We are happy to have you here!

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. Here are this week's Lectionary readings:

Reading from the Old Testament: Exodus 32:1-14
Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 106
Reading from the Epistles: Philippians 4:1-9
Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday School is offered during worship. See Judy Blair.

Our next fellowship **Potluck** luncheon following worship will be on **Sunday, October 25.**

Bells of Joy rehearsals have begun. Contact Karen James for more information

Joy Choir has begun. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:30 am. See Ann Reed for more information.

Bible Study. Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the office or Pastor Tom for Zoom link. **There is no bible study this Wednesday, October 14.**

Amount needed per month to keep RUMC going: **$7,500**
Tithes and offerings thus far in October: **$1,220**
Amount needed per year to keep RUMC going: **$89,000**
Tithes and offerings year to date: **$56,500**

Rutland Neighbors thanks all who were involved in and contributed to the Care2Spare bowling fundraiser. They raised close to **$12,000** to help feed our neighbors! RUMC's Holy Rollers won highest team fundraiser and Judy Blair won highest individual fundraiser!!

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October 11, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **Etude No. 2** (Phillip Glass)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Come near to God and he will come near to you. Let us quiet the noise of our busy lives and turn our hearts towards heaven
All: We come as we are - weary, hopeful, broken or joyful - seeing the presence of our creator.
Leader: God himself has invited us here to pour out our anxieties, to offer our gratitude and listen for His gentle voice.
All: Open our ears and hearts to hear you God. Let us worship God in spirit, truth and prayer.

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Gracious and loving God, source of all truth and light. Send your Holy Spirit to illuminate the corners of our minds and hearts with your word. Grant us the wisdom of true listening that transforms the heart.

HYMN ***This Is the House of God*** **W&S 3132**

SCRIPTURES **Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 145:18, Matthew 6:6, Psalm 1:1-2, Joshua 1:8**

SERMON **Spiritual Discipline: Prayer and Meditation**

HYMN ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** **UMH 526**

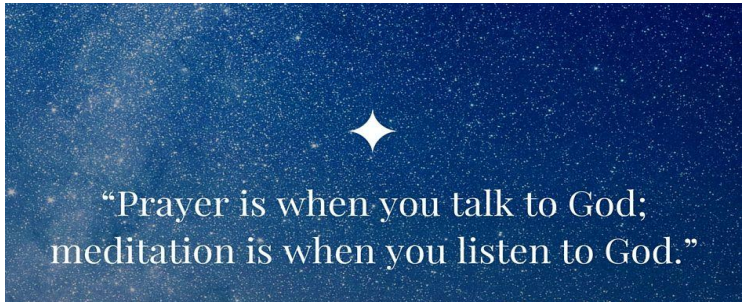
OFFERTORY PRAYER
God of the broken and the hopeful, Quiet our anxious hearts and turn our attention toward what is true, honorable, and worthy of praise. Shape us into a people whose generosity is gentleness made visible, whose offerings declare we are on the side of our neighbors. Receive what we place in your hands and let it become courage, welcome, and hope. Amen.

OFFERTORY ***Be Still and Know That I Am God***

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN ***Standing in the Need of Prayer*** **UMH 352**

BENEDICTION
and CLOSING SONG ***As We Go*** **W&S 3183**

Music Director: **Ann Reed**
Joy Choir Accompanist**: Ellen Wener**
Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**
Guitar: **Bill Gibson**
Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**
Videographer: **Carol Wright**
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow, Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar**