

October, 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: **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, October 6 at 4:45 pm via Zoom: **Finance Team**

Monday, October 10 at 6 pm via Zoom: **Leadership Team**

Message from Pastor Sue

October is here, and the season of autumn is upon us. The changing colors of the leaves beautify the mountains, and we marvel at the splendor of God's creation. Psalm 8 says, in part, " O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!... When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands..."

We are at the time of year when the daylight is decreasing and the darkness lengthening. With fewer outdoor activities and less summer busyness, we have some time to slow down and reflect on life. It's a good time to nestle in at home and consider the myriad of God's beauty and blessings. Recognizing how abundantly God has blessed us, leads us naturally to consider how to respond to God's great love and provision.

God has entrusted us with so much, i.e. the stewardship of creation. Often in the church, the word stewardship makes us think of giving money to the church, which is necessary for the viability of the church and all it does. In stewardship campaigns, people are asked to prayerfully pledge on a yearly basis an amount of money they so choose as an offering to God working through Christ's church. But stewardship encompasses more than money. Stewardship is the job of supervising or taking care of something, of managing someone else's property. A steward is an overseer, working for the owner, managing money, land, and resources while the master is away. Thus, [Holman Bible Dictionary](#) defines Christian stewardship as utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God, the good of God's people and the care of God's creation.

So, as we glory in the magnificent beauty of fall, I encourage each of us to consider the stewardship of our personal means and resources, making the best use of them, not only for the vitality of our church, but also for the well-being of each other and our planet.

Blessings, **Pastor Sue**

Place your order for the Chicken Dinner!

On October 14 is the 2nd Annual Oven Baked BBQ Chicken Dinner. Visit the RUMC website or call the Church to reserve yours. If you are interested in helping serve and/or prepare the takeout dinners, reach out to Ellie McGarry by calling (802) 236-3136.

Do you miss the Chocolate Fest?

Companions in Wholeness is sponsoring the first annual Holiday Fest & Silent Auction (with a taste of chocolate!) for Saturday, November 19. For more information, or if you're interested in donating goods or volunteering, please contact Ellie McGarry at (802) 236-3136.

Companions in Wholeness

Another busy for month for Companions in Wholeness! An average of 158 breakfasts and 125 lunches per day were served to our neighbors in September. There were also 100 individuals that accessed the food pantry. On September 15, CIW held a Staff/Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. We enjoyed sandwiches from Gills and a yummy salad prepared by Ellie. It was wonderful to bring everyone together, say thank you, and celebrate the success of this important ministry. CIW has welcomed some new volunteers, including a group of students from Rutland Middle School. They are assisting with many different projects, and we enjoy having their help.

The Vermont Cookie Love Fundraiser was successful. We thank all who bought cookie dough! We continue to find creative ways to raise funds. On October 14 is the 2nd Annual Oven Baked BBQ Chicken Dinner. Visit the RUMC website or call the Church to reserve yours. If you are interested in helping serve and/or prepare the takeout dinners, reach out to Ellie McGarry by calling (802) 236-3136. There's also a team of volunteers working to plan the first Holiday Fest & Silent Auction on Saturday, November 19. If you're interested in donating goods or volunteering, please let Ellie know. CIW is also participating in Thrivent's "Feed Northeast 2022" If we can collect 500 food items by October 31, Thrivent will send a \$500 donation. Items of most help include juice boxes, family size bottles of juice, sugar, cereal, chunky soups, crackers, cinnamon, garlic powder, salt, pepper, chocolate chips, paper towels, coffee, water bottles, baked goods and granola bars. Items can be brought to the Church at your convenience.

Jennifer Yakunovich, CIW President

Outreach

September was a really busy month with dozens of requests for all sorts of items. Between Grace Congregational Church, the Jewish Center and our church, we were able to help a person with car repairs. A couple and their baby were out of funds and trying to locate a place to stay. We purchased gas and helped with phone service for several people, and paid for a license renewal for a woman who needed an ID to get an apartment. The church also helped with work related testing.

I also worked with 3 individuals that are trying to find apartments, helping to make sure applications were complete, and looked up available apartments through the Housing Trust and Housing Authority.

Grace Congregational Church's Care fund was used to pay for gas for 2 different individuals, a night at a motel for an out-of-state man who got sick on his trip home, helped us to cover back phone bill for a woman who will be hospitalized soon, and prescriptions for a young woman who lost her job because of illness and has no insurance yet, as well as helping pay for auto repairs.

Total number of people helped: RUMC 7 Grace 7

Total amount given out of our Pastor's Emergency Fund: \$342.13

Balance left in the PEF: \$1.27

Clothing given out: We have given out about 157 items including jackets, clothing, shoes and bedding, sleeping bags and kitchen items.

Food items given out: 497 items.

Thank you to all who have prayed and helped to fund the care fund, the food shelf and the clothing closet!

Linda Allen, Outreach Coordinator

Sunday School

Sunday School has started in person! Please join us!

We are working lessons about Creation - and Adam and Eve.

Sunday School is held at 11 am during the service. The children go back to their classroom area right after the first hymn.

All school-aged children are welcome, and if you know of someone who may wish to attend, contact the office.

Marsha Johnson, Sunday School Superintendent

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:

August contribution from CIW	1,650
September 7	2,247
September 14	979
September 21 and September 25	2,537
Facebook Donations for September	40
TOTAL	\$ 7,453

October and November Birthdays and Anniversaries

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
2	Sam Groom	5	Ellen Wakker
3	Lorraine & Steve Dotson ♥	9	Jack Mackin
15	Ron & Vikki Colomb ♥	9	Lynn Tucker
16	Heather Betts	13	Beth Fernandes
19	Mike & Deb Estey ♥	14	Ava-Grace Mackin
	Ben & Tanya Derstine ♥	15	Doug Allen
21	John Anderson	16	Sofia Villano Betts
21	Sue & John Hardman-Zimmerman ♥	16	Rodney Siliski
		17	Ely Abuel
		23	Rose Wetherby
		25	Sharon Whitney
		27	Diane Sharrow

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