

United Methodist Vane

Royersford United Methodist Church

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Psalm 36:5-7
Thy steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, thy
faithfulness is like the mountains of God, thy judgments
are like the great deep; man and beast thou savest, O
Lord. How previous is thy steadfast love, O God! The
children of men take refuge in the shadow of thy wings.
Revised Standard Version

THE ROYERSFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2021

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Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

COMING IN NOVEMBER: Nov. 2ND – HAM DINNER Sign-up information attached. Advanced sales only.						1	2 Camp Innabah 5 mile run/2 mile walk Registration: 8:00 AM Run/walk begins: 9 AM
3 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	4 11:30AM-1PM Carry Out Hope 6:00PM Rejoicing Ringers practice	5	6	7 9:15AM RUMC responsible for food pantry 7:00 PM Bible Study	8	9 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast, Spring-Ford Diner 4:00 PM Charge Conference on Zoom	
10 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	11 11:30AM-1:00PM Carry Out Hope 6:00PM Rejoicing Ringers practice	12 Reservations due for Community Dinner on Thursday, 14 th	13	14 5:00 PM Community Dinner 7:00PM Bible Study	15	16	
17 9:00AM Sunday School 10:30 Worship-Children's Sabbath & Laity Sunday/luncheon Virtual CROP Walk	18 11:30AM-1:00PM Carry Out Hope 6:00PM Rejoicing Ringers practice	19	20	21 7:00PM Bible Study	22	23	
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Greetings in the name of the One who brings the colors to the trees, and the apples to our tables!!



October is such a beautiful month. The last of the summer harvest is gathered, and the fall harvest begins with late corn, new apples, pears, and other tree fruits; and squash, including pumpkins. If possible, many folks take the time to go apple and pumpkin picking at the local farms and orchards; or at least visiting the local farm stands for the freshest fruits.

While as family, we never went apple picking, we DID make a few trips to local farm stands each fall as part of one of our Saturday or Sunday afternoon drives through the hills, woods, and farmlands of northern New Jersey. Getting apples was a must! We all love our apples in our family. We would have them in our lunchboxes, after school, with dinner and after dinner, all the time. Mom had several recipes for both cooked and raw apples. I can't imagine my life without apples!

I remember that Dad even brought an apple to church one time, but not to eat. He delivered a sermon in which he used the apple to make a point, sighting the star in the middle. And as I think about the apple star myself, I am inspired to look at when we have these apples ready to eat, and when the star is most visible. I like to think of the star as a reminder of the coming Christ. For me, somehow God is telling me, with this apple star, that I must prepare for Emmanuel.

Just as the apple has formed and nurtured the star holding the seeds in each of its five arms, there comes a time when the apple is ripe and ready to be opened; the flesh consumed; and the star to release the seeds to the earth. For us in the northern hemisphere, this happens to be shortly before our celebrations of Advent and Christmas. The apple flesh is both tasty and good for us to eat. As it provides for the development and protection of the star seedpods, it grows and sweetens (to varying degrees – some more tart than others) so that it is edible by humans, animals, and insects. It provides nourishment to our bodies, and healthful benefits to our digestive systems. The apple is good food...

...good food, much like the Word, the Gospel, the truth of Jesus Christ. The Word feeds us, helps us to grow and develop as Christians; satisfies us; fills us; helps to keep us cleansed of that which is unhealthy and we cannot keep in our human or spiritual lives; and it gives us a mission. Like the seeds of the apple, we are given seeds of love to plant in others. Once we have feasted on the Word, we go out into the mission world, just outside our doors, to serve others in love and on behalf of Christ and help to prepare for the coming of Christ's Kingdom on earth. But the benefits of eating just one apple, and the seeds of that same apple, are not going to last for our entire life. And feasting on the Word just once will not last either. We are constantly bombarded by those earthly things that create hunger in us, body and soul. We need to be fed on the Word in communion with others on a regular basis, and even more often when life throws challenges of heart and soul in our path. When we are physically ill, we must eat good food to keep up our strength. When we are spiritually ill, we need to be fed on the Word, good food for the soul that strengthens us for the work ahead as disciples.



Well fed, we see the star and remember that all we do and say we do and say to and for God through Christ. We serve and plant seeds to make more disciples for Christ and to transform the world, ready for the second coming of Christ.

Wise people still seek the star in all its forms to be fed, cleansed, and brought closer to Christ and his Kingdom to come. Even in apples! Enjoy the apples; enjoy the Word. Seek the star, and plant the seeds.

Happy October!!

With love and prayers for peace and joy,

Pastor Laurie



2017 Annual Charge Conference

October 9, 2021; 4:00P

On ZOOM

If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Laurie for the ZOOM link and the attachments you will need for the meeting.

Blessing of the Animals Service TBA - STAY TUNED!

All animals must be leashed, crated, caged, or boxed, as appropriate, for the pet to safely attend. All pets are welcome. If coming with your pet will not work, you may bring a photo, or collar, etc. instead, and we will bless your loved one in absentia.



Lectionary Bible Study Schedule for October and November, 2021

(The first date is Thursday when the Scriptures will be studied in class; the second date is Sunday when the Scriptures chosen from the date's list will likely be read and used in the sermon/message.)

October 2021

Sept. 30th / Oct. 3rd World Communion Sunday

Historic/Old Testament Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Literary, Poetic/Old Testament Psalm 26

Epistle/New Testament Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Gospel/New Testament Mark 10:2-16

7th/10th Historic/Old Testament Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Literary, Poetic/Old Testament Psalm 22:1-15

Epistle/New Testament Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel/New Testament Mark 10:17-31

14th/17th Laitia Sunday – Worship led by our youth and children!

Historic/Old Testament Job 38:1-7, 34-41



21 st /24 th	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 104:1-9,24, 35c
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 5:1-10
	Gospel/New Testament	Mark 10:35-45
	Historic/Old Testament	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
28 th /31 st	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 7:23-28
	Gospel/New Testament	Mark 10:46-52
	Historic/Old Testament	Ruth 1:1-18
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 146
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 9:11-14
	Gospel/New Testament	Mark 12:28-34

November 2021

4th/7th All Saints' Sunday and Holy Communion

11 th /14 th	Historic/Old Testament	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 127
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 9:24-28
	Gospel/New Testament	Mark 12:38-44

18 th /21 st	Historic/Old Testament	1 Samuel 1:4-20
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 113
	Epistle/New Testament	Hebrews 10:11-25
	Gospel/New Testament	Mark 13:1-8

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

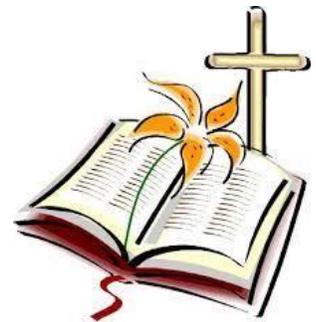
25 th	Historic/Old Testament	2 Samuel 23:1-7
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 132:1-12
	Apocalyptic/New Testament	Revelation 1: 4b-8
	Gospel/New Testament	John 18:33-37

Thanksgiving Day (NO Bible study on the 25th)

28 th	Historic/Old Testament	Joel 2:21-27
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 126
	Epistle/New Testament	1 Timothy 2:1-7
	Gospel/New Testament	Matthew 6:25-33

NO Bible Study on the 25th

	Historic/Old Testament	Jeremiah 33:14-16
	Literary, Poetic/Old Testament	Psalm 25:1-10
	Epistle/New Testament	I Thessalonians 3:9-13
	Gospel/New Testament	Luke 21:25-36



Bible Study Opportunities

Weekly Lectionary Scriptures Study

We will continue with our regular, year-round Thursday night Bible study featuring the weekly

Lectionary scriptures you see above this notice. The study is offered either in person or on ZOOM – your choice. Please sign up with Rev. Laurie Pfahler via email or telephone so that she can include you in the weekly email reminder (or other means if you do not have email) of the scriptures and the ZOOM link.

Advent Study – All the Good - - A Wesleyan Way of Christmas

by L. Warner, A. Valdez Barker, J. Choi, and S. Kim

“All the Good takes us on an inspiring Advent journey where even the most ardent student of John Wesley will be delighted in discovering treasured nuggets of Methodist history and their connection to the message of Christmas. Scripturally grounded, historically educational, and personally warm and engaging, All the Good not only reminds us of the good news as we prepare for Christmas, but invites us to respond to it as well.” – Rev. Susan Robb, United Methodist Pastor and author of Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross

The rich diversity of the four authors offers even more to help us open our minds and expand our knowledge and perspectives of not just our Christian lives as Advent people, but also how to live them guided by the practices of John Wesley’s means of grace.

Look for more information and sign-up sheet in church!!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Scott Ritchey
7	Austin Kurtz
8	Zach Ritchey
11	Arlene Swavely
13	Amelia Blythe
22	Larry Hughes, Sr.
25	Mariah Ketterman
28	Stephen Straka



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*Our Vision Statement Of Jesus Christ
Energizing Our Ministries
And Making Disciples*

Prayer Chain Contact: Jeanne Sproat
610-705-0273

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Web: www.royersfordumc.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY—FRIDAY 9AM-2PM

Call first

RING BELL FOR ENTRY
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Church Office Email:
royersfordumc@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

	9/5	9/12	9/19	9/26
Sunday school	7	Rally Day	51	28
Worship	44	50	47	48
YouTube	11	16	14	
On-line				30
Breakfast		40		

PLEASE BE AWARE:

RUMC's website has NOT been hacked

If you are having trouble getting onto the church's website, try using this method:

[Log onto: royersfordumc.org](http://royersfordumc.org)

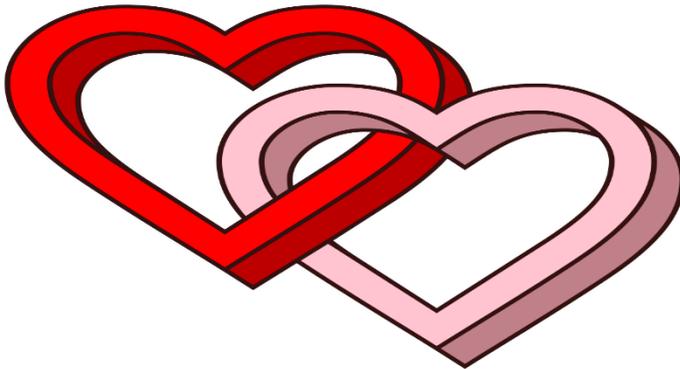
If you want the YouTube site there is a place to click to go directly to it. This method will eliminate going to a site with pictures of pills, you don't want.

If you continue to have problems, see Keith Edelman.



Daily Bible Readings

1 Integrity in suffering	Job 1:1, 2:1-10
2 I walk in faithfulness	Ps. 26
3 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12
4 Pharisees test Jesus	Mark 10:2-16
5 The Lord's everlasting love	Ps. 103:15-18
6 Evil lies close	Rom 7:9-21
7 Jesus came as light	John 12:44-50
8 Wanting to be heard	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
9 When God is silent	Ps. 22:1-15
10 Approach with boldness	Heb. 4:12-16
11 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Mark 10:17-31
12 One goal worth seeking	Ps. 27:1-4
13 Witnessing with our lives	2 Cor. 4:8-11
14 21st Sunday after Pentecost	2 Tim. 4:1-7
15 15 Can you send lightning?	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
16 Our mighty Creator	Ps. 104:1-9, 24, 35c
17 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Heb. 5:1-10
18 Son of man came to serve	Mark 10:35-45
19 Status is nothing	1 Cor. 1:26-31
20 The hope for healing	Matt 9:16-22
21 As in Adam, so in Christ	1 Cor. 15:12-22
22 God rewards Job's faithfulness	Job 42:1-6, 10-17
23 The Lord hears	Ps. 34:1-8, (19-22)
24 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Heb. 7:23-28
25 Jesus heals blind man	Mark 10:46-52
26 The Lord alone	Deut. 13:4
27 Security in commitment	Ruth 1:1-18
28 Once for all	Heb. 9:11-14
29 This is our God	Isa. 25:6-9
30 The earth is the Lord's	Ps. 24
31 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. 21:1-6a



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	Tom & Edie Hartman
5	Harry & Marsha Habbel
7	Don & Shirley Dinger
8	Wayne & Cheryl Blattner
11	Ron & Barbara Black
13	Keith & Clarissa Laskey
28	Bruce & Norma Jean Burns

COMMUNITY DINNER – OCT. 14TH, 5:00 PM

Over the past months, we resumed the Community Dinner as a take out meal, then in August, we changed to both a take-out and/or eat-in.

We are now ready to once again, ask for donations of desserts and beverages. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the chapel.

There is a difference in our dessert request. We are asking that all cakes be 9 X 13 and not require refrigeration. Please have cakes in the church kitchen by noon on Thursday, Oct. 14th.

We are also asking for a few beverages, since there are not many eating-in at this time.

Thank you for any support you can give. If you would like to help, please sign up or contact Willa at 215-272-2852 (different number than in the directory) or davwil19473@verizon.net. Remember—all are welcome to join us for a meal!! Just make a reservation by calling the church by Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Willa

HAM DINNER ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Top 6 Things to Remember about the ham dinner:

1. This year the dinner is a take-out dinner by advanced sale. Cost of dinner is \$13.00.
2. The dinner will include 6 oz. of Black Forest Ham, green beans, potato filling, coleslaw, applesauce, roll and cake.
3. Dinners can be ordered online at royersfordumc.square.site, quantity of dinners and pick-up time can be selected. Credit card information will be needed to complete the order. Receipt will be able to be printed.
4. Tickets are available for purchase from Dave DeHart Sunday mornings. Fill out both of the ticket with payment in cash or check (payable to RUMC) to Dave. Bring the left portion of the ticket to the Welcome Center on Nov. 2nd to pick up your dinners.
5. Due to safety and packing considerations sheet cakes will be purchased as the dessert. In lieu of your homemade or purchased dessert, a Cake Dessert container will be at the rear of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings for donations. Donations can also be made on the website through a different click option.
6. Be sure to share information from the church website and Facebook pages to your contacts.

Remembering Native American victims of US schools

UMC leaders decry U.S. abusive “Indian boarding schools” and church involvement, calling for remembrance of victims and survivors.

Recent media reports, a public education campaign, and the announcement of an investigation by the U.S. Department of the Interior have cast renewed light on one of the most shameful practices in the deplorable treatment of the Indigenous people of North America by European colonists across 500 years. This was the forcing of thousands of Native American boys and girls into “Indian boarding schools” in a deliberate attempt to separate them from their families and cultures.

Disturbing new reports from both Canada and the U.S. indicate that, in some cases, large numbers of the young people died in school custody without notice to families and were buried in mass schoolyard graves. Some of these burials have been documented internally in boarding school records, but others have not. While authorized and primarily funded by government, some of these schools were also sponsored or operated by religious organizations, including several with Methodist affiliations.

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition represents an effort to educate the public in the U.S. about these schools and their lingering harmful legacy. In light of the recent reports of abuse and neglect, the coalition called for Sept. 30 to be observed as a National Day of Remembrance for U.S. Indian Boarding Schools.

The **National Day of Remembrance** is being observed by Native American United Methodist leaders, including the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Native American Comprehensive Plan, Native American International Caucus (NAIC) and numerous annual conference committees on Native American Ministries. Plus, the denomination’s 11 general agencies also have endorsed this important occasion and movement for justice and released a joint statement.

In addition, the **Eastern PA Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM)** plans an hour-long program, **“Honoring Native American Boarding School Children”** on Zoom next **Wednesday, October 6, at 6 PM**, honoring the memory of Native American children who suffered through the board school ordeal. October 6 is the date chosen for remembrance by the Native American International Caucus (NAIC) because it is the date on which Captain Richard Henry Pratt (later promoted to general) started the first U.S. Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, PA, generally known as Carlisle Indian Industrial School, in 1879. It closed in 1918.

Source: Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, The United Methodist Church, New Spirit Alert, Dated: September 30, 2021