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Scripture of the month

For I know the plans I have
for you,' says the Lord. 'They
are plans for good and not for
disaster, to give you a future
and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Rectortown Reporter

August 2022

From the Pastor

Welcoming the Journey

Recommended Reading: Genesis 12:1-3

One of my favorite hobbies that have always brought me great joy is hiking. It requires a willingness to journey from one place to another. Often it requires effort over a considerable distance, yet the effort is rewarded when you see the beautiful views with an amazing vista. Recently, I visited Sky Meadows State Park where I saw scenes like the picture I took below.



I am certain that you've had moments in your life where you felt like you were on a journey. Maybe you are like me and moving to a new place or transitioning to a new job. You may be a student and changing schools. Perhaps you've entered a new life stage, or your children or your parents have (or all three are happening at once). Maybe you're experiencing a difficult time or setback, or something unexpected has changed your course and now it requires more effort. Perhaps you are trying to find your purpose and live your life more like Jesus every day.

The scriptures are filled with accounts of people who had to walk by faith. Abraham was called by God to leave the city he was from to follow God's coming on his life (Genesis 12). Moses and the Hebrews had to travel through the wilderness for 40 years to reach the Promised Land. In the New Testament, Paul journeys all over the Mediterranean World called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, for which he was jailed. The people of the Bible have had challenges in their faith journey just like

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>>>From the Pastor continued

you and me. Every life experience, good and bad, is an opportunity to grow in our faith, to trust God more and follow Jesus, rising to God's call for us to love the Lord and love our neighbors (Matthew 22). We need not be afraid; God promises good things are in store for us and that we have a future. May we remember the words of the Lord spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). Although sometimes the effort feels like a heavy burden or there seems to be no end in sight, my friends do not shy away from the journey; welcome it. Cast your cares on Him; His burden is light. Even on those difficult hikes there comes a moment when, I would recognize it was well worth it, especially when there is a beautiful vista. More importantly, our journey with the Lord is worth every moment of difficulty as we grow in faith.

Gracious Lord, we thank you for being with us on the journey of life and for your promise of hope, and that you have a future for us. Thank You for the gift of one another so that we may journey together in Christian love. Help us to grow in our faith. We pray this in Your Holy Name, One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

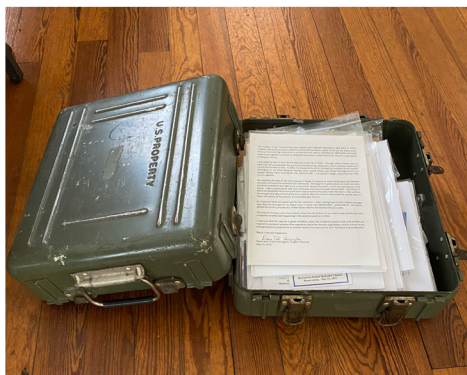
Pastor Jonathan

From the History Committee

At our 251st Homecoming on May 15, 2022, History Committee Chair, Diane Harrington, presented the **Time Capsule** she spent more than 2 years creating. It now rests under the staircase in the main entryway of Rectortown United Methodist Church in a space crafted by Jim Harrington. The capsule was an old military case that was Diane's father's. "He was a proud 'career' Marine" and attended RUMC for

many years. Roger Daniels' brother created the Methodist ornament that sits on top of the case. Laura

Symanski designed and illustrated the commemoration plaque hanging inside the space and the medallion hanging on the wall by the door. Henry Symanski engraved the art onto the aluminum medallion. Many thanks to everyone who donated memorabilia to create this historical treasure. (Photos from our Homecoming celebration were in the June/July newsletter which can be downloaded from rectortownumc.org.)



Congratulations RUMC Students!

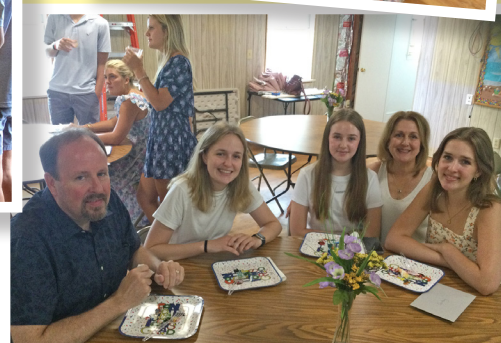
On July 10, 2022, we celebrated the end of another school year for all our RUMC students and gave out special recognition to the high school graduates.



Courtney, Rachel, and Erika Harrington, Paris, Kiki, and Ben Wegdam, Hunter Brown.



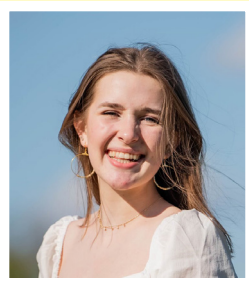
Paris, Hunter, Kiki, and Ben



Jim, Rachael, Erika, Diane, and Courtney Harrington



Hunter Brown graduated from Fauquier High School. He was an avid part of the FFA, being an officer for three out of four years. He participated in forestry competitions and many community-based events, including one of his favorites which involved teaching kids about wildlife. He was a part of the fishing club all four years, and even kept it going during Covid, inviting guest speakers, and teaching about the craft of fishing. He also participated in the STEM Environmental program where he had the opportunity to take part in several trips and research projects, including one about deer movement, in which he earned a medal. He will attend West Virginia University in the Fall majoring in the Wildlife and Fisheries program with a minor in Forensics.



Courtney Harrington graduated from Fauquier High School. Before FHS, she attended Mountainside Montessori, where she was given the opportunity to experience different internships — the last was with the Green Comfort School of Herbal Medicine which sparked her interest in herbal medicine. Before heading to college, she will take a gap year to meet an internet penpal from Germany who will travel to the States. They will travel the U.S. then Germany. In October she'll visit Paros, Greece followed by a mother-daughter trip in the new year. In 2023, she's off to workaway exchange programs in Austria, Italy or England. The workaway she is most excited about will offer her an opportunity to apprentice with an Herbalist. In the Fall, she will enroll in a college in North Carolina or Massachusetts to major in business and continue her education in herbal medicine through the Green Comfort School of Herbal Medicine. Courtney says, "I would like to specially thank RUMC and my 'church family' for all their support, guidance and love."



Paris Wegdam graduated from Highland School and was a member of the National Honor Society. She'll attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this fall, majoring in supply chain management in the Haslam School of business. She is very excited. Go Vols!!

From the Worship Committee

Thanks to Our Guest Speakers and Organist This Summer



May 22, 2022: Murray Edwards



June 19, 2022: Rev Ruth Ann Compagna and Organist Kathleen LeVasseur. Plus special thanks to our own Tammy Frazier for filling in whenever the need arises!



RUMC / Middleburg UMC Last Joint Service with Pastor Steve

On May 29 RUMC members took a field trip to Middleburg United Methodist for a "Fifth Sunday" worship service. Since we share our pastor, it's a great opportunity to spend time with our friends at Middleburg and hear from our pastor all at once. We heard special music and the children gave Pastor Steve a farewell gift.



August Birthdays

3 David Nalls	17 Dawn Brown
4 Daisy Massaro	18 Yeshi Pisarcik
7 Priscilla Krick	19 Kate Ponn
8 James Massaro	22 Elena Cooper
9 Amy Riggio	23 Dawn Dye
9 Jimmy Willis	26 Lisha Miller
11 Carl Carter	27 Paula Grice
11 . Courtney Harrington	27 Avis Kessler
12 Jake Rininger	28 Karen Chase
13 Todd Frazier	28 Dave Hall
15 Jarod Brundage	29 Laura Symanski

Anniversaries

11 Dave & Debbie Hall
16 . Richard & Roberta Rector
23 Ben & Tara Wegdam
25 Alan & Susan Barbour
30 John & Cindy Stolte



From the SPPRC

On May 26, 2022, at the Northern Fauquier Park in Marshall, Va, members and friends of Rectortown and Middleburg United Methodist Churches celebrated Pastor Steve's 6 years of service. Everyone enjoyed the meal catered by Shaffer's who provided North Carolina style pulled pork sandwiches, all the fixin's and cookies. Thanks to Kristen Hylton who organized the event and everyone who helped and came to say farewell.



Farewell Picnic for Pastor Steve



From the Board of Trustees

Thanks for letting the Trustees know!

There continues to be much work going on at the church and White House these days. Because there are also many meetings, services and events that take place each week, it is important that our facilities and surrounding area stay safe. With the opening of the Fig Leaf clothes closet, a new set of visitors, workers and others have been spending time in the White House basement. This means gaining access, carrying items up and down the steps, for workers and those looking for goods. Several items that needed to be repaired or added were raised thru the Admin Council and Trustees. Recently, Russ Muter installed a key lock box at the basement entry door.

If you are working in the Fig Leaf or need access to the basement for other activity, you can contact our Administrative and Communication Specialist, Pam Hunter. She will provide you the 4 digit access code so you don't have to "find a key". The second item is related to the steps to the basement. The hand



rail came apart, and could not be used. The hand rail has been repaired and is back in working

order. Additionally, the Trustees are looking at adding a second handrail. The Trustees are also looking at possible solutions related to step depth at the top of the stairwell. Thanks for helping the Trustees keep our wonderful facilities in good working order!

RUMC Board of Trustees

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

August 4 7pm Administrative Council

August 8 School Donations Due

August 9 10am Worship Committee

August 10 6 pm Trustees

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.

-From Hunter Brown, one of our graduates on page 3



Dear RUMC, thank you so much for the card, the check, and the laughs at the recognition service. I plan to use the \$600 for college supplies. Thank you so much for thinking of me

-Hunter
Can't thank you enough for reaching out! Means so much ♡



Our Mission Statement

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