



Rectortown Reporter

August 2021

From the Pastor

Memories and New Things



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

August is always a month of fond remembering for me. This year, I'll turn 63 on August 11th; and I've found myself reflecting on all that has been in my life so far—both the good, and the not so good. I'll also celebrate the 36th anniversary of the day I was fortunate enough to marry the most wonderful woman I've ever known on August 17th. Again, I've found myself reflecting on our life together. It came to me, as I sat remembering, that one of God's greatest gifts to humanity is our ability to remember. Without memory, yesterday wouldn't exist, and all of the things we cherish from all of our yesterdays would be gone. Simply gone—"as if they never happened in the first place" gone. I don't even want to think about that!

But, you know, as wonderful as our memories of past events and places and friends and family are—I think there's a bigger purpose for this gift. You see, without the ability to remember, how could we ever learn from past experiences, successes, and—more importantly—mistakes? How could we imagine a better tomorrow if we couldn't remember what happened yesterday? How could we know God better every day if we had to meet God for the very first time every morning?

As much of a gift as memory is—it's also one of our biggest temptations. "Why," you might ask? Simply put, it's always tempting to want to keep things the way we remember them best from yesterday rather than daring to risk imagining a different tomorrow. But, that's not what God wants. God wants us to grow, and growth involves change. Staying the same isn't abundant life—it's stunted life—a life that falls short of the glory that God intended for us from the very beginning. You see, God isn't interested in our yesterdays—God seeks us in our tomorrows.

The 19th verse of the 43rd chapter of Isaiah says, "Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness" (CEB). Essentially then, if we always look back, then our path will always lie in the wilderness. To move out of the wilderness into the blessed and joyous life God wants for us—each and every one of us—requires us to look forward. Let's reset our post-COVID life and ministry together here at Rectortown United Methodist Church by re-imagining what our tomorrows together could look like!

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
www.rectortownumc.org

Scripture of the month

Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures. May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice. So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory.

(Romans 15:4-7, CEB)

Snapshots From Summer 2021



Muggie took this photo of Shirley, Roy and Hazel Sisk when they visited in June. Even though some of our RUMC family can't attend in person, we love seeing you!



Roxie Willis, with her daughter Cindy, Cindy's daughter Lisa, and Lisa's daughter Madelyne at the RUMC worship service July 18, 2021. Roxie turned 93 on July 19. Happy Belated Birthday Roxie!!

Notes from the History Committee

Reminder... Memorabilia is being collected for the 2022 homecoming time capsule. Please contact Diane Harrington if you have something to include.

Also, we are looking for some interesting and fun facts through the years about RUMC and the friends who have worshipped together. Don't be surprised if someone from this committee asks you some questions like these so start thinking about them:

- What is your earliest memory of being at RUMC? Who was your Pastor then? Family you were with? Friends?
- What is one of your favorite memories of either a worship service or an RUMC event?
- Have you always lived in this area? Where else have you lived?
- Anything notable about a day at RUMC? (Christmas, Baptism, a special worship service?)
- What's changed at RUMC or the area that you remember from long ago?
- What are some of your favorite things to do?
- What's your favorite food? (Not just at our famous potlucks)
- Do you have children? Pets?
- What sorts of jobs have you held?
- What's the first movie or tv show you remember seeing?

August Birthdays



Anniversaries

9 Amy Riggio	18 Yeshi Pisarcik	11 Dave & Debbie Hall
9 Jimmy Willis	19 Kate Ponn	17 . . . Steve & Faith Weedling
11 Carl Carter	27 Avis Kessler	23 Ben & Tara Wegdam
11 . Courtney Harrington	28 Dave Hall	25 . . . Alan & Susan Barbour
11 . . . Steve Weedling	29 . . . Laura Symanski	30 John & Cindy Stolte



Suggested School Supplies

Tax Free Weekend August 6, 7, 8

**Please have your donated school supplies to the church by
August 8, 2020**

- 16ct Crayons
- Coloring Pencils
- Scissors
- Marble Composition Books
- Tissues
- Gallon Zip Lock Bags
- Zipper Pencil Pouch
- Quart Zip Lock Bags
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Plain Yellow #2 pencil
- Eraser Tops
- Yellow Highlighters
- Spiral Notebooks
- Glue Sticks
- Pink Erasers
- Folders
- Index Cards
- Wide Rule Paper
- Pencil Box
- Hand Sterilizer

This is just a suggested list of school supplies that would help out for all grades at the school. Any supplies that you can donate will help teachers and students.

RECTORTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HOMECOMING 2022

Save the Date!

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

We hope you will join us for this very special annual event!

Be part of RUMC's first ever time capsule by sharing your photos, stories, artifacts, and treasured memories.



RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

August 5 7pm Administrative Council

August 8 School Donations Due

August 10 10am Worship Committee

August 11 6 pm Trustees

August 19 7pm SPPRC

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

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

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Back to School Free Market

Grace Episcopal Church
6507 Main Street, The Plains, VA
August 14th, 11am - 1pm

Seven Loaves Food Bank ~ Peas & Grace Food Bank ~ The Potter's House
Fauquier Habitat for Humanity ~ Fauquier Social Services
The Town of The Plains ~ Marshall United Methodist Church
The Plains Community League ~ Middleburg Humane Foundation
The Fauquier Free Clinic ~ Mental Health Assoc. of Fauquier County - The
Churches of Upperville - Fauquier Moms Demand Action -
Paragon Philharmonia - The Mars Foundation & More

Free Community Lunch
Fresh & Canned Food
Household Supplies
School Supplies
Clothes & More!

