



# Rectortown Reporter

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From *the Pastor*

## Voice of One Calling in the Wilderness



*Recommended Reading: John 1:14-18*

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### JOIN US

**9:50 a.m. Sundays  
for In-person  
or Livestream Worship at  
[www.rectortownumc.org](http://www.rectortownumc.org)**

### Scripture of the month

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

John 1:23 NIV

Have you ever been in a job interview? They are big days that include bringing your best to the table with your best dress and preparing for numerous questions to present your strengths. I remember dressing, preparing for an interview, and being super nervous, which came through, causing the situation not to work out. Well, John the Baptist also was interviewed by religious leaders who asked, "Who are you?" John the Baptist answered their questions with humility because John told them, "I'm not the messiah," and he also answered, "I'm not Elijah or the Prophet." John didn't dress as you would imagine for an interview; he dressed in fur like a man who has lived in the mountains as a fur trapper. But what John does is tell the religious authorities about the mission the Lord had given to him, and he was confident in the Lord.

John's mission is as a voice crying out in the wilderness, as noted in Isaiah 40:3. John provided us a model to live in humility by focusing too much on our titles or accomplishments. We are to be like John in being a voice calling in the wilderness, calling for the repentance of our neighbors and the social ills of our society. John called his world to turn and prepare for the coming of the Messiah. How are we preparing our world for an encounter with Jesus today?

*God of the Prophets,  
Please help us to be a  
voice in the wilderness.  
Guide us in our calling to  
help our neighbors. Steer  
us in the call to the world  
to account for what you  
do in our lives. We pray  
in the name of Jesus, our  
Messiah. In Jesus' name,  
Amen.*

- Pastor Jonathan



Serving God through  
Prayer, Action, and  
Love through Service

# Christmas Eve at Rectortown UMC



**O**n Christmas Eve, RUMC handed out thank you gifts to Karen Chase for leading us in song every week, to Pam Hunter for amazing behind-the-scenes work in the office, and to Pastor Jonathan Lamb for his energetic sermons and guidance. Tammy Frazier and Laura Symanski read messages. And we were treated to special music by the Saucedo family and Aimee Chase singing.



## Remembrance

**F**riends celebrated the life of Frank Drew on Jan. 6, 2022. Vicky Lewis and Jeb Hannum spearheaded the memorial with a bench placed on land donated by Shirley Embrey. Folks enjoyed Frank's favorite Naked Mountain Wines and snacks while sharing memories of Frank, getting to know each other, and listening to a message from Pastor Jonathan.



# Undecorating

Thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations. Extra thanks that no one fell from the ladders and for the fellowship afterwards.



# FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE PLAN

Date	Day	Gospel Lesson
Feb 1	32	Exodus 13-14; Psalm 32; Matthew 16
Feb 2	33	Exodus 15-16; Psalm 33; Matthew 17
Feb 3	34	Exodus 17-18; Psalm 34; Matthew 18
Feb 4	35	Exodus 19-20; Psalm 35; Matthew 19
Feb 5	36	Exodus 21-22; Psalm 36; Matthew 20
Feb 6	37	Exodus 23-24; Psalm 37; Matthew 21
Feb 7	38	Exodus 25-26; Psalm 38; Matthew 22
Feb 8	39	Exodus 27-28; Psalm 39; Matthew 23
Feb 9	40	Exodus 29-30; Psalm 40; Matthew 24
Feb 10	41	Exodus 31-32; Psalm 41; Matthew 25
Feb 11	42	Exodus 33-34; Proverbs 1; Matthew 26
Feb 12	43	Exodus 35-36; Proverbs 2; Matthew 27
Feb 13	44	Exodus 37-38; Proverbs 3; Matthew 28
Feb 14	45	Exodus 39-40; Proverbs 4; Luke 1
Feb 15	46	Leviticus 1-2; Proverbs 5; Luke 2
Feb 16	47	Leviticus 3-4; Proverbs 6; Luke 3
Feb 17	48	Leviticus 5-6; Proverbs 7; Luke 4
Feb 18	49	Leviticus 7-8; Proverbs 8; Luke 5
Feb 19	50	Leviticus 9-10; Proverbs 9; Luke 6
Feb 20	51	Leviticus 11-12; Proverbs 10; Luke 7
Feb 21	52	Leviticus 13-14; Proverbs 11; Luke 8
Feb 22	53	Leviticus 15-16; Proverbs 12; Luke 9
Feb 23	54	Leviticus 17-18; Proverbs 13; Luke 10
Feb 24	55	Leviticus 19-20; Proverbs 14; Luke 11
Feb 25	56	Leviticus 21-22; Proverbs 15; Luke 12
Feb 26	57	Leviticus 23-24; Proverbs 16; Luke 13
Feb 27	58	Leviticus 25-26; Proverbs 17; Luke 14
Feb 28	59	Leviticus 27; Numbers 1; Proverbs 18; Luke 15



## February Birthdays

Hunter Grogg - Feb 3

Jozie Long - Feb 4

Shirley Embrey - Feb 7

Greg Kroes - Feb 15

Kattie Ferrebee - Feb 15

Kim Kroes - Feb 16

Nelson Warfield - Feb 16

Andrew Pearson - Feb 25

Lauren Haley - Feb 26

Julie Massaro - Feb 28

## Anniversaries

Sheila & Todd Kridler - Feb 14

## RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thu, Feb 2

7 pm

Admin Council Meeting

**Mon, Feb 6**

**5:30 pm**

**DS Victor Gomez Disaffiliation Information Meeting**

Tuesdays,

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

6:30 pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Wed, Feb 8

6:30 pm

Trustees Meeting

Tue, Feb 14

10 am

Worship Committee

Tue, Feb 21

11 am

Fig Leaf Meeting



**Pastor's Bible Study:**

**The Gospel of John**

**Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 pm**

*at Rectortown UMC's Social Hall*



**Noon Time Prayer**

**Thursdays 12-12:15 pm**

*at Middleburg UMC's Sanctuary*



### **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.**