



# Rectortown Reporter

May 2023

From *the Pastor*

## The Good Shepherd

*Scripture: John 10:1-18*



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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

**"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."**

John 10:11

I remember watching a video with a flock of sheep a few years ago. Several young people called out to the sheep. The flock didn't notice their voices and were content to keep eating. This video shows this repeatedly happening with different people trying to call the sheep. The flock didn't pay attention to them. But then the flock's Shepherd came and called out, and the flock turned and walked toward him. The sheep had been fed by the Shepherd every day. The sheep listened to his voice.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep, and my sheep know me..." (John 10:14 NIV). He is the Shepherd of all of us; we, as the church, are his sheep. Fields United Methodist Church had a large stained glass window at my first appointment. Every time I



Stain glass window at Fields United Methodist Church in Shenandoah, VA

preached, I was reminded of Jesus as the Good Shepherd as this majestic stained glass window looked back at me. Even in difficult times, I could imagine myself as that little lamb in the arms of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. May you remember that Jesus loves you and that he is your Shepherd.

I will share with you a prayer from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

*O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*- Pastor Jonathan*



### Mount Olive Reenactment

Members of RUMC visited Mount Olive Baptist Church on Atoka Rd where they enjoyed a Bible Reenactment on April 2, 2023.

## Easter 2023 Memories

Rectortown UMC celebrated Easter all week with special services beginning on Ash Wednesday. We heard special readings and music on Friday evening and twice on Sunday—our annual chilly dawn SonRise service then the Easter Worship Service. We also enjoyed a tasty continental breakfast in between the two Sunday services. *Thanks to everyone who helped make this Easter truly special!*



### Celebrating 66 Years Since Being Baptized at Rectortown UMC

Pricilla (Sisk) Krick with brother Johnny Sisk celebrated 66 years since being baptized by Pastor Jack Arnold at Rectortown UMC on April 21, 1957.



*Thanks to Larry and Muggie for sharing photos for this newsletter.*

**more photos >>>**

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

### Busy Day at RUMC

It's Saturday 8 April 2023 and the parking lot at RUMC is filling up. Trustees and Fellowship Committee members are busy setting up for Sunrise Service, Breakfast and Easter morning Worship. While at the White House, volunteers are staffing the Fig Leaf clothes closet and customers are finding new and gently used items.

*Thanks to Larry Scheuble for sharing.*



>>>More Easter 2023 Memories



# Fundraiser for Middleburg United Methodist Church

**Memorialize your family or friends by purchasing an engraved brick**

that will be laid in a brick pathway on the grounds of the historical Middleburg United Methodist Church.

All proceeds benefit Middleburg UMC.

For more information and the order form visit: [mburgumc.org](http://mburgumc.org) and click on the EVENTS menu.



## May Birthdays

Scott Pauley ..... May 1	Vicki Willis ..... May 16
Gilliam Pearson ..... May 6	Brandon Linton ..... May 17
Danielle Martin ..... May 7	Gary Garrett ..... May 19
Olivia Walker ..... May 7	Rebecca Pearson..... May 19
Ren Walker ..... May 11	Kenneth Nalls..... May 21
Richard Rector ..... May 11	Jody Warfield ..... May 22
Jess Lowry ..... May 12	Kayla Ryder ..... May 24
John Stolte ..... May 12	Lori Ponn..... May 27
Ben Wegdam..... May 13	

## Anniversaries

Linda & Roger Daniels..... May 1
Linda & Rudy Neish ..... May 13
Kiela & Jason Hall..... May 15
Amy & Joe Riggio ..... May 19

## RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thurs, May 4	7:00 pm	Admin Council
Tues, May 9	10:00 am	Worship Committee
Wed, May 10	6:30 pm	Trustees
Tues, May 16	11:00 am	Fig Leaf
<b>Sun, May 21</b>	<b>11:00 am</b> 10:00 am	<b>Homecoming!</b> <i>(Doors open for early fellowship)</i>



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

### Please Join Us!

*Reconnect † Reunite † Reminisce*

## RUMC Homecoming Sunday, May 21

**10 am Open for Fellowship**  
**11 am Worship Service**  
**Followed by Potluck Luncheon**

Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Please RSVP by May 15**

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