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"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2

Hey there, my friend!

Can you believe it's been a whole month already? I feel like I'm still unpacking from my last move. I've got a few tips to share with you, just in case you're planning to move soon. First of all, label all your boxes! You never know when you might need cleaning supplies, hand soap, or even toilet paper. In my last move, before this one, we didn't label any of the boxes, and it was a total surprise when we got to our new place. There were hammers, crayons, spoons, and even a half-eaten bag of chips! It was like a treasure hunt!



Pastor Eduardo Carrillo

UNPACKING YOUR FAITH

After the movers moved all the stuff in the house, it was already super late. We decided to just go to sleep. But guess what? We woke up at sunrise because the windows didn't have curtains or shades! It was a bit of a rude awakening after a move, but we learned our lesson. From now on, we'll label all our boxes, at least write down the room where they belong.

Now, I'm not saying I'm a pro at packing, but I've got a few things I need to get done before I can start unpacking. We humans are great at packing things, though. We have packers, movers, Styrofoam peanuts, and all sorts of other tools to help us pack everything safely. And I don't know about you, but I've been known to pack things and keep them packed for years. Why not? They're not on the way, they're just tucked away in the closet. But getting rid of the boxes feels like I'm letting go of something important, even though I don't even remember the last time I opened or what was inside. And makes me wonder if we do the same thing with our relationship with God? Our discipleship? Our awareness and wonder that all we see has been created by God?

I don't want you to pack God away or your spirituality. Instead, think of it as something essential for your life. Have you considered that we've packed and unpacked many things in our lives, and maybe it's time to unpack the Holy Spirit? I pray you grow closer to God and your neighbor. If you don't already have a faith community, join us at Rectortown and let's unpack together.

OPEN INVITE!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 10TH AT 10AM



As a new school year begins, we want to surround our students, teachers, and staff with prayer and encouragement.

Join us for a Back-to-School Blessing during worship on Sunday, August 10th at 10am at Rectortown UMC. Students, parents, teachers, and school staff are invited to come forward for a special moment of prayer and support.

Can't make it? Rev. Eduardo is happy to visit your school for a blessing—just email pastor@rectortownumc.org.

**Please share this with your teacher friends and school staff
—we'd love to pray with and for them, too!**

DINING FOR DOLLAR\$



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE




Dine for a Cause!

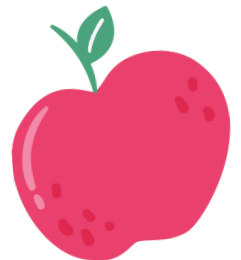
Join us at **Foster's Grille in Marshall or Warrenton on August 5th & 7th from 11 AM to 9 PM** for **Dining for Dollar\$!**

A portion of your meal will help us purchase much-needed school supplies for **Claude Thompson Elementary.**

Grab a bite, do some good — it's that simple!

 To assist students of all ages, we are gathering a variety of supplies, such as notebooks, pencils, backpacks, and more.

Eat local. Give back. Make a difference.



COFFEE, CONVERSATION, AND COMMUNITY



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Coffee with the Pastor! It was a wonderful time of fellowship, warm conversation, and connection. If you missed it, we'd love to see you next time — join us before Sunday worship for coffee, light refreshments, and a chance to chat with Pastor.

It's a simple, welcoming way to start your Sunday with your church family!

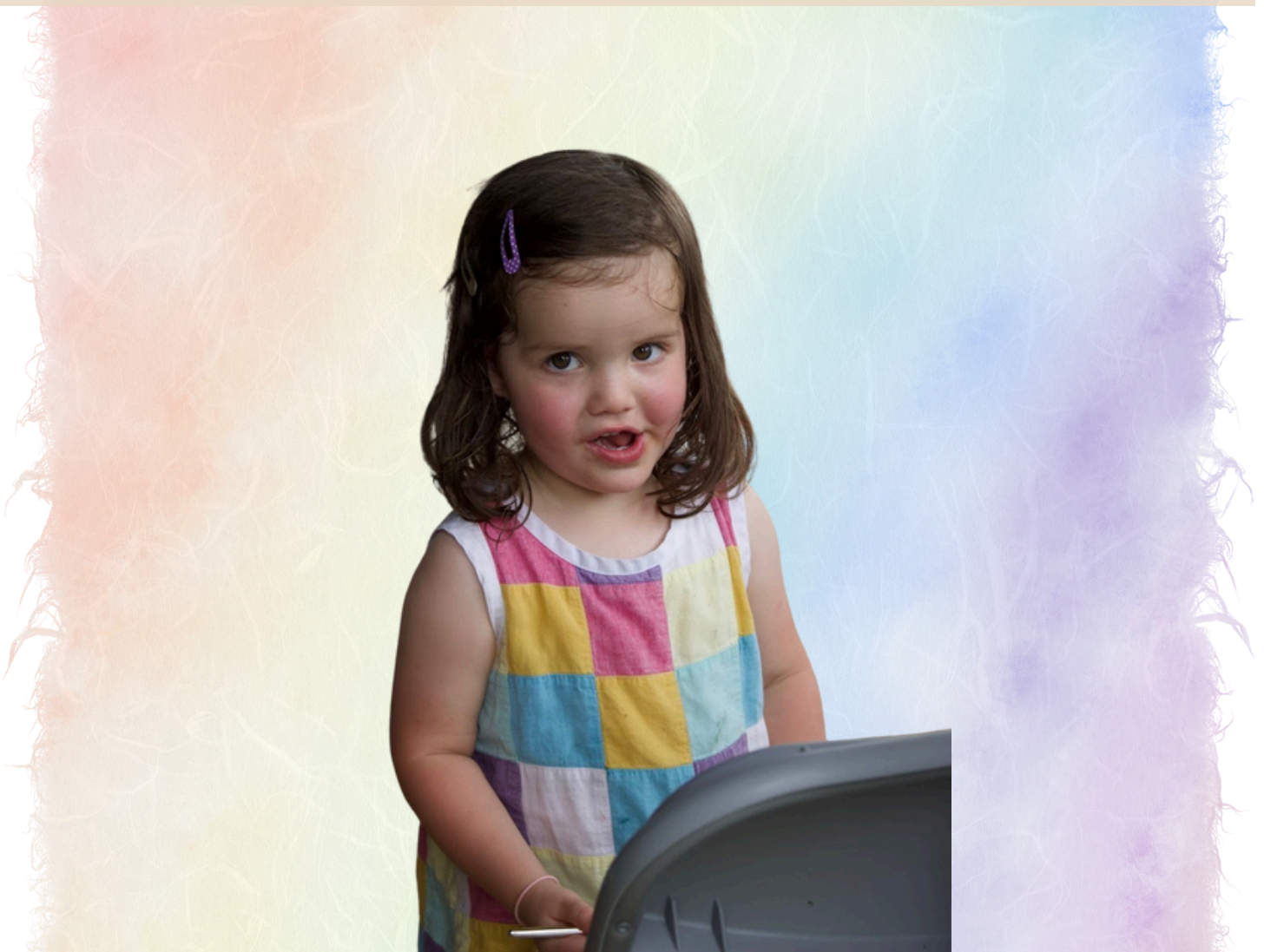
CRADLE TO CENTURY



Sunday Service on July 20th was truly special — we were blessed to have both our youngest attendee, 7-month-old Heidi Bergeron, and our oldest, 101-year-old Larry Underwood, worshiping with us. What a beautiful reminder that God's love spans every generation!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELESTE



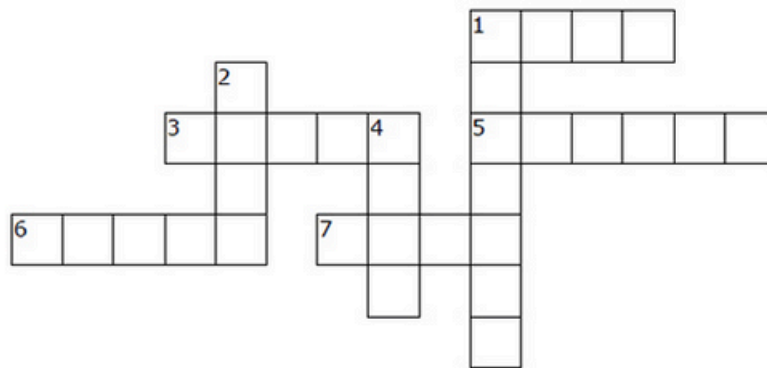
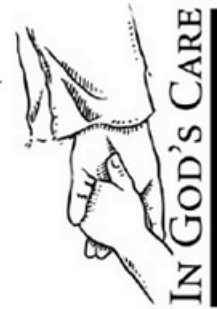
We were all smiles as the congregation sang “Happy Birthday” to Celeste on Sunday, July 20th, in celebration of her turning 3 on Friday, July 25th! What a joy it is to watch our little ones grow surrounded by love and faith.

KID'S CORNER

He Cares for You

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:24-39



ACROSS

1. The spiritual part of a person
3. The value of something
5. To be fearful or anxious about something
6. A small copper coin
7. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

DOWN

1. A common, small, gray-brown bird
2. The physical part of a person
4. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain

HEAD	PENNY	SOUL	WORTH
HAIR	BODY	SPARROW	AFRAID

KID'S CORNER



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"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" (Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16 NIV)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

David Nalls - August 3rd

Priscilla Krick - August 7th

Amy Riggio - August 9th

Jimmy Willis - August 9th

Carl Carter - August 11th

Courtney Harrington -
August 11th

Todd Frazier - August 16th

Dawn Brown - August 17th

Elena Cooper - August 22nd

Dawn Dye - August 23rd

Joe Riggio - August 25th

Muggie Grice - August 27th

Katie Carrillo - August 28th

Dave Hall - August 28th

Karen Chase - August 28th

Linda Daniels - August 28th

Laura Symanski - August 29th

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Tara & Ben Wegdam - August 23rd

Katie & Eduardo Carrillo - August
17th

AUGUST MEETINGS & EVENTS

Admin Council

August 7th at 7pm

Worship

August 27th at 10 am

Trustees

August 12th at 6pm

Fig Leaf

August 19th at 10am

Labor Day

September 1st, Offices closed



RECTORTOWN UMC MISSION STATEMENT
SERVING GOD THROUGH **P**RAYER, **A**CTION,
AND **L**OVE THROUGH **S**ERVICE.