



Rockville WORD

March 2019

Pastor's Pen
The Rev. Joanne Martindale

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I reflect upon 30 years of ministry in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., I am struck by how little I did to direct my own path. Yes, I remained faithful to the work that God put in front of me. Yes, I completed the classes and process to become a Presbyterian pastor. But what strikes me most is how God “shows up” and puts people in your path, when you least expect it. I truly believe that God brings people to us at certain times and in certain ways and how we respond makes all the difference.

God has given me the opportunity to serve at Presbyterian Churches, state psychiatric hospitals, with hospice patients, and at various locations with the military. I have served at Walter Reed during Desert Storm / Desert Shield, with the Rwanda refugees after the genocide, in the rubble during 9-11, and in Iraq as the Division Support Command Chaplain for Operation Iraq Freedom III. I have always been surprised at how much God can do, even when our human bodies are burned out, tired, or disillusioned.

This year, 2019 at Rockville, has already begun with a fury. There are so many things going on that sometimes it feels like our heads are spinning: the mission study is in full swing, the congregation groups have met or are meeting, the capacity report will be written soon as to where Rockville is headed, and a Pastor Nominating Committee has been formed. We have revisited our un-housed feeding program and have joined with other churches to feed and provide a program. I am continually aware of all that God is doing in and around open and shut doors. Things are changing and shifting yet God remains faithful through it all.

I am asking all people to pray for God's divine guidance as we moved forward through a very important year of discernment for Rockville. I begin each day on my knees in prayer for Rockville and close each day in prayer for God's people and God's direction. Please join with me in prayer during the month of March as we seek God's direction and guidance.

Blessings, Pastor Joanne

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**WORSHIP SERVICE TO CELEBRATE PASTOR JOANNE'S 30TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
ON SUNDAY MARCH 10TH FROM 9:30-11:00**

There are signup sheets for food items on the rolling board. It will be a wonderful celebration of her 30th anniversary of being ordained a Presbyterian minister. Please contact Sara Isadore at 707-429-1250 if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR MARCH 2019 CALENDAR

Sundays – Single Sunday service beginning March 3rd at 9:30 a.m.

3rd Transfiguration of the Lord – Elder Jack Batson

Donut Sunday

10th 1st Sunday in Lent – Pastor Joanne Martindale (Daylight Savings Time begins: set clocks ahead one hour)

CENTS-ABILITY SUNDAY

30th Ordination Ceremony for Pastor Joanne Martindale with brunch following the service.

17th 2nd Sunday in Lent – Pastor Joanne Martindale

Soup Sunday (Campership)

Christian Education committee meets at 10:45 in the Sunday School room

KECK HALL RENOVATION/SANCTUARY SUNDAY

Session meets after worship service in the Pastor's office

24th 3rd Sunday in Lent – Pastor Joanne Martindale

DEACON SUNDAY

Worship Committee at 11 in the Pastor's office

31st 4th Sunday in Lent – Pastor Joanne Martindale

Mondays

OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS

6:30 pm - AA Group Book Study

Tuesdays

YOUTH GROUP 8th-12th Grade 6:00 – 7:30 pm

5th - MEC Meeting, 6:00 pm

Wednesdays

6:00 - 7:00 pm Bible Study in Pastor's Study

YOUTH GROUP 6th-8th Grade 5:30 - 6:45 pm

20th - Library Meeting, 1:00-3:00 pm

27th - Deacon's Meeting, 7:00 pm

Thursdays

6:30 Chancel Choir practice

6:30 pm, AA Group

14th - Pioneer Pot Luck Lunch, 12 noon (open to all!)

Fridays

8:30 am - Men's Breakfast at Denny's (Near the Chevron Station) Fairfield

20th - DEADLINE FOR "THE WORD" SUBMITTALS

Saturdays

FACILITIES RENTAL North Bay Korean Church (NBKC) 9:00 am – 4:30 pm



QUICK REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Christian Education	3rd Sunday (March)	10:45 am	Sunday School Room
Congregational Life	Meets as Needed		
Deacons	4th Wednesday	7 pm	Library
Finance/Stewardship	Meets as Needed		
Library	3rd Wednesday	1-3 pm	Library
MEC (Mission, Evangelism & Communications)	1st Tuesday	6 pm	Varies
Membership Development	Committee of One		
Session	3 rd Wednesday	7 pm	Pastor's Office
Worship	3 rd Sunday	Noon	Sanctuary

Highlights of the Session Meeting of Feb. 6, 2019

Present: Pastor Martindale, Batson, Bryggman, Dreibelbis, D. Gaut, Grokenberger, Herman, Isadore, Zimmerman.
Absent: Woods. Guest: Paula Suarez-Hevia.

The Session agreed, in principal, to holding special “study sessions” if required over the Mission Study. Monthly Session meetings are usually full of the ordinary operations of the church, leaving no time for longer-range planning.

Guest Suarez-Hevia requested a fuller distribution of the survey of the proposed praise music poll to be performed during the new single service beginning on March 3, as presented at the Congregational Meeting on Feb. 3. It was felt that the poll had a large enough response to be valid.

Worship Elder Dreibelbis presented the results of the advisory ballot of Feb. 3. Of 56 legible ballots cast, 32 (57%) voted for Option a), “I believe it is best for RPF to maintain a traditional worship service with traditional choir music and no contemporary praise music,” and 24 ballots (43%) favored Option b), “I believe it is best for RPF to have a combination of traditional choir music and praise music.”

Most members present (45) also responded to Question 2, “Regarding a blended service, I would be (choose a number to place in the blank); 1 – Very dissatisfied; 2 – Somewhat dissatisfied; 3 – No strong opinion either way; 4 – Somewhat satisfied; 5 – Very satisfied.”

Of those who responded to Question 2(a), the average choice was 2.04 (Somewhat dissatisfied). The average choice of those who responded to Question 2(b) was 4 (Somewhat satisfied). Eighteen verbatim comments were also studied. The average who voted for Option a) showed an intensity of 4.15 on the scale. Discussion followed. It was decided to refer the decision about the use of praise music to the Worship Committee for its recommendation to Session. Paula departed after the discussion.

Finance Elder Zimmerman moved that \$1500 be added to the budget with the new line item title “Mission Study/PNC.”

Elder Woods asked, through the pastor, to decide on the wall tiles for the bathroom remodels. Session gathered in the bathroom and studied the three options and one trim option to match the floor tile which had already been approved. A choice was made.

Elder Gaut reported that a defibrillator will be donated to the church.

Elder Bryggman announced that she must resign due to family situations. There was general regret over this announcement and she was thanked for her service.

Elder Batson reported that efforts are being made through want ads in the Daily Republic and ZipRecruiter to find a replacement for our piano accompanist who will be rotating out in March. Suggestions are welcome. He reported that the Annual Statistical Report had been completed. There was a short discussion about the church’s Cub Scout pack.

Elder Herman reported on her interactions with the Solano Dream Center regarding homeless feeding. She will move forward to see where and when we might assist the effort of homeless sheltering that the Dream Center sponsors by supplying dinner on either/both Tuesday/Friday evenings. Tuesdays would hold the possibility of securing food inexpensively from the Food Bank, and Friday would fit the culture of our church’s last feeding operation. We could fund the effort by asking for donations to do this on the third Sunday of the month. Monies would go into a restricted fund for that purpose.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:30 pm.

Financial Stewardship Corner

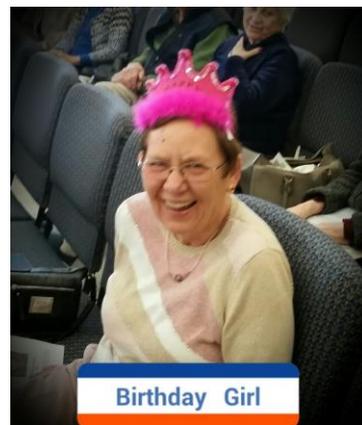
Stewardship Moment: It can be very easy to lose sight of this very key point, made by Paul in II Corinthians 9:7

Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver.

Since we are already through February, this is just a brief update on our ongoing efforts to support our fellow RPF members, the local community needs, and our less fortunate global family through mission outreach. Your efforts to provide time and talent are also vital to our mission.

As is shown in our 2018 Annual Report, we are projecting our income to be less than our expenses this year. This is requiring us to pull funds from our reserves. Copies of the Annual Report are located in the entry foyer (King or Norrie can probably hand you one along with a smile).

Many thanks to those of you able to return a pledge card this year. To date, thirty have been received. If you wish to make a pledge, it is never too late. Pledge cards can be found in the navy blue attendance pads located on each aisle.



FEBRUARY MOMENTS TO REMEMBER



2019 Zephyr Point Memorial Weekend Family Retreat (May 24 through May 27)

All fourteen rooms as well as three cabins are reserved for our 24th annual retreat. There will be 43 attendees this year! Of that number, 15 are children. Should you be interested, please contact the church office; we will check on remaining availability.

The family retreat is a quiet weekend where we are treated to one of the most beautiful settings God has provided us. We share meals in a dining hall at pre-scheduled times. There is a Sunday morning worship service and a Sunday sunset Communion service both held on the grounds.

The focus of the weekend is fellowship--with family and with other attendees. Activities are your own personal choice! Each attendee plans their own activities while at Zephyr but typically in the past, we sing hymns and songs Sunday evening and play games, work puzzles, or just visit in our conference room. Many attendees spend their day just relaxing onsite or hiking, shopping, horseback riding, sight-seeing, etc. There is a small sandy beach on the property for our use. Should anyone want to plan an activity to invite attendees to attend, they are welcome to do so however, nothing is mandatory (except for meal plan whether attend meal or not).



Arrival: Friday May 24 after 3 pm

Departure: Monday May 27 before 11 am

Tahoe Center Rates:

1-2 adults (age 18+) in a room: \$104/night (\$312 for retreat)

3-4 adults (age 18+) in a room: \$133/night (\$399 for retreat)

Children ages 4-17: free in parent's room and only within max occupancy of beds included

Infants & Toddlers (age 0-3) stay free and do not count toward occupancy

Meal Plan:

7 meals (Saturday breakfast to Monday breakfast) \$91/person-ages 7+
(\$60/child ages 2-6; no charge for children below 2 years of age)

A surcharge of \$1/person/meal will be applied for vegan or vegetarian meal requests.

For TAHOE CENTER rooms, Zephyr Point assigns us a block of rooms—we cannot specify a specific room or block of rooms. Please be aware that not all rooms have a view. Rooms are assigned in order of when room fees have been paid by checks written to RPF—please, it is important to note on check memo: "Zephyr Retreat"). Meal fees can be paid at the same time as room fees but do not need to be paid until two weeks prior to the retreat.



HOLY LAND Trip to Israel

In June, Pastor Joanne will be leading a Rockville Presbyterian Church HOLY LAND trip to Israel for 10 days with the America Israel Tour group.

We need to see how many people would like to commit, to see if we can make the trip happen. We will need, at least, 15 people to make the trip viable.

There are three dates that the tour company has open:

- June 8-17, 2019
- June 15-24, 2019
- June 22 - July 1, 2019

If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please give your name to Melody and we will begin to collect the list. In February there will need to be a \$500.00 deposit.

If we get enough to take the trip - awesome. If we do not get enough sign ups to take the trip - that is certainly okay and we can explore the Holy Land through a Bible Study this spring.

All the fully escorted tours include 5-star hotels, breakfast and a buffet dinner every day, entrance fees, deluxe transportation, airport transfers, taxes included and much more. America Israel Tours is a tour operator located in Calabasas, California and their office in Israel is one of the oldest, most established tour operators and has been in business for 25 years. They specialized in fully guided Biblical Tours to Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Greece and Turkey. They have an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. Please feel free to call Noam Matas at 1-877-248-8687 for any questions you would like answered.

Please email the church office to put your name on the "Holy Land" list by February 1, 2019. Once we have 15 people we will let you know the exact cost of the trip and you will need to give a \$500.00 deposit at that time. The trip will cost between approximately \$3,000-\$3,500. The trip cost goes down as more people attend, so the tour company is not able to give an exact cost until all have signed up.

Pastor Joanne Martindale

Please refer to the brochure printing available with details about the trip.



SCRIP SALES



No time like the new year to pick up some scrip cards. There are bills to pay, meals to buy and trips to take. Remember, we do not accept credit cards but do accept cash or checks made payable to Rockville Scrip. You can purchase scrip between services on the patio (in extreme weather, we will sell in the office) or Tuesday - Friday in the church office. Pastor Joanne appreciates your continued support in the form of scrip cards for our outreach.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We had a wonderful Valentine's Day party with parents and youth. We had a potluck and played some fun games. We tried discussing dating the week before and that definitely didn't go well. We are continuing to be challenged to read the Bible and learn verses. I also volunteered at the middle school and that was fun. Join us on Wednesday at 5:30pm for fun and fellowship.



MILITARY MATTERS

Please pray for our military



- **Shane Dooley**, Grandson of Betty Dooley
- **Francisco Rodrigo Galvan & Anthony Vincent Perez**, sons of Lorena & Tony Perez
- **Kayla Boardway**, Granddaughter of Lorraine & Larry Vilardo
- **Robert Barnes**, former pianist (1st service)
- **Andrew Benton**, Pianist (photo with Ava)

If you have current information for this list, please send a note to Layna and the church office.



Do you, a loved one or a friend need prayer? Contact Pam Nelson or call the church at (707) 863-0581 and your request will go out to 86 families who are committed to praying for you.

Reminder Our website is www.rockvillepresbyterian.org. Please visit the website and contribute updates to Stacey McNeill so it can stay informative for all!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

JOANNE MARTINDALE	3/1	PEGGY ROLLINS	3/14
SUSAN TURNER	3/4	EILEEN AMICK	3/15
KATHRYN DEVRIES	3/5	LINDSEY HARDY	3/16
KARL MANTHEI	3/10	JACQUE KNAPP	3/24
TODD BINSTOCK	3/11	CRYSTAL HNATKO	3/28
JILL PETERSON	3/13	JACK SPENCER	3/29
JOEY TODD	3/13		



Light job ... Do you want a little job to support our church library but aren't up for any "heavy lifting?" We need 1-2 people who could take turns setting out a display of library materials for our social hour on Sundays. It would be a 30 minute job including setting up a small table, selecting a few books and or DVD's, adding a sign and step away for a cup of coffee and a donut. Afterwards, you would return the items and the table to the ACE room. For more information, contact Cheryl Zimmerman at cazimbo@sbcglobal.net



For those with hearing aids, we're in the Loop!

A Hearing Loop is installed in Keck Hall. A hearing loop (sometimes called an audio induction loop) is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. The hearing loop provides a magnetic, wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid when it is set to "T" (Telecoil) setting. This will boost and give added hearing assistance to all our parishioners who wear hearing aids.



Men's Breakfast Group Photo
Everyone enjoying fellowship and food together.



CHURCH CONTACTS DIRECTORY

PASTOR

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STAFF

Melody McCloskey, **Office Manager**, 707-863-0581, rockpres@aol.com

Alyson Barrett, **Youth Director**

Lynn McDonald, **Accountant**

Stephanie Benton, **Music Director**

Andrew Benton, **Pianist**

Joan Gaut, **Substitute Pianist**

Lindsey Hardy, **Childcare**

Sharon Peterson and Carol Kreisman **Sunday school teachers**

VOLUNTEERS

Stacey McNeill, **Web Master**

Layna Kinsman, **Newsletter** (substitute, Carola Sanders)

- **Proofreaders:** Carola Sanders and Joan Gaut

2019 SESSION ELDERS

Jack Batson, **Administration**

TBD, **Buildings & Grounds**

Kris Herman, **Christian Education**

Carla Grokenberger, **Clerk of Session**

Craig Zimmerman, **Treasurer/Stewardship/Nomination**

Sara Isadore, **Congregational Life**

Dave Gaut, **Mission, Evangelism and Communications**

TBD, **Membership Development**

Gary Dreibelbis, **Worship**

2019 DEACONS

Sharon Peterson, **Moderator**

Reta Jones, **Treasurer**

Karen Thor, **Secretary**

King Chittenden

Norrie Gardiner

Steve Vidmar

Peggy Rollins

Judy Boswell

Gwen LaMaida

Carola Sanders

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 Sunday Worship

10:45 Adult Christian Education

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Joanne Martindale

Youth Director: Alyson Barrett

Church Administrator: Jack Batson

Choir/Music Director: Stephanie Benton

Childcare Provider: Lindsey Hardy

Office Manager: Melody McCloskey

OFFICE HOURS

Tues – Fri: 9 am – 2 pm

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Rockville Presbyterian Fellowship Mission Statement

Rockville Presbyterian Fellowship seeks
To honor God and walk in the footsteps of Jesus,
To participate in the building of His kingdom here on earth,
To act with justice and to help those in need,
To be a forgiving and merciful people,
To resist evil and flee from the temptations of life, and
To seek His power and glory forever.

Inspired by "The Lord's Prayer" and Adopted by Session on December 9, 2015