

ROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (RPC)

RPC Newsletter

WEBSITE: WWW.ROCKVILLEPRES.ORG

The Reverend Michael McNamara

March 2021



Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

If you hang around me enough, you will eventually hear me say something about intent. To me there are few things more important to good spiritual practice than intent. What do we bring to our prayer, what do we bring to worship, to fellowship, to the Lord's Supper? The simplest intent is always to be present to God, but really any intent is pretty much OK as long as there is an awareness of it. Lent gives spiritual practitioners a great opportunity to be intentional, for a whole 40 days none the less. So what intent are you bringing into this Lenten season? My intent this year is preparation, to get ready for the new realities that will be coming once we can move past all the social distancing and isolation of this pandemic. There will be a bit of an opportunity for a reset, a kind of fresh start, so I will be taking time to think about what is really important to me, what my priorities will be, where I will put my energy. As I have mentioned in this space before, we won't know exactly what newness will come, and much of it will be unexpected, but we can at least bring to it our visions of what we would like to see, in regards to love and justice

and forgiveness and compassion.

And now that we know there is a lighthouse in the distance, even if its still a long ways away, I think it starts to become easier to see this time as an opportunity, again an opportunity to be intentional, to prepare for the coming of the new, to foster our visions for ways the kingdom of heaven can emerge into the world around us, to what our very call might be in the midst of it all.

As always, if this gets you thinking, or you have questions, or you just want to explore these ideas more, don't hesitate to reach out, I am pretty much always available by phone or zoom these days!

In Peace,

Rev. Michael McNamara

Those serving as Lay Leader this month:

Third Sunday of Lent, March 7th -	Phil Ruxton
Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14th -	Mary Ann Eull
Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21st -	Amy Macomber
Palm Sunday, March 28th -	Pat Wolff

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/livesite/RPCPraise> OR

The church website [RockvillePres.org](https://www.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 to be added to the email blast.

CHILDREN'S ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Zoom Sunday School lessons, twice a month.

Activity Bags distributed for lesson to children by Pat Wolff. Parents will receive an email with the Zoom information.

Zoom Lesson:

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

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Lesson Title: "Jesus Feeds the Disciples"

Zoom Lesson:

Date: Sunday Morning, **March 21, 2021**

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Lesson Title: "Peter's Denial"

One Great Hour of Sharing

Through April 18, we will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing Collection. One Great Hour of Sharing is a national Presbyterian collection that benefits three PC(USA) programs – Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These programs aim to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in areas of disaster. In the past, the One Great Hour of Sharing Program has:

- **\$4.1 million** granted by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in the United States and 57 countries in the first half of 2020
- **94** grants impacting 20 countries given by Presbyterian Hunger Program in 2019
- **50 years of ministry for the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People**
- **over 17,000** people trained nationally and internationally by One Great Hour of Sharing ministries
- **5,676** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work team volunteers served in 2019
- **234** certified PC(USA) Earth Care congregations helped care for creation
- **51,000** trees planted around the world
- **over 5,000** projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People's inception
- **\$190,000** recovered in stolen wages for hospitality workers in the U.S.
- **1,097** Presbyterian eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods.

To contribute to this collection, please donate online or by mail to RPC with **"One Great Hour of Sharing"** or **"OGHS"** written in the memo line.





Souper Bowl of Caring - Thank you to everyone who brought canned goods to the Souper Bowl of Caring or financially contributed. It was fun to see everyone and we are glad that the weather cooperated. In addition to the RPC members who brought food and money, we had a handful of neighborhood residents who stopped by with donations. In total, we collected 268 items of food to benefit Manna Food Bank. If you were not able to participate but would like to contribute, please make a donation to RPC online or by mail and indicate the donation is for the Souper Bowl of Caring.



Anna &
Katharine Dawson (left to right)



Mary Williams



Harry Redd



Amy Macomber



Rachel Jung



Sherry Smith



Vina Ranaivoarijaona



Frank and Nancy Webert



Rachel Jung



Pat Wolff



Mary Ann Eull



Barbara Grewe



Jim and Ann Kelly



Jack Baur



Bob Taylor



Patti and Marc Sorini

Christmas Joy Gift - Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Joy Collection. The Christmas Joy Gift is a PCUSA collection that provides support for past, present, and future church leaders. In total, we collected \$935.00.



7 *Barbara Brill*
13 *Howard Briscoe*
15 *Nicholas Baker*
29 *Richard Baker*

SESSION MEETING

Greetings from the RPC Session members:

Anne Baur, Sue McKee Anderson, Bernice Brown, Mary Ann Eull, Elke Herzfeld, Ann Kelly, Aimee Ranaivoarijaon, Marc Sorini, Mary Williams.

The Session met virtually on February 16th. This was the first Session meeting for the Class of 2024, which now includes Marc Sorini, Ann Kelly and Mary Ann Eull. Committee reports were accepted as written. Rev. McNamara led a discussion of the assigned chapter in Do Something Else, a contemporary review of challenges facing mainstream Protestant congregations. The Session then elected Bob Taylor as Treasurer and Anne Baur as Clerk of Session for 2021, which is a required action to be completed annually.

Session Agenda Items due ***Tuesday, March 2, 2021***

Next Session Meeting is ***Tuesday, March 9, 2021.***



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**.



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.

Bill Landfair has a new address:

Bill Landfair

**20323 Flying Boxcar Drive
Germantown, MD 20874**

**** Note: Beth McDonald (Landfair) – did not formally change her name when she married Bill per her son.**

She is at home at:

Beth McDonald
126 South Van Buren Street
Rockville, MD 20850



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

Flora Beers
601 McIntyre Rd
Rockville, MD 20851

Vicki Bowen
2963 Hunter Mill Road
Oakton, VA 22124

Keith Cornelius, Jr.
13710 Esworthy Road
Germantown, MD 20874

Martin Heilman
285 N. Washington St
1407
Rockville, MD 20850

Jeannette Hoffmaster
The Village at Rockville
9701 Veirs Dr., #1350
Rockville, MD 20850

Maxine Morgan
110 Upton Street
Rockville, MD 20850

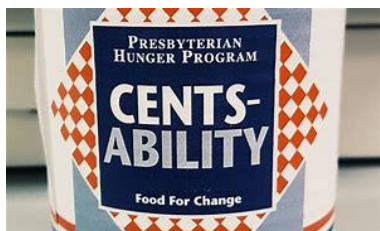
Bill Landfair ** new address **
20323 Flying Boxcar Drive
Germantown, MD 20874

Beth McDonald (Landfair)
126 South Van Buren Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Phyllis Morrow
% Raphael House
1515 Dunster Rd
Rockville, MD 20854

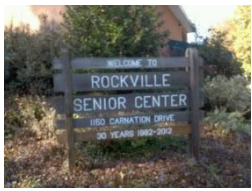
Nancy Webert
11524 Brandy Hill Ln
N. Potomac, MD 20878-2426

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.



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.



Community Reach – Faith Advisory Committee Meeting

On Wednesday February 24, Community Reach’s Faith Advisory Committee met and discussed:

- Community Reach’s COVID testing is resuming (more details in this newsletter)
- LOP (Language Outreach Program) classes start next week. These are for non-English speakers struggling with language and cultural barriers.
- Community Reach Annual Report will be published soon.
- Community Reach’s Annual Gala is on April 24 (virtual). Community Reach is looking for sponsors and live auction items. More information will be provided by Community Reach in mid-March.

Volunteer Opportunities

Community Reach COVID Testing - The Kaseman Health Clinic is offering COVID testing on weekends at two locations in Rockville. On the **first** and **third** Sunday of the month from **10 am to 2 pm**, drive-through and walk-up will take place at Rockville United Church, 355 Linthicum Street Rockville, MD. On Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm, drive through and walk up testing will take place at Rockville United Methodist Church, 112 West Montgomery Avenue Rockville, MD. Appointments are not necessary.

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.



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

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

- **Buy some candles:** For the month of February [Shady Grove Candles](http://shadygrovecandles.com) is donating 15% of their online sales to Rainbow Place. Check out all their scents at shadygrovecandles.com.
- **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 in sponsoring a bed for next season, 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/>.

Follow Rainbow Place social media for more updates, needs, and events prior to our next season.



Deadline for *April* Newsletter is Sunday, March 14th.