

# Chimes

April 2019

## The Road to Puerto Rico

Beginning in February, 2018, Rockland Outreach Deacons began consideration of a new Outreach Project which would be closer to home. "Closer to home" meant anything from Inner City Denver to Appalachia, to Haiti, Mexico and other nearby countries, with the idea of enabling less expensive and time-consuming travel than our far-away missions, in hopes that families could take part together.

Through the spring we investigated several possibilities in the above areas with Puerto Rico first being mentioned at a meeting in July. Pam Russell had an acquaintance who had lived in Denver in the aftermath of the Hurricane Maria. As we talked we started to feel the attraction of this territory, not only in its disaster relief need, but as a place that is part of America, yet an entirely different culture. ... a place where we could go without passports, where the inhabitants are U.S. citizens yet in some ways live in an under-developed country not unlike what we call "third world" ...lacking in economic stability and having widespread poverty.

As a couple of our deacons researched possibilities, Vision Puerto Rico was among organizations which could give us "boots on the ground" and seemed to meet ALL of our mission criteria. Happily, it was led by Howard and Connie Waller who live in Lakewood! Howard is a former Pastor of Bear Valley Church. By September/October we were meeting with Howard and envisioning a fact-finding trip where we would be able to visit various churches with the hope of doing not only a variety of short-term projects, but also the possibility of establishing a "sister" church where we could have a longer-term relationship. Pam Russell was the point person working with Howard Waller to set up a trip. In January, Outreach approved a \$4200 budget for a trip to take place Feb. 25-March 1, 2019. Participants were Pastor Jim Gribnitz and Pastor Dave Brown (who was interested in a Youth mission trip to PR), Elders Penny McDonald and Steve Hannah and Deacons Judy Wonning and Pam Russell.

#### TRIP SUMMARY:

2/25/2019- A long travel day was topped off by dinner with our first church pastor, Orlando Rivera, of North Point Church and his wife. We were interested in this church as it was one of the few English-speaking churches available. Reflection after the meeting was that this was not the church where God was leading us (We felt this leading throughout our meetings and were amazed at our oneness of mind as we discussed possibilities always asking for God's guidance.)

2/26/2019- In the morning we met with Jonathan Santiago and his organization, Send Relief, which is supported by the Southern Baptist church but works with all churches to facilitate projects in the Island. We were very impressed and informed by Jonathan and his associates as to the needs of Puerto Rico both since Maria and on-going. He was instructive as to how one approaches on a Christian basis to Puerto Ricans. He shared that while going to some countries in the world you would find many non-believers in any kind of higher power, in PR everyone seems to accept that there is a God, even though they may not have a full concept of what that means.

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Easter Pg. 12 This is a result of the Spanish Catholic background of PR and is important to know as one goes to help. Evangelism is a slow process of going, serving, giving, loving and ultimately finding opportunities to share one's belief and to make disciples. Evangelism will be a process of finding opportunities to share our Christian beliefs and to make disciples, by going, serving, giving and loving. While we were impressed with Send Relief, we felt it served a similar function to Vision Puerto Rico and we did not need to add another layer of administration to our plans.



In the afternoon we met with Dr. Daniel Juarbe of the Church of New Jerusalem and his assistant, Francisco. Dr. Juarbe's church in Bayamon, just west of San Juan, is small but has several outreaches in retirement homes, apartment buildings, block parties and kids camps. We joined Daniel and Francisco for the afternoon to deliver food baskets we had assembled. We went to three areas, the elderly and disabled in apartment buildings, some poor and sick in the more isolated mountain areas, and a rundown neighborhood of families struggling just to keep food on the table. We also saw the land on which the church hopes to build a larger facility. That evening at dinner after each had pondered his own thoughts we realized we were unanimously drawn to the Iglesia Bautista La Nueva Jerusalem. We envisioned several projects: cleaning up and ministering to the poor neighborhood, visiting the elderly, helping build a church, supporting the education of Francesco to get his degree and become an assistant to Daniel....

2/27/19 – We drove to the inner city of San Juan and below the 500 year old city fortress wall, we met Pastor Ivan Rios, who works in La Perla, a colorful village of outcasts and drug addicts living below the dazzling tourist area of Old San Juan where all the cruise boats dock. Ivan came 8 years ago to minister to the unchurched – he has a small chapel where he holds services and he is establishing an Art Center where he teaches young and old to do arts and crafts which they can sell to make a living. His is more of a one-man ministry but we were taken with his philosophy and perseverance and love of God and fellow men. This place seemed like the rock bottom where people have lost ALL hope and Ivan is bringing it. Again we learned so much about how to minister to such people. Puerto Ricans maintain their pride through all circumstances. Once again all of our hearts were touched....

We had a missed appointment with Pastor Hernandez in Fajardo. His is a healthy large church which just celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so it would be a church we could partner with to do projects together in Puerto Rico. We did not feel an interest from the Pastor so that will probably not be considered further. In Ceiba we boarded a 9-passenger plane for the 10 minute flight to Vieques, a small island east of the mainland of Puerto Rico where Howard Waller has his home base.

2/28/19 – Vieques is where Pastor Dave will have his Youth Mission Trip in May, so we spent some time driving around the little island to see the accommodations for kids, the various sites for activities which Dave and Howard will put together.

We visited Vieques High School, where principal Carmen DeLerme partners with Howard Waller to take island kids on reverse mission trips once a year. This dynamic woman unabashedly brings Christianity into her school and gives her students a life-changing experience. In Vieques we seemed to be finding opportunities for our youth to be active in getting to know other teen-agers and in partnering with them to minister to younger children in the area.

We were privileged to spend our last evening with retired pastor Hector Cruz and his wife Teresa. From him and some of his associates we heard of great needs for mental health care on the islands as well as addiction programs. We talked among ourselves of the trauma training we support in Lebanon for refugees and wondered if such a program could be created for Puerto Rico.

At this writing no decisions have been made but a Rockland future in Puerto Rico seems imminent. If you have experience in Puerto Rico, speak Spanish, or are just interested in this new venture, contact Judy Wonning, jcwonning@aol.com. We want to put together a group to be the core of a PR ministry. *-Judy Wonning* 





### Mean Street

#### God Does Indeed Answer Prayers!

Mean Street began around 2002 with Matthew 25:35-40 as its theme. Rockland has been a key player on Mean Street from the beginning. Many of the homeless are our brothers and sisters, going through hard times. Others don't know Him yet, but we have been sent to be the hands and feet of Jesus to them all. In this process, God changes them and us as well. Over the years, the ministry became quite busy, and somehow the staff prayer meetings were set aside. The lack of organized group prayer affected attitudes and relationships so much that James Fry arranged to have prayer meetings re-established.



We now meet faithfully every Tuesday from noon to 1:15, and all the staff and volunteers are welcome. What a difference this action has made! Staff and volunteers are now a close, caring group. We have a solidified purpose. We come together to surrender our hopes, goals, and egos as we lift our requests to God. We truly want God's power and glory to be seen through Mean Street. We have learned to let go of our solutions, and wait patiently for His. This is not an easy process, but it has provided many great results.

More people in the motels are finding Christ now or are rededicating their lives. The ministries at the Federal center Park-n-Ride and the Denver Rescue Mission Courtyard are thriving. People are coming to our office for counseling, classes, food, and other resources. The food bank hands out good quantities of supplies, and the café is now open from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Monday to Thursday. We have received great quantities of donated food to stock the shelves as well as sleeping bags, blankets, toys, and a multitude of socks.

Our greatest answer to prayer has been the interest of other churches and groups coming alongside us in our ministry. Lochwood Christian Fellowship has agreed to participate in next year's Family Winter Shelter, and the Bridge will begin running the food bank on selected Saturdays. Partnerships have been sprouting in the most unlikely of places. This multitude of blessing can only come from God!

As we let go of our control in prayer, we discover the joy of our weakness as humans in His strength. God takes us places we would never choose in order to give us what we could never receive anywhere else --- Himself. (Chuck Swindoll)

Anyone desiring to receive our weekly list of prayer requests should let me (Nancy) know or check it out on meanstreetministry.org

-Nancy Pranaitis

## Women's Ministry

"Ladies of Rockland, we invite you to our Taise' Lenten Service on **Tuesday April 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. An evening of prayer, worship, music, and communion. Childcare upon request.

We look forward to sharing this special time with you."

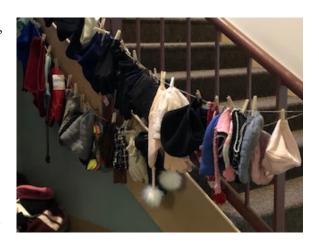
We also invite you to our new bible study on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 downstairs, on the book of John. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Roth. (coroth@comcast.net) -Rene Ruland



## Kids' & Family Ministry

#### Rockland's Clothesline of Love

Once again, during the month of February, Kids & Family Ministry sponsored the Clothesline of Love. "What is the Clothesline of Love" you might ask? This is an outreach opportunity to show our love and care to those less fortunate who are in need of cold weather items. Over the course of the month we gathered hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, and even a child's snowsuit, all of which will be distributed to our ministry partners like Mean Street or Loaves & Fishes. In total, over 60 individuals will receive items to help keep themselves warm during the cold, snowy days and nights we experience during the final months of winter. So with great appreciation, we say "Thank You" for caring for our neighbors; our brothers and sisters in Christ. As Jesus said to his disciples, 'I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matt. 25:36



#### **VBS- Vacation Bible School**

## It's coming!!! Kids Ministries MANE Event...VBS 2019: ROAR! Life is Wild...God is Good!

So mark your calendars for **June 24-28.** Be sure your kids or grandkids don't miss out on this exciting adventure as we wander out in the bushland of Africa to see how God takes care of our every need! Registration begins April 14 for Rockland families. Remember VBS fills up, so make sure you get your kid's registration in early! ADULTS – come join the fun as an adventure guide helping lead the way or serve behind the scenes as a scouting ranger (snack prep, decorations, craft prep, hospitality, etc). To find out more, contact Lori Fullmer – lfullmer@rockland.church



#### Bringing Hope to the Hopeless...

'I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in.' Matthew 25:35

One Saturday morning in February some of the staff and a few families braved the snowy weather to spend a couple of hours packing meals at one of the local Feed My Starving Children's MobilePacks. Twenty-six in total from Rockland joined sixty or so other kids and adults from Denver area churches and the community at large to pack meals for kids around the world who would otherwise struggle to survive.

If you are not familiar with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), it is an amazing Christian organization that provides FDA regulated meals to children across the glove who are malnourished, and feel hopeless in the midst of life's circumstances. The meals provided through FMSC offer the nutrition and vitamins these children need to thrive, and grow, which in turn gives them hope for their future. FMSC MobilePacks are sponsored by churches and organizations all throughout the U.S. These MobilePacks offer individuals and families an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by filling meal packs, which in turn allows more children to receive meals, and spreads hope even further.

The group from Rockland not only served together, we had a blast doing so! Kids as young as five, worked alongside parents and adults, to help fill meal packs. One could hear adults and kids getting to know one another. There was singing, laughter, and the occasional friendly competition that took place during our two-hour shift.

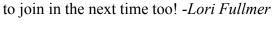
We even had the opportunity to try a sample of the meal; a mixture of vitamins, soy, vegetables, and rice. "That's not too bad" was the response heard over and over again. So we know it is "Kid Approved". At the end of our volunteer shift all of the volunteers gathered to hear more from the FMSC staff about the impact FMSC has made, watch a video to hear from a couple of the kids whose lives have been forever changed because of the meals they receive, and learn that in less than two hours we had packed enough meals for eighty-nine (89) children to eat for a year. That is pretty amazing!

A few words from one of the young kids from Rockland who attended FSMC's MobilePack...

"FMSC is a great way for kids to help give food to the poor.

You go in for 2 hours, pack the food, make friends, and it is really fun because we helped feed over 80 children for a year! The kids get to do something that is actually important and beneficial for someone else, not just watch someone else do it. We got to sample the food we were packing and it tasted like fried rice!"

Everyone who went that morning walked away excited and had a sense of satisfaction that they had contributed to the hope provided to the kids who receive the meals. The entire group thought that it was a fun and valuable way to serve. They look forward to the next opportunity to serve at a FMSC MobilePack, and would encourage others









## ... overheard by the church mouse

... "One of the sanest, surest, and most generous joys of life comes from being happy over the good fortune of others."



In Jim's sermon, he emphasized the importance of all generations at Rockland, this time addressing our mentors, the older members of the congregation. After the service Betty Snow said she was traveling to North Carolina the next week to celebrate her Aunt's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Then Betty added that this woman had been a mentor to her throughout the years. Good example for us all!

... "No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of it to anyone else."

It was Ash Wednesday, a cold, dark night to meet in the sanctuary. Services started at 7 pm and we sang many of the "old-time" songs such as "Fairest Lord Jesus." The music, the quiet prayer time, the scripture, the ashes on our foreheads after we celebrated communion. It was a time of quiet contemplation. It was what we all needed in the busy hectic lives we live. It was a time to breathe deeply and give thanks for our gathering together at the beginning of Lent.

... "I do not want merely to possess faith, I want a faith to possess me."

And speaking of celebrating our faith together, on Sunday morning when we stand and go forward for communion, I am reminded that as a child and young person, I attended a church that simply passed the communion tray down the pew so no one stood, no one moved except to receive communion from the tray. At Rockland we stand up, we move forward, we have time to contemplate this ritual. As you watch the congregation move forward it is apparent that each person has made the decision to stand up and be counted among the faithful. What a sobering and joyful action.

... "The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

## A Great Way to Give

If you have been blessed to reach the wonderful age of 70 ½ years of age, then, you may have a great opportunity to enhance your generosity. In my experience as a professional stewardship consultant, I have learned there are many who may not be aware of the benefit of giving from required minimum distributions (RMDs) of your Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). You are able to make direct contributions from your RMDs and your qualified IRA to qualifying nonprofits. This is a great way to give or enhance your generosity to the church you love, Rockland.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not allow us to keep retirement funds in our IRAs indefinitely. Normally, you are required by the IRS to begin taking withdrawals from your IRA, SIMPLE IRA, SEP IRA, or retirement plan account when you reach age 70½. Roth IRAs do not require withdrawals until after the death of the owner.

So, your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is the minimum amount you must withdraw from your account each year after reaching the age of 70 ½. Normally, this amount is taxable during the year it is withdrawn.

However, an IRA owner of age 70½ or over, can directly transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity, including Rockland Community Church, as a qualifying nonprofit.

To qualify, these funds must be transferred directly by your IRA trustee to the eligible charity (Rockland). These distributed charitable amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner's income – resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner. However, when the IRA owner excludes these distributions from income, by making a direct transfer donation, they have already received their current tax benefit. Hence, no additional tax deduction may be taken, such as a charitable contribution deduction on Schedule A of your IRS tax form.

Your IRA account trustee can easily calculate your (RMD) in minutes and the paperwork is amazingly simple.

Note: Rockland does not assume the role of your professional financial advisor(s). Regardless of your plans for giving, it is always wise to consult your financial planner or tax advisor before withdrawing from an IRA. Carl Graber

## EChO Responds to Veteran's Needs

The Spring season has us all thinking of new growth and with the coming of Easter, our minds turn to thoughts of rebirth. Winter has been long and cold the Evergreen Shelter Program at Evergreen Christian Outreach has felt the effects of the brutal temperatures. Open to homeless clients most nights in November and December, the shelter had over 245 shelter overnights in just those two months.

One client who was a regular at the shelter and a regular at the food pantry was a Vietnam War Veteran named John. John had recently finished treatment for his bone cancer. While in the hospital, he lost his veteran's housing and found himself living out of his car. His wife is in the latter stages of her life with sever dementia and living in a nursing facility in Morrison. John and his wife had lived out most of their adult lives in the Evergreen community so back up to the mountains John came.

Since many of the days were as equally cold as the nights, John spent his days at the food bank enjoying the warm soup provided by soup makers from Rockland and other area churches while reading the newspaper and visiting with other clients. All for something to do and some way to keep warm. When the food bank closed for the day, John would move over to the shelter site for a warm bed to sleep on.

The Client Service Advocates at EChO knew that this was not how John should be living, especially after his service to our nation. They began working with John to help him navigate through the bureaucracy of the Volunteer of America and VA organizations. After three months of appointments and determined follow up, EChO was able to get John placed in a supportive Veteran's housing program. Rebirth for a man in the twilight of his life is just as sweet. *-Nancy Judge* 

#### Come join us for our Spring Fundraiser:

"An Evening in the Vineyard" on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-10:00pm. All the details and registration can be found on our website of: www.evergreenchristianoutreach.org. The night will include wine tastings, a catered meal by Fresh Tracks, music by Joe Bye, and much more. Help us provide new beginnings to more clients like John!



Your elders met three times since our last Chimes update in January.



We begin each meeting with prayer and a devotional seeking our Lord's guidance in all we do at Rockland.

In the last three months we:

- Worked with the Rockland Foundation to better align Rockland's goals and its goals. John Stermole is the
  chair of the foundation and has developed a process to involve the leadership at Rockland in funding
  requests made to the Foundation. Funding decisions remain with the foundation but with input and
  recommendations from the church. It is our intention to work together to increase funding for the
  foundation in the future and maximize our ministry to build the kingdom.
- Voted to nominate Joyce Dunbar to be a new Elder. The recommendation and nomination was presented and approved at the annual meeting.
- Approved the final budget that was recommended to, and approved by, the congregation at the annual meeting.

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- Noted that the attendance goal for December of 375 per week, excluding the Cantata and Christmas, was exceeded.
- Discussed the need to revise the constitution and by-laws to reflect actual practice as well as reviewing the recommendations of the Alliance Defending Freedom. It was determined that a team will be tasked with the review and will lead meetings with the congregation for input. The revised documents will be presented at the 2020 annual meeting for congregational approval.
- Prayed for strength for Ed who has been stretched with the unusual number of memorial services.
- Elected Jed Burnham to continue to serve as Lead Elder in 2019. Penny McDonald will move from Outreach to Caring and Fellowship Elder. Steve Hannah will move from Worship Elder to Outreach Elder and Joyce Dunbar will become Worship Elder. Gordon Steere will remain as Discipleship Elder, Bob Ehret will remain as Operations Elder, and Jessica Kern will remain as Kids/Students Elder.
- Approved Lead Pastor Gribnitz's 2019 goals of:
  - o Connecting all generations to Jesus by increasing average weekly worship attendance.
  - o Completing the review and revision of our constitution and by-laws.
  - o Connect more people through increasing participation in small groups.
- Appointed Karen Rutherford to be a new deacon on the outreach team. This appointment was done to fill
  a vacancy occurring subsequent to the annual meeting and Karen will be confirmed at the next annual
  meeting.

-Jed Burnham

## Prayer Shawl Ministry OUR CREATIVE, FAITHFUL WOMEN

Every month on the second Monday a group of faithful women gather to create unique shawls to share with people in need of comfort. Some people take a month to create a shawl, others take a year. But the love and commitment is knitted or crocheted into every stitch.

We meet from 1:00-3:00 in the conference room/library across from the sanctuary.

Any questions: Ephawk123@gmail.com

Here is a simple pattern that you can knit even if you cannot attend out monthly meetings:

Trinity Pattern

Cast on 63 stitches.

Knit 3, Purl 3. Continue this pattern to the end of the row, ending with knit 3.

Begin second and all subsequent rows with Knit 3.

Continue the pattern to approximately 60".

AMEN.

-Liz Hawkins



### Clear Creek Rock House

The Rock House has spent the last semester building trust and foundational relationships with our students. We have learned so much and grown so much. One component we are focusing on entering this new year is providing resources for mental and emotional health. In January we featured LeanIn, an incredible organization that offers free counseling to youth, letting our students know they are supported and heard. Our mentors also received training from a representative of Jefferson Center for Mental Health on Suicide Prevention. We have seen the needs of our students and are responding to them through some great resources.

We are also very excited to announce our partnership with Mustard Seed Ranch in Evergreen. The Rock House has reached our max capacity of seven students participating in their 20 week Equine Therapy Program. The goal of this program is designed for students to move through trauma and neglect in their lives. This program is faith-based and helps students face their fear and anger. They learn responsibility, respect, courage, and healing necessary for healthy relationships by caring for and trusting their horses. This is a remarkable program to be able to offer given the experiences of some of the students we serve in our county.

Our mentoring program has excelled the past two months in community service efforts. On January 29th, our mentor/mentee pairings were sent into downtown Idaho Springs for Random Acts of Kindness. We encouraged students to seek out opportunities to serve their neighbors selflessly. Our group was moved by the responses from our community, and Clear Creek County was able to see the level of character we are instilling through our program. Our group also did a service project for the Easter Seals Camp in Empire at the end of February. We are honored to serve others, but most importantly we are teaching our students *agape*, which can be translated as "charity," the love God has for us.

The mentoring program has specific objectives we strive to fulfill every month: teaching life skills, partaking in community service, and experiencing cultural/recreational activities. We enjoyed the Western Stock Show in Denver, an etiquette dinner at the Chart House, ice skating at Evergreen Lake, and rock climbing at Earth Treks in Golden. Each outing we have builds the mentor/mentee relationship and serves even greater purposes. For example, lessons from rock climbing include trusting their belayer and supporting and encouraging each other, which then builds each student's self-confidence. The mentors agreed that this outing was one of our best yet because of the mental and emotional impact it had on each of us.

Finally, Barbara Oakley, our tutoring coordinator, has been going into the 6th grade classroom at Carlson Elementary since November for valuable contact hours with students to build our tutoring program. As a result she is hosting a pilot cooking class next week to introduce students she met at the school to the Rock House. Our hope is that our partnership with the Clear Creek School District and the invaluable relationships we make with 6th through 12th graders of our county will promote growth in our organization but more importantly we hope to reach more students and support them in their academic and future success.

We are so grateful for your support and could not do what we do without you!

-Rebecca Bernal



February 26th: Easter Seals Community Service Project



March 5th: Climbing Day at Earth Treks

## HEARTS FOR ROMANIA

"The best ever," "Wow, so much fun" and "Great evening" were just a few of the comments following the February 9 Hearts for Romania fundraiser, which was held at Mount Vernon Canyon Club. Most importantly, it netted over \$36,000 to help fund Rockland's Romanian Outreach scholarship program. Howard Hargrove served as emcee and auctioneer extraordinaire, helping to raise the record amount.

Cipri Tehei traveled from Cluj, Romania to attend and report on the program first-hand. There were a number of success stories surrounding the 45 students sponsored by members of Rockland. He shared a special video, and a song was performed by sponsors during the evening to send back in return.

Heidi Duston's talented Jazz ensemble again performed throughout the evening as a attendees enjoyed a mix of fellowship, dinner and dancing. *-Jennifer Kelly* 

















### **ANNUAL MEETING 2019**

Jim Gribnitz opened the Annual Meeting on February 3 with updated numbers under the "Worship-Connect-Serve-Give" categories. Impressive statistics were shared related to our Outreach at home and abroad, our areas of worship, fellowship and the generosity of our church membership. Of note, we inducted 34 new members to our church in 2018, increased the pastoral staff with the addition of David Brown and are able to reach countless "congregants" globally through online viewership.

The philanthropy of our membership has continued through many areas of giving. Rockland members support 45 high school students in Romania and 73 girls in Tanzania are receiving a Christian education thanks to our financial support. Loaves and Fishes served a total of 170,000 pounds of food in 2018 and the Clear Creek Rock House saw a 50% increase in Rockland members who stepped up to serve teens through their program.

Last year's revenue figures came in very close to budget, and expenses were under budget. The 2019 budget was approved by a congregational vote, with increases in both of these categories. Pledges are expected to have an overall increase of 7% and most of the anticipated expense increases fall into the operational category.

Bob Ehret reported on four areas of priority for the coming year. These were identified as 1) a continuation of the early (traditional) worship service, 2) an effort to find ways to increase attendance at the second (contemporary) service, 3) an emphasis on discipleship and 4) finding new ways to continue growth in our Outreach ministry.

New Elders and Deacons were unanimously approved and special thanks were extended to the 14 individuals rotating off various leadership teams. A particular recognition was given to Ed Lange, who just completed 30(!) years of service at Rockland. Ann Trimble spoke on behalf of the church, offering a warm appreciation of his ministry and describing him as a "gift from God."

The decision of the church to join the Alliance Defending Freedom was brought up under new business. A special task force will review a possible change to the constitution and bylaws related to this, which will be presented for consideration next year.

-Jennifer Kelly

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Connecting all generations to Jesus *As we stand for the Truth of the Gospel,* Show God's grace to all people, And raise up the next generation to do the same.

#### **Current resident or**



All are welcome to join us this Easter season!

Nursery (Birth-3 years) will be provided at all services Sunday School will be provided for Preschool at 9:30 & 11:00am