

ROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (RPC)

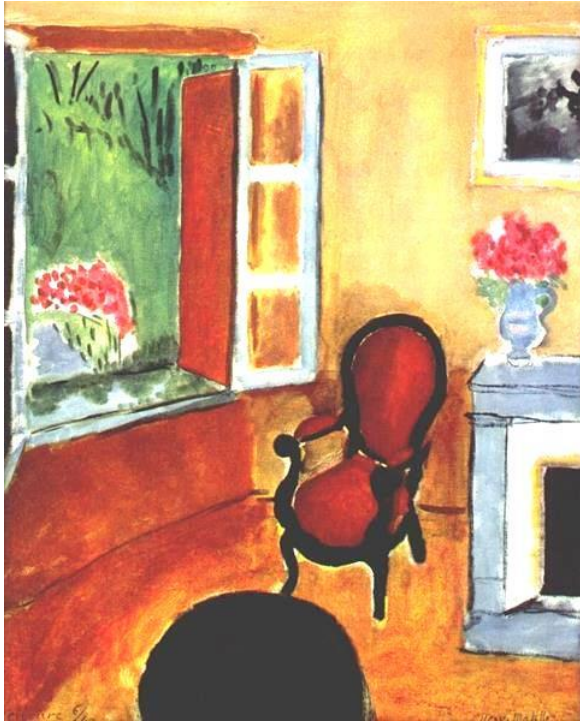
RPC Newsletter

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The Reverend Michael McNamara

May 2021

Greetings in the Name of the Lord,



The image on the cover of this month's newsletter is a painting by Henri Matisse titled "Interior". He had a very long a productive career with many phases and subjects. Many of his early works are of outdoor spaces and of people gathered, but in his later life he became ill in a way that kept him increasingly indoors. As a result, when one tracks his subjects over time, the interior of his home starts to show up more and more in his paintings. I think this is because the best artists paint what they know, what they are comfortable with, what they see day to day. So as Matisse's life shifted more and more to one that was indoors, he painted what was in his doors.

As humans, I think we adjust to things, it takes a little bit of time, but we adjust to changes, we get comfortable with new things. Much like Matisse finding comfort in his surroundings, even if he didn't want to be inside, and that comfort leading to inspiration.

I also picked this painting for our newsletter because, well, many of us have spent a lot of time inside our homes the last year and a half or so. What at first was difficult has, for many, become comfortable. We have adjusted to the reality we found ourselves in, and for as excited as we may be to all get out and be with people, being inside for so long, getting back out and into public gatherings, it's going to be an adjustment, a little bit of a shock to our

systems.

I think as a church we have a responsibility in all this, that we intentionally work on restoring our communities, in helping with the transition back into the a world of gatherings. We can hopefully cherish our time indoors in new ways, but we are social creatures and will want to get back around others. And getting back to feeling really comfortable around lots of people, away from our homes, may take a little while.

So over the coming weeks and months, we are going to ease ourselves back into being a community of faith beyond the walls of our homes. We are not going to go back all at once, we are going to ease back in. Soon we will start holding some outside services, intentionally a little on the small side, and get us all comfortable with "going" to church again, regaining our footing. Eventually we will get fully back inside, with a benefit of all this embracing opportunities to hold service outdoors once in a while when it's nice out even after we are fully back in the sanctuary!

I guess what I am trying to say is that it is OK to feel a little anxious about getting back into the swing of full fledged Sunday mornings at Rockville Presbyterian Church, it is totally normal. But we will come back and we will adjust again to seeing each other in person and giving hugs and holding hands just being in one another's company again. And more than that, we know we can come back and be ready to embrace the new things God will be and is already bringing into our midst!

In Peace,
Mike

CHILDREN'S ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

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,

followed by ZOOM Coffee Hour, ZOOM,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86192564051?pwd=YThCcm5vZXlWSFFwOGQzemp4QTd0QT09>
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.

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, **May 2, 2021**

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Lesson Title: "Jesus Is Alive"

Zoom Lesson:

Date: Sunday Morning, **May 16, 2021**

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Lesson Title: "We Give in Gratitude"

Upcoming promotions and graduations.

We are fast
approaching the
end of the school

year and with it we are looking forward to graduation
and promotions. We will have a graduation/promotion
Sunday in June where we will celebrate those students
who are going on to new and exciting
adventures. There will be a slideshow presentation
during the Sunday service to congratulate those
individuals.



If you have a student who will
be graduating from high school
or college or is being promoted
from preschool to kindergarten,
5th grade to middle school,
8th grade to high school or other

promotions, please send pictures of the student and
information about their promotion and future plans
(and in the case of promotions, the name of the next
school they will attend in the fall) to me
at amacomber2@verizon.net in jpg format by
May 15th. Thank you, Amy Macomber





RPCNS Spring 2021 Mini-Session
offering a 7 week (34 days, closed memorial Day) program
for children Two through Five years old
from Monday 3 May through Friday 18 June

The primary focus for the RPCNS Spring Mini-Session is social emotional skills, such as assisting the children with how to enter play, how to negotiate with another child, guiding the children with age appropriate conflict resolution skills, introducing the children to strategies for managing their emotions in-the-moment, and more. We'll also provide open ended art and sensory experiences, science themed exploratory opportunities and a daily story time. Our time together will be spent largely outside on our playground, but not exclusively. We'll be inside when it's rainy or if it's oppressively hot.

In compliance with MSDE's COVID-19 protocols upon arrival each child's temperature will be taken daily along with the health screening questions answered, masks will be worn, hands will be washed at several points over the course of the morning for a full 20 seconds, and social distancing will be practiced. Also, all staff are vaccinated. Parents are to send their child each day with their own snack and water bottle, extra cloth masks, and a backpack with spare clothing just in case.

We're offering two options, listed below.

Please include the \$25 fee when submitting an application.

<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Monday -Friday, 9am - 12pm Children bring their own snack. Tuition \$700 plus a registration fee of \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm Children bring their own snack and lunch. Tuition \$900 plus registration fee of \$25
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RPC families and friends gathered for an egg hunt on our church's front lawn on Easter afternoon. The weather was good and the eggs were bountiful. Pastor Mike offered a brief message before the shotgun start. Thanks to Amy Macomber for stuffing the eggs and to Patti and Mark Sorini for helping the Easter Bunny hide them.



Children gather with Rev. Mike before Easter Egg Hunt



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Kelly & Caroline
Tucker



Caroline & Katie Tucker



Dave, Kelly, Katie & Caroline Tucker



Anna & Elizabeth Dawson



Katharine, Anna, Elizabeth Dawson & Alicia Yu



Kaylee Jeeves, Danielle DeCarlo,
Liam Jeeves,
friends of the Macomber's



Children on the front lawn of the church Easter Sunday



Session Agenda Items due ***Tuesday, May 4,, 2021.***
Next Session Meeting is ***Tuesday, May 11, 2021.***



The Buildings & Grounds committee is pleased to report two diseased trees were removed from the front lawn of the church near the columbarium. The area has been reseeded. We may at some point consider planting new trees or other landscaping in the area."





- 1 Jerry Macomber*
- 1 Kelly Tucker*
- 6 Bryson Sorini*
- 8 Henry McNamara*
- 12 Beth McDonald (Landfair)*
- 15 Susan Meadows*
- 16 Nancy Webert*
- 17 Julia Pierce*
- 19 Susan McKee Anderson*
- 19 Jim Kelly*
- 20 Jie Yu*
- 24 Sean Macomber*
- 30 Sharon Anderson*



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. Join the ZOOM **Coffee Hour** *following* the **10:30 am** Live Stream service. ZOOM information is below: No ID or PSWD needed, simply click the link below; it will take you to the Zoom Coffee

Hour. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86192564051?pwd=YThCcm5vZXlWSFFwOGQzemp4QTd0QT09> OR by phone at 301-715-8592 or One tap mobile

+13017158592,,83996597218#,,, *367871# US (Washington DC)

+13126266799,,83996597218#,,, *367871# US (Chicago)



Consider sending 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

20323 Flying Boxcar Drive
Germantown, MD 20874

Beth McDonald (Landfair)

126 South Van Buren Street
Rockville, MD 20850

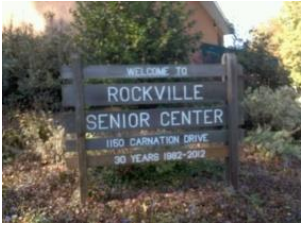
Phyllis Morrow

% Raphael House
1515 Dunster Rd
Rockville, MD 20854

Nancy Webert

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N. Potomac, MD 20878-2426

Community Outreach

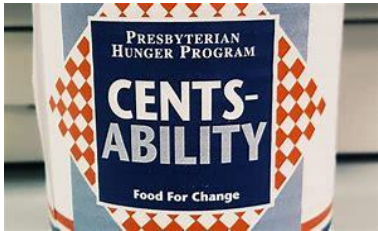


Donate Food at the Rockville Senior Center

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.



Massanetta Springs

for year-round use by individuals and churches. Please take a few minutes to click on the following links for updates on their programs, for yourself, family and church groups, as well as for information on how you can support their **operations**.

<https://massanettasprings.org/about>

<https://www.facebook.com/MassanettaSprings>

We would like to remind everyone about the programs and facilities at Massanetta Springs, near Harrisonburg, VA. In the past, RPC youth have attended their Middle School conferences, it has been a resource for pastoral study leave, and it was included in RPC's mission gifts. Additionally, there are pastor retreats, church music and bell choir workshops and conferences, and facilities



The Bean Bag is partnering with Rainbow Place Shelter!

The Bean Bag is working hard to bring dough to you and Rainbow Place. Now you can make The Bean Bag's fantastic cookies at home and support Rainbow Place Shelter at the same time. From today through **Monday, May 17th**, order a 2 or 4 pound tub of your favorite cookie dough and a portion of the proceeds will go to Rainbow Place. Order them by April 30th and get them in time for Mother's Day. To learn more and order cookie dough, go to: https://thebeanbagdelicatering2.netwaiter.com/rockville?fbclid=IwAR1E763_jBqCUIY06v8gmqdiHuWm9Uao2fDOVtqCN0a45jyQ7WR5ZVloP5Zw#rainbow-place-shelter-fundraiser

More ways to support Rainbow Place Shelter:

- **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.



Interfaith Works Community Conversation

Interfaith Works is planning to hold community conversations once a month through the end of 2021. The next event will be **Thursday, May 27** from **7pm to 8 pm**. More information will be shared when available.

Interfaith Works – Items Needed

Consider donating the following items to Interfaith Works to help support their programs. Items can be purchased and delivered to the Interfaith Works office at 114 West Montgomery Ave. Rockville, MD 20850 or purchase on Interfaith Work's Amazon Wishlist at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/1DF75MCOV88DH?filter=&ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_6TrGyb7C1EVAV&sort=default&type=wishlist&encoding=UTF8

Click “Discover Our Current Needs” on the left side of page for ‘Ongoing Needs’



Community Reach 2020 Annual Report is Available

Community Reach's 2020 Annual Report is available and gives a summary of the work of the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, Senior Reach Program, Housing Program, Language Outreach Program, Holiday Giving Program, Mansfield Kaseman Clinic. The report is available at

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Community Reach COVID Resource - Community Reach has released a brochure for how to register for the COVID vaccine. This can be found at: [https://1a20f3ba-cde9-4347-aa09-](https://1a20f3ba-cde9-4347-aa09-90b8813c285c.filesusr.com/ugd/4c9ddf_4681ea13612a46aba5c0a2c0118b4246.pdf)

[90b8813c285c.filesusr.com/ugd/4c9ddf_4681ea13612a46aba5c0a2c0118b4246.pdf](https://1a20f3ba-cde9-4347-aa09-90b8813c285c.filesusr.com/ugd/4c9ddf_4681ea13612a46aba5c0a2c0118b4246.pdf)

Community Reach COVID Testing - The Mansfield 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 Development, Finance, Faith Advisory, and Governance
- Writer/Editor/Investigator to develop a procedures manual
- Client Intake Coordinator for the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program
- Interpreters 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.