

# THE IN-SPIRE

## The Rutland United Methodist Church Newsletter

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In-person Worship will be held (weather permitting) at the home of Kristen Jarvi each Sunday during July. These services will also be livestreamed on Facebook at 9:30 am. Contact the Church for details.

### **Warm Words from Pastor Shirley Oskamp**



Dear Friends,

For the past two weeks, Gary and I were on an island off the coast of Maine. Every day I chose a trail to hike and made my way to a perch where I could look out at the ocean. I watched seals cavort in the waves and seagulls tend to their fluffy young fledglings while my mind and spirit simply rested in the magnificence of the natural world and the presence of the Holy.

So often we get so busy, so wrapped up in our to-do lists and obligations, that our minds are simply too full. Our spirits need time and space to replenish themselves. We need to take time so that we can hear God's voice in the midst of everything else clamoring for our attention.

Taking time away is not easy. There are others who count on us, who need us. But if we don't take time to fill up our mind-body-spirit coffers, we have less to give. I have found this to be very true of myself. I have more patience, more joy when I am rested. It can even be helpful to take a small bit of time each day to give God an opportunity to fill you up. If you are able to let go of responsibilities for a few days or weeks, then this can be an especially precious gift.

My prayer is that each of us finds our soul's own rhythm between *doing* and *being*. May our summertime and our time with God replenish us so that we can give of ourselves with joy in all we do.

In Christ's Love, **Pastor Shirley**

## Scholarships

If you plan to attend or are attending an institution of higher learning, you could receive financial help. The Francis & Edwina Clark Scholarship is for high school graduates under the age of 21 who were in the Rutland County school districts for at least three years, having graduated there, and who will attend an American institution of higher learning. Previous scholarship recipients who are college undergrads are still eligible. **Deadline to apply for Clarke Trust is July 15, 2021.** Applications will be emailed to you upon request.

## Summer Music

If you would like to praise the Lord through music this Summer while the Joy Choir is “on vacation” please contact Ann Reed. This would include liturgical dance, instrumental (guitar, keyboard, etc.) or vocal music.

## Spotlight on our Volunteers

Rutland UMC is very grateful for the many volunteers who keep the Church, Comfort Zone, Breaking Bread and Faith on Foot going! This month we feature **ELLEN (PETERSON) WAKKER.**

Ellen was brought up in the Methodist Church, hailing from Owego, New York. She moved to Rutland in 1975 and later became involved in RUMC, joining in 1980. Her parents, Al and Gerry Peterson, moved to Rutland in 2002 and also became very active in the Church.

During her career, Ellen, an RN, was a school nurse. She retired in 2019, and thought “I will volunteer at the Comfort Zone for the Summer.” Well, the “Summer” has now turned into over a year, and Ellen is in charge of the kitchen crew and meal every Tuesday. She enjoys the camaraderie among the workers, cooking and cleaning, and is blessed that we can reach out to others as Jesus wants us to.

Ellen has two daughters who live with their families in California, and a grandson and granddaughter.

Thank you to Ellen Wakker for her faithful service to our Lord!



Ellen Wakker multitasking at the sink & griddle!



She also “likes to clean!”

## **Comfort Zone**

June has been a very busy month at Comfort Zone breakfasts. We have often been giving out 65 to 95 breakfasts a day as needs seem to keep growing. Kids are out of school, so they don't get meals at school, and the homeless in motels are going to be out as that program is ending.

The "Everyone Eats" program has started providing Thursday's meal, which is prepared by Marble Valley Catering. Nate and Lisa cook some delicious and nutritious meals! So, if anyone is looking for a caterer, considering checking them out on Facebook at Marble Valley Catering, or call (802) 280-5069.



**Marsha Johnson**  
Comfort Zone Coordinator

## **Virtual Vacation Bible School**

The Green Mountain District is working on plans for a Vacation Bible School session later this summer, perhaps in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. The focus will be on art, faith and nature. More details to follow! Email the office if you wish to be updated on this fun event.



The end of life is a journey. Much like the beginning of life in the process of carrying and giving birth to a beautiful baby, the dying process is longer or shorter for each of us but produces a beautiful peace at the end.

*And there are questions.*

What is Hospice?

Why does anyone need Hospice?

What can Hospice provide?

Who pays for Hospice?

Where is Hospice care provided?

These and other questions will be answered. As life "normalizes" after this pandemic, we hope to be hosting community informational gatherings and discussions.

In the meantime, please contact us with any questions or if you know someone who could benefit from our services. [kalcorn@bayada.com](mailto:kalcorn@bayada.com) or 802-282-4122.

## **Stewardship & Finances**

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to RUMC. You make our ministry possible by financially supporting our staff and all of the outreach we do as Christ's hands in this community.

### **Donations can be made in the following ways:**

- By mail
- In person
- Credit card: Call Assistant Treasurer Kristen Jarvi (438-9805) or Lori in the office (773-2460).
- Facebook – there is no fee for this

Stewardship is more than finances, so we are deeply grateful for your prayers, the work of your hands, and your presence during worship and more. **In order to make our budget, an average of \$8,600 monthly** needs to be received in offerings and donations. Here are the offerings and donations for June:

June 6	1,400
June 13	1,280
June 20	570
June 27	605
Facebook donations June	625
	<b>\$ 4,480</b>

## **Supplies Needed for the Church**

Call first, and if the front door is locked, ring the bell. Best time to drop by is 11 am to noon. Please put your name on the items so that we can thank you!!

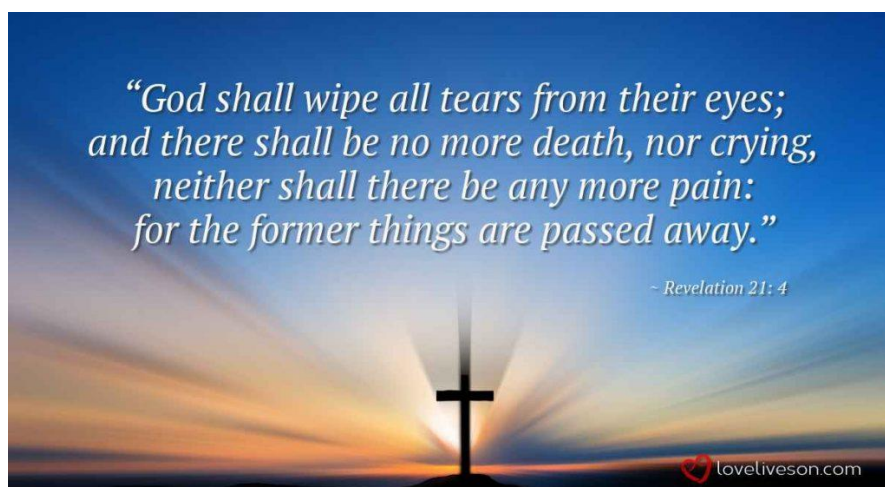
<b>FOR COMFORT ZONE &amp; FOOD SHELF</b>	
Granola bars	Cream of Mushroom soup
64-oz juice	Sweet cereal
Pancake syrup	Peanut butter
Complete Meals	Shelf-stable milk (Quart)
Saltines	Cheese
P.B. crackers	Small juice boxes
Ritz crackers	Canned chicken breast
Oatmeal (individual packets)	Large reusable bags
Qt./Sandwich/Snack Bags	Bottled water (small)
Paper towels	Scotch tape
Canned fruit	Cereal with added fruit
Bags of frozen sausage links or patties	

## **Remembering our Loved Ones**

Linda Faucher's daughter, **Barbara Toner**, passed on July 27, 2018.

Nancy Hodgson's sister, and Al Proulx's wife, **Dorothy "Dori" Lyon**, passed on June 11, 2020, and a beautiful graveside service was held on July 9, 2020.

Ann Reed's beloved mother, **Sara Joyce**, passed away on her son, **Tim Joyce's**, birthday, June 10<sup>th</sup> after dealing with cancer and its complications for five years. Ann will be returning to North Carolina to help her father in July.



(Please notify the office if you would like a deceased loved one listed in the In-Spire)

### **July and August Birthdays & Anniversaries**

<b>JULY</b>		<b>AUGUST</b>	
2	Allyson Stoodley	2	Isabella O'Connor
7	Don & Lexi Moore	3	Debbie Stone
8	Linda Allen		Fay Tucker
9	Dave & Dottie LaFountain ♥	7	Ed & Daphne Hemmer ♥
10	Christopher Whitney		Trudy Billings
11	Pam Allen	11	Ed & Peggy Hackett ♥
11	Lorraine Dotson		Marge Davis
15	Vikki Colomb	18	Hannah Sheldon
16	Edward Hackett		Scott & Diane Sharrow ♥
18	Katelyn O'Connor		Blanche Kelley
18	Jackie Gauthier		Peter Colomb, Sr.
22	Joan Cota	19	Marilyn Watson
26	Kevin & Debbie Stone	20	Gary Lindorff & Shirley Oskamp ♥
27	Don Moore	22	John & Dianne Anderson ♥
27	Catherine Ricketts		Peggy Hackett
		25	Evan Drake
		26	Danielle Wakker Yango
		28	Kristen Jarvi
		30	Peter and Stacy Colomb

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## **For the Young and Young at Heart**

Read Mark, Chapter 6, verses 7 through 13

In this Bible story, Jesus sends the disciples out to show God's healing love. The disciples do not go alone, they go in pairs – two by two. Help the disciples on their journey and follow the path each pair will take to share God's healing love.

