

# Reisterstown United Methodist Church

## Our Church Matters

### From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

***Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.***

As you probably know, our Advent studies began early, so quite a few of us started “living Advent” before Thanksgiving this year. Thus far, the one insight that has been swirling in my thoughts again and again is from the second week’s lesson. In Matthew 1, an angel appears to Joseph and tells him that Mary is to bear a child. “You shall call his name ‘Jesus’ **for he shall save his people from their sins.**”

It’s a familiar verse. Most of us have heard it time and again. The study raises the question of how Mary might have understood that as a young girl of 14, her approximate age when she became pregnant. Our study has us view this announcement through Mary’s eyes after she has witnessed the crucifixion.

We see and hear this story every year, and many (most?) of us in the RUMC faith family have known it all our lives: “Jesus will save [us] from our sins.” Yet, we often live as though we don’t need saving. We can take care of ourselves.

During this Advent season, as we prepare for Jesus to come to save us, consider with me how Jesus’ care for us, especially his **saving** grace to us, makes a difference in our lives, both now on earth and in terms of our future, eternal hope. Perhaps, with Charles Wesley, we will be able to sing:

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the savior’s blood!  
Died he for me? Who caused his pain!  
For me? Who him to death pursued?

**Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God,  
shouldst die for me?**

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast-bound in sin and nature’s night  
...my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth,  
and followed thee.

Are you finding spiritual support at RUMC? Remember to invite others to share in the bounty of God’s love: **INVITE, INVITE, INVITE** during this Advent and Christmas season! Christmas Eve is the #1 time of year when people visit churches, and your invitation may make a difference for someone else!

**Sunday, November 30 - Potluck Dinner, Community Tree-Lighting, Live Nativity and Chrismons** beginning with a Petting Zoo at 4:30 pm on the front lawn. A great family event!

**Sunday, December 21 – Music Sunday** – Both services will feature our musical groups and we will sing some carols together as well.

**Sunday, December 21, 5:00 pm** – Northside Chapel – **the Longest Night** – This service is for those who are having a hard time with the season due to loss or addiction. It is a quiet service of prayer and reflection.

**Christmas Eve** – See below for the schedule and the style of all of our services – 4:30, 7 and 10 pm.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

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## Not A Silent Night—advent Bible Studies

| DAY                           | TIME               | DATES   | FACILITATOR                         | LOCATION    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sundays<br>Cribbery Available | 9:30am - 10:30am   | Nov 30 (Lesson #2), Dec 7 (#3),<br>14 (#4), 21 (#5) | Jerry McNeiland                     | Rm 8        |
| Sundays                       | 6:30pm – 8pm       | Dec 7 (Lesson #3), 14 (#4), 21 (#5)                 | Keith Quintrell<br>Steve Marroulis  | Library     |
| Mondays<br>Brown Bag Lunch    | 12:30pm - 2:00pm   | Dec 1 (Lesson #3), 8 (#4), 15 (#5)                  | Kathleen Goebel                     | Room #8     |
| Mondays                       | 7pm – 8:30pm       | Dec 1 (Lesson #3), 8 (#4), 15 (#5)                  | Pat Botelle                         | 308 Main St |
| Tuesdays                      | 7pm - 8:30pm       | Dec 2 (Lesson #3) 9 (#4), 16 (#5)                   | Sisterhood<br>Deborah Grubb-Wheeler | 308 Main St |
| Thursdays<br>Brown Bag Supper | 5:30 /or 6pm - 7pm | Dec 4 (Lesson #3) 11 (#4), 18 (#5)                  | Pastor Vivian McCarthy              | Library     |

The heart of Christmas is the heart of the Savior, sent to love us and show us how to love each other. Join us at Reisterstown United Methodist Church this season to experience the love that changed the world!

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**November 30—4:30 pm start**  
**Petting Zoo, Community Tree Lighting,**  
**Potluck Dinner,**  
**Chrismon Crafting, and Carols**  
**JOIN US!**

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**The Longest Night**  
 Sunday, December 21, 5 pm  
 A Service of prayer and support for those struggling with pain, addiction or loss this holiday season.



### Celebrate Christmas with Us! Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**4:30 pm Family Service**  
**with Children's Musical**

**7 pm Praise Service featuring**  
**the Northside Chapel Band**

**10 pm Spirited Traditional Service**  
**featuring the Chancel Singers**

(All Christmas Eve services in the Main Sanctuary)  
**Come for a joy –filled, moving celebration**  
**of the Savior's birth!**

## USING AN ADVENT WREATH AT HOME

Place four candles in a circle on an evergreen wreath or grapevine wreath. Traditionally the candles are purple, the color of royalty, signifying the coming of the King. Blue candles can be substituted. In the center, place a white candle, the Christ candle.

Families of any size and configuration can make use of the wreath as a way of centering their prayer or devotion time during Advent. While some Christians light the candles only on Sunday, others have found that lighting the candles daily can be a reminder of the quiet, reflective waiting and preparation valued by Christians in the midst of the consumerist frenzy of the culture. Here are a few suggestions for using the Advent wreath:

- In families with young children, use the wreath at mealtimes. Just light the candle (or candles) and say a simple blessing such as "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let this meal to us be blest." Lighting the candle at bedtime can also be a way of winding down and focusing for all family members after a hectic day.
- With older children, make this a time to read a short Bible passage and have a prayer. Your congregation may have brief Advent wreath rituals or devotions for use by families. But in many families these days, schedules make even a brief time of devotion difficult. Try making a table tent with a Bible verse, and place it where busy family members grab a meal.
- Couples and single adults can use the wreath as a focal point for their time of devotions. In a busy and hectic schedule, an adult can simply light the candles and have a time of silent reflection before a meal. However you choose to use the wreath, make it a time to slow down, reflect, and savor the silence.

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**The Longest Night** worship service will be a healing service in Northside Chapel on the longest night of the year, **December 21, at 5 pm.** This season is not always merry for people who are struggling with illness, grief, depression, addiction, loneliness or other life situations. This service is intended to acknowledge the fact that this is not a joyous time for everyone and to share the good news that God's love and grace are there, no matter what.



RUMC United Methodist  
Women  
Cordially Invite you to  
their  
Annual Christmas Party  
Thursday, December 4,  
2014  
7:00 pm  
Asbury Hall

**You are invited to connect with each other here  
at RUMC before the 8:30 service  
and between 9:30-10:30 AM**

- Enjoy coffee and snacks in the church Narthex.
- Bring your beverage and snack and hang out in the Library. Browse the large selection of books. Read and enjoy the Sunday paper.
- Invite friends and visitors to chat in the parlor.
- Join a Bible-based study led by Jerry McNeiland.
- Center yourself with prayer in the Northside Chapel.



*Alternative Christmas Gift Suggestions  
for Family and Friends ~ December 2014  
Deadline to turn in your Gift is  
December 21, 2014*

Have you ever considered giving an Alternative Christmas gift to your family and friends? Choose from these RUMC Mission Committee recommendations and give a gift from the heart to help others in need.



Support the **Ministry of the Ndjunga's in Cameroon** (Africa), which oversees church development, Christian education, health, pastoral training, youth and prison ministries.

**UMC Advance Special #00344A**



Support the **RUMC Food Pantry**, helping to feed our neighbors



Support the **Walter Henry Educational Complex** in Bolivia, providing education to low income students.

**UMC Advance Special #12320A**

Make checks payable to **RUMC** with your choice indicated in the "Memo" section and place your envelope into the offering plate (with this form-there are forms on the Glass table by the office, along with envelopes and the cards to acknowledge your gifts to your family and friends.)

*This alternative Christmas Gift program is for your family and friends and is not intended to replace your regular giving to RUMC.*

## HOW MANY MILES TO GLENDALE, ARIZONA?

Keeping Ourselves in Shape Over the Winter

Let's Walk, Run, Shovel, Bike, and Shimmy to the Super Bowl!

November 30—February 1



**The Health Ministry Team** has us moving again to keep the pounds from packing on over the winter! They have figured out how many miles it is to the Super Bowl in Glendale, Arizona and have organized our "trek" into units of activity – whatever activity we do in increments of about 20 or 30 minutes at a time. So start tracking your activity and be sure to drop off the record on the glass table by the entry to Northside Chapel to help us get to our congregational goal. (Gotta help those avid football fans out there!)



When two teams go head-to-head in a contest to help needy families at Christmas, they learn:

**THE VALUE OF TEAMWORK,  
THE DANGER OF PRIDE  
and how  
GOD CAN CHANGE OUR HEARTS**

Who? - RUMC Children's Choirs  
When? - 4:30 pm, Christmas Eve  
Where? - Reisterstown United  
Methodist Church

It's the Season for Singing!!!

Yes, we have completed the 2014 Christmas recording!!!

This CD will feature some exciting gems for easy listening and holiday gift giving.

Morgan Rose does her signature song with Genesis One, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" with vocal clarity and grace. There is an exciting arrangement of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," a wonderful Celtic arrangement of familiar carols, organ and piano arrangements featuring Kelly, our gifted young musician; the exquisite sound of Barbara Rhodes singing a truth with the song "Love Came for Me" and SO much more from God's own Chancel Singers.

Church, we are moving into a Wonderful season as is expressed in another of our recorded carols, "Let There Be Joy, Let There Be Hope, Let There Be Light."

\* Once we establish our production cost, which includes the engineer and mechanical license cost per song, we will be able to set a cost per CD, as well as a bundle incentive for gift giving. We are hoping for a delivery date of December 7, 2014. Pre-order forms are available at your request.

Merry Christmas Church

Bill Myers

Director of Music Ministries

Order forms for the CD are available at the Welcome Center—Pre-Sales begin Sunday, November 30th. Arrival Date is December 14th

\* Cost is still to be determined.



## CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET—MD SINGS EVENT

Saturday, December 13, 2014

4:00 pm



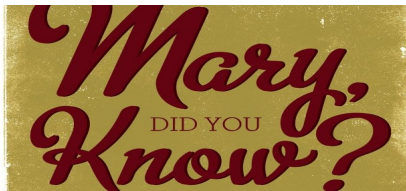
The Johnson Male Chorus will once again bring to us their style of Gospel Sounds mixed with some holiday flavor. This year we also welcome for the first time The Children's Chorus of Carroll County.

The following RUMC Groups will also provide holiday music for your enjoyment:

The Chancel Singers  
The Praise Band  
Genesis One  
Maryland Sings, Inc.

Doors will open at 3:30 pm

PS—MARYLAND SINGS is in need of more cardboard paper towel rolls to use as "mics" during rehearsal. Please save your paper towel rolls and bring them to the office. Thank you so much, Bill Myers

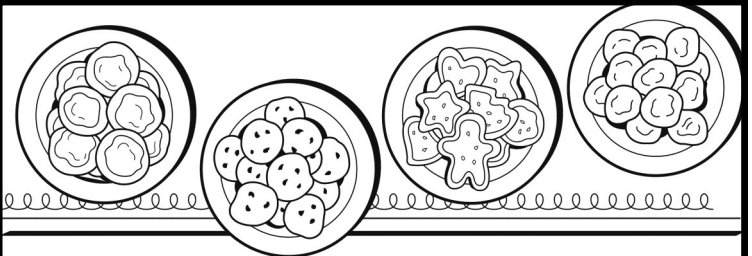


Mark Lowry, who wrote the lyrics to the Christmas

song "Mary, Did You Know?" says he 's always been amazed by Mary's silence at the cross, as her son was being crucified. Maybe she was remembering back to that first Christmas, she wonders, when she counted Jesus' fingers and toes.

"I wonder if she realized then that those were the same fingers that had scooped out the oceans and formed the seas. I wonder if she realized those were the same feet that had walked on streets of gold and been worshiped by angels. Those little lips were the same lips that had spoken the world into existence. When Mary kissed her little baby, she wasn't just kissing another baby; she was kissing the face of God."

Mary silently watched her son die 33 years later, Lowry notes — not just for the world but also for his own mother. "The baby boy she had delivered on that first Christmas was now on a cross delivering her."



## Cookie Walk

December 14, 2104

During Grow Hour and after 2nd Service  
(If there's anything left!)

My book club recently read "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. It's the fascinating story of a woman named Vivian. Orphaned in New York at age nine, she gets turned over to the Children's Aid Society and finds herself on the Orphan Train, a train which will take her and many other orphans to Minnesota where families can come and take the children home. We follow Vivian as she is shuffled from family to family and faces many hardships. While Vivian's story is fiction, there were actual Orphan Trains that ran from 1854-1929. I particularly enjoyed reading their history at the back of the book and learning more about them. Check out this book for yourself in our church library.



-Beth Waters



## Tables for Eight

### Coming Soon! Table for Eight

Sometimes I find the quick conversations I have with people before or after church are too short to really get to know them. Do we share a favorite book? Love to visit the same places? Share the same sense of humor? I don't know! Those five minute conversations we have aren't always enough. If you feel the same way, **Table for Eight** is for you!

**Who:** Anyone and everyone who is interested in getting to know other RUMC folks while enjoying a meal together. You can sign up as a single, a couple, with or without kids. You need to be somewhere between the ages of 0 and 120.

**What:** Groups of (approx.) 8 people will gather for food and fellowship. Group members will each contribute a dish to each meal. Groups can gather for any meal that works for them.

**When:** Starting early in the New Year. We will begin with a potluck meal for all groups at the church to meet each other and make plans for future meals. Each group will choose dates and times that work best for their group. Groups will try to meet 3-6 times over the course of 6 months. After 6 months, we'll shuffle the groups so you can get to know more people.

**Where:** Groups may choose to meet in each other's homes, at a restaurant, or the church.

**Why:** To get to know one another better. Laugh together. Eat together. Share our stories. Share our histories. Build relationships. Find support. Care for one another.

**How:** Contact Cara Norris to sign up or with any questions. If you want to be included but have concerns about allergies, children, mobility, dietary restrictions, hosting or anything, please contact me so we can figure it out! I hope to include everyone who would like to participate.

Cara's Phone: 443-804-3792

Cara's Email: [caranorris@comcast.net](mailto:caranorris@comcast.net)

#### Library Log

1. Find some quiet time for yourself during Advent and Christmas to read quietly for yourself. Also find time to read to someone else. We recommend anyone who can fit on your lap.
2. The Library Staff wishes all of our church family a blessed Christmas.
3. Book Club will not meet in December. A list of our 2015 book choices will be distributed soon. We had a wonderful Christmas dinner and collected a donation for the Food Pantry.

A Message of Gratitude: Our church does a fantastic job of donating to the Board of Child Care. This year I delivered five trunk loads of Thanksgiving basket food items and a wide variety of Christmas Store gifts. You have helped to make many local children and families happy this Season. Thank you so much. Cindy Smith

Dear RUMC,

*Thank you so much for the college box that I received! The food and goodies were very appreciated, and I loved them all. The Goldfish were gone within the day and I love the hat! Thank you do much for all of your continued support throughout my college experience and my life's journey's. I miss everyone from back home and hope to visit soon! Once again, thank you and I will be praying for everyone at church!*

*Thank you,  
Becca Chase*



YOU CAN HELP



### Food Pantry and Community Kitchen

In October we served 242 families. We are very thankful for the recent outpouring of donations from our church members and community that will allow us to continue to meet this need. We also received food drives from Chatsworth Elementary School, Reisterstown Elementary School, Consolidated Insurance Center, and Food Lion in Finksburg. What a wonderful gift we have received from the foundation from the Adams family in memory of their son Jeremy.

Our community lunch continues to grow. We served about 92 on November 1<sup>st</sup>. What a blessing to have the men's winter clothing give-away coincide with the lunch. Community members received breakfast treats, coffee, clothing, lunch and a warm place to settle in for awhile. Church members made everyone feel welcomed and loved that day. One gentleman has asked if we can serve lunch every week because they enjoy coming for not just the food, but for the companionship. One of our visitors, Mr. Branch, shared that his art sculptures will be on display all month at the Bromo Seltzer Art Tower in Baltimore. I want to say how thankful I have been for the people I have met through the community lunch. I am thankful for the meat donations from Westminster Rescue Mission. I am very thankful for all the volunteers each month, especially my core crew who jump right in when I have my brain melts. You know who you are. Finally I am thankful for Mary Chase, the real leader in this endeavor, who allows me to take the credit for all her work every month! Our next lunch will be on December 6th from 11:30 to 1:00. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lani at [lanio5@verizon.net](mailto:lanio5@verizon.net). Prep time on Friday December 5<sup>th</sup> is yet to be determined

Did you know that we have an email list for those who want to know our weekly needs? Emails would come out about once a week – letting you know our greatest needs and where the best sales can be found. If you would like to be on this distribution list – please email Lani at [lanio5@verizon.net](mailto:lanio5@verizon.net).

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED YEAR ROUND:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned vegetables       | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned fruit/applesauce    | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> soup and crackers       | <input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni and cheese        | <input type="checkbox"/> cranberry sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> peanut butter and jelly | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta and Spaghetti sauce  | <input type="checkbox"/> cereal          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry Items          | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing & Mashed potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> gravy           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant               | <input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste                 | <input type="checkbox"/> shampoo         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> liquid dish soap        |   |  |

**Food pantry needs this week are pasta, sauce, cereal and jelly**

*Memorial Gifts*

#### **Memorial Gifts 2013-2014**

- |                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Helen Almony</b>          | Pulpit Bible  |
| <b>Georgia Beutelspacher</b> | New Windows (4) for the educational wing                                  |
| <b>Louis "Le" Fritz, Jr.</b> | New Windows (4) for the educational wing and the Community Christmas tree |
| <b>Helen Glasgow</b>         | Candlelighter/Snuffers (two, 18-inch) and Pulpit Bible stand              |
| <b>Betty Hammond</b>         | Welcome Gardens in front of the church                                    |
| <b>Tom Harry</b>             | Candlelighter/Snuffers (two, 6-foot)                                      |
| <b>Norman Meekins</b>        | Cemetery Fund   |
| <b>Juliana Tambaoan</b>      | Food Pantry   |

(Gifts received in memory of **Thelma Lockard** have not yet been designated.)

## WASHED ANEW

### Coffee House

There will not be a coffee house in December but will return on the second Saturday in

January!

Have a blessed Christmas and we'll see you in the New Year!



## ORDER YOUR Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias now - order forms are at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Last day to order is December 7th

### REISTERSTOWN UMC YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

#### HELP!!!! Adult Help Needed with Youth Group ...

Do you remember a Youth Leader, Sunday School teacher, Pastor, or School teacher that made a positive impact on your life? Do you have a calling or interest in volunteering with Middle or High school youth? Do you want to be of service for Christ? Come be a part of the Youth Ministry Team @ Reisterstown UMC. We are currently looking for adult leaders for youth group, guys only nights, events, bible studies, youth worship, confirmation, field trips, etc. Or if you can't serve directly with youth... would you like to work behind the scenes, donate supplies, food, gift certificates etc. Contact Susan for a list of needs for youth group functions.

Blessings,

Susan; [gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net); 410-245-7190 C#



#### Yellow Roses Girls Only Nights

**What is Yellow Roses?** It's where God meets us in scripture. It's where girls can come together and talk about real life issues in a safe loving environment.

**What do you do at yellow roses?** We read the bible, we eat food, we are artsy & crafty, we laugh, we cry, we encourage one another, and we learn from one another, and we strengthen our relationship with Christ.

**Details:** Join us **Wed. Dec. 3rd** at the Holsonbake's House from 6:30-8:15pm. 2002 Conan Doyle Way, Eldersburg, MD 21787. H#410-552-5012

This group is for girls in 6-12th grade. It does not matter if you participated in the last session. Join us anytime! Friends are also welcome. Dinner provided. Please RSVP so we have enough food. For more information contact: Janice Holsonbake, 443-398-5951, [jholsonb@comcast.net](mailto:jholsonb@comcast.net) or Susan Harry, 410-245-7190, [gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net)



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12/5  
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Westminster, MD 21158

12/6  
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Upperco, MD 21155

12/11  
Wilma Cook  
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Hampstead, MD 21074

12/15  
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Columbia, MD 21044

12/16  
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12/16  
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12/19  
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Nancy Welsh  
201 St Marks Way # 103  
Westminster, MD 21158

12/30  
Joanne Ditto  
208 Highfalcon Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

## OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

### Augsburg Lutheran Village

Margaret Merkel

### Carroll Lutheran Village -

Ann Garman, Francis Koenig

Louise Meyers, Elsie Smith

Nancy Welsh

### Cherrywood—

Doris Martin

### Fairhaven

Marvin Chenoweth

Bernardine & Bob Walker

### Lorien Center

Viola Evans

### Mercy Ridge

LaRue Allewalt & Peggy Miller

### Salony House

Sibyl Stevens & Edythe Hastings

### Springwell Senior Living Community -

Frank Simmonds

### Transitions Health Care

Bert Cooper

### Tremont Place

Betty Flohr & Doris Matthews

### OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Betty Leppo Ethel Baker

Shirley Krause Mary Jane & Stewart Reed

Bill & Colleen Eysaman

## SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**Joshua Coleman**, Rosemary Dragunas' nephew—United States Air force, serving in Ramstein, Germany

**Lindley Garcia**, Carol Judkins' friend —USMC not currently deployed

**Elizabeth Haines Greenway**, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, serving in the Army in Afghanistan

**Ryan Hirsch**, Lauren Trail's husband —Army National Guard

**Jamal Jones**, friend of Rachel Brown—U.S. Marines, deployed to Libya

**Wilber Kline**, Steve Marroulis brother-in-law, deployed to Kuwait

**Steven Lee**, Carol & Danny Lee's son —Senior Chief, Navy, (21 years) not currently deployed

**Dennis Mack**, Thelma Mack's nephew— serving in the Army

**Allan Messenger**, Ruth Whitlock's grandson, being deployed to Kuwait

**Marcus Veney**, friend of Rachel Brown—U.S. Army, deployed to Egypt

**Thank you for your service**

**RUMC is holding you in prayer**



## PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC MEMBERS

**Ginger Rae Gelwicks** for healing—stomach and lung issues., healing from car accident

**Jon Goodman**, strength after the passing of his grandfather

**Kendra Gress**—prayers for healing

**Bill Hedrick** for healing

**Yvonne Hudgins**, prayers for family, especially daughter in LV

**Cathy Kayombo**, for sister's recovery

**William Lundy**, pray for job training needs

**Winifred Lynde** prayers for strength and healing for severe arthritis

**Christy Newcomer**, Healing after surgery

**John Trail**, Recovery from rotator cuff surgery, prayers for healing

**Jannell Trcka**, Cont. prayers for better communication with extended family

**Jill Wright**, Recovering from shoulder surgery

**Jamie Yohn** - Back home from Atlanta until January

# Prayer Requests

## FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF RUMC:

**Roger Adams**, at home but has a long road to full recovery

**Louise Morgan Beall**, Spine cancer—pray for healing

**Sandra Bealle**, Terry Zarzecki's mom, in Cherrywood, with dementia, pray for strength for her so she can come home.

**Mildred Blank**, Ann Roelecke's mom, in hospice, very sick, pray for peace and comfort

**Regina DeCola**, please pray for discernment in seeking fulltime, permanent employment

**Jordon & Joshua Reed-Estes**, strength and focus

**Cindy Flohr**, Betty Flohr's daughter-in-law, prayers for recovery following surgery

**Ed Garner**, In Hospice Care

**Sharon Goldstein**, prayers for healing

**Jonathan Green**, peace for uncle with stage 4 cancer

**Ann Harden**—Multiple Myeloma

**Jenna Hart-Hadar**, Friend of Kelly Rardon—marital problems

**Charlene Harven**, Co-worker of Vicki Chitwood's, aggressive cancer that has returned

**Bill Heinrich**, Kathleen Goebel's brother.

**Connie Hudson**, for health & to find a home in a safe neighborhood; prayers for daughter Elizabeth—healing and learn to depend on God

**Arnold Kaplan**—recovering from a double neck fusion

**Harold Larson**, Kelly Rardon's grandfather, guidance and wisdom

**Gary Lenz**, Peggy Reter's son-in-law, has

pancreatic surgery, pray for complete healing.

**Maggie McFarlane**, waiting for liver transplant

**Garth Oakman**, Rose Oakman's brother-in-law, in stage 4 cancer, pray for healing

**Lara Prinette**, 5 yr old healing for broken and severed finger

**Kathy Reedy**, job and strength & faith during the storm

**Weston Rock**, classmate of Jan Montgomery's grandson, who is fighting cancer

**Jennifer Rodrique**, Kathleen Goebel's daughter.

**Bri Russell**, Friend of Tracy Tambaoan—29 year old with aggressive form of breast cancer

**Don & Celia Peters**, brother-in-law of Julie and Aaron Morris, rehab after stroke.

**Shelby Skoropa**, 7 yr old girl facing abdominal reconstruction surgery

**Sue Smith**, In Hospice Care

**Walt Smith**, prayers for healing, prostate cancer.

**Barb Stedding**, Friend of Judy Wright

**Kelley Strandberg**, Linda Morrison's sister-in-law, who has stage 4 colon cancer

**Fred Tenney**, Cora McCauley's brother, suffering with cancer and in a lot of pain.

**Rex Wells**, prayers for healing after emergency surgery

**Jamie Yohn**, returning home from therapy until January

**Sally, co-worker of Jannell Trcka**, Pray for wisdom concerning diagnosis of health problems

## SAVE THE DATES

### 2014 - 2015 CHURCH POTLUCKS

You are invited to share in a meal and wonderful fellowship with your church family .... just bring a dish to pass, come and enjoy.

#### January 18, 2015

In the Bleak Mid-Winter  
Soup and Salad

11:45 am Asbury Fellowship Hall

#### March 15, 2015

Chili with Potato Bar with  
RUMC Men's Fellowship

11:45 am Asbury Fellowship Hall  
Meal provided

### TELL YOUR STORY OF GOD'S LOVE!

We want this to be YOUR Newsletter, not just an announcement "Newspaper." Did you attend a Coffee House, help out at the Food Pantry, volunteer with His Hands and Feet? We want to hear your story on how God touched you through any of these and anything else that you can think of. If you are interested, please contact the office or submit an article about what God is doing in you or in your ministry, your family, your work—or wherever you see the Lord working! God is at work and we need to be sharing that with one another to uplift, encourage and proclaim the goodness of the Lord!

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Have you or someone you know suffered a loss? It can be any kind of loss from a close friend, a parent, a child, a close family member, a family pet, the loss of a job, or even a limb. Have you experienced the type of loss that causes you to stop what you are doing to address that feeling when it hits? Would you like somewhere to go to talk about it once in a while?



Concerned members of the RUMC would like to start a group for anyone experiencing loss and would like to belong in a circle of caring people who understand what you are going through. The hope is that friendships are formed and bonds are made and that everyone who attends will be better equipped to cope and know that there is somewhere to turn, or someone to turn to when things get too heavy.

We look to start the group in January 2015. It will be called the "Circle of Life". Anyone interested in meeting once or twice a month for this purpose should contact Gretchen Shaffer at 410-935-0380 or email her at: [gshaffer2001@yahoo.com](mailto:gshaffer2001@yahoo.com), to join.

## LEADERSHIP DAY 2015

**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015

**Time:** 9am – 4pm

**Location:** ConneXions School in Baltimore  
2801 N. Dukeland Ave, Baltimore, MD 21216

**Registration:** Opens on Monday, December 1, 2014

**Cost:** \$35 (Includes Light Breakfast and Lunch)

The 2015 Leadership Days promises to be a day of learning and fun. We have more than 30 classes that will keep you engaged about your ministry in the local church and beyond. This week's class highlights are:

**Jeanne Allert, of the Samaritan Women, will be the plenary speaker, addressing the growing concern of human sex trafficking in Baltimore and ways that churches can help the children and teens to safety. Registration will open on December 1. The event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 at ConneXions school in Baltimore, the cost is \$35. Don't miss it!**

**Using Youtube as a Marketing tool-** Youtube has more than one billion viewers, take this class and learn how you can develop technical skills to share quality videos for worship and beyond.

**Music in Worship: Bridging Traditional and Contemporary-**Explore the theological foundations of music and worship, and offer practical tips for adding variety to your church's worship. This will be beneficial for pastors, musicians, and anyone else involved in planning or leading worship.

**How to use Multi-media in Worship-**How can you learn how to use text, graphics in worship to appeal to a diverse audience? Take this class and enhance the worship experience at your church.

Stay Tuned for More Previews!

**ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:** We are seeking **volunteers** to define our Leadership Day with Radical Hospitality. We will need help with:

- Hospitality- greet and direct people to classrooms
- Registration
- Vendors
- Lunch Management.

If you are interested please contact [Christine](#). Students, if you need community service hours, we will accommodate that. If you have any questions, feel free to contact [Christine Kumar](#) or [John Gauthier](#). We look forward to seeing you in February!!

**For more information and to register follow this link: <http://bwcumc.org/the-link-november-14-2014/>**

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**Metropolitan & Suburban Districts School of Christian Growth  
2015 Training Catalog/ Full Catalog with more information available  
at the Welcome Center in the Narthex**

**THERE ARE 3 CLASSES THAT WILL BE HELD HERE AT RUMC:**

**Saturday, 3/21/2015 - 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. and Sunday, 3/22/2015 -3-5 p.m. Registration Deadline: February 15, 2015**

**3 classes here at RUMC**

**STUDY: #102 - BASIC LAY SERVANT FOR YOUTH (10-hour course - \$20)**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Michael Parker, [mparker.umc@gmail.com](mailto:mparker.umc@gmail.com) - Pastor, Ames UMC, Bel Air, MD

**STUDY: #308 - PREACHING (10-hour course - \$35)**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Dr. Laura Easto, [leasto@bwcumc.org](mailto:leasto@bwcumc.org) - D.S., Baltimore Suburban District

**STUDY: #607 - CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION (10-hour course - \$35)**

**INSTRUCTOR:** Rev. Cynthia Moore Koikoi, [cmoore@bwcumc.org](mailto:cmoore@bwcumc.org) - D.S., Baltimore Metropolitan District

**Complete Catalog available at the Welcome Center and at web site**



# "Away in a Manger" PLATE



Make this special plate as a gift to give this Christmas.

**What you need:**

- Clear glass plate
- Acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush and water
- Black permanent marker

**What you do:**

1. Turn plate upside-down on table. Paint one of your palms brown, and press it on the center of the plate.
2. Rotate the plate so fingers point down. Using yellow paint, make a straw bed in the palm.
3. Mix white and brown paint for Jesus' face. Use white paint for a swaddled body.
4. Paint a yellow star above Jesus and a yellow border around the plate rim.
5. When paint is dry, turn plate over. With the marker, draw dots for Jesus' eyes and write the words of Luke 2:12 around the plate rim.



## Born king of the Jews

Matthew 2:1-2 says that after Jesus was born, wise men came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" Complete the puzzle to discover what they found in Bethlehem.

*Directions: In the grid below, draw lines by starting at the first number in each list and stopping at the last.*



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## DECEMBER—FEBRUARY RUMC EVENTS

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#### DECEMBER

- 2 **OFFICE CLOSED SO ROBINE CAN ATTEND A TRAINING**  
 6:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting—WORKING MEETING
- 3 7:00 pm Yellow Roses @ Holsonbake's
- 4 7:00 pm UMW Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
- 6 10:00 am—1:00 pm Community Kitchen
- 7 11:45 am Youth Council, Library  
 12:00 noon Children's Choir—Vocal review/staging/  
 Sanctuary
- 9 7:00 am Mission of Mercy
- 13 4:00 pm Christmas on Main, MD Sings Event
- 14 9:30 am Cookie Walk/Fellowship Hall  
 12:00—2:00 pm Children's Choirs Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 15 7:00 pm JOY Christmas Party, Parlor
- 16 7:00 pm Sisterhood Advent Study Group. 308
- 21 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 12:00 noon Children's Musical—run through/Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Longest Night Service—see page 2 for details
- 23 **NO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
 7:00 am—4:00 pm Mission of Mercy
- 24 **OFFICES WILL CLOSE EARLY**  
 3:00 pm Children's Christmas Musical Dress  
 Rehearsal  
 4:30 pm Christmas Musical/Sanctuary  
 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Praise Service  
 10:00 pm Candlelight Service
- 25 & 26 OFFICES CLOSED**
- 28 10:00 am **ONE SERVICE**—Singing Our Faith, Christmas  
 Carols  
**NO YOUTH GROUP**
- 31 **OFFICES WILL CLOSE EARLY**

#### JANUARY

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR—OFFICES CLOSED**
- 2 **OFFICES WILL BE OPEN**
- 3 10:00 am Community Kitchen Luncheon
- 6 7:00 am—4:00 pm Mission of Mercy
- 10 7:00 am Men's Kick-off Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 pm Washed Anew Coffee House, Fellowship Hall
- 11 11:45 am Youth Council Meeting, Library
- 18 11:45 am Soup & Salad Potluck, Fellowship Hall  
 5:00 pm Prayers for Peace Service, Sanctuary
- 19 7:00 pm CARE TEAM MTG  
 7:00 am—4:00 pm Mission of Mercy

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 YOUTH COUNCIL MTG  
 Prayers for Peace Service—SNOW DATE
- 2 RUMC Anniversary
- 3 7:00 am—4:00 pm Mission of Mercy
- 6-8 Youth at ROCK—OC
- 7 10:00 am Community Kitchen Luncheon  
**MEN'S WINTER RETREAT**
- 8 **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**  
**NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT**
- 13 6:30 pm MD Sings Valentines "Middle of the Night  
 Romance," Fellowship Hall
- 15 **CAMPING SUNDAY**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 11:45 am Potato & Chili Potluck, Fellowship Hal
- 17 7:00 am—4:00 pm Mission of Mercy
- 18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**—SERVICES at 12:00 NOON AND 7:00 PM

### MEETINGS and EVENTS – Regularly Scheduled

- Every Monday – 10 am to 12 pm AA  
 Every Monday – 7 to 8:30 pm NA  
 Every Tuesday – 10:30 am – Staff Meeting (with  
 FULL staff quarterly)  
 Every Tuesday—6:30 to 8 pm Washed Anew  
 Rehearsal  
 Every Wednesday – 10 am to noon – Library  
 Committee  
 Every Wednesday – 6 to 8 pm – Food Pantry Open  
 Every Wednesday – 7:00 to 8:30 pm Praise Band  
 Every Thursday – 7 to 9 pm - Adult Choir  
 Every Thursday – 7:30 to 9 pm – Nueva Jerusalem  
 Every Friday – 8 to 10 pm NA  
 Every Saturday – 9 to Noon – Food Pantry Open  
 Every Saturday – 9 am to 2 pm – Maryland Sings  
 Every Saturday – 9:30 to 11:30 am AA  
 Most Sundays – 11:30 to 12:30 – Joyful Noise  
 Handbell Rehearsal  
 Every Sunday – 6 to 8 pm – Youth Group

- 1<sup>st</sup> Monday – Worship Design Team (7 pm)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Worship (7 pm)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – Evangelism (5 pm)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – Community Kitchen  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday – UMW (7 pm)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays – History & Records (9:30 am)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – Finance (6:30) and Trustees (7:30)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Newsletter Deadline and  
 Gift Card orders  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Blood Pressure Screening  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – SPRC (7 pm)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday—Quilting Bees (7 pm)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – 7 pm – Missions  
 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Church Council (7 pm)

### SMALL GROUPS

- Every Monday 10/13-11/17—New Testament Bible  
 Study/308  
 Every Tuesday – Sisterhood/308  
 Every Wednesday – Men's Fellowship/308  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday—Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 308  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday - UMW  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Circle of Friends  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Quilting Bees  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Book Club  
 4<sup>th</sup> Monday - JOY

**NOTE: the current and updated every time we update it in the office calendar is available online at:**  
[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=rumcoffice1777%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New\\_York](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=rumcoffice1777%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York) (Just copy and paste into your web browser if it doesn't open.)



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**WORSHIP TIMES**

8:30 am Praise Service

9:30 am Grow Hour  
(Sunday School)

10:30 am Spirited Traditional  
Service

Cribbery available during all times for infants  
through toddlers.