

ROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (RPC)

# RPC Newsletter

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The Reverend Michael McNamara

February 2021

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!



It is that time of year where we start to prepare for Lent. I really appreciate Lent, the word itself comes from the latin for slow. Although Lent is a lot of things, it is certainly an opportunity to slow down. It would be easy to say in the midst of this ongoing pandemic: "haven't we been slowing down for months already!", but the reality is we still have a few more months before we can really start to get into regular rhythms again, and I have been discussing in this space that the better prepared we are for entering our eventual post pandemic reality, the better it will be. So this Lent, we can slow down in a different way. We can think about the things we may want to change, look around and take some time to really assess what is important, what can be let go of. Now it would be pretty special if Easter Sunday matched up well with things opening back up, it might, but probably won't. That said, this year the real Easter will be when we can gather in the sanctuary again, when we can hug friends again, when we can gather and socialize. We can use Lent and be intentional about preparing for that future, which may come this spring, it may even wait until fall, but it is coming, just like the Love of God, it will come.

The image I picked for the cover of this month's newsletter, I think it reflects the current state of things, an ephemeral image where the viewer can not quite figure out what it is, what is creating the image, where the light is coming from, and in person I imagine this image shifts ever so slightly. I think this image reflects the Holy Spirit and the ways in which we can not always really understand exactly what it is. Our post pandemic reality is the same way, we can't know exactly what it will be, even as we begin to enter it, it will be like this, hazy, a bit unclear, but still beautiful.

In Peace,  
Rev Michael McNamara

## *Those serving as Lay Leader this month:*

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany, February 7 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Phil Ruxton</b>
Transfiguration of the Lord, February 14 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Mary Ann Eull</b>
First Sunday of Lent, February 21 <sup>st</sup> -	<b>Aimee Ranaivoarjaona</b>
Second Sunday in Lent, February 28 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>Rachel Jung</b>

## CHILDREN'S ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Zoom Lesson:

**Date:** Sunday Morning, February 7, 2021

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**Lesson Title:** "Jesus Feeds Hungry People"

Activity Bags for Lesson Distributed to children:

Pat Wolff

Parents will receive an email with the Zoom information.

## Envelope Pick-Up & Canned Food Collection – Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

The Stewardship Team knows that you can't wait to get your envelopes so a drive by pick up party is planned for **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** from **1:00 to 2:30 pm** in the church parking lot. If that time and date sound familiar that is because it is the same day and time as the Souper Bowl of Caring canned good drop-off.



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

### Souper Bowl of Caring – Canned Good Collection on February 7

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national effort to fight hunger in local communities. Last year, the Souper Bowl of Caring collected over \$10.6 million worth of money and food. This year, RPC will be collecting cans to donate to Manna Food Bank. We are asking RPC members to do 2 two things:

1. **Donate cans.** On Sunday, February 7 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm swing by the RPC parking lot to drop off cans for Manna Food Bank. If you are unable to come to the church but are donating 10 cans or more, contact the church office to request that your cans be picked up at your home. Checks/donations can also be made (please designate your gift for "Souper Bowl of Caring").
2. **Take a picture of you with your cans.** Before you donate your cans, take a picture of yourself with a can "sculpture". Send the pictures to the church office, so they can be included in the next newsletter.

See what Manna does in one year:

## SERVING NEIGHBORS IN NEED

**50,510**  
participants served



**3.3 Million**  
pounds of food distributed

### OUR SERVICES & PROGRAMS

#### FOOD FOR FAMILIES

**38,106**  
Individuals served

**21** distribution sites throughout Montgomery County

#### SMART SACKS

**4,186**  
students served



#### MOBILE KITCHEN & POP-UP PANTRY

**2,454**  
Participants on Manny

**113**  
classes

**33** Pop-Up Pantries at schools, community groups, and churches

**1** Manna box = **\$100+** boost in monthly food budget

**148,144** bags distributed

**59** schools

#### COMMUNITY FOOD EDUCATION

**111** participants at workshops and classes

#### COMMUNITY FOOD RESCUE



**1 million** pounds of food donated

**746** members in the CFR network

**3,892** individual food runs

#### FARM TO FOOD BANK

**4** Farmers Markets



**4** Farms

**125,290** pounds of local, fresh produce distributed

#### ADVOCACY

**264**

participants applied for SNAP (food stamps) benefits with Manna's assistance

**24**

elected officials participated in countywide MLK Food Drive



# Session

**Greetings from the RPC Session members:** Anne Baur, Sue McGee Anderson, Bernice Brown, Marty Heilman, Elke Herzfeld, Mary Williams, Jerry Macomber and Aimee Ranaivoarijaona

Next Session Meeting is ***Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.***

## **STEWARDSHIP DRIVE REPORT – THANK YOU**

Thank you for your part in making RPC's stewardship campaign a success. The pledge drive produced commitments for \$113,066 toward our 2021 worship services, youth and adult programs, personnel and operating expenses. That's a little over \$3000 more than last year.



**UPDATE**



New updates to the directory will be published once a month. If you have an update or know of an update, please call the office 301-762-3363 or email to

[Rockvillepres1@verizon.net](mailto:Rockvillepres1@verizon.net).

**Julie Pierce has new email address:** [Julia.Pierce@HHS.gov](mailto:Julia.Pierce@HHS.gov). She has a new position- Associate General Counsel for the Public Health Division, OGC-DHHS.



## **Connect with Members and Friends at Coffee Hour**

Have you been missing Fellowship? There's an opportunity for Fellowship every Sunday following our regular Live Stream service. You can phone into the coffee hour at **301-715-8592**.

*The month of **February** is good time to send cards to an RPC member who you have not talked to in a while.*

**Maxine Morgan**

110 Upton Street

Rockville, MD 20850

Maxine will celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on **February 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Phyllis Morrow**

% Raphael House

1515 Dunster Rd

Rockville, MD 20854

**Nancy Webert**

11524 Brandy Hill Ln

N. Potomac, MD 20878-2426

**Flora Beers**

601 McIntyre Rd

Rockville, MD 20851

**Vicki Bowen**

2963 Hunter Mill Road

Oakton, VA 22124

**Bill Landfair**

Sunrise at Montgomery Village

19310 Club House Rd., **#308**

Montgomery Village, MD 20886

**Beth McDonald Landfair**

126 South Van Buren Street

Rockville, MD 20850

**Keith Cornelius, Jr.**

13710 Esworthy Road

Germantown, MD 20874

**Jeannette Hoffmaster**

The Village at Rockville

9701 Veirs Dr., #1350

Rockville, MD 20850

**Martin Heilman**

285 N. Washington St

# 1407

Rockville, MD 20850

## PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of presbytery. The amount to be paid this year per communicant member is

☐ Electronically  
☐ Cash  
☐ Check

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**2021 Per Capita Assessment** - Each year RPC makes a per capita contribution to support the many programs of the National Capital Presbytery (NCP) and the national office of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). The 2021 assessment is \$42.67 per member. RPC members are encouraged to make a contribution

above their annual pledge amount for this purpose. This can be done through RPC's on-line giving platform or by sending a check to the church at 215 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville MD 20850. In either case be sure to designate that the gift is for RP

C's per capita obligation. To learn more about

NCP programs, go to [thepresbytery.org](http://thepresbytery.org). For information about PCUSA initiatives go to [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

### Schedule for Sunday Mornings

**9:00 am** suspended until spring.

**10:30 am** – Live Stream Sunday Service,  
Live stream is accessible through the link below.

<https://www.christianworldmedia.com/liveite/RPCPraise> OR

The church website [RockvillePres.org](http://RockvillePres.org),

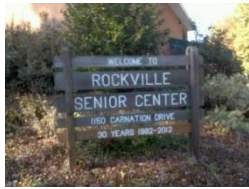
**followed by** ZOOM Coffee Hour, ZOOM instructions are provided in weekly emails. Phone access at **301-715-8592**. Contact the office at 301-762-3363 or by email at [Rockvillepres1@verizon.net](mailto:Rockvillepres1@verizon.net) to be added to the mail blast.



- 5 *Madison Campbell-Williams*
- 6 *Mark Macomber*
- 8 *Maxine Morgan*
- 9 *Hannah Kelly*
- 14 *Alicia Yu*
- 24 *Elizabeth Dawson*
- 26 *Amy Macomber*
- 27 *Jack Baur*

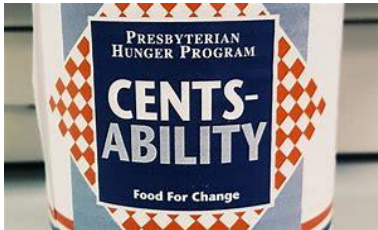


## Donate Food at the Rockville Senior Center



The Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Drive Rockville, MD 20850) is holding food drives to collect shelf-stable food for seniors on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 pm. The collection is “drive-up and drop-off”, so those leaving donations do not need to leave their cars. Donations are also accepted at other times and can be left in the blue bin under the side parking lot awning.

### Cents-Ability: Remember to Collect your Coins!



Don't forget about Cents-Ability! Cents-Ability is part of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, where congregations collect coins at mealtimes to fight against hunger. Half of our collection will go to the Presbyterian Hunger Program and half of our collection will go to Manna Food Center. We will collect our coins when we are able to worship together again.

## Community Reach Volunteer Opportunities

Want to help out at Community Reach? The following volunteer opportunities are available:

**Join a Community Reach Committee:** Volunteers are needed on the Development, Finance, Faith Advisory, Governance, and Annual Gala committees are needed.

**Writer/Editor/Investigator:** Volunteers are needed to write Community Reach's procedures manual for different departments and programs. Involves interviewing staff and recording how work is done.

**Client Intake Coordinator:** Volunteers needed to work 4 hour shifts during the week with Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, to respond to requests for eviction aid and service referrals.

**Interpreters:** Volunteers needed that speak Spanish at the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic.

**Donations at the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic:** C-Fold Paper Towels, Paper Towel Rolls, Hand Sanitizer, Antibacterial Hand Soap, Trash Bags, Disinfecting Wipes, Scouring Powder, Window Cleaner, Facial Tissue, Bleach, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Dishwashing Liquid, Toilet Paper

For more information, go to <https://www.cmrocks.org/volunteer> or contact Andrea Kempner-Wink at 301-637-0172.

### Community Reach Videos

Want to learn more about Community Reach? Watch the following videos highlighting Community Reach programs.

- Mansfield Kaseman Clinic in 2020: <https://www.cmrocks.org/pastevents> (click Virtual Check Up Video)
- Overview of Community Reach Programs: <https://www.cmrocks.org/highlights-annual-gala-2020> (click video in the middle of the page)



Changes are happening at Rainbow Place and to read about them in our letter at <http://www.rainbowplace.org/>

If you haven't already seen the letter regarding our changes, go ahead and read it now.

- **Sponsor a Bed:** Rainbow Place has launched a Sponsor-a-Bed Program. If you are interested, or know a group or company that may be interested, more information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/SponsoraBedatRainbow>
- **Rockville Rewards Cards:** Rockville Rewards Cards gets you discounts at over 150 Rockville restaurants and businesses. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the cards benefit Rockville nonprofits. When you buy a card online, it costs \$25 and you can select Rainbow Place as the recipient of that \$25 card purchase. Buy a card at <https://rockvillerewards.com/>.
- **Buy a Face Mask:** For every facemask purchased, \$5 will be donated to Rainbow Place. Get your mask at <https://rainbowplaceshelter.square.site/>.

You can also tell people to follow our social media for more updates, needs, and events prior to our next season.



The deadline for the *February* Newsletter is [Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>](#).