



## THE IN-SPIRE

### The Rutland United Methodist Church Newsletter

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#### **In-person Worship at 60 Strongs Avenue at 11 am**

*Services will also be livestreamed on RUMC's Facebook page*

#### **Zoom Fellowship at 10:30 am**

*Link will be emailed to you with the bulletin*

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### **"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: **Bible Study** at RUMC. Contact the office for more information

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm: **Joy Choir** rehearsal

Thursdays at 5:30 pm: **Bells of Joy** rehearsal

Thursday, November 10 at 5 pm via Zoom: **Finance Team**

Monday, November 14 at 6 pm via Zoom: **Leadership Team**

Saturday, November 19 from 10 am to 3 pm: **Holiday Fest & Silent Auction**

Sunday, November 27: **First Sunday in Advent**

### **Message from Pastor John**

I enjoy words and playing with words. Often times they reveal meanings I did not at first see. Take "thanksgiving," for instance, a timely word for this month of Thanksgiving. The holiday may be the first meaning that comes to mind at this time of year. How we might celebrate that holiday is food for thought. To do so could make it much more meaningful and heartfelt this year.

But back to our initial word, "thanksgiving." If we go to the Oxford dictionary, we find a definition that says, "the expression of gratitude, especially to God." I like that word gratitude. It has feeling to it, good feeling. And it is a good way to live, to be attentive to life and the wonder of it all. There is so much to be thankful for when we do. Considering the source of it all can deepen our gratitude all the more.

The etymology of words is often revealing too, providing historical derivation and nuancing meaning. The word "thanksgiving" comes down to us from an Old English noun meaning "grateful thought" and verb meaning "to bestow or grant." Thoughtfulness, reflectiveness - they enrich not only our understanding, but often our felt gratitude, especially for loved ones here and for others gone. Maybe such grateful thoughtfulness will prompt us to reach out to someone and say so. Our delight and theirs awaits. But such reflection can also be difficult, when the memories evoked come with painful emotions attached to them. Even then, gratitude can often be found, at least in being a survivor.

Thanksgiving. Thanks. Giving. Giving thanks. Reflecting on Thanksgivings past, and how and to whom we might express our gratitude this Thanksgiving. Being a thankful person. Giving, as a way of life, so others have reason to be thankful and gratitude multiplied and life all the more blessed. Giving thanks - to one another and to God, who has bestowed this gift of life in all its wonder, beauty, intricacy and mystery.

Blessings, **Pastor John**

## **Companions in Wholeness**

The work continues! An average of 152 breakfasts and 125 lunches per day were served during the month of October. There were also 96 individuals that accessed the food pantry. Thank you to everyone for helping us reach, and exceed, our food drive for the food pantry. The goal was 500 and we gathered 638 items. The Thrivent Foundation will be sending us \$500. We also thank everyone who helped to make the "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Chicken Dinner" a success. We raised \$1,292.95. Fundraising is crucial to the success of CIW and we are filled with gratitude for the support we receive from the community.

For Thanksgiving, we will be handing out Thanksgiving Dinners, along with a turkey gobbler sandwich, on Wednesday.

CIW is about to enter a phase of transition as we say goodbye to kitchen manager, Denise Greer, who is moving on to her next adventure. Denise began her work with CIW as a volunteer and became kitchen manager in June 2022. She was an incredible asset to CIW and she will be missed. Denise's last day is Tuesday, November 8. CIW is currently hiring to fill the kitchen manager position. You can find the full job listing below. Please help us spread the word about this job opening.

**Jennifer Yakunovich**  
CIW President

## **Help Wanted**

Companions In Wholeness, a program that feeds those in our community who are homeless or live with food insecurity, is seeking a part time Kitchen Manager (20 hours a week). Our program is located at the Rutland United Methodist Church, 60 Strongs Avenue, in Rutland. This person will direct our volunteers in cooking and preparing breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday mornings. Desirable skills include: prior kitchen experience, strong interpersonal skills, enjoys cooking, attention to detail, ability to work well with others and give direction, and a passion to feed those in our community who live with food insecurity. This is a grant funded position. Position to begin immediately. To apply contact the Coordinator, Ellie McGarry, at [emcgarry222@hotmail.com](mailto:emcgarry222@hotmail.com) or call the Methodist Church at 802-773-2460.

## HOLIDAY FEST & SILENT AUCTION

### COMPANIONS IN WHOLENESS

is holding a **HOLIDAY FEST AND SILENT AUCTION** (formerly the RUMC Chocolate Fest) on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm at RUMC, 60 Strongs Ave., Rutland.

This Holiday Fest will be carrying on RUMC's Chocolate Fest tradition (with a smaller footprint) to help care for our community's hungry, homeless and those who live with food insecurity. And - - we are looking forward to bringing back our chocolate fountain!

If you wish to donate an item (large or small), help prepare or serve lunch, or work at a table, contact Ellie McGarry via email at [emcgarry222@hotmail.com](mailto:emcgarry222@hotmail.com) or call/text 802-236-3136.



Companions in Wholeness  
*"Feeding Our Neighbors"*

**Holiday Fest & Silent Auction**  
**(WITH A TASTE OF CHOCOLATE!)**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022**  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Light luncheon fare

**Rutland UMC**  
**60 Strongs Avenue**  
**(Across from Gill's)**  
**Rutland, Vermont**

**Free admission!**

Contact Rutland United Methodist Church  
[RutlandUMC@aol.com](mailto:RutlandUMC@aol.com) ~ 802.773.2460 ~ [rutlandumc.com](http://rutlandumc.com) ~ Facebook

## RUMC's Annual Church Conference

Annual Conference will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022 via Zoom. If you are interested in serving the Lord in a leadership position, please contact someone on the nominating committee (Co-Pastors; Lori McVeigh, Bobbie Fillioe; Ellen Wakker; Linda Allen.) The following positions will be available:

- Board of Trustees: 3 openings
- Staff Parish Relations Committee: 2 openings
- Finance & Stewardship: One opening
- Worship Team: One opening
- Nominations & Lay Leadership Team: One opening

## **Bells of Joy Concert**

RUMC Bells of Joy have been invited to perform in an hour-long concert at Proctor Union Church, 5 Church Street in Proctor, on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. We will combine with Jennifer Cohen and her Panhandlers (Steel Drum) group and play several Christmas selections. Admission is free; however, donations will be gratefully accepted. Masks are optional.

## **Outreach**

Rearranging the clothing closet and making it more accessible has made it so much easier and looks so good when the screens are up. Thank you to the creative minds that came up with the new plan, and to everyone that pitched in to make the transition.

Again, we had a crazy, busy month with 13 requests for financial help, and daily requests for clothing and food. We have gotten so many thank you's for our help in all areas.

Also, the school system reached out to us to ask if the church could help out with clothing for a 17-year-old boy in need of warm clothing. If anyone would like to help, please contact me for sizes and needs.

### **Wants and needs for outreach:**

Jackets for both men and women,

Shoes and boots in good condition

Thermal underwear

Hats and scarves

Emergency blankets and handwarmers

Snack food and juice, both large and small

Thank you for all of the support that the church has provided to help out people in very difficult situations, including an elderly couple that ended up with an unexpected repair bill that they just couldn't afford, a bed for a homeless woman that the hospital has been working with, several people without the funds to pick up their prescriptions, and many others.

**Linda Allen**

Outreach Coordinator

## **Sunday School**

We have started lessons about Noah's Ark and on October 30<sup>th</sup> we also had a Halloween party for Sunday School. After doing a short lesson on Noah, the children decorated pumpkins to take home, and played Halloween games. They enjoyed snacks of "worms and dirt," popcorn, and juice. Each child also received a treat bag and all the children had a good time!

If you know of any children who might like to come to Sunday School, please invite them, and offer assistance that their family may need in order to make it easier.

**Marsha Johnson**

Sunday School Co-Supt.

## Stewardship Season

Thank you to all who have pledged a regular offering to RUMC for 2023. Pledges were dedicated during worship on October 30<sup>th</sup>; however, it is never too late to pledge! It is very helpful in budget planning for next year.

United Methodists think about giving in five special ways ~ *Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service (Skills), and Witness*. We encourage you to spend some quiet time in the coming weeks considering how you will support Rutland United Methodist Church in 2023.

Donations can be made by mail, in person, on Facebook, or credit card. Call Financial Secretary Kristen Jarvi (802-438-9805) or Lori in the office. **In order to make our budget, an average of \$8,600 monthly** needs to be received in offerings and donations. Here are the October donations:

Sept. contribution from CIW	1,281
October 2	1,542
October 9	959
October 16	1,029
October 23	1,096
October 30	1,097
Facebook Donations October	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,094</b>

## November and December Birthdays & Anniversaries

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		<b>DECEMBER</b>	
5	Ellen Wakker	2	Sue Hardman-Zimmerman
9	Jack Mackin	8	Erika Wakker
12	Ashley & Tyler Somers ♥	11	Mark Allen
13	Beth Fernandes	12	Lori McVeigh
14	Ava-Grace Mackin	15	Cathy Fleming
15	Doug Allen	16	Julia Reynolds
16	Sofia Villano Betts	18	Lexi Moore
17	Ely Abuel	19	Carol Marold
23	Rose Siliski Wetherby	19	Ann Reed
25	Sharon Whitney	20	Glenda O'Connor
27	Diane Sharrow	21	Mike Gauthier
27	Betty Corey	24	Terry O'Connor

## Supplies Needed for Companions in Wholeness

Large family-size juices	Individual juices
Sweet cereal	Sugar
Chunky soup	Crackers
Pancake mix – only add water	Canned meats
Shelf-stable dinners	Granola bars
Baked goods	Peanut butter crackers
Microwaveable individual servings	Cheese crackers

**Rutland United Methodist Church  
Co-Pastors: Sue Hardman-Zimmerman  
and John Hardman-Zimmerman**

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**Join the community for a Thanksgiving service and dinner on  
Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm at Rutland Jewish Center.**