



Rectortown Reporter

June 2022

From the Pastor

United as One in Worship



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

June is here, and that means it's time for the 240th session of the Virginia Annual Conference! And, we'll be meeting in person again! I'm very excited for the opportunity to gather with 3,000 + United Methodists as we worship, pray, and sing to God's glory! It's time to begin imagining and building a new post-COVID identity as we look forward with joyful expectation to what God will do through us in the world around us!

The theme of the Annual Conference this year is "United as One in Worship", based on John 4:24 which says, "God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth." This theme builds upon last year, which highlighted Bishop Lewis' understanding of John 17:20-23 of which she said, "this Scripture shares the importance of us being One." Unfortunately, we must face the fact that with the launching of the Global Methodist Church last month, and the path being made available for United Methodist congregations to become Global Methodist congregations, this vision is already in some jeopardy.

No matter what happens and who ends up where, I will stay firm in believing that in the end *missio dei* will prevail! Jesus called his disciples knowing they didn't all think alike, or experience things in the same way, or that they 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" in worship or in any other way, is to love others more than we love what we think.

Finally, while I am excited for the possibilities that God will open in the future at Rectortown-Middleburg Cooperative Parish with Pastor Jonathan, I will sorely miss those who gather here. We've enjoyed some really good times; and we've had to work through some monumental challenges. I've been very impressed by the creativity and positive spirit with which this congregation has worshipped, prayed, studied, and worked through every challenge you've faced. I know you will continue to do the same in the weeks, months, and years ahead of you as God continues to use you as a light and source of love and grace in the world around you. I know we will one day meet again!

Grace and peace to each and every one of you!

Pastor Steve

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Scripture of the month

But the time is coming — and is here! — when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.

John 4:23-24, CEB



Our Mission Statement: Serving God through Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.

241st Homecoming at RUMC

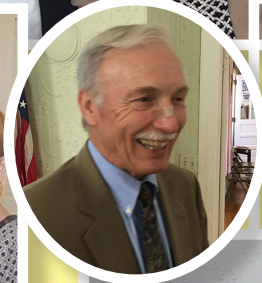


Rectortown United Methodist welcomed our friends and families to our Annual Homecoming, the 241st year of worship. Doors opened an hour before worship so folks could catch up.

Pastor Weedling was our guest speaker for the second time. He was the Homecoming Speaker the first year he arrived at RUMC. History Committee Chair, Diane Harrington, presented an aluminum medallion for the Time Capsule that was engraved with an image of the front of RUMC and the words "Sealed May 15, 2022, Open May 19, 2047." She also presented a plaque that will hang on the wall outside the door where the capsule will be stored so people will know it's there. Karen Chase played her beautiful music during the service, then Hoot 'n Holler played some great bluegrass after lunch. A delicious lunch was catered by Shaffer's along with contributions of sides and desserts made by RUMC members.

Many thanks to all who worked tirelessly the months before, during and after, to make this day extra special. And extra gratitude to Pam Hunter, Larry Scheuble, Carl Carter, Roger Daniels and Tammy Frazier for all they do EVERY week and stepped up once again at Homecoming.





>>>RUMC Homecoming 2022





Coming in the August Issue: Photos of the Time Capsule vault



Celebrating Rectortown United Methodist Church Homecoming 2022!

Attendees (alphabetically): Carl Carter, Karen Chase, Roger & Linda Daniels, Doris & Isabella Edmunds, Shirley Embrey, Peggy Fletcher, Tammy Frazier, Peggy Goldsmith, Dave & Debbie Hall, Nelson & Ernestine Hall, Jim, Diane, Courtney, Erika, & Rachael Harrington, Jana & Diane Hayton, Kris Hylton & Towny Lundsford, Eileen Miller, Russ & Ethel Muter, Louise & Danny Neff, Jody Newland, Carolyn Pauley & Jamie Pauley Foster, Linda Rose, Larry Scheuble, Cindy Stolte, Jeff, Laura, & Emma Symanski & Colum Bergeron, Sarah Smarrelli, Rev. Steve Weedling, Ben, Tara & Buddy Wegdam, Roxie Willis, Jack Wood & Grandmother. Photographer: Pam Hunter

From the SPPRC **Welcome Pastor Lamb!**



We will be welcoming Pastor Jonathan Lamb to Rectortown United Methodist at the end of June. Jonathan is a young and energetic pastor coming to us from Bridgewater UMC where he served as their Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Youth Ministries where he organized Youth Group Events, taught Confirmation Class, and visited the local nursing homes. In 2021, he was ordained an elder in The United Methodist Church. He serves as the youth minister at Bridgewater United Methodist Church.

Prior to that, his first appointment was as a Pastor at Christ and Fields United Methodist Churches in Shenandoah, Virginia where he served from 2017-2020. Under his Pastoral leadership, Fields Church was successful in effecting handicap accessibility to meet the needs of their congregation and the community.

Jonathan's ministry has been shaped by Jesus' teachings in Matthew 22:37-39: *"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself"* (Common English Bible). Jesus' words continue to shape Jonathan's ministry by guiding him to listen with compassion, share with others in joys and in heartaches, give freely of himself and his gifts, and love all those he meets.

Jonathan grew up in Luray, Virginia where his parents and extended family continue to live. He attended Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and went on to Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Following seminary, Jonathan served as a hospital chaplain at Lynchburg General Hospital. As he enjoys spending time outdoors, Jonathan served five summers at Camp Overlook in his early twenties as a counselor and he continues to minister to children and youth at Camp as a volunteer chaplain in the summers.

Once settled here, you can expect to see him running and biking through the streets or enjoying a hike in the countryside. He is excited about this new time and looking forward to working with everyone at Rectortown and Middleburg UMC and in the surrounding communities.

Jonathan will be residing solo in the parsonage so I'm sure he will look forward to regular dinner invitations and visits with you all.

-Kristen Hylton, SPPRC Chair

June Birthdays

Larry Underwood . . . 6/3	Tony Willis 6/19
Erika Harrington. . . 6/8	Susan Haley 6/20
Tammy Frazier. . . . 6/8	Debbie Hall 6/21
Debbie McLaughlin . 6/8	Alan Barbour 6/29
Joann Garrett 6/17	

Anniversaries

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

July Birthdays

Carla Ryder 7/1	Kiki Wegdam 7/19
Rachel Harrington. . 7/2	Roxie Willis 7/19
Josh McLaughlin. . . 7/6	Justin Willis 7/21
Hazel Sisk 7/6	Barbara Russell . . 7/28
Cindy Stolte 7/6	McKenzie Pisarcik . 7/30
Parker Hylton 7/19	

Anniversaries

Roy & Hazel Sisk . .7/18



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RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thurs, June 2	7p	Admin Council
Wed, June 8	6p	Trustees Meeting
Tues, June 14	10a	Worship Committee
Sun, June 19		Happy Father's Day
Sun, July 3		Welcome Pastor Lamb
Thurs, July 7	7p	Admin Council
Tues, July 12	10a	Worship Committee
Wed, July 13	6p	Trustees Meeting
Sun, July 31		Fifth Sunday Joint Worship (event TBD)

All events take place at Rectortown UMC.

Thank You Pam!

Many thanks to Pam Hunter who works tirelessly behind the scenes at Rectortown United Methodist Church. We celebrated with a lunch for her on Professional Administrative Assistant Day on April 23.



RUMC Announces

New Options for Donating Online or By Text

Now that fewer people are using checks or carrying cash, offering a safe means to give online ensures we're providing you the most convenient methods possible to offer a gift of support to our church.

As many of you stream our services online, we hope this will be more convenient than mailing a check, though you are welcome to continue to do so if you prefer.

Through our new online giving platform you have the ability to give one-time or set up automatic recurring gifts from a credit/debit card or through a bank ACH transaction. RUMC does pay a small transaction fee to process online payments, but we feel the fee is well worth the convenience.

If you choose, you are able to cover that fee for the church at the same time you give.

You may also designate a fund for your giving by selecting a drop-down list.

Next Steps for One-Time Gifts

- Going forward, if you'd like to give a one-time gift, simply give using Breeze instead of PayPal by going to RUMC's website giving page, clicking the "Give Now" button and following the instructions on the page.
- Or, text the amount you'd like to donate (example: 50) to 540-502-3377 and follow the prompts for a one-time set up. In the future, you'll simply be able to text the gift amount to our giving number and hit send!

Next Steps for Recurring Givers

- If you're a Recurring Giver in PayPal, first cancel the gift within their system.
- Then, go to RUMC's website giving page, clicking the "Give Now" button
- Enter the amount you'd like to give
- Click the dropdown that shows the words "one time gift" and select a different frequency from the menu (weekly, every two weeks, monthly, yearly)
- Select your Payment Method and click "Continue"
- Now, enter your Contact and Payment Information and choose if you would like to cover the processing fees
- Click the "Give \$" button

We believe these new tools will allow us to continue to serve you well. We want you to know we greatly appreciate you and your heart of generosity as you continue to support RUMC and our mission of serving our community and growing the kingdom of God.