

# THE ROCKLAND CHIMES

March 2019

## General Conference 2019 Update



Greetings in the strong and matchless name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. As many of you are

aware the 2019 General Conference of The United Methodist Church met in St. Louis, MO this past weekend and the first part of this week. The main purpose for this meeting was to attempt to identify a way forward for the United Methodist Church regarding our denomination's position on human sexuality and the inclusion of LGBTQIA persons in the ministry of the church, specifically as that relates to self-avowed practicing LGBTQIA persons serving in credentialed, and vocational ministry. Let me begin by inserting here the text of Bishop Palmer's first letter to the West Ohio Annual conference at the end of the special session earlier this week.

*Beloved in Christ Jesus,*

*As I write this, the General Conference is within a half-hour of adjournment. I want to offer a few thoughts as we move forward.*

- *Your prayers have sustained the West Ohio delegates, all of the delegates, the bishops, me and Cynthia. Thank you. I encourage you to continue to be in earnest prayer for The United Methodist Church, the mission, and your local church.*
- *Over the next 48 hours I will be sorting out and analyzing what General conference actually adopted along with the decisions of the General Conference and the effect of those actions on our common life. I will not be doing this in isolation, but with other bishops and with our delegates and other leaders in our conference.*
- *I hope you will be at one of many locations for the simulcast on Saturday March 2. This will give me a chance to share a first summary of where we are and answer a few questions.*
- *The cabinet will be meeting with me 3 of the next 7 days to continue the process of analysis and communication.*
- *You District Superintendents will be moving among you in the month of March.*
- *I will be determining in the next several weeks the places I need to be and the conversations I need to host with multiple audiences.*

*This has been a robust General Conference. The attention to prayer and worship has been inspiring and helpful. There have been bright moments and there have been dim moments. There have been words and speeches that have soared with poetic Spirit inspired oratory. There have been words and speeches that have done harm to people, especially our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. I lament this and our lack of capacity to hold the whole together and keep the 'unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.'*

*That said I am more sold out to Jesus and the Good News he embodied. I am more committed to the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" and doing everything in my power in WOC to start new churches to do this work and encouraging all churches that are doing this work now. I am resolute that I/we have been called to be the church together. The Bible, many resources within the Christian tradition, and our book of polity all call us to unity for the sake of mission. You can expect that I will continue to both curate and provoke, to be a pastor, prophet, and priest among you.*

*I have confidence in our future together because I am sure God is not through with The United Methodist Church. Our greatest influence on the future of the UMC will spring primarily from how we embody the mission and ministry in West Ohio. Because I move forward in hope does not mean that I move into the future unclear that there is a challenging road ahead of us locally and globally. We have work to do, "a charge to keep and a God to glorify". We have work to do and our work is never uncontested and that is precisely why we place our hope and trust God.*

*Now may the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may overflow with Hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

*Your servant for the sake of the Gospel,  
†Gregory V. Palmer*

Now, let me say to us as Rockland United Methodist Church. The decisions made, *currently*, uphold the traditional view of The United Methodist Church regarding human sexuality and credentialing of clergy. Many parts of what has been approved must still be reviewed and *may not stand as church law*. Regardless of the outcomes, let me encourage us to remember that our call is to love others as Jesus loves them, to reach as many people as we can with the Good News of salvation through a relationship with Jesus Christ, and our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world. None of that has changed. So, let us continue to be what we are called to be, to do what **we are called to do, and to accomplish all we can for God's glory** in our community and the world.

Pastor Emory



*Faith Link*  
A Volunteer Caregiving Program

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**Sowing Seeds for Harvest**  
**Annual Fundraising Dinner**  
Tuesday, April 30, 2019  
Grand Pointe Conference & Reception Center  
1500 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna, WV.  
**5:00 p.m. Silent Auction**  
**6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program**  
For more information or to reserve your  
table please call 304-485-5525 ext. 31

## Charter Organization News

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME

### BOY SCOUT TROOP #13!

Boy Scouts will meet Thursday's 7:00-8:30pm in the loft. First meeting will be January 3rd, 2019! If you have a child that is between the ages of 10.5 and 18 years old that would be interested in joining, applications are in the office.

Cub Scout Pack #13 will resume meeting in the loft on Thursday's from 6:00-7:00pm on January 10th, 2019. If you know of a child ages 6-10 years old that is interested in joining, applications are in the office.

Girl Scout Troop # 31108 will resume meeting in the Gathering Room on Wednesday's from 6:00-7:00pm. If you know of a child who is in school that would like to join the troop please see Kenda Roberts.

## Mission News

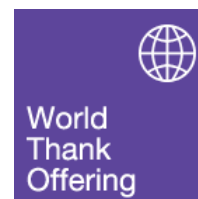
### Missions Projects for 2019

March/April	*Collect items for Buckets
April/May	Relay for Life
May/June	Heifer International
June/July	Christmas Boxes
July/August	Backpack to School
August/September	Hygiene kits
September/October	The Shoe That Grows
October/November	Tons of Food
November/December	Mitten Tree

If you feel led to support any or all of these projects, we thank you



### WORLD THANK OFFERING



This program is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist Women's national office in the United States and around the world.

We would like for you to have the opportunity to show your appreciation for God's blessings by participating in the World Thank Offering program.

Containers for your monetary gifts are located in the hallway by the office.

World Thank Offerings will be accepted during the month of November by the Rockland United Methodist Women.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the Bibles for Military. With the **\$444.00** that was received, we will be able to provide more Bibles to our Men and Women serving our Country. Please continue to keep these men and women in your daily thoughts and prayers.

\* *Emergency Cleanup Bucket supply list can be found in the bulletin and literature rack.*



* <b>Martha Clark</b>	<b>03/02</b>
* <b>Diane Mayle</b>	<b>03/11</b>
* <b>Doris Brady</b>	<b>03/14</b>
* <b>Steve Erb</b>	<b>03/16</b>
* <b>Heather Bookman</b>	<b>03/25</b>
* <b>Mary Murphy</b>	<b>03/26</b>
* <b>Teresa Turrill</b>	<b>03/27</b>

## Special dates

- ◇ March 1st - World Day of Prayer
- ◇ March 3rd - Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday (White)
- ◇ March 10th - First Sunday in Lent - Purple
- ◇ March 17th - Second Sunday in Lent - Purple
- ◇ March 24th - Third Sunday in Lent - Purple
- ◇ March 31st - Fourth Sunday in Lent - Purple
- ◇ April 30th - Sowing Seeds for Harvest  
Time: 5:00pm Silent Auction  
6:00pm Dinner & Program  
Location: Grand Pointe Conference & Reception Center in Vienna, WV

Submissions for *The Rockland Chimes* need to be in the church office by the 25th of the month.

If you are not receiving our electronic version of *The Rockland Chimes*

and would like to, please contact the church office at 740-423-7785, or send a request to our e-mail address at [rocklandumc@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:rocklandumc@suddenlinkmail.com)

### Attendance Last Month

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:45</u>
<b>02/03</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>02/10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>02/17</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>02/24</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>73</b>

### Contributions Total As of

February 28th, 2019

\$13,998.55

### Budget Needed

\$15,304.00

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**(\$1305.45)**

# March 2019

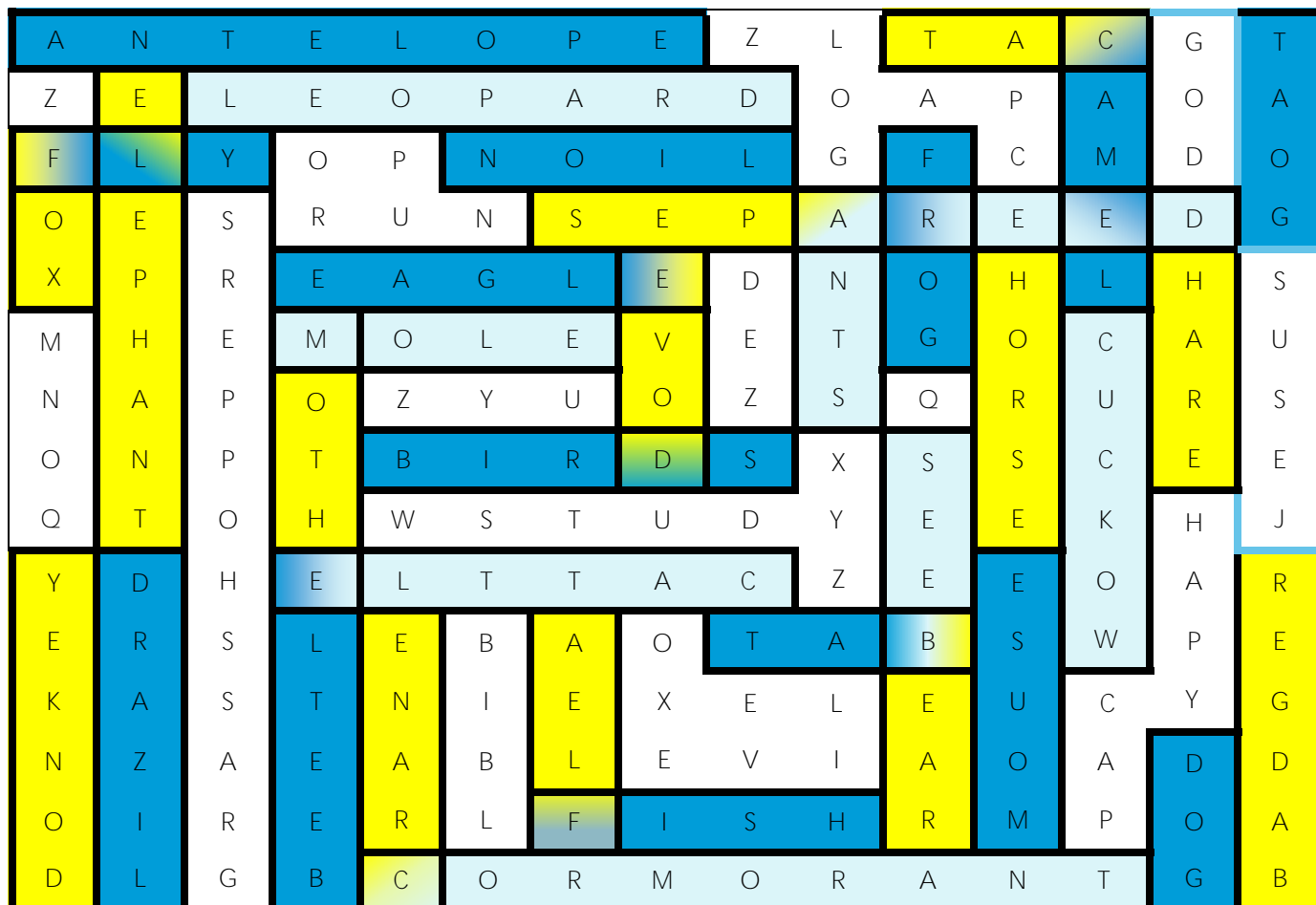
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
3	4 6:30pm Missions Meeting	5	6 10am Bible Study  6pm Girl Scouts	7 10am Women's Bible Study  6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	8	9
10 6pm Bible Study	11	12 6pm Girl Scouts	13 10am Bible Study  6pm Girl Scouts	14 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm SPRC 7pm Boy Scouts	15	16
17 Combined Service 6pm Bible Study	18 6:30pm Finance Meeting <i>Christian Skate Night</i> 6:30pm - 8:30pm @ Skate Country	19	20 10am Bible Study  6pm Girl Scouts	21 10am Women's Bible Study  6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	22	23
24 6pm Bible Study	25	26	27 10am Bible Study  6pm Girl Scouts	28 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Ad Council 7pm Boy Scouts	29	30
31 6pm Bible Study BAM Yellow Bucket						

# Animals of the Bible N to W

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Nighthawk	Porcupine	Snake	Turtle
Osprey	Pygarg	Sparrow	Vulture
Ostrich	Quail	Spider	Weasel
Owl	Raven	Sponge	Wolfe
Ox	Scorpion	Stork	Worm
Partridge	Sheep	Swan	
Pelican	Snail	Swine	

# A nimals of the B ible A to M



Ants	Beetle	Cuckow	Fish	Hare	Mouse
Antelope	Birds	Deer	Flea	Horse	
Apes	Camel	Dog	Fly	Leopard	
Badger	Cat	Donkey	Fox	Lion	
Bat	Cattle	Dove	Frog	Lizard	
Bear	Cormorant	Eagle	Goat	Mole	
Bees	Crane	Elephant	Grasshoppers	Moth	

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on the 'Solid Rock' Of  
Jesus Christ"*