

July, 2022



THE IN-SPIRE

The Rutland United Methodist Church Newsletter

“Mark Your Calendar”

Please note that worship time has changed to 11:00 am. You can sign onto Zoom for fellowship and worship beginning at 10:30 am, and join us on Facebook live at 11:00 am.

New Pastors

On July 3rd we will formally welcome Reverend Sue Hardman-Zimmerman and Reverend John Hardman-Zimmerman as Co-Pastors of Rutland UMC. Pastor Sue and Pastor John will serve communion. This celebratory service will be followed by fellowship time with coffee, tea and special cakes made by Kitchen Manager, Denise Greer. Please make an effort to attend to welcome the Hardman-Zimmermans!

Message from Pastor Sue

Dear Friends,

My husband, John, and I are excited to be starting as your co-pastors at Rutland UMC. I'm an ordained elder in full connection, a member of the Susquehanna Annual Conference serving on loan to the New England Annual Conference. I've been serving part time as the pastor of the Poultney, Wells, and Fair Havens UMC's since January 2019, and will continue to do so as I add Rutland UMC to my pastoral responsibilities.

John was ordained in a Community Church and is a member of the International Council of Community Churches. He has been Pastor at Tinmouth Community Church since July 2019, Coordinating Pastor at Brandon UMC since November, and will now also serve at Rutland.

We have 2 grown children: Matthew, a musician who lives in Akron, Ohio, and Christina, a hospice social worker who lives in Pittsford with her new husband, Dave. The latest addition to our family is our sheepadoodle puppy, Matilda, who just turned 1.

John is an avid reader, mostly of theology, and currently focused on healing prayer. He is an outdoorsy and sportsy person. I am a yarn-y person, enjoying crocheting, spinning, weaving, and knitting. We love the Weston Priory, and join the brothers in prayer when we can. We very much look forward to getting to know you, and sharing life and ministry with you.

All of our Sunday schedules have shifted in order to make this ministry arrangement work. We appreciate your willingness to adapt to the changes. Worship will be at 11 am on Sundays, with Pastor John and Pastor Sue generally alternating who leads worship. We look forward to growing the Kingdom of God with you.

Blessings, *Pastor Sue*

Companions in Wholeness

Companions in Wholeness has had a busy month. The average number of breakfasts served was 187, and the average number of lunches was 178. The need continues to increase as households are seeing the impact of rising costs.

CIW hired Denise Greer as Kitchen Manager. Denise brings a wealth of experience and a strong passion for serving people in need. The commercial oven, which was paid for by a grant from the Lexington Fund of the United Methodist Foundation, was installed, and has made cooking much more efficient.

We continue to explore funding sources. We have applied for funds from the VT Foodbank and the United Way. We also requested money from the City of Rutland. The request was approved by the Board of Alderman Finance Committee and will go before the full board for approval in the coming weeks. A grant of \$5,000 was received from the United Methodist Foundation.

The "Tacos for Good" fundraiser raised \$650, and the Daily Bread Fundraiser through ELCA World Hunger raised \$1,115. We have also had new members of the Board which include representatives from Trinity Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, and Church of the Wildwood.

We continue to need volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Church office.

Jennifer Yakunovich
President of CIW

Outreach

In the middle of May, we began receiving funds from Grace Congregational Church and started to receive calls for help from people referred to us from the Church's office. It's been nice to have additional funds to help those in need.

One of the most beneficial things about administering both Grace Church's Care Fund and RUMC's Pastor's Emergency Funds is that funds can be pulled from both accounts when there is a need that is too much for just one church to address. That was the case when we wanted to help a woman move from a rat-infested apartment, and for a New Story client in need of help to get a car registered. Together we helped a person travel to see a mom who has serious health issues, and between the two churches and Troll House, we helped keep a family's lights from being shut off.

In May and June, along with the above collaborative work, RUMC helped with gas, phone cards, storage unit rental and food. Grace was able to help with gas, money to help pay for a U-Haul, travel expenses for a woman whose fiancé was transferred to Albany with an undiagnosed illness, and help with an electric bill.

Overall, handling the funds from Grace Congregational Church has worked out to be a benefit to our Church and to theirs as well.

Please check out the list of needs for the clothes closet. It is low on all men's items and needs things for the women's section too!

Linda Allen, Outreach Coordinator

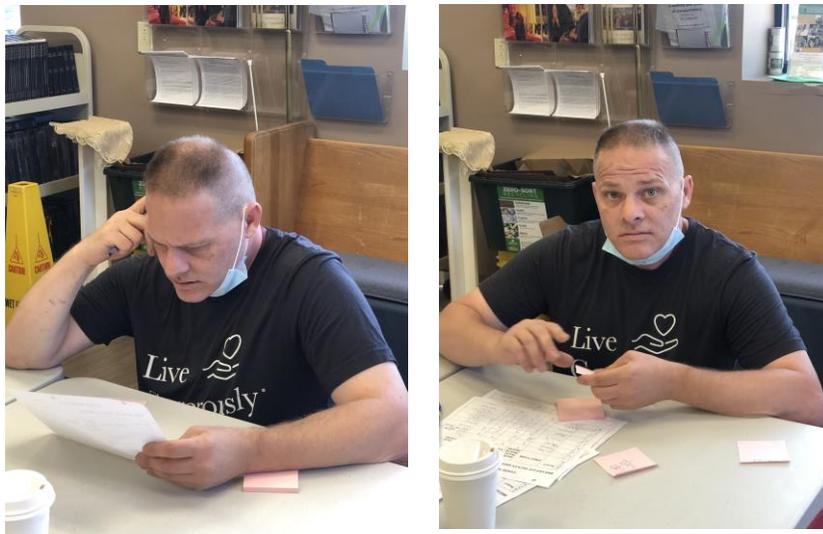
Volunteer Spotlight

We are pleased to honor folks who volunteer their time with the Companions in Wholeness outreach. This month we recognize **Dana Berg**. Dana has a connection with RUMC, as his grandmother, Muriel Berg, was a member years ago.

Dana began visiting the Comfort Zone for breakfast. On a particularly busy day, he offered to help out serving other guests. As Diane Sharrow happily exclaimed, "He came in to help out, and was so good that we wouldn't let him leave!"

He is here bright and early on the four days the Comfort Zone is open, and helps prepare meals and bags to be picked up for residents of a local hotel. After service is over, Dana keeps track of final numbers and statistics for the day.

Dana says that this volunteer work is very satisfying for him, and he hopes to be able to stay on with the Comfort Zone.



Dana Berg concentrating on his work at the Comfort Zone.

Christian Education (Sunday School)

On Sunday, June 12th, we celebrated Children's Day during the Church service. Three third graders, Shawn Abuel, Porter Stoneman and Sofia Villano Betts, were presented with bibles as well as Sunday School Completion Certificates. Also receiving certificates were Elyvian Abuel, Jonas Stoneman and Natalia Mendoza Betts.

Receiving Participation Certificates were Brody Somers and Saylor Somers from the nursery.

All of the children received potted petunias. Best wishes for a great Summer – see you in the Fall when Sunday School resumes.

Marsha Johnson
Sunday School Co-Superintendent

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 continuing support. 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** must be received in offerings and donations. June donations:

June 5	1,604
June 12	2,561
June 19	769
June 26	776
Facebook Donations for June	300
TOTAL	\$ 6,010

Supplies Needed for Our Ministries

Crackers	Hormel "Completes" Meals
Chunky soups	Granola Bars
Shelf stable milk	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Brownies or cookies	Muffins
Syrup	White potatoes
Ground sausage	Canned pears
Canned meats – corn beef hash, roast beef hash	
Socks (Men's and Women's)	Men's jeans and shorts (all sizes)
Men's T-Shirts	Women's Tank tops and shorts
Men's shoes – size 10, 10.5, 11	Sleeping Bags and Tents

JULY and AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

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