



Rectortown Reporter

September 2022

From the Pastor

Tree Planted by The Stream of Water

Recommended Reading: Psalm 1



Hiking along the Shenandoah River, I witnessed many trees along the riverbank that had achieved massive size and spread their branches all over. In Psalm 1, the righteous are like a tree that has rooted itself next to a stream. I believe the first chapter in the book of Psalms is an introduction to the entire book; the righteous or godly who follow God are exemplified by those writing the Psalms. The second major group is the wicked who do not seek God, who is like dry grass in the wind.



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9:50 a.m. Sundays for In-person
or Livestream Worship at
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Scripture of the month

“For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.”

Psalm 1:6 NIV

The righteous meditate on God's word. Let us take time to read through the Psalms. There are Psalms for times when you feel glad, Psalms for when you feel sad, and Psalms for when you feel mad. All these feelings appear in the assortment of authors. The Psalms were read through and prayed through by the Jewish people, including Jesus. In fact, at Jesus' darkest moment on the Cross, he cries out the first line of Psalm 22 upon the Cross. I believe the Psalms are a treasure for us to say and pray today.

Psalm 1 reminds us that we can live fruitful lives by following God and seeking to live out His word daily. I have provided a reading plan for the Psalms throughout the Fall (see pg 2); you are welcome to join me in praying the Psalms this Autumn. God watches over those who seek to follow His will and desire. I invite you to start reading the Psalms today!

Gracious God, we thank you for the words you gave to those who wrote the Psalms. Help us to make these words our prayers. We thank you for your gracious love for us. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Pastor Jonathan



Date	September Psalm	October Psalm	November Psalm
1	1-2	50	104
2	3-4	51	105
3	5-6	52-53	106
4	7	54-55	107
5	8	56-57	108-109
6	9	58-59	110-111
7	10-11	60-61	112-113
8	12-13	62-63	114-115
9	14-15	64-65	116-118
10	16	66-67	119
11	17	68	120-121
12	18	69	122-123
13	19-20	70-71	124-125
14	21	72-73	126-127
15	22	74-75	128-129
16	23-24	76-77	130-131
17	25-26	78	132-133
18	27-28	79-80	134-135
19	29-30	81-82	136
20	31	83-84	137-138
21	32-33	85-86	139
22	34	87-88	140-141
23	35	89	142
24	36-37	90-91	143
25	38-39	92-93	144
26	40-41	94-95	145
27	42-43	96-97	146
28	44-45	98-99	147
29	46-47	100-101	148
30	48-49	102	149-150
31	X	103	X

From the Fellowship Committee

Sunday Social Snapshots

On July 31, 2022, we celebrated summer and enjoyed getting to know our new pastor, Jonathan Lamb. We also saw great progress moving along with the renovation of the Social Hall. Earlier that day, Ronny Poston, lifelong resident and friend of Rectortown (pictured top right with Roxie and Shirley), stopped by to assess the space where his company would hang drywall. He pointed to the house next door and reminisced about going to school there with Shirley and the Sisks. They laughed about a memorable incident where the boys accidentally knocked over the girls outhouse.



The ice cream social began with all of us watching Larry Scheuble work on the insulation that would be between the outer wall and the drywall. Then we lined up and chose from a huge variety of ice cream and toppings... then we ate! Thanks to Kristen Hylton for putting together this sweet social!



September Birthdays



Emma Symanski . . . 02	
Stephanie Figgins . 06	Kiela Hall 23
Johnathan Cooper . 07	Mikayla Pearson . . 24
Lisa Pearson 12	Rosa Lee Pauley . . 26
Joseph Pisarcik . . 18	Dale Thurston . . . 27
Todd Kridler 22	James Harrington . 30
Norma Thorpe . . . 22	Aaron Lowry 30



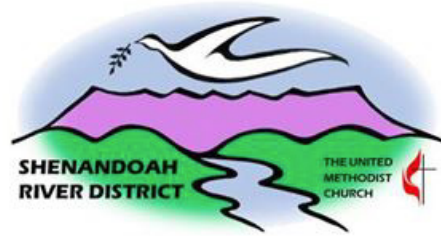
On July 23, 2022, at Marshall Day in Marshall, Va, Linda Daniels, Tammy and Yvie Frazier, and Pastor Lamb gave away Fig Leaf clothes to many of the attendees. Thanks RUMC Outreach, for all you do!



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays 6:30 pm
September 20 – November 15**

Please join Pastor Jonathan at the Parsonage in Bible Study, who journeys through the major events found in the Scriptures. We will explore the major highlights of the grand story of Scripture. We will discuss *Creation, the Fall, Israel, Jesus, the Church, and the New Creation*. The series will run from Tuesday, September 20, through Tuesday, November 15. You may also attend the Study via Zoom. Email secretaryRUMC@gmail.com for the link or more information.



Warren Fauquier 2022 Zone Laity Celebration

Sunday, October 16, 2022

**3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
at Marshall United
Methodist Church**

- Recognize and celebrate Lay Leaders and Lay Servants
- Learn about Conference & District initiatives and local ministry opportunities
- Fellowship & Mission
 - Food & Entertainment
 - Tables of local charity partners

RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Sept 1	7pm	Administrative Council
Sept 5	Labor Day (office closed)	
Sept 6	Shenandoah River District Fall Retreat (office closed)	
Sept 6	6:30 pm	SPPRC Meeting
Sept 13	10 am	Worship Committee
Sept 13	6 pm	Nominations Committee
Sept 14	6 pm	Trustees Meeting
Sept 20	11 am	Fig Leaf Meeting

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.

—From Courtney Harrington, one of our high school graduates

Thank you to my RUMC family for the generous graduation gift. It means so much to me to have everyone's support. It has been wonderful growing up in the Church with you and now I will be returning to RUMC as a young adult member. I am excited about my gap year before college to have the opportunity to explore the field of herbal medicine and travel around Europe.

Upon my return from my Workaway programs and travels, I look forward to sharing my adventures with you. It is comforting to know that I will always have RUMC prayers and support wherever I go.

Thank you
with much love,
Courtney