



Rectortown Reporter

May 2021

From the Pastor

Celebrations and Coming Home



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

May is a month of many things! May 5th is Cinco de Mayo. Originally a Mexican day of commemoration (of the victory won by the Mexican Army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862); it's far more popular now as an American celebration of Mexican-American culture in our country. While contemporary observances in Mexico tend to be more ceremonial in nature, those in America tend to include a lot of food, music, folkloric dancing, parades, and yes — battle reenactments!

Mother's Day began at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia in 1908 as a celebration honoring the mother of the family; as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. While Congress initially rejected the idea of making it a national holiday (joking that a "mother's day" would inevitably lead to a "mother's-in-law day") the bill establishing the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day was signed in 1914.

Memorial Day (or, Decoration Day) is observed in America on the last Monday in May to remember those who died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Unofficially, it's also considered the beginning of the summer vacation season here in America! Neither of these should be confused with Armed Forces Day, which is observed on the third Saturday in May to honor those who are currently serving in the American military.

The third Sunday in May is Heritage Sunday in the United Methodist Church. This day calls us "to honor [our] heritage by committing [ourselves] to the continuing call of God known and spread by Charles and John Wesley, along with others the early Methodist movement reached and with whose denominations we are all joined as The United Methodist Church" (umcdiscipleship.org). The third Sunday of May was chosen for its proximity to May 24th; on which date in 1738 John Wesley experienced a "strangely warmed heart" through which "he received divine assurance of his salvation" at a Moravian Chapel on Aldersgate Street in London.

Rectortown UMC will celebrate our Annual Homecoming Worship Celebration on May 16th. Doors open at 10 am and worship featuring guest speaker Rev. Dr. Bill Wade (retired) begins at 11 am. While there will certainly be good worship and good fellowship, the ongoing pandemic restrictions prohibit sharing an after-worship meal and entertainment. Please don't forget to RSVP (on p7 or online) if you plan to attend in-person — and, as always, don't forget to invite a friend!

Grace and peace to each and every one of you!

Pastor Steve

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10 a.m. Sundays for In-person
or Livestream Worship at
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Scripture of the month

"As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends"

(John 15:9-13, CEB)

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Sunrise Service at RUMC

In addition to the regular 10AM service, some early risers met at 7:30AM in the field for the annual Sunrise Service with a warm welcome by Larry Scheuble at the gate, a great sermon by Pastor Steve Weedling and guitar music by Hunt Lyman from Middleburg UMC. It was nice to meet outside with the birds chirping in the trees and all of us singing aloud which we haven't done indoors due to COVID restrictions.



May Birthdays



Anniversaries

Olivia Walker 5/7
 Ren Walker 5/11
 John Stolte 5/12
 Ben Wegdam 5/13
 Roy Sisk 5/13
 Vicki Willis. . . . 5/16

Susan Haley 5/18
 Gary Garrett. . . . 5/19
 Kenny Nalls 5/21
 Kayla Ryder 5/24
 Lori Ponn 5/27

Roger & Linda Daniels. 5/1
 Joe & Amy Riggio . .5/19
 Tom & Debbie McLaughlin 5/21
 Ben & Yeshi Pisarcik 5/28

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From the Outreach Committee

PALS Pens for Outreach

RUMC held our 2021 Visioning Session 10 February 2021 which resulted in many suggested activities to continue, improve or create Outreach activities. Item number 7 on the list is to Revitalize our PALS mission by putting it on hats, t-shirts, other items to be worn or handed out to get folks to ask questions. Hopefully it'll promote questions about RUMC and what we do. Then we can explain our vision and how we go about taking action thru service. Linda Daniels, our Outreach Chair, began the year with a very successful "Lenten Food Collection". While that was going on, Pam Hunter, our Church Secretary, ordered 100 pens that are now available to the congregation and to be given out to attendees during Homecoming sign in. The pens come in five colors with three lines of information: Rectortown United Methodist Church; Prayer, Action Love, Service (PALS); www.RectortownUMC.org. Please help us make PALS known and understood by everyone we meet.



-Larry Scheuble, Lay Leader RUMC

Help Donate Food

If you'd like to donate or know someone who needs help with food donations, there's a food cabinet located at the Rectortown Post Office. You can put your donation in yourself or bring it by RUMC and we'll make sure it gets there.

Thanks to Tammy for letting us know.



Thank You

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A note of thanks to those who have helped with worship at RUMC each Sunday since we started in-person services. Those who brighten my Sunday mornings are: Russell waving hello in the parking lot even in the bitter cold, Eileen and Muggie teamed up, always with smiles in their eyes, taking my temperature, signing me in, then leading the way to the sanctuary. As soon as I step inside, Larry's sitting to the right and Pastor Steve ahead, ready to go. Karen's at the piano, Paris at the videocamera with Tara sitting nearby ready to read. And let's not forget Carl who's standing by the computer to keep things rolling along on the monitors. Usually Tammy's there to help clean and Linda Rose too. I am so thankful to all of them — RUMC at its best through this past year!

-Laura Symanski, SPPRC Chair

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Wednesday... 10a-3p
Thursday..... 10a-6p
Friday 10a-6p
Saturday..... 9a-4p
Sunday Closed

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RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

May 4	7 pm	HCT
May 6	7 pm	Administrative Council
May 11	10 am	Worship Committee
May 12	6 pm	Trustees
May 16	11 am	Homecoming - Guest Speaker Rev. Bill Wade
May 20	7 pm	SPPRC
May 30	10am	On-line only Sunday Worship Service No Sunday School

Help Needed ASAP~

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

All Are Welcome!

RUMC Homecoming

11am • May 16, 2021

(In-person and Live-stream)

Guest Speaker:

Reverend William Wade (retired)

See details in the letter and RSVP form.

Special Homecoming Offering

Please bring non perishable food items to our Homecoming celebration and support our local community! Monetary gifts are also appreciated. Thank you!

The excess that we have is someone's portion placed in our hands by God. Let us give it willingly.



Our Mission Statement

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March 19th, 2021

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Rectortown United Methodist Church will celebrate its annual Homecoming Service via both in-person and live-stream events at 11:00 am on Sunday, May 16th. We hope you will join us for this very special annual event! Reverend William Wade, who is a retired member of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be our special Homecoming speaker. Pastor Wade served Rectortown United Methodist Church during his many years of ordained ministry. We're very excited he and his wife Laura Ellen will be joining us; and we're very much looking forward to hearing him speak.

If you plan to attend our Homecoming service in-person this year, we ask that you reserve the needed space by sending in the enclosed RSVP to let us know who and how many will be attending. This is necessary since we are currently limited to a maximum capacity of 78 because of the mandated restrictions due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please send your RSVP as soon as you are able because once we reach maximum attendance we will not be able to accept any further reservations. Additionally, there are a few requirements that must be met to attend in person, which are: a two layer mask that completely covers the nose and mouth must be worn at all times when on church property; 6 foot social distancing between individuals must be maintained at all times (family members living in the same home may be closer together); temperature must be verified to be less than 100.4 degrees before leaving home; no hugging or hand shaking can be allowed on church property; no singing is allowed during any in-door worship attendance. Of course, things could change between now and Homecoming. If they do, rest assured that we will do our best to keep you up to date on current requirements. Please check our website often for up to date requirements. We must ask that you adhere to these requirements throughout your time with us. Our goal is not to restrict rights or make things difficult. Our goal is to ensure that even the most vulnerable among us can feel safe during their time with us.

If you feel unsafe traveling or attending in-person worship because of the ongoing pandemic, we hope you will join us via live-streaming, which can be found at www.rectortownumc.org. We ask that you please fill in the online attendance form so we will know which of our friends were "home" to worship with us. Once you've done that, you can find the service itself by clicking on the "*click here for Sunday service*" button in the middle of the screen. Rectortown UMC has been live-streaming our worship services since mid-March of 2020; and we will continue to do so at our normally scheduled time of 10:00 am every Sunday morning. We hope you will join us often!

Our Church Historian, Diane Harrington, is planning for a Time Capsule to honor our church's heritage that we will bury during our Homecoming Celebration on May 15th, 2022. We plan to open it again at our Homecoming Celebration in May of 2047! We are asking everyone to be a part of this celebration by sharing a piece of the church's history that you might have tucked away in a shoe box in the attic, basement or could even be hidden in a family Bible. It could be a family photograph of a church event, vacation bible school, a wedding or a baptism. Please check our church's monthly newsletter online for more details found in the March 2020 and March 2021 edition. If you find a unique item or two, please bring it to the church and contribute to the time capsule this year. There will be a designated box available to collect these *treasures* during our May 16, 2021 Homecoming worship. If you have other ideas for what we might include, let us know! If you have memorabilia that you would like to include in the Time Capsule but cannot attend on May 16th, you can send it to PO Box 301, Rectortown, VA 20140.

Established in 1781, Rectortown United Methodist Church has been blessed to faithfully serve the Rectortown community for 240 years; and we're proud this year to celebrate 126 years in our current church building! We gratefully continue to build on a long and rich heritage as we strive to provide a safe and comfortable space where all may come and be welcome to worship, learn, fellowship, and grow in faith through an ongoing variety of church and community events. If you would like to offer support to our ongoing ministries and missions, please send it to the PO Box address above. We would certainly welcome your gifts. Any gift given will help ensure Rectortown UMC continues to be an important part of the Rectortown community for many years to come. If you have any questions for us, please feel free to contact our Church Office by phone at 540-364-1066, or by email at secretaryumc@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Steve Weedling
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Homecoming Service IN PERSON RSVP

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 11:00 am

Please answer the following COVID-19 questions for each person attending in person and mail to:
 Rectortown United Methodist Church, PO Box 301, Rectortown, VA 20140
 or email: secretaryRUMC@gmail.com.

Name:	Email:	Phone:	
1. Have you had 2 or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days? *Fever *Chills *Fatigue *Persistent Cough *Flu-like symptoms *Sore Throat *Headache *Muscle Pain *Diarrhea or intestinal upset *Recent loss of taste *Shortness of breath or smell or difficulty breathing		YES	NO
2. Have you been in contact with anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (identified in #1) in the past 14 days?		YES	NO
3. Have you tested positive for COVID-19, are awaiting test results, tested positive, or subsequently completed resolution of COVID-19 symptoms?		YES	NO
4. Will you immediately notify the Pastor if, after attending this event, you develop 2 or more symptoms of COVID-19, avoid contact with others, and seek medical attention?		YES	NO

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If you have more than 2 in your group, please make a copy of this page so that each person who plans to attend in person is registered.