

August, 2022



THE IN-SPIRE

The Rutland United Methodist Church Newsletter

“Mark Your Calendar”

Sundays at 10:30 am: **Zoom fellowship** prior to and including worship

Sundays at 11:00 am: **Worship** (in person, by Zoom and live on Facebook)

Tuesdays at 2:00 pm (Commencing 8/16): Bible Study. Contact office for information

Thursday, August 4 at 5 pm via Zoom: **Finance Team**

Monday, August 8 at 6 pm via Zoom: **Leadership Team**

Message from Pastor John

Dear Friends,

"Without a vision, the people perish." I quoted this verse from Proverbs my first Sunday preaching, because vision, and the missions it spawns, are essential to a church's or any organization's livelihood. Vision gives us the big picture of what our life together can be and, thus, inspires possibilities and hope. Missions give us purpose as we take actions to bring the vision into being.

As a people of faith, it is God's vision for us and our world as we understand it from Scripture and, especially, as Jesus teaches and models it, that we envision for ourselves, a world wherein God's love reigns in human hearts and relations. It is life characterized by justice and compassion, provision and peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, healing and wholeness. And as a people of Christian faith, it is our mission to continue Jesus' mission of realizing God's vision in our personhood and in our world.

It is a daunting task, but one made possible by the Spirit of God within and among us. Personal conversions happen. Social justice is relentlessly pursued. Love is alive and indomitable. God's Kingdom will come, "on earth, as it is in heaven." And we all have a contribution to make. Sue and I are excited to share in this vision and to work with you to bring it about.

Blessings, *Pastor John*

Companions in Wholeness

Companions in Wholeness continues to make progress. The average number of breakfasts served daily was 194, and the average number of lunches was 153. There was also a noticeable increase in the number of requests for the foodbank. The need continues to increase as households are seeing the impact of rising costs.

The commercial stove has been installed and is making a big difference in the efficiency of the kitchen. We continue to seek funding via grants. The Coordinator has applied for funding from Ben & Jerry's, and the Hills & Hollows Fund of the VT Community Foundation.

We are pleased to report that CIW received a \$16,000 grant from the Vermont Foodbank which will help support the salaries of the Kitchen Manager and the Coordinator.

We have kicked off a fundraiser with Vermont Cookie Love and are selling frozen cookie dough during the month of August. Details are available at the Church. We continue to need more volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Church. We will be emailing a brochure out to RUMC email contacts. If you aren't receiving emails and would like to, please contact the office.

We recently had a visit from Tom Andrew of the United Methodist Foundation who presented the group with a grant check for \$5,000. He was impressed with the smooth operation of the Comfort Zone and the hard work performed by the volunteers.

Jennifer Yakunovich, CIW President



Kitchen Manager Denise Greer takes a brief break for a photo op!

Outreach

Once again, it was a very busy month with requests for food, clothing, and other items. We had about 18 requests for financial help and funds were used from both Grace Congregational Church and RUMC to fill them.

In July we gave out the following:

- Food: 900+ items from the food shelf
- Clothing: 82 clothing items, 25 Socks, 1 jacket, 8 pair shoes, 1 hat
- Other: 2 tents, 1 blanket, 1 tarp, 29 hygiene items, 3 backpacks

Requests for help included helping a person working with NewStory Center who needed a tent to stay in because no motels were available; help with an electric bill; a replacement license; a tarp for a homeless man; several medication co-pays; help with gas for someone trying to get to work; gas for a man and wife, and their 9 kids to get to his father's funeral in Maine; and help for someone to get to Virginia to look for medical help and to be a support to her brother, along with several other gas requests. We also purchased diapers for a young mom.

There were a few requests we had to turn down because they didn't meet our requirements, or their requests are too frequent.

Please check out the clothing "Supplies Needed" list in this newsletter in case you are cleaning out a closet or two!

Thank you all for your contributions and support of the RUMC outreach ministries and Pastor's Emergency Fund.

Linda Allen, Outreach Coordinator

Grants for Education

RUMC is fortunate to hold responsibility for the Richard A. Dexter & Ruby Jenness Dexter Christian Education Trust Fund. Grants from this fund may be used by anyone related to the Church to further their education, and can be used for post graduate work. If you are looking to gain new skills and/or knowledge in a field that is calling to your heart, please contact the church office for an application.

Stewardship & Finances

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

Donations can be made by mail, in person, through Facebook, or by credit card Call Assistant Treasurer Kristen Jarvi (802-438-9805) or Lori in the office (802-773-2460).

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 July donations:

July 3	2,330
July 10	970
July 17	1,845
July 24	731
July 31	926
Facebook Donations for July	185
TOTAL	\$ 6,987

Supplies Needed for Our Ministries

Crackers	Hormel "Completes" Meals
Chunky soups	Granola Bars
Canned biscuits	Fresh fruit
Brownies or cookies	Muffins
Syrup	White potatoes
Ground sausage	Canned pears
Canned meats – corn beef hash, roast beef hash, Spam	
Men's jeans and shorts (all sizes - especially 30, 32, 40)	
Socks (Men's and Women's)	Women's flip flops
Men's T-Shirts	Men's shoes – all sizes
Women's tank tops; shorts; sundresses	Sleeping Bags and Tents

August and September Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
2	Isabella O'Connor	1	Karen & Chris Cartier
2	Porter Stoneman	3	Daphne Hemmer
3	Debbie Stone	3	Craig & Joan Cota
7	Ed & Daphne Hemmer ♥	9	Jonas Stoneman
7	Trudy Billings	10	Alan Betts
11	Ed & Peggy Hackett ♥	11	Elyvian Abuel
11	Marge Davis	14	Elijah Abuel
18	Hannah Sheldon	17	Karen James
18	Scott & Diane Sharrow ♥	23	Mike Estey
18	Blanche Kelley	24	Edith Partridge
18	Peter Colomb, Sr.	27	Scott McVeigh
19	Marilyn Watson	27	Lynn Gee
20	Shirley Oskamp & Gary Lindorff ♥	28	Malia Madison Allen
22	John & Dianne Anderson	28	Andrew McMahan
22	Peggy Hackett		
26	Danielle Wakker Yango		
28	Kristen Jarvi		
30	Peter & Stacy Colomb ♥		

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