



Rectortown Reporter

June 2021

From the Pastor United as One



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

Can you believe that June is here already? That means it's time for the 239th meeting of the Virginia Annual Conference!

And, like last year, we'll meet virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We can only hope that things will look more normal in 2022! We've seen a lot—and we've done a lot in all those years. One might say, we have a history here!

The theme of the Annual Conference this year is "United as One", based on John 17:20-23 which says, *"I'm not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I've given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I'm in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me."* As Bishop Lewis says, "this Scripture shares the importance of us being One."

This is an exceptionally important message in this place and in this time not only for us in the United Methodist Church; but for every one every where throughout the entire world. As I sit writing this, I am reminded that the primary issue to be acted upon at General Conference in 2022 will be if and how the United Methodist Church will split over differing convictions concerning human sexuality. At the same time, the divide continues to grow between conservatives and progressives in our local, state, and national politics. I know of many families that find conversation difficult these days because of these, and the many other divides we face.

Here's the thing. Jesus called his disciples knowing they didn't all think alike, or experience things in the same way, or that they all shared the same vision for tomorrow. That's why he never called them to be of one mind. Instead, he called them to be of one heart—to love one another as he loved them. Friends, the only way we can realize being "united as one" is to love others more than we love what we think.

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

"Righteous Father, even the world didn't know you, but I've known you, and these believers know that you sent me. I've made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them." (John 17:25-26, CEB)

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2021 Homecoming at RUMC

On May 16, 2021 Rectortown United Methodist welcomed our friends and family to our Annual Homecoming, in-person and via livestreaming. Pastor Weedling opened up Worship and Pastor Bill Wade (ret.) returned to deliver another lively sermon and was accompanied by his wife, Laura Ellen. Due to current Covid restrictions we weren't able to have our usual excessive potluck lunch but we're ready for it next year!

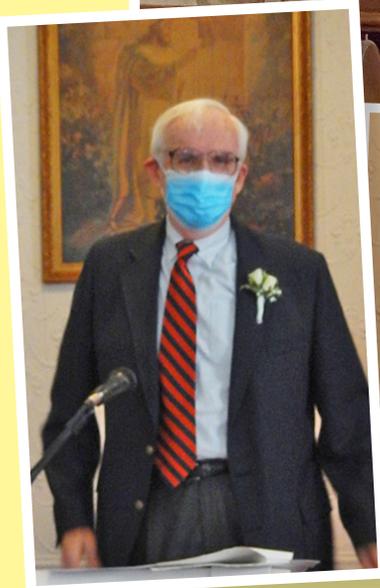
Many thanks to all who worked tirelessly the months before, during and after, to make this day extra special. It was a truly meaningful celebration of family and friends of RUMC.



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Many thanks to Muggie,
Carl and Diane for their
photographs of this
special day!

Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates!

Kiki Wegdam
Highland School to
University of Alabama

Caroline Haley
Fauquier High School to
Lord Fairfax Community
College

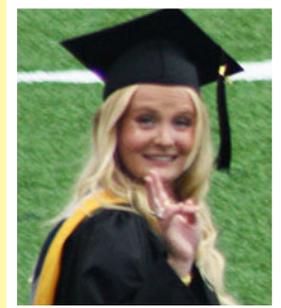
Kara Johnson
Fauquier High School to
Longwood College

*We'll have more about our
high school graduates in
the next issue!*

Dennis Ponn received his commission into the US Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant on May 6, 2021, in Baton Rouge, LA. He will be stationed at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, CO. Dennis graduated from LSU with his Bachelor's in General Business on May 8, 2021, in Baton Rouge, LA. He thanks you all for your prayers as he starts this next exciting chapter of the never-ending adventure that is Dennis' life.



Lindsay Smarrelli graduated from Old Dominion University on May 7, 2021, with a degree in recreational therapy. She had an amazing semester-long internship with Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports in Steamboat Springs, CO, where she assisted children and adults with varying disabilities to do winter sports including downhill skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Once she passes her certification exam, her goal is to pursue a career in adaptive sports.



Emma Symanski graduated on May 16, 2021, with a degree in Marketing Management from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. She spent a semester abroad in Australia followed by an internship at Puma in Singapore (cut short due to the pandemic). She'll live in Alexandria, VA, and work as a sales consultant at the DC office of Meltwater—a global marketing company founded in Norway.



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

Jim & Diane Harrington . .6/3
Todd & Tammy Frazier. . . 6/12
Jeff & Laura Symanski . 6/17

July Birthdays

Carla Ryder 7/1	Parker Hylton 7/19
Rachel Harrington. . 7/2	Kiki Wegdam 7/19
Josh McLaughlin. . . 7/6	Roxie Willis 7/19
Hazel Sisk 7/6	Barbara Russell . . . 7/28
Cindy Stolte 7/6	McKenzie Pisarcik . 7/30

Anniversaries

Roy & Hazel Sisk 7/18
Mac & Tommy Ann Kirkpatrick. 7/24

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

June 3 7 pm Administrative Council
June 8 10 am Worship Committee
June 9 6 pm Trustees
June 17 7 pm SPPRC

June 19 Community Cans & Kits Drop Off

June 18-19 2021 Annual Conference - United as One

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

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

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 by the 15th.



Our Mission Statement

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