



Rectortown Reporter

October 2022

From *the Pastor*

Have mercy on me, God

Recommended Reading: Psalm 51



This time of year, we witness forests change as trees transition from a bright green to many vibrant colors of leaves that will fall to the ground. Change is a part of life as we transition from one life chapter to another. Sometimes, change can be a good thing. If you are like me and occasionally drive the wrong way, you must turn around to go the right way. David needed change. He had committed adultery with Bathsheba. The Lord sent the prophet Nathan to David to remind him of his need to change and repent his sins.

David wrote Psalm 51, asking God to "have mercy on me..." David asks the Lord to "wipe away my wrongdoings..." (Psalm 51:1 Common English Bible). David even mentions hyssop is a large, beautiful flower that typically has one to two feet in length. Moses used the hyssop to sprinkle the blood from the animal sacrifice over the Israelite people. David is asking God to sprinkle him with hyssop. He specifically asks the Lord to give him a pure heart. As we celebrate the changing of the leaves, may we be more aware of the mindful work that God is doing in our lives.

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

You are the Lord of all time and every change in our lives. We pray for you to guide and help us. Please lead us to repent and seek your will. We pray this in your Holy Name, One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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JOIN US

**9:50 a.m. Sundays
for In-person
or Livestream Worship at
www.rectortownumc.org**

Scripture

of the month

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."

Psalm 51:12 NIV

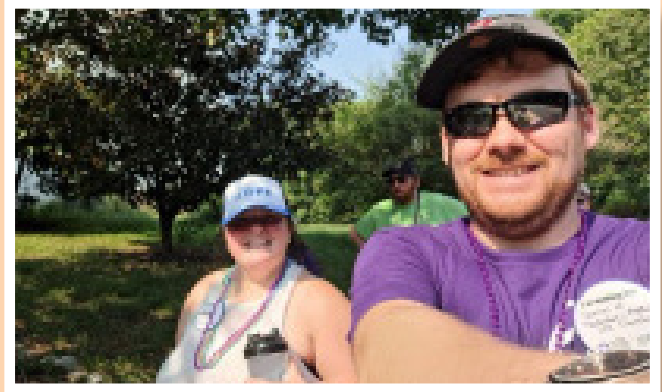




Date	October Psalm	November Psalm
1	50	104
2	51	105
3	52-53	106
4	54-55	107
5	56-57	108-109
6	58-59	110-111
7	60-61	112-113
8	62-63	114-115
9	64-65	116-118
10	66-67	119
11	68	120-121
12	69	122-123
13	70-71	124-125
14	72-73	126-127
15	74-75	128-129
16	76-77	130-131
17	78	132-133
18	79-80	134-135
19	81-82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



Middleburg-Rectortown partnered with Loudon County United Methodist Church to help with American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on Saturday, September 17. The Churches raised a combined \$1,375 dollars.



United Methodist Churches were among the Top Teams. Pastor Jonathan, Rev. Heather Wray and Rev. Daniel Wray walk among many others.



On September 10, at Marshall Day in Marshall, Va, Eileen Miller and Pastor Lamb were ready to meet and greet! Thanks RUMC Outreach, for all you do!

RUMC Welcomes Baby Celeste!

On September 25, 2-month-old Celeste and her parents, Emma Symanski and Colum Bergeron, visited RUMC for worship, followed by a baby shower. Kristen and Tammy set up a beautiful party and everyone got a chance to hold baby Celeste. Many thanks to everyone!



October

Birthdays

Carol Rice Pauley . . . 03	Larry Scheuble . . . 10
Roberta Rector . . . 03	Erica Cooper 11
Megan Thomas . . . 03	Logan Thompson . . 14
Jeff Pearson 05	April Gannon. . . . 20
Luke Warfield . . . 05	Michael Rininger. . 20
Caroline Haley . . . 08	John Martin, Jr. . . 21
Jarod Hall 09	Thurston Willis III 30

Anniversaries

Dave & Joice Fredenburgh . . 06
Jim & Vicki Willis 18
Greg & Kim Kroes 27
Donielle & Michael 28



Stopping to Help

On January 6, 2021, Frank Drew of Markham was passing through Rectortown when he stopped to help a motorist on Maidstone Rd. This act of kindness resulted in tragedy—the driver of the car crashed when fleeing police, then shot and killed Frank.

- Jeff Farley of Crenshaw Rd. volunteered to form a committee for the project.
- Jeb Hannum (Lost Corner Rd) and Vicky Lewis (Maidstone Rd) helped to find the location in Rectortown, designed the stone and timber memorial bench, and coordinated fabrication with several local craftspeople, friends and family of Frank.
- The Embrey Family of Marshall and Rectortown have graciously given permission for the placement of the memorial at the Rectortown Depot. Randolph Embrey and Frank worked together as local volunteer EMTs.
- Lewis Whitesell of Middleburg, a local master stone mason, has donated his time and labor for the sandstone base for the bench.
- Chris Drew, Frank’s brother and John Sherman of Paris together wrote the kind words used for the memorial plaque. John was a friend and Innkeeper of the Ashby Inn where Frank was the wine expert. Other local businesses are creating the graphic design and fabrication of the memorial plaque.
- Martin Robinson of Upperville shared a woodworking shop with Frank and is volunteering to help with the timber seat.
- Jeff and Laura Symanski (Rectortown United Methodist) will fabricate the mounting brackets at their Marshall welding and machine shop, CT&D.

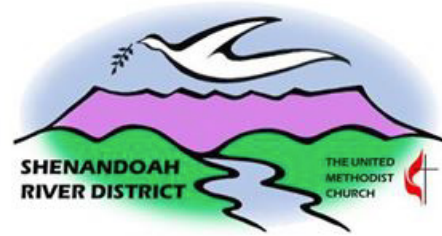
An online fundraiser was created to cover the expenses of survey and materials. They hope to raise \$7500 through donations to build this permanent marker to honor Frank’s life. For more information or to donate: [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and search “Frank Drew Memorial”

– *Jeb Hannum*



**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

Sun Oct 2	2 pm	Community Interfaith Blessing of the Animals <i>at the National Sporting Library & Museum</i>
Tuesdays Oct 3-Nov 15	6:30 pm	BIBLE STUDY <i>at the Parsonage or via Zoom</i>
Oct 6-8		Pastor at Clergy Soul Retreat
Tu Oct 11	10 am	Worship Committee
W Oct 12	6 pm	Trustees Meeting
Th Oct 13	6 pm	Nominations Committee
Sun Oct 16	3-5 pm	Laity Sunday at Marshall UMC
Tu Oct 18	11 am	Fig Leaf Meeting
Sun Oct 30	10 am	5th Sunday Joint Worship & Fall Harvest Party



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

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.