



September, 2022

## THE IN-SPIRE

The Rutland United Methodist Church Newsletter

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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**. Contact the office for more information

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

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

Thursday, September 8 at 5 pm via Zoom: **Finance Team**

Monday, September 12 at 6 pm via Zoom: **Leadership Team**

### Message from Pastor John

Does God heal? Not theoretically, but in actuality?

Considering all the times we have been sick in the course of our lives, yet, here we are, some people would say, "Yes, God heals." Others might affirm that our bodies are so marvelously constructed that they can naturally heal when sick and mend when broken, most of the time. Add to that, medical technologies, pharmacology, various physical and psychological therapies, as well as nontraditional medicine, many illnesses that may have been limiting or even terminal often are not, thanks to human ingenuity. And the source of all that ingenuity is? We can also recognize that God has quite an extensive healing team!

But, does God heal, supernaturally, directly through the power of divine Spirit?

Many people claim so. Some among us. If you have been healed through prayer, especially if you have had a life-threatening illness, then you know what others may only hope, speculate or argue at the moment. The most convincing evidence that God heals is always actual experience.

"With God all things are possible," said one who showed us so. That God heals is "good news." Healing is one of the primary ways God loves us. Though our healing may not happen when and as we expect, divine love and power do come to us according to a Wisdom that knows best. And ultimately, we are all healed in an eternal life.

Are you in need of healing? Pray. And enlist those who love you most. And let your community church family know to pray for you or, better yet, with you.

Medicine AND prayer. Natural means AND supernatural means. However healing comes to us, we can be thankful.

Blessings, *Pastor John*

## Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to recipients of Scholarships for the upcoming school year! Scholarship Team was pleased to award monies from the Francis & Edwina Jones Clarke Scholarship Trust and from the Richard A. Dexter & Ruby Jenness Dexter Christian Education Trust Fund.



**BRAYDEN MOORE**



**KATELYNN REGULA**



**OWEN SMITH**

Congratulations to **Brayden Moore**, son of Don Moore and Lexi Moore, who is finishing up his education at New York University by spending the semester in Prague, Czech Republic. We have been blessed to be able to help Brayden along his secondary education journey over the past few years. He is majoring in Business (Data Science).

**Katelynn Regula**, granddaughter of John and Dianne Anderson, daughter of Charles Regula and Rebecca Regula, is a freshman at The University of Vermont majoring in Exercise Science.

**Owen Smith**, son of Dawn Smith and Todd Smith, is attending Paul Smith's College, studying Business.

In their award letter, recipients are given this language directly from the Clarke Trust:

It is specified in the trust that "each award recipient is hereby requested, but shall not be required, to place a flower piece on the grave of ... Edwina Jones Clarke, in plot number 32586, section 98, in the Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, on at least one occasion."

We are pleased to say that Brayden included this photo in his scholarship application, to indicate that he had taken a trip to Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn to pay his respects:



## **Companions in Wholeness**

Companions in Wholeness continues to be busy. We served 2,813 breakfasts and 2,205 lunches in August. We had 107 individuals access our food pantry. On August 3, we had a visit from Tom Andrew, a representative from the United Methodist Foundation Grant Committee, who presented us with a \$5,000 check. He observed the great work being done and was very impressed. (See photo below.) CIW Coordinator, Ellie McGarry, continues to seek out grant funding and other donations. If anyone has any information of other avenues of funding for us, please be in contact with her.

We received word that we were awarded a \$7,500 from the Hills and Hollows Fund at the VT Community Foundation and \$2,000 from the Ben & Jerry's Foundation. We received a wonderful donation of 540 pairs of new socks from Darn Tough Socks out of Norwich, VT.

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased cookie dough from the Vermont Cookie Love fundraiser. Don't forget to come and pick up your cookie dough on September 10 between 10:00-12:00. CIW is planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on October 14. More details to follow. We continue to need volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out. You can call Ellie at 802-236-3136.

**Jennifer Yakunovich, CIW President**



CIW workers gratefully accepting a grant for \$5,000 from Tom Andrew of The United Methodist Foundation Grant Committee

## 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 this community.

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

July contribution from CIW	2,302
August 7	2,454
August 14	664
August 21	1,357
August 28	494
Facebook Donations for August	290
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,561</b>

## September and October Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
1	Karen & Chris Cartier ♥	2	Sam Groom
3	Daphne Hemmer	3	Lorraine & Steve Dotson ♥
3	Craig & Joan Cota ♥	15	Ron & Vikki Colomb ♥
9	Jonas Stoneman	16	Heather Betts
10	Alan Betts	19	Mike & Deb Estey ♥
11	Elyvian Abuel		Ben & Tanya Derstine ♥
14	Elijah Abuel	21	John Anderson
17	Karen James	21	Sue & John Hardman-Zimmerman ♥
23	Mike Estey		
24	Edith Partridge		
27	Scott McVeigh		
27	Lynn Gee		
28	Malia Madison Allen		
	Andrew McMahon		

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