



Rectortown Reporter

September 2020

From the Pastor

Labor Day and Annual Conference

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

Can you believe it's already September? Where did the year go? When I was a kid, I'd always heard that time speeds up as you get older, but I never understood that. I mean, an hour is an hour, right? While that's true, I'm now aware that the rate at which we experience that hour changes with circumstances—things like getting older. The hours do seem to fly by these days. At any rate, there's a couple of special events that'll happen this month.

Labor Day is on Monday, September 7th. Things will certainly look different this year as we gather for family and community celebrations in the midst of an ongoing pandemic; but the picnics, parades and other special events aren't what Labor Day is all about anyway. As we've said before, the first Labor Day parade occurred when 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City on September 5th, 1882. This was an early attempt by the American work force to push back against the harsh and dangerous working conditions, long hours, and low wages that had evolved during the Industrial Revolution. Psalm 107 says that the Lord is good to his people; and verse 12 says God's people "stumbled, and there was no one to help them" (CEB). Twelve years later, help came to the American work force when Congress legalized the "working man's holiday" as a celebration of the true wealth of this nation—the laborers themselves.

The other special event is the 238th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Like Labor Day, Annual Conference will also look very different this year. Instead of a 3-day gathering of clergy and laity from all over Virginia, we'll meet online for just one day on Saturday, September 19th. Even though many of our church buildings remain closed, the church is—and always has been—open, and the work goes on. The Annual Conference Mission Offering this year will serve "a mixture of long-term mission partnership commitments as well as new mission opportunities" (vaumc.org/ac2020) within our conference and overseas; and Kits for Conference will collect cleaning, hygiene, and school kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Thank you all for your continuing support of our local and global Church and the missions and ministries we're committed to.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 31-32, CEB

"Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!" That's what those who are redeemed by the Lord say, the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies, the ones God gathered from various countries, from east and west, north and south. Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people. Let them exalt God in the congregation of the people and praise God in the assembly of the elders.



Yvie Frazier, RUMC's first videographer

MANY THANKS

Yvie Frazier

RUMC Videographer for Weekly Worship Services

Many, many, many thanks to Yvie Frazier, who has been serving as the videographer for our weekly live-stream worship services since the end of March. We are so grateful for her energy and commitment to helping us provide the best online worship we could! Yvie returned to James Madison University for her Junior year.

"Yvie, please know that as you leave us now to return to school, we give you our deep gratitude and most sincere wishes for a happy and productive school year!

God bless you and keep you safe!"

-Larry Scheuble

Our Greatest Wealth

We are born with two eyes in front because we must not always look behind, but see what lies ahead beyond ourselves.

We are born to have two ears—one left, one right so we can hear both sides, collect both the compliments and criticisms, to see which are right.

We are born with a brain concealed in a skull then no matter how poor we are, we are still rich, for no one can steal what our brain contains, packing in more jewels and rings than you can think.

We are born with two eyes, two ears, but one mouth for the mouth is a sharp weapon, it can hurt, flirt, and kill. Remember our motto: talk less, listen and see more.

We are born with only one heart, deep in our ribs; it reminds us to appreciate and give love from deep within.

-Thanks to Shirley for sharing this article

From the Outreach Committee

Local churches are encouraged to continue the collection of **KITS FOR CONFERENCE**. *Specific collection details still underway, but will very likely include the organization of regional, or district-wide, drop-off locations.* More information will be forthcoming as the new plan is created and finalized.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is currently focusing efforts on **Cleaning Kits** (aka Flood Buckets), **Hygiene Kits**, and **School Kits**. Cleaning kits provide supplies to help individuals and families clean up after flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. Hygiene kits replace basic necessity items lost in a disaster such as toothbrushes, hand towels, and soap to help people stay clean and healthy. School kits include school supplies for children as they return to the classroom. Click on the kit name above to see item lists and assembly instructions.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution to enable UMCOR to purchase relief kits, you can contribute \$75 for each cleaning kit; \$12 for each health kit; and \$11 for each school kit. Additionally, UMCOR asks for \$1 per kit (\$3 for cleaning buckets) to cover processing and shipping and \$1 for toothpaste for each health kit. Please do NOT bring checks to Annual Conference. All checks (for processing and shipping, for toothpaste, and in lieu of providing kits) should be made payable to "Virginia Conference UMC," earmarked for "kits" and mailed to Treasurer, Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA, 23058 any time prior to Annual Conference.

The following information is also posted and will be updated on the conference website at www.vaumc.org/ac2020

Help Needed! Now Hiring!

Rectortown United Methodist Church is seeking...

A Videographer for our weekly live-stream service. This is a paid, part-time position for a few hours per week. It takes a person who is willing to learn the ropes of live-stream worship and to be available each Sunday. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary at secretaryRUMC@gmail.com

An Administrative and Communications Specialist.

This is a paid, part-time position for 16 - 20 hours per week. Interviews will be conducted based on resume evaluation. Salary commensurate with experience.

If interested, please send cover letter and resume to: secretaryRUMC@gmail.com



September Birthdays

2 Emma Symanski

18 Joseph Pisarcik

30 Jim Harrington



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

Tues Sept 1	HCT	7:00pm
Thurs Sept 3	Admin Council	7:00pm
Tues Sept 8	Worship Committee	10:00am
Wed Sept 9	Trustees	6:00pm
Tues Sept 15	HCT	7:00pm
Thurs Sept 17	S/PPRC	7:00pm
Tues Sept 29	HCT	7:00pm