

ROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (RPC)

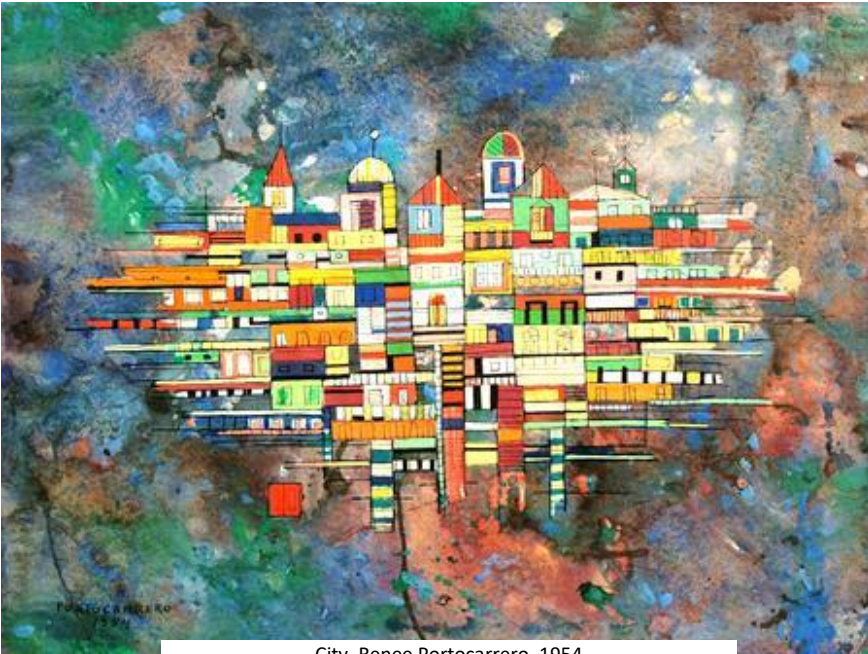
RPC Newsletter

WEBSITE: WWW.ROCKVILLEPRES.ORG

The Reverend Michael McNamara

April 2021

Greetings in the Name of the Lord,



City, Renee Portocarrero, 1954

Easter is upon us, so is spring—rebirth and renewal abound. So also is the coming of our new reality, we have all been waiting in isolation for over a year, and although we are not there yet, it will now come quicker than we expect it to. Now, then, is the time to imagine what you want your new reality to look like. Now is the time to take stock of what you learned over these long last months, and to reflect on how you want it to inform your future. This is important because we will not be returning to what was, what will emerge will be a new normal, a new reality even, and being

intentional over the next few weeks and maybe even months about what you would like to see and do differently will be important moving in the new spaces that will be emerging soon enough. The image here reminds me of what is ahead, we can take some time to imagine what the beloved communities we seek to be a part of will look like, let them be like a dream, and then try to move towards that vision when we have a chance.

I was driving in DC recently, dropping off my sons at school, and I passed a man in a place where there is usually a panhandler. But instead of the usual sign asking for food, money or work, the man that was there held a sign that said “Seasons Change”. The liturgical year highlights that, so does the coming of spring. Our lives have seasons, our communities have seasons, all beyond the measurable seasons of weather and biblical readings. As seasons change, adjustments are necessary: pulling seasonal clothes out, preparing our homes, prepping our gardens. Changing seasons require new outlooks and letting go of parts of the past so we can live into the present and embrace the future. As we enter Spring, and the Easter Season, we are also entering a new season for our world, the post-pandemic season. It’s not here yet, it is off in the distance still, a dim but noticeable light. Will you be prepared for the changing season?

In Peace,
Mike



Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 1st at 6:00 PM, we will air our Maundy Thursday live stream worship service. Please enjoy your evening meal with us as we reflect on The Last Supper, share communion and worship together. Tune in live to hear Rev. Mike at **6:00 PM** or access the video archive through our website www.rockvillepres.org to watch later.

Friday, April 2nd at 7:30 PM, never before, we will offer a short, livestreamed Good Friday service where Rev. Mike shares the traditional Passion Narrative. This is new for RPC.

Sunday, April 4th, Easter Sunday, we will air our traditional service at **10:30 AM** through our usual live stream link. There will be an Easter egg hunt at **2:00pm** on the *front* church lawn. We will invite all children and kids at heart to come search for Easter eggs.

Those serving as Lay Leader this month:

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday, **April 4th - Rachel Jung**

Second Sunday of Easter, **April 11th - Aimee Ranaivoarijaona**

Third Sunday of Easter, **April 18th - Amy Macomber**

Fourth Sunday of Easter, **April 25th - Anne Baur**

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,

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, **April 4, 2021**

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Lesson Title: "Jesus Is Alive"

Zoom Lesson:

Date: Sunday Morning, **April 18, 2021**

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Lesson Title: "Peter's Commission"



SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through **Sunday, April 18**, we will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing. 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 Hours of Sharing"** or **"OGHS"** written in the memo line.



Buildings and Grounds thanks all who came to help with the Spring Fun day!
It was a quick morning, about 1 ½ hours.



Mark, Jerry, Sean, Brian Macomber, Mike, Donnie & Henry McNamara,
Bill Morgan, Mark Chittum, Jack Baur, Marc Sorini, Pat Wolff,
Bob Taylor who is taking the picture.



Mark Macomber, Pat Wolff



Mark Chittum, Bill Morgan



Mark Chittum, Marc Sorini



Jerry Macomber



Mark & Sean Macomber



Mark & Brian Macomber, Henry McNamara, Mark Chittum, Marc Sorini



- 5 *Ann Plunkett*
- 7 *Joseph Chittum*
- 8 *Marc Sorini*
- 9 *Elise Steenburgh*
- 13 *Wayne Anderson*
- 19 *Pat Wolff*
- 27 *Anne Baur*
- 30 *Rachel Jung*



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

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.

Session Agenda Items due ***Tuesday, April 6, 2021.***

Next Session Meeting is ***Tuesday, April 13, 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**.



The season of renewal and reflection is here, consider sending cards to an RPC member who you have not talked to in a while.

Flora Beers

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Rockville, MD 20851

Vicki Bowen

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Oakton, VA 22124

Keith Cornelius, Jr.

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Germantown, MD 20874

Martin Heilman

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1407
Rockville, MD 20850

Jeannette Hoffmaster

The Village at Rockville
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Rockville, MD 20850

Maxine Morgan

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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

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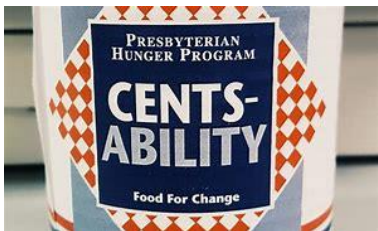
Nancy Webert

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Judy Taylor

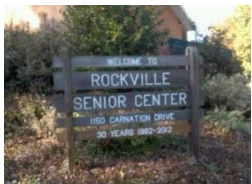
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Cents-Ability: Remember to Collect your Coins!



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.



Interfaith Works Virtual Caring Breakfast

Wednesday, April 7th from 7:30-9:30 am, Interfaith Works will host the Interfaith Works Virtual Caring Breakfast. This annual event is meant to recognize business leaders and volunteers that have done outstanding work. A

donation of \$150 is recommended to attend this event, however any donation amount is welcome.

For more information, go to: <https://www.iworksmc.org/event/2021-interfaith-works-caring-breakfast/>

Interfaith Works April Community Conversation - Save the Date

Thursday, April 29th, Interfaith Works will be hosting a community conversation from 7 pm to 8 pm. Information on how to join this meeting will be shared when it is available.

Interfaith Works – Item 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

- **New Travel-sized toiletries:** shampoo, bar soaps, deodorant, ALCOHOL FREE mouthwash and hand sanitizer, also razors and sunscreen.
- **Paper products:** paper towels, toilet paper, paper napkins, and plates,
- **Supplies:** Liquid laundry detergent (high-efficiency/HE), fabric softener dryer sheets, laundry cards for Tropicana laundromat loaded with \$10, dish soap, dishwashing sponges, hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, locks for lockers.
- **Home goods:** bath towels, washcloths, dishcloths, new pillows, new or gently used twin and queen sheet sets, fleece blankets.
- **Children's** NEW underwear, school supplies, socks.
- **Women's** NEW underwear (preferably cotton briefs, all sizes), incontinence protective underwear (all sizes), socks.
- **Men's** NEW underwear, fitted crew socks, boxers or briefs, all sizes to 3X; insulated underwear in large sizes, socks.
- **Cleaning supplies** Lysol wipes, bleach, all-purpose sprays/solutions, Windex, trash bags (13 gallon size), Toilet bowl brush, toilet bowl cleaner, broom and dustpan, Microfiber Hardwood Floor Mop with Mop Pads.
- **Food and Cooking Supplies:** Breakfast foods (cereal, oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, coffee, sugar, creamer, tea), peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce (please, no vodka or wine-based sauces), instant noodles (ramen), canned vegetables and fruits, cooking powders (onion powder and/or garlic powder), and cooking oils (canola and/or olive).
- **Additional Household Needs:** a set of chairs for a small dining table.
- **Misc:** Tents to provide shade for the clients in weather extremes who are unable to enter the building due to COVID-19, bagless vacuum cleaner.

Interfaith Works Update

Each year, Interfaith Works serves over 16,000 Montgomery County residents. Interfaith Works operates 16 programs, has 130 staff members, and has over 10,000 volunteers. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Interfaith Works has provided \$139,000 in utility assistance, \$107,000 in rental assistance, helped 185 households prevent a utility shutoff, and 154 households avoid eviction. Interfaith Works states that between March and December 2020, the average amount of utility assistance needed per household **increased by 66% to \$905, and the average amount of rental assistance needed per household nearly doubled \$953**. Since its' opening, the Interfaith Works Food Hub has served 17,000 individuals and distributed 120,000 pounds of free food. Consider supporting Interfaith Works programs by going to : <https://www.iworksmc.org/get-involved/donate-2/>



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-aa09-90b8813c285c.filesusr.com/ugd/4c9ddf_4681ea13612a46aba5c0a2c0118b4246.pdf

Community Reach  of Montgomery County

Come REACH with us
...to meet a greater need

Annual Gala Saturday, April 24, 2021

Community Reach Annual Gala

On Saturday, April 24 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm, Community Reach will be hosting its Annual Gala. The event will feature a live auction and is looking for sponsors. To register or to sponsor, go to: <https://www.cmrocks.org/events>

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.



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.

- **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 **May** Newsletter is **Sunday, April 18th**.

