



ROCKMART FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE, 2021

DEAR PASTOR HALL,

*“The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

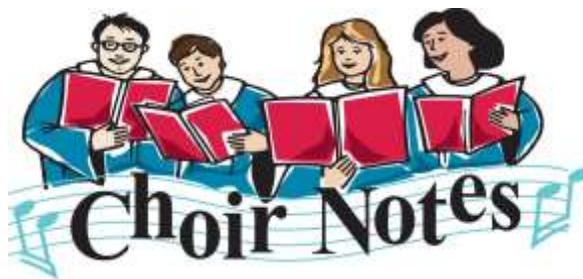
Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life, may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you. Thank you for serving Rockmart First United Methodist Church for the past 2 years and guiding us through this unprecedented pandemic. You will always hold a special place in the hearts of so many!

God Bless you in your new adventure, RFUMC



*The righteous man walks in his integrity;
his children are blessed after him.*

Proverbs 20:7



Have you heard the news? **Our choir is back!** If you have any inclination in joining the choir, now is a great time. We know many of you have great voices and you would be a wonderful addition. How about it? Won't you join us? Contact LaRue if interested.

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Important Dates and INFORMATION



June 6

We are delighted to welcome Sibyl McGrew-Brinson as our guest preacher June 6th. Sibyl is in a group of candidates for ministry who are being mentored by Pastor Thomas and his wife, Pastor Melissa. Her home church is Bethlehem UMC in Atlanta. Pastor Thomas says we are in for a treat. He says, "Sibyl is a delightful soul that we will love. Her love for God and others is contagious."



June 13

We are delighted to welcome Ethan Corder as our guest preacher June 13th. Ethan just finished his second year of seminary at Candler School of Theology. He has also been serving Roswell UMC this past year as a ministry intern. Ethan brings insight that can be helpful as we seek to be whole in Christ and as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

June 20

June 20th is Father's Day! We are planning for a special service that will help us honor our fathers and those who have been like fathers to us. Will you help? Email your favorite Dad joke to Pastor Thomas before June 15. Clean jokes please (lol). Also, dig out your favorite ugly tie. Let's all wear the ugliest ties we can find on that day (women and children too). Are you game?



June 27

June 27th will be Pastor Thomas' last Sunday with us as he has been re-appointed to serve Winters Chapel UMC in Atlanta. Please join us for a special service of farewell with a reception following.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 20th



A LETTER TO THE CHURCH

Our mom, Patsy Jean Burns Hammond, grew up in Rockmart UMC. Her parents, Louie and Marguerite Burns, and her sister, Annette Burns Hastings, were an active family in the congregation. Patsy and her best friend, Mary Mason, participated in many activities and programs growing up. In high school at Rockmart High, Patsy met Perry Hammond, who lived in Fish Creek. His family was active at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Once the couple got serious, there was a bit of "discussion" about which church to attend, but Patsy won that one: Perry and Patsy became members at Rockmart UMC.

Then, Perry and Patsy moved to Atlanta and over the years, to multiple places in Tennessee, Alabama and finally, Oklahoma. At every new home, Perry and Patsy found a Methodist Church and their family of six (Terri, Janice, Susan, and David) were active, involved members. Patsy worked in the preschool at Bartlett UMC in Bartlett, TN, where David went to preschool and where Terri got married. In Tulsa, Perry and Patsy were active members at Boston Ave. UMC, one of the largest UMCs in the nation. They loved the church and were active in many programs all their lives.

We remember well visiting our grandparents often in Rockmart and Fish Creek and always going to church at Rockmart UMC. Our sister, Susan, and our cousin, Bob, were christened at Rockmart UMC. We attended several VBS's and liked running up and down the carpeted aisles as children. It was another church home for us.

Patsy died May 14, 2018, and Perry died May 20, 2020. Patsy lived a long life of 86 years and Perry lived a long life of 87 years. Their church and their faith was a central part of who they both were, and she and Perry both loved Rockmart UMC.

We miss them so much. We wanted to make a gift in their names --- Perry and Patsy Hammond --- to the church and talked with Hailey about your programs. She was such a delight and so helpful. Our gift will be divided between the community meal program and the Shepherd's Fund. We are so happy to see your website and all of the thriving programs you have going on there. Thank you for being such a light and a foundation for so many throughout the years.

Our Best, Terri Donovan, Janice Ruh and David Hammond



From the Pastor's Desk

"I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy."

Philippians 1:4

Thank you, RFUMC! I have been overwhelmed by the love and support you have shown since the announcement of my new appointment. I have been honored to serve you these past two years! Just a few months after I arrived, Ms. Betty stopped me after Bible Study one night and said, "I know why God sent you here. He sent you to stir us up." Ms. Betty's words have resonated with my spirits as I have sought the Lord's leading in my time with you, and they have stayed with me with each step we have taken together.

Stirring is not typically easy, is it? However, it is sometimes necessary, at least, for a season. Have you been stirred? I pray so. I have done my best to be faithful to God as the Spirit has led while trusting God to work beyond my weaknesses and failures. Now, while I pack boxes and prepare to leave, I am filled with hope for your future. Why? Because I see God working. I see God healing you and setting you free. God is raising you up in a holy resolve to shed bitterness and negativity. The nature of your conversations changing. You are becoming more affirming, and you are intentionally learning to listen when someone expresses an opposing view. You are discovering a healthier understanding of the lay-clergy partnership for ministry together. Leaders are stepping up to lead. Visions of new ministry are beginning to blossom. You are beginning to envision God's glorious future rather than clinging to the past. In short, you are growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

With these signs of God's work and more, it is with great hope I hand the baton to your new pastor, Rev. Edward Murrey. I go with much love for you in my heart, and I cherish the time we had serving the Lord together. Thank you for allowing me to serve with you! I especially give thanks to the RFUMC leadership as you have worked closely with me doing the hard work that needed to be done. You each have a special place in my heart, and I will hold you in my heart, always. With much anticipation, I look forward to hearing reports of God's mighty work among you in the days and years ahead.

Peace and Blessings,





Congratulations!



What a special service we had honoring the graduates of 2020 & 2021!!

We would also like to recognize Mr. Jimmy Jones. Thank you, Jimmy for pouring the love of Jesus into these young hearts over the years. You have made a huge impact in so many young lives and for that we are forever grateful!

**“I pray for
them to love
Jesus!”
-Jimmy
Jones**

WE LOVE YOU~
Rockmart First United Methodist Church



RUBY MORGAN CIRCLE

The Ruby Morgan Circle will be meeting June 17th at Char Wells home.

The meeting will start at 7pm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME!!

HELPING HANDS

Thank you for your donations!!

THE DRIVE THRU FOOD DRIVE is the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:30AM-1Pm in front of the church.



Sunday mornings before Sunday Worship Service at 9:45am.

- Primary Class (prek-3rd)- meet in room across from nursery w/Merri Montalvo.
- Middle School Class (grades 4th -8th)- meet upstairs with Laura Robinson.
- Young Adult Class- meet with Margaret Jacobs in the Parlor.
- Senior Adult Class- meet in the Fellowship Hall.

GREETERS	USHERS	NURSERY WORKERS	FLOWERS
JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE
George Anna Watson Mary Jane Albea Jerri Matthews Georganna Wilson Jennifer Dasher Terra Turner Sandi Ratcliff Kristie Hunt	Barry Owen Terry Wheeler Mike Clark Chris Culver	6- Leslie Adams & Mary Ella Owen 13- Amanda Culver & Kitty York 20- Neeve Owen & Dana Clark 27- Merrie & Antonio Montalvo	MAY 30th - Lou Suffridge (in memory of brother, Richard Wallace) 6- Beth Lester & Burch Fannin, Jr. (in memory of Margaret & Honor of Burch) 13- Susan Ollis 20- Ann Keller & Joan Cummings (in memory of Bill & Ace) 27- Communion

****THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY MEAL**
IN MEMORY OF MRS. CORNELIA JACKSON**

You can access the the worship service with the information below:

- **10:45 a.m. Worship Service**
 - o Watch on [Facebook](#) (Live Stream)
 - o Worship with us on campus, 135 W. Church Street, Rockmart
- **12:00 Noon Worship Service**
 - o Listen on [WZOT Radio](#), 101.9 FM / 1220 AM

CHURCH STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY- THURSDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM

(Closed on Fridays & Holidays)

PRESCHOOL 2021

First United Methodist Preschool had a fabulous year!!!! We are so grateful for the ongoing prayers and support from our church!!!! Thank you for private donations and a big thank you to the preschool board. We already have almost 80 students registered for next year!!! I know God is working through our teachers and sweet students!!!

Preschool Director, Kristie Hunt



THE LITTLE BOOKWORM LIBRARY



Two years ago, the library at Rockmart First United Methodist Preschool, was created thanks to graciously donated used books and the long hours put in by Mrs. Barbara Seyler, Richard Seyler and Emily Seyler. It has been such a huge hit for our precious young students! Our goal was to get 75 books. Thanks to parents and the community, we have over 170 new hardback books for our preschool library in Honor of Mrs. Barbara Seyler! Thank you, Mrs. Barbara for your love and dedication to

The Little Bookworm Library.

