



Rectortown Reporter

October 2020

From the Pastor

I Really Do Love Fall...

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

I really do love Fall! It's my favorite season because it's neither too hot nor too cold. I love the warmth of the day and the cool crispness of the night. I love the time shared at an evening campfire gazing into the ever shifting colors and patterns of the flames dancing amongst the logs while dreaming of days yet to be. But, what I love most about fall is the diversity of it all. Unlike the other seasons — Fall is an explosion of colors and textures everywhere you look! And that's the way it is with God's human family — we're all alike made in the image of God, and yet every one is unique — every one different — every one a color and a texture all our own. We are this way because God created us this way.

I asked a question four years ago: Why does humanity have so much difficulty appreciating God's diversity? I said, "We live in a time when love seems to be lost. I look at the current political rhetoric and the social unrest throughout our nation and in others as minorities around the world seek a voice to be heard. And, unfortunately, I see other voices seeking to drown them out — or at least to discredit their pleas. We live in a time where diversity seems more like a four letter word than the incredibly wondrous and loving grace-filled gift of God that it truly is." And though I could never have imagined it, here we are four years later and there seems to be even more division, chaos, anger, and violence.

Having said all of that, let me tell you that I still live in hope for a better tomorrow. Why? Because I believe that the time will come when God's salvific plan will be made complete! That is God's promise not just to some — but to all of creation! Revelation 5:13 says, "And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea — I heard everything everywhere say, 'Blessing, honor, glory, and power belong to the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb forever and always.'" The time to sing this song isn't after Jesus comes again — the time is NOW. As Christ's church, we're called to model love and grace and mercy. We're called to model community where everyone is both welcomed and valued. We're called to love even as God loves.



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

John 15:9, 12, 16a, 17

"As the Father loved me, I too have loved you... Remain in my love... This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you... You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last... I give you these commandments so that you can love each other."

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

Letter From Our Bishop

Addressing the Technical Issues at the 238th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference on September 19, 2020

Dear Virginia Annual Conference,

I again apologize for the serious technical issues on Saturday, September 19, 2020, that forced postponement of the 238th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference. Also, I thank you again for your patience throughout this difficult situation, particularly your non-anxious presence on Saturday.

Option Technologies, the consultant retained for the Annual Conference to handle numerous information technology issues, including the voting function, has also apologized for the failures and for letting the Conference down. These developments are especially disappointing as weeks of planning and preparation were conducted by hundreds of people, including Friday's simulation.

I am in extensive discussions with the Cabinet and others to formulate the best approach to ensure that the Annual Conference's business is properly conducted, including ensuring an easy-to-use and fully accurate voting system. I will keep you apprised of significant developments.

Thank you again for your patience and God bless you.

Peace and Blessings,

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

Notes from the Board of Trustees

As fall draws closer, projects continue to improve our facilities. With minimal traffic these days, doorway and stairwell work can be completed. The stairway has needed a good reworking, cleaning, caulking, spackling and painting for quite some time. As has

the Social Hall entry step.

Thanks to Russ for identifying the need and

patience to out wait the humidity in early September to make it all happen.

Thanks Russ! God bless you and keep you safe!"

-Larry Scheuble



Thanks Russ!



Virginia Conference United Methodist Church Annual Conference 2020



Pastor Steve Weedling, Middleburg Cooperative Parish Lay Delegate Gail May and Winchester District-at-Large Delegate Larry Scheuble attended Annual Conference 2020 virtually on September 19, from the RUMC Education Building. Although the 238th VA Conference was cut short due to technical difficulties, these representatives were online and connected. As you can see, the three are shown with Bishop Lewis on one of the large-screen TVs.

Help Needed! Now Hiring!

**Rectortown United Methodist
Church is seeking...**

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



October Birthdays

10/10 Larry Scheuble

Anniversaries

10/6 ... Dave and Joice Fredenburgh

10/18 Jimmy and Vicki Willis



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

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| Thurs October 1 | Admin Council | 7:00pm |
| Thurs October 8 | Nominations/Leadership | 7:00pm |
| Tues October 13 | Worship Committee | 10:00am |
| | HCT | 7:00pm |
| Wed October 14 | Trustee | 6:00pm |
| Thurs October 15 | S/PPRC | 7:00pm |
| Tues October 27 | HCT | 7:00pm |