019, the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic has driven many churches to place "Livestream" worship at a higher priority of outreach. Federal, State, Local and Virginia Annual Conference guidelines, and fear and concern by parishioners, created an ever changing environment that needed virtual outreach, meetings, bible studies and worship services. However, the capability to provide these services didn't "just appear."

During the past 4 years, RUMC installed large screen 4K LED screens in the White House, Social Hall and Sanctuary, acquired computers and accessories to present from, cabled the buildings for audio and video distribution and upgraded the office printer to operate and interface on line. In 2019, Rectortown, as a community, agreed to contract installation of fiber optic cable throughout the village. RUMC agreed to provide the "hub" for distribution equipment and backup emergency power for the system.

As a result, in December 2019, RUMC gained high-speed internet access at both the Church and White House facility. Thankfully a \$2,800 gift from the Patty and Nick Kortlandt Fund of the Northern Piedmont Foundation helped pay for much of the equipment

provided by High Mountain Farm Broadband. Everything kept falling in place.

Online meetings became available with the quality of service to provide reliable audio, video and multi-participant connectivity. Three months later COVID-19 creates tremendous challenges (and still does), but RUMC's new capabilities have allowed hosted livestreamed worship services, meetings and Bible studies almost daily. Internet service has been available, free, on WiFi for community members to use in our parking lot or to schedule time to work inside either building. Weekly broadcasts by the Shakespeare Theatre Group, online classes attended by high school and college students, and folks working remotely are several of the current uses.

So, as we talk about "Glory Sightings," I would suggest that this glory sighting takes more than a moment to see. With God's guidance and RUMC's willingness to take giant steps forward, we were prepared to continue spreading His Holy Word. And, as a Cooperative Parish with Middleburg UMC, our sister church, we have joined forces to share human talents, physical capabilities, resources and faithfulness to our calling to be Disciples.

-Larry Scheuble
RUMC Lay Leader

Congratulations Rachel!



On Tuesday, 19 May 2020, at 11:15 am, Rachael Harrington graduated from Fauquier High School. As with many graduations in 2020, Fauquier High School changed from a single graduation event to individual dates and times for each student to receive their diploma. Diane, Jim, Courtney and Erika were able to attend and share the exciting event—one that 2020 graduates won't ever forget.

Rachael plans to attend Mary Washington University in the fall, and will pursue a double major in Environmental Science and International Affairs, with a Certificate in Geospatial Information Systems. She will receive \$600 from the RUMC Education Fund to help her on her way. Congratulations and may God bless her in all her studies!

HOMECOMING 2020

Another Huge Success and New Experience

Since May 2019, the RUMC Worship Committee, led by Debbie Hall, had been planning for Homecoming on May 17, 2020. Homecoming 2019 was reviewed to see if there were things we did well, needed fix or add for 2020. Themes were discussed, speaker names put in the mix, consideration of special events, advertising and updating the mailing/email list and keeping all the committees informed.

THEN, in late February things began to change worldwide. The Worship Committee began discussing if we needed to cancel Homecoming. But, when the discussion got to the Administrative Council, everyone agreed to keep Homecoming 2020 on the calendar and work toward live-streaming the event. That was great until we contacted our speaker and others, and realized, that we would have to pre-record the the event — something we had never done, at least not an entire event.

The wheels started turning, Middleburg UMC (our Cooperative Parish sister church) grabbed the lead on music and guest musicians; Amy Riggio, began learning “how to produce” a seamless video with dozens of separately recorded clips; Diane Harrington, Church Historian, began creating a presentation on “Time Capsule 2021”; Linda Daniels, Outreach, pulled out the Homecoming Banners; Pastor

Steve worked with our guest speaker, Alanna McGuinn, to record her sermon; set staging was planned for the service, and our videographer, Yvie Frazier, recorded the event (20 separate takes).

And, in the midst of the regular worship services, business meetings, COVID-19 protection and cleaning, pulling all the Homecoming threads together, we were busily trying to keep up with guidelines for tracking attendance and creating a new process for online giving. You should have been able to “register” online when you opened the Homecoming link. Registration is the recommended means to track attendance in these times of separation and online services. Thanks for taking the time to sign in each week. And, with all the concerns about handling cash and credit cards, the short video on online donations given by Amy Riggio hopefully helped each of you understand the process, as we need your support.

We pray this work successfully reached each of you and provided a time of connection, remembrance, our history, seeing and hearing from old friends and a message on the importance of being a “Community of Faith”.

-Larry Scheuble
RUMC Lay Leader

SPECIAL THANKS

Our 2020 Virtual Homecoming and Live Stream Services are very important to our Rectortown UMC Community. We would like to thank the following people for their talents and time in creating these worship opportunities.



Alanna



Karen



Hunt



Mark



Yvie

Steve Weedling – Pastor

Alanna McGuinn – Guest Speaker

Larry Scheuble – Lay Leader

Karen Chase – Organ/Vocals

Hunt Lyman – Guitar/Vocals

Mark Maggiolo – Banjo

Yvie Frazier – Videographer

June Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Larry & Betty Underwood .6/2
 Jim & Diane Harrington . .6/3
 Rick & Kristen Hylton . . .6/4
 Todd & Tammy Frazier. . 6/12
 Jeff & Laura Symanski . 6/17

July Birthdays

Carla Ryder 7/1	Cindy Stolte 7/6
Rachel Harrington. . 7/2	Parker Hylton 7/19
Josh McLaughlin. . . 7/6	Kiki Wegdam 7/19
Hazel Sisk 7/6	Roxie Willis 7/19

Anniversaries

Roy &
 Hazel Sisk . .7/18



Our Mission Statement

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

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.**

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Healthy Church Team	7:00pm	Tues, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (as needed)
Administrative Council	7:00pm	Thurs, June 4
Worship Committee	10:00am	Wed, June 10
Trustees	6:00pm	Wed, June 10
S/PPRC	7:00pm	Thurs, June 18

The next newsletter will be out in August. Please visit www.rectortownumc.org for July event dates and times.