

## Our Church Matters

Our Mission: Growing Together in Christ  
Through Worship, Fellowship, Witness and Service



Dear Friends,

*"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)*

For a long time, I have done my Christmas shopping and other preparations months in advance. I've never been very good at getting the gifts wrapped ahead of time, but when the kids were younger I even made up the cookie doughs and froze them in September then made a batch or two each evening when I'd get home for a week or two before the big day – or before the staff gathered and I "needed" a big plate to take to the party.

Emphasis on BIG.

I've always found great delight in preparing gifts and feasts for the people I love – whether it's gifts and dinner for my family or a feast of worship for the congregations I've been privileged to serve. And **most** years, even with a million things to do, I haven't lost touch with the deep gifts that can only come from God.

However, there was THAT time when someone very important to me got antsy and didn't stay for dessert. And that other time when I had prepared a special gift and the person didn't show up because they chose to go see someone else. And then the time when ....

Bedlam does creep in, doesn't it? Despite our dreams of perfect celebrations, stress-free shopping and wrapping and cooking, everyone getting along and singing carols around the fireplace, and making everybody happy, sometimes the cookies burn, people aren't on their best behavior, and fatigue saps your energy.

The great news for this season is that God meets us in the midst of the bedlam. Life may not be perfect and serene every minute of every day, but make no mistake: God meets us where we are. We get glimpses of God's presence, often when life is at its most frantic.

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God with us. Emmanuel. *Always.*

Over these weeks of Advent, we'll be looking at tools and biblical truths that can help us see those glimpses with more clarity – and maybe even with more frequency.

Let's find Bethlehem together!

Blessings on you,

*Vivian*



Our cemetery has lots for sale. If you have not planned ahead, this is an opportunity for you to purchase burial plots at a reasonable price. We have some lots for resale from members who have moved out of state. For more information please contact Lois Burton, 410-833-5489 or John Riesenfeld, 410-833-2065



December 18, 2016  
Cookie Walk with  
Chocolate Covered  
Pretzels During Grow  
Hour and after 2nd Service  
(If there's anything left!)

### SAVE THE DATES

### 2017 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 29, 2017**

11:45 am Asbury Fellowship Hall

**March 19, 2017**

Chili with Potato Bar with  
RUMC Men's Fellowship

11:45 am Asbury Fellowship Hall

Meal provided

### WASHED ANEW Coffee House

There will NOT be a coffee house in  
December or January but will return on the second  
Saturday in February!



Have a blessed  
Christmas and we'll see you in  
February





*RUMC Church wide  
Women's Christmas Party  
Hosted by  
United Methodist Women  
Thursday, December 1, 2016  
7:00 pm  
Asbury Hall*



**2nd Annual  
Gingerbread House Competition**

Sunday, December 13, 2015  
Reisterstown United Methodist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
9am - 12pm



***The RUMC Sisterhood requests your time and talent!!***

***Create a Gingerbread House or Structure and raise money for the RUMC Community Kitchen.***

***You do not need to be a professional baker to participate in this FUN and FESTIVE activity.***

***Make it yourself, with your family or with a group!***

***Creativity welcomed! All entries will be accepted.***

***Please contact Kelly Fairhurst or Jannell Trcka to enter or with any questions.***

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***Jannell – 410-978-7993; [jannelltrcka@yahoo.com](mailto:jannelltrcka@yahoo.com)***

***\* The winners are determined by who has the most \$\$ in their voting jar on the day of the competition.***

***All money will be donated to RUMC and the Community Kitchen.***



**REMEMBER**

ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM ON THE  
FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:

**DECEMBER 25TH—CHRISTMAS DAY and JANUARY 1ST— NEW YEARS DAY**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAYS**

**THAT WE HAVE ONLY ONE SERVICE**





Good to be Alive...right about now!

May the Peace of Christ flow through your all in this wonderful dwelling (RUMC), bringing a healing of mind, emotions, and body.

Our Father has created us to express and receive love and appreciation. Let us be about simple cooperation with one another during the wonderment of this season.

Let us all have an increasing awareness of the special qualities of others. We will then discover qualities within ourselves and more people to appreciate.

Whether we are alone or with others this Christmas, we can know that a holy event takes place as Christ is reborn within us.

We hope that you are enjoying our music for Christ and for you during this season. We all look forward to hearing the music of the harp at 10:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas, my friends, and family. From all the singers, dancers, and instrumentalists of this church. Invite your friends and families to all of our services, including Christmas on Main Street.

Bill Myers, director  
Music Ministries, 2016



**CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET**

**MD SINGS EVENT**

**Saturday,**

**December 10, 2016**

**4:00 pm**



Tiffany Livingstone, Assistant Principal of Franklin Elementary School will be opening our program and joining us this year—**Old Line Barber Shop Quartette** will be among the groups sharing their talents.

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

- The Chancel Singers
- Joyful Noise Handbell Choir
- Maryland Sings, Inc.

Doors will open at 3:30 pm  
Free admission but a donation to the Food Pantry would be greatly appreciated.



The **Longest Night** worship service will be a healing service in the Main Sanctuary on the longest night of the year, **December 18, 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.



**Christmas** with  **The Candlelighters**



**Monday Evening**  
**December 19th, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Reisterstown United Methodist Church  
246 Main Street  
Reisterstown, Maryland

Admission Is Free

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME—  
NOT 6:30 AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED**




**Food Pantry will be closed:**  
**Saturday, December 24, 2016**  
&  
**Saturday, December 31, 2016**

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**HOWEVER**, the following  
Wednesday Evenings will have  
extended times:

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**  
&  
**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**  
**5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

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A winter scene illustration featuring a snowman with a top hat, red scarf, and mittens. In the background, there are evergreen trees, a small brick house with a chimney, and falling snowflakes.



*Reisterstown Learn to Skate Hosts:*



# The Reisterstown Sportsplex



# Winter Ice Show



**Saturday, December 17, 2016**



**4:15-6:30pm**



***\* Bring a canned food item to donate to a local food bank!\****



**Skaters from the Reisterstown Learn to Skate USA program as well as figure skaters from local Figure Skating Clubs, including the Worthington Valley FSC, will be performing along with special guests and the Chesapeake Synchronized Skating Teams! Hope to see you here!**



***Remember to sign-up for the next series of Learn to Skate while you are here and receive \$10.00 off your January/February 2017 lessons!!***





## Reisterstown United Methodist Food Pantry:

### Food Pantry Reverse Christmas Project

There are wonderful people in our communities that don't make enough income due to many different circumstances. They can be your neighbors, friends, church members, children playing on your street, etc. The Bible tells us as Christians to "clothe" and "feed" those in need. It is our job to not judge, but to assist in any small way that we can manage. This Christmas season, I am offering a way for you to help the Food Pantry feed our community. The Advent calendar below represents a "meal" on Sunday's and food/side shelf items Monday through Saturday. I challenge you to say a simple prayer for the homeless, poor, displaced, and less fortunate each day & purchase that item listed. The goal is to complete the entire calendar, pack in box/bag, & bring to any of the Christmas Eve Services. If you are unable to complete each day, then I ask you to consider a couple of days, 1, 2, or 3 weeks. On Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> & Christmas Eve services, I will provide tags if you would like to write a "special message" to a client about your donation, which will be placed in the Wed, Dec 28, 2016 and beyond distribution bags. I am grateful for any participation and thank you in advance!

*Blessings, Kris Brown - krisbrown69@yahoo.com*

### Food Pantry Reverse Christmas Project

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>Nov 27</b> Spaghetti Sauce, Box of Pasta, & Can of Green Beans	<b>Nov 28</b> Cereal, Oatmeal, or Pancake Mix	<b>Nov 29</b> Toothpaste & Toothbrush	<b>Nov 30</b> Condiments (choice of Mayo, Ketchup, etc.)	<b>Dec 1</b> Liquid Dish Soap	<b>Dec 2</b> Mixed Vegetables or Carrots	<b>Dec 3</b> Hamburger Helper
<b>Dec 4</b> Tuna, Macaroni/ Cheese, & Can of Peas	<b>Dec 5</b> Individual rolls of Paper Towels & Toilet Paper	<b>Dec 6</b> Juice	<b>Dec 7</b> Baked Beans	<b>Dec 8</b> Deodorant (Ladies/Mens)	<b>Dec 9</b> Canned pasta (spaghetti O's, chili, etc)	<b>Dec 10</b> Liquid Body Wash
<b>Dec 11</b> Peanut Butter & Jelly and Can of Fruit	<b>Dec 12</b> Laundry Soap	<b>Dec 13</b> Ramen Noodles	<b>Dec 14</b> Cleaning Products	<b>Dec 15</b> Dessert items (choice of muffin, cake, brownie or bread mixes)	<b>Dec 16</b> Quart size Ziploc bags	<b>Dec 17</b> Canned Chicken
<b>Dec 18</b> Canned Salmon, Rice, & Can of Corn	<b>Dec 19</b> Canned Soup	<b>Dec 20</b> Shampoo & Conditioner	<b>Dec 21</b> Pop Tarts	<b>Dec 22</b> Crackers	<b>Dec 23</b> Granola Bars	<b>Dec 24</b> <b>Pack all items &amp; bring to Christmas Eve services</b>

## OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES AND OUR HOME BOUND

### Augsburg Lutheran Village

Margaret Merkel

### Carroll Lutheran Village

Dot Bond

Ann Garman

Francis Koenig

Louise Meyers

Elsie Smith

Nancy Welsh

### Hampstead Village

Wilma Cook

### Lorien Center

Viola Evans

Dotty Harry

### Mercy Ridge

LaRue Allewalt

### Morning Breeze

Betty Leppo

### Salony House

Edythe Hastings

### Springwell Senior Living Community

Frank Simmonds

### Tremont Place

Betty Flohr

Doris Matthews

### Our Home Bound

Fran Hatcher

Shirley Krause

Bill & Colleen Eysaman

Mary Jane & Stewart Reed,

Larry Short



## LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**Joshua Coleman**, Rosemary Dragunas' nephew—United States Air force, deployed to Qatar, Southwest Asia

**Ryan Delano**, Kim (Wright) Delano's husband, Judy & Brian Wright's son-in-law, serving in the Army, stationed in Germany

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

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

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

**Steven Lee**, Carol & Danny Lee's son —Command Senior Chief Steven Lee to 23 years served in the U.S. Navy stationed in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

**Vance Listwan**, Son of Rachel & Mark Utterback, serving in the Air Force, stationed in Germany

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

**Allen Messenger**, Ruth Whitlock's grandson, home, serving in Alexandria, VA and Fort Belvoir.

**Charlie Parker**, Cynthia Humphrey's cousin, home from Afghanistan, in the reserves.



•Goes out to Rosemary Dragunas and her family on the death of Rosemary's mother/Evan's grandmother. Service was held near her home about a week ago,

•And, to Linda Biffle and family on the death of Linda's mother/Will and Jackson's grandmother, Bernice Brown.

•Also, to Martha Ellen Elles-Hill and family on the death of her father, Bob Walker. Graveside service was held Friday, December 2. He was predeceased by son, Robert. Bob and Bernardine were married for 76 years and have 5 grandchildren. Their ashes were buried together, symbolic for their family of their lifelong devotion to each other.

•On Sunday, November 27, Ed Harmon's mother passed away—no more information at this time.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC MEMBERS

**Kathy Correll**, continue prayers for healing and emotional strength <sup>(11/13)</sup>  
**Amy Estes**, healing prayers from back surgery <sup>(11/27)</sup>  
**Kathleen Goebel**, traveling mercies <sup>(11/27)</sup>  
**Edythe Hastings**, prayers for healing, breast cancer. <sup>(11/13)</sup>  
**Frances Hatcher**, healing prayers from stroke <sup>(11/27)</sup>  
**Margaret Redmond**, prayers for strength and healing <sup>(11/6)</sup>  
**Jordan & Joshua Reed-Estes**, prayers for strength and guidance <sup>(11/13)</sup>  
**Dennie Reed & David Estes**, continued healing prayers <sup>(11/27)</sup>  
**Kathy & Richard Reedy**, prayers strength, faith and protection for Kathy & Jacob <sup>(11/27)</sup>  
**Larry Short**, healing prayers, issues with legs <sup>(11/13)</sup>

We always thank  
**God** for all of you  
 and continually  
 mention you in  
 our prayers.

1 Thessalonians 5:2, NIV

## Prayer List— PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC FAMILY, FRIENDS, & NEIGHBORS

<p><b>Susan Baitch</b>, Jannell Trcka's co worker, praise report, back at work <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Glenn Bowen</b>, Pat Dinsmore's daughter's brother-in-law, prayers for healing <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>Mary Brauniger</b>, Kathleen Goebel's niece, stage 4 bone cancer, prayers for healing <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Thomas Cuttino</b>, healing prayers for recovery from cancer operation. Prayers of comfort for his wife Claudia and the rest of the family <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>Daniel Crum</b>, Brenda Soskin's cousin, healing prayers, hit by car <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Ben Friert</b>, friend of Linda Adams, 18 yr. old diagnosed with leukemia—continued prayers for healing as he recovers from a bone marrow transplant <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>John Goodman</b>, Mary Goodman's brother, UPDATE: in remission <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>Mary Hanlon</b>, Cynthia Humphrey's coworker, prayers for healing from breast cancer. <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>Mike Hockstad</b>, prayers for healing, cancer <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>Gene Humphrey</b>, John Humphrey's brother, in an Alzheimer's facility, prayers for peace for him and the family members <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>Eddie Jones</b>, friend of Rose Oakman, prayers for healing from cancer. <sup>(11/13)</sup>  <b>Gino Manna</b>, Michael Vardoulakis' cousin, diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. <u>UPDATE</u>: health is failing, cancer is winning—</p>	<p>continued prayers for healing. <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Tina Meeks</b>, prayers for strength &amp; healing from breast cancer <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Melissa Poe</b>, 34, battling lung cancer <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Maggie Psimas</b>, unspoken prayers <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Jean Sirk</b>, Thelma Mack's sister, prayers for healing, lung cancer <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Jean Skorupa</b>, friend of the Strom's, healing prayers from 3rd stroke <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Charles Smith</b>, Trcka's son-in-law, update—to see neurologist, PT to build muscles back up <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Sean Staley and family</b>, friend of the Trcka Family, Deby Brooking and the RUMC family, treatment for leukemia <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Bernie Trcka</b>, (Tony Trcka's mother, healing prayers <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Dave Weinstein</b>, Jill Wright's cousin, prayers for healing, cancer <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Lynn Whitter</b>, prayers for healing from lung cancer <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Lorene Wright</b>, Brenda Soskin's mother, prayers for healing <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Cindy</b>, Connie Stiers' friend, prayers for healing (cancer) <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Mary</b>, Cara Norris's cousin, battling brain cancer <sup>(11/27)</sup>  <b>Sally</b>, friend of Trcka's, prayers for healing and strength after compression fracture surgery <sup>(11/27)</sup></p>
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## From the Library



Book Club will not meet in December but be prepared to read for January 18 *Woman of God* by James Patterson. We had a wonderful holiday dinner in November. Our mission gift for the year went to our church music department. We collected \$340 in memory of our friend Sue Redding.



The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets.

Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.

—J.I. Packer



### Christmas is in the air!

#### Gift cards are the perfect gift!

Please get an order form and turn it in on Sundays to Lois & Tammy. In December we will take orders Sunday Dec. 4th and Dec. 11th. Order forms are available on RUMC website and on bulletin boards. Remember you can give these cards as gifts or use them for shopping and a % of each card goes to Missions!! Please note that after Dec. 11th our next order will not be until February 2017! Think ahead! We also have a Master List of all the places in USA you can purchase!



## LIBRARY LOG

Christmas is coming! We now have a Christmas book collection that rivals the Hallmark Channel for great holiday stories. We also have two audio books for Christmas if you are travelling.

2. Hey kids! Please stop in the library for a look at our new DVD players and head phones at your own special table. We have a good collection of stories to watch and would love your suggestions for more. Our current plan is to have them available on Sundays and Wednesdays for your listening pleasure.

3. We will have a gift for kids from preschool through middle school at the Christmas celebration.

“The worst part about finishing a book is having to find another that was just as good or better than the last one.”

Submitted by Carol Hoffman.

5. Thanks for making 2016 a great year in the library. Our sincere wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Peace on Earth!

From your library staff

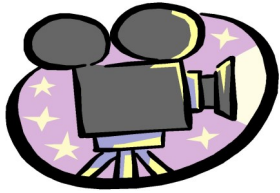


**THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING—Holiday Parties, Thanksgiving, Christmas will all be here before we know it! PLAN AHEAD!** RADA Sets and **SEASONINGS** are available! See Alice Caltrider during Grow Hour in the Fellowship Hall on **November 20th**. **The catalog is at the Welcome Center for you to check out.**

# Reisterstown United Methodist Church

## Youth Ministry

# December 2016



### Youth Group POTLUCK DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT-

Sunday December 4th 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Youth come have fun while watching a movie and enjoying food. Friends Welcome! Bring a dish to share and favorite snack food or drinks. Contact Ms. Susan to RSVP or for more information.

### Confirmation classes coming up:

December 4 The Members and the body Local Heritage (Scavenger Hunt)

December 11 New Creation: Old creatures, new creatures

December 18 New Creation: Defining, Finding, & characteristics of the Kingdom

December 24 Confirmation Class- Acolytes Needed for 4:30, 7:00, and 10:00 PM Worship Services

December 25 No Class- Christmas Day

January 1 No Class- New Year's Day

**Shopping & Wrapping for Adopt a Family** - Our Youth Group will be collecting items and gift cards for our adopted family from now until Sun. Dec. 11th. We have a 3yr.old boy, 4 yr. old girl, and 8 yr. old girl. We are asking for clothes, shoes, coat and toys for each child. **Delivery of presents is TBD.** Please contact Susan Harry for more information on sizes and suggestions: [gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net) or 410-245-7190.

**(CCYM) Conference Council on Youth Ministries-Saturday December 10th 10am-12:00noon. Bring a \$10.00 gift for gift exchange.**

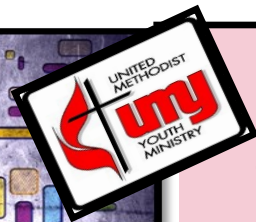
Visit the Baltimore Washington Conference web site. <http://www.bwcumc.org/youth-ministries> Are you interested in being a part of the behind the scenes at the ROCK Retreat? Are you interested in meeting youth and planning activities for youth with many churches? Come be a part of CCYM!

See Katie Harry, Mickey Creel, or Susan Harry for more info.

### December Youth Ministry Calendar

Date	Other Info/ Special Event	Adult Help
Dec. 4	Confirmation 9:35- No Susan No Youth Council in December. Email if you have questions. <b>Youth Group Movie Night &amp; Wrapping Gifts for Adopt a Family 5:00-8PM</b>	Adult Help needed <b>Potluck dinner.</b> <b>Need a food coordinator</b>
Dec. 7	Yellow Roses Girls Only Night@ 6:30pm Holsonbakes' Create something for the Adopted Family? Caroling?	Who is leading/ planning?
Dec. 8	Dudes N' Dinner- Location & Project TBD	Adult Male Leaders needed!
Dec. 11	Confirmation 9:35—Youth Group 6-8	Adult help needed
Dec. 16 -18	West River Summer Camp Reunion Retreat 6-12 <sup>th</sup> grade <a href="http://www.facebook.com/WestRiverUMCenter">http://www.facebook.com/WestRiverUMCenter</a>	
Dec. 18	Confirmation 9:35—Youth Group 6-8 Game Night	Adult help needed
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas- No Youth Group	
Dec. 29	<b>Youth, Young Adult &amp; Family Ministries—Snow Tubing Event- Detail TBA</b>	Leaders needed
Jan. 1	Happy New Year- No Youth Group	

# YOUTH



Susan Harry, Director of Youth Ministries

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Church Office hours- Tuesday and Thursdays and by appointment.

## ROCK YOUTH RETREAT 2016- February 3-5 Ocean City, Maryland

If you are interested in participating or you would like more information please contact Susan Harry ASAP!

We have 6 spots open until Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>!

Event:	Date & Time:	Description:
Paperwork	Sunday January 8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>All paper work for ROCK submitted to Susan Harry.</u> (Signed Medical release forms, Ins. Card copy, permission slips, and signed covenant)
Chaperone Training	Sunday January 15 <sup>th</sup> Time TBD	ROCK RETREAT Chaperone Meeting-This organization meeting will go through our daily schedule for the conference, meals, breakout sessions, and free time. Attendance is mandatory to serve as a chaperone.
Parent & Participant Required Meeting	Wednesday January 22 <sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00PM	Rock Participant & Parent Mandatory Meeting After Late service in the Church Sanctuary. Please bring Insurance cards and emergency contact information. RSVP to Susan Harry, 410-245-7190
ROCK the Boat Area Youth Gathering	Sunday January 29 <sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00PM	Calling all YOUTH! Come get connected in preparation for this powerful retreat. This event is for Jr. MYF, Sr. MYF, and for youth attending the ROCK retreat. Come join in on the <u>Fun</u> with youth from other local churches. Schedule is: pizza, bible lesson, and Worship w/ Christian band & Drama
Luggage Drop Off		<b>Luggage Drop off</b> TBD
Rock Youth Retreat Departure & Arrival times	Friday February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Departure:</b> Friday - Leaving for ROCK retreat @ 1:30PM from church. We also need parent volunteers who can assist with rides from middle & high schools. <b>Return:</b> Sunday February 5 <sup>th</sup> Estimated time of arrival @ church 5:00pm.



Advent Banner

Created by

RUMC Youth Group



Yellow Roses

Nov. 2016 Baskets of Love



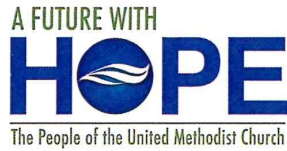
Hoe Down Family Ministry Event



CONFIRMATION RETREAT & FIELD TRIP



Dudes & Dinner/ Kick Off



Reisterstown UMC in Ocean City

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Reisterstown United Methodist Church  
246 Main St.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136  
attn: Brian Holsonbake

Dear Brian,

On behalf of the Sandy survivors we serve, thank you for your hard work in support of their recovery. As the fourth anniversary of the storm approaches, we can continue bringing families and homeowners back into their homes because of dedicated volunteers like you. They are families like the Jacquels and homeowners like Arlene whose houses your team worked on in Little Egg Harbor and Ocean City. Since your team was with us we continue to work so that the Jacquels and Arlene can move back into their homes.

The over 11,000 volunteers that have worked with A Future With Hope have rebuilt and repaired 247 homes. That means on average, just 45 people can make a real difference in a family's life by giving them the means to come home, and return to a normal life. We still need volunteers to bring hope to those who are still struggling with Sandy every day. Please consider a return trip with A Future With Hope, so we can keep bringing homeowners back home, and accept our warmest thanks for all you have already done.

In peace and gratitude,

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Volunteer Manager  
(732) 359-1066  
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*Brian,  
Thank you again!  
Your continued support is  
invaluable to our program!  
A love*

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### Sykes Toy Project



The Sykes Toy Project will work Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. They anxiously invite new comers to join their “Toy Family”. Please contact Joan Stall for information.

#### **Sykes Toy Project Seeks Donations**

The Sykes Toy Project has been in operation for the past 20 years collecting and repairing toys for needy children in the Reisterstown, Owings Mills and Glyndon area.

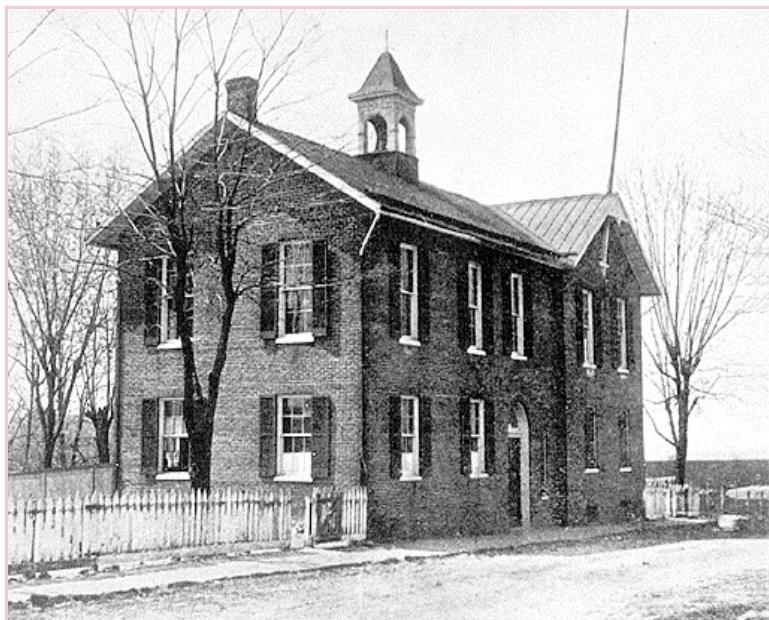
There are 15-20 hard-working volunteers from Reisterstown meeting twice a week at Northminster Presbyterian

Church to refurbish toys, games, puzzles, crafts, and books for babies to teenagers. Everything is distributed to needy families in December to make the holidays a bit brighter. In previous years, approximately 500 children from our community received presents from this project. Additionally, we send all remaining toys to the

**Bea Gaddy Family Center** in Baltimore City.

Whether you represent a service organization or are an individual who has cleaned out your toy room, please recycle your gently used or new toys with this worthwhile project.

To arrange a time for dropping off, or to have someone pick up your donation, call **Joan Stall at 410-833-6413** and leave a message. Be sure to call us **after** your yard sale. A tax credit receipt is available,



#### **Do you enjoy local history?**

Would you like to learn the history of your Reisterstown property?

Or locate relatives and friends in our extensive surname file and collection of yearbooks?

Visit the Reisterstown History Room for all of this and more.

Saturday, December 17, 2016 10:00 AM

Reisterstown Library - 21 Cockeys Mill Rd,  
Reisterstown, MD 21136, USA

Telephone—410-887-1165

Email—[reisters@bcpl.net](mailto:reisters@bcpl.net)

Website—[www.bcpl.info](http://www.bcpl.info)

## From The Missions Committee



Good News! We are helping 19 families at this time. Groups and families have adopted some of our families and the angel tree is up and you may choose items to bring for some of the families. If you want to help in any way, please look for me at church or use the contact information at the bottom of this article.

For everyone involved, please bring your gifts to the church by December 15. Or you may call me to arrange for pick up. That way we can get the gifts to the schools so families have time to pick them up. The gifts from the tree should have the colored angel tag from the tree on the package so that we can group the gifts by family. If you want to add your own name tag in addition to the angel tag, feel free to do so.

For help with toys, the Sykes Toy Project is available to us. Just identify yourself as having adopted a family for RUMC and you may 'shop' for toys at Northminster Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 705 Main Street. Go all the way back to the building behind the church. The Toy Project is located in that building. The Project is open on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 A.M. and 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. It is recommended that you go during the first week, but both weeks are open. They will close at 7:00 on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't gone there, be sure to try it if you are looking for toys. They do an amazing job of cleaning and repairing toys. If you go, they will ask you for your church or project affiliation and for the ages of the children you are helping. That will help them direct you to the appropriate gifts.

Thank you to all for help with these families! I know how much they appreciate our help. Questions? Contact Liz Livermore 410-215-0890 or email [lizlive@comcast.net](mailto:lizlive@comcast.net).



### **The Missions Committee is thinking ahead to Christmas.**

In addition to the families that we help, we also will offer the opportunity to participate in the Alternative Christmas giving. This year the programs we are focusing on are:

- Susanna Wesley House – UM - Baltimore
- RUMC Food Pantry
- UM Cameroon Mission Advance #00344A to support the work of Mbwizu Ndjungu in Cameroon

Be on the lookout for more information about these worthy ways to remember special people in your lives.

For more information, you can contact Susan Henry, Chair of the Missions committee at 443-764-1969 or email [susanhenry434@yahoo.com](mailto:susanhenry434@yahoo.com).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...CAN YOU HELP?

The RUMC pantry is looking for a shift leader for Saturday mornings from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm every other Saturday starting in November. The shift leader opens the pantry for volunteers and clients, understands all the jobs in the pantry and helps to train new volunteers, maintains the paperwork and answers questions about client eligibility. If you would like to learn more or are able to help out, please see Ann Fagan 717-651-0260 or [harrisburg-fagans@yahoo.com](mailto:harrisburg-fagans@yahoo.com) Volunteer Coordinator or Kris Brown Director ([krisbrown69@yahoo.com](mailto:krisbrown69@yahoo.com)).

We are also looking to add volunteers. If you are able to help on Wednesday from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM or Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM even one day per month we would love to have you. You can sign up at [www.timetosignup.com/rumcfoodpantry](http://www.timetosignup.com/rumcfoodpantry) or e-mail Ann Fagan at: [harrisburgfagans@yahoo.com](mailto:harrisburgfagans@yahoo.com) or call at 717-503-9215.

## And Coming in January....



January 2017  
Worship Series

### Falling in Love Is Easy

Romantic love is easy. Love over the long haul is hard. Whether you are married and are looking to strengthen your relationship, single and praying for a committed relationship, or you simply want to strengthen relationships with people you care about, this series will help you examine how to apply biblical principles to the relationships you value the most. Today's message focuses on Jesus' words to the disciples: Love one another as I have loved you.

4 Sundays beginning January 8



**YOU ARE INVITED!**  
**Winter Potluck**

**Soup and Salad**

**January 29**  
**Immediately Following**  
**10:30 Worship**  
**A variety of homemade soups**  
**Great time of Fellowship**



*Alternative Christmas Gift  
Suggestions for Family and Friends December 2015*

*Deadline to turn in your Gift is  
December 18, 2016*

**Alternative Christmas Giving: a Double Gift!**

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**MUSIC SUNDAY—Sunday, December 18th**

**BOTH Services**

Cherubs, Children's Choir, Praise Band, Handbells, Chancel Singers—all participating in either or both services.

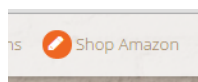
Come out for a special time of worship during this Christmas time. See you there!

Let them praise his name  
with dancing,  
making melody to him  
with tambourine and lyre.  
Psalms 149:3, 155



**Website reminders:**

As the holiday shopping season approaches, please start your Amazon shopping from the church's website ([rumcweb.org](http://rumcweb.org)) because Reisterstown UM Church gets a percentage of the amount you spend.. You can click on the icon at the top of our home page. Or you can click on this link from any page when it is displayed



Fundraising for RUMC  
at  
[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



**~Gathering Grounds~**

Join us on Sunday mornings!

9:35am – 10:20am

Meet in narthex to walk to Java Mamas as a group.

Then we will meet in office off Library.

Contact/ text Susan Harry for more info.

410-245-7190 or email [gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net)

Gathering Grounds is a simple concept – coffee & conversation.

We meet every Sunday morning for just this purpose:

- ◆ To be together.
- ◆ To have good conversations.
- ◆ And to drink good coffee. (Don't worry, we also have tea!)

This is a great place to meet new people. We all are new to this journey, so get a small dosage of a good Christian community.

*There is no curriculum.*

*No set discussion questions.*

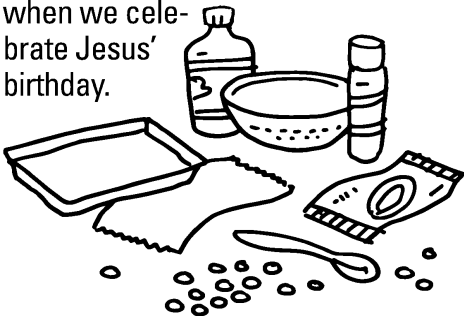
*No program.*

*Just GOOD VIBES !!*



# birthday bark

Make this yummy treat to give to family and friends at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' birthday.



## What you need:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon or spatula
- 2 Tbsp. shortening
- Baking tray lined with wax paper
- Red and green M&M's (or sprinkles)

## What you do:

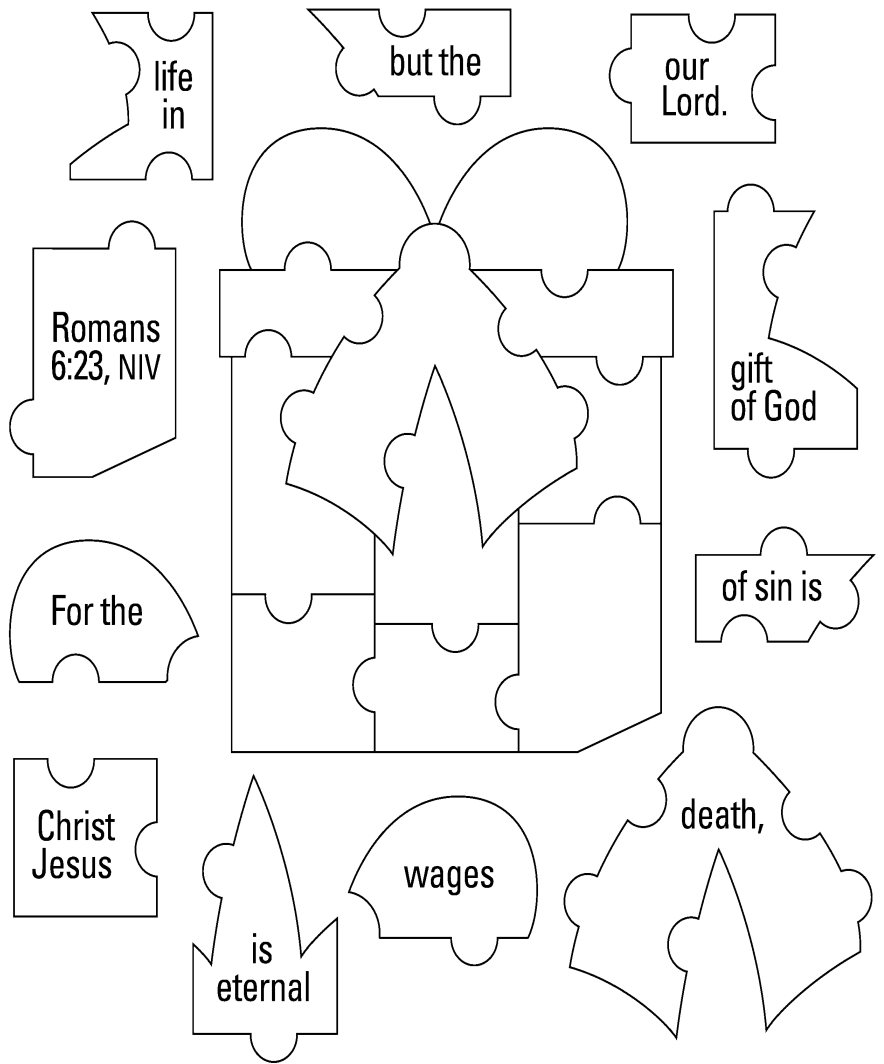
1. Lightly spray bowl and wax paper.
2. Microwave chocolate chips in bowl for one-minute intervals until chocolate is melted. (Stir after each minute.)
3. Stir in shortening. Heat in 10-second intervals, stirring until smooth.
4. Pour chocolate onto tray and firmly press in M&M's or sprinkles.
5. Refrigerate until firm. Remove bark and break into pieces.



# The greatest gift

Gift-giving is a fun Christmas tradition. What very special gift has God given to you?

**Directions:** Write the words from each puzzle piece on the matching blank piece of the gift-shaped puzzle.



Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV



**CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR  
Under 25 AND Over 70 MEMBERS  
DECEMBER Birthdays**

12/1

Vivian Crouse  
14013 Celbridge Court  
Glenwood, MD 21738

12/16

Betty Leppo  
C/O Sterling Leppo  
108 Westgate Way  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/19

Thomas Thawley  
333 Town Green Way  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/3

Joseph Hatcher, Jr.  
326 Mary Avenue  
Westminster, MD 21157

12/17

Susan Henry  
122 Glyndon Trace Drive  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/28

Maya Trump  
4770 Wentz Road  
Manchester, MD 21102

12/5

Ann Garman  
1000 Weller Circle, Apt. 115  
Westminster, MD 21158

12/17

William Kalbfleisch  
123 Teapot Court  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/30

Joanne Ditto  
208 Highfalcon Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/6

George Oursler  
16039 Trenton Road  
Upperco, MD 21155

12/17

Robert Tracey  
505 High Acre Dr. Apt T29  
Westminster, MD 21157

12/30

Nancy Welsh  
201 St. Mark Way, #103  
Westminster, MD 21158

12/8

Jason Waters  
203 Homevale Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/17

Ethel Trump  
402 Lees Mill Road  
Hampstead, MD 21074

12/31

Dorothy Harry  
45 Washington Road  
Westminster, MD 21157

12/11

Wilma Cook  
1211 N. Main Street, Unit 401  
Hampstead, MD 21074

12/19

John Wright  
5 Clarks Lane  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/31

Bonnie Kalbfleisch  
123 Teapot Court  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/16

Charles Edward Hare  
23 Franklin Valley Circle  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/19

Atwood Smith  
8 Waugh Avenue  
Glyndon, MD 21071



## Three Month Calendar

### DECEMBER

1	7:00 pm	UMW Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
3	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
	3:00 pm	<b>Auditions for Maryland Sings</b>	<b>Choir Room</b>
		<b>See Bill Myers</b>	
10	4:00 pm	Christmas on Main Street Sanctuary	
11	All Day	Angel Tree items due	Narhex
13	8-4	Mission on Mercy	Fellowship Hall
18	9:30 am	JOY Cookie Walk w/ Pretzels	Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Gift Cards orders due; Newsletter articles due	
	Both Services	—Music Sunday	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Longest Night Service	Sanctuary
19	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Candlelighters Concert Sanctuary</b>	
21	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
24	3:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service DRESS REHEARSAL	Sanctuary
	4:30 pm	<b>Christmas Eve FAMILY SERVICE</b>	<b>SANCTUARY</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve PRAISE SERVICE</b>	<b>SANCTUARY</b>
	10:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE</b>	<b>SANCTUARY</b>
25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM</b>		<b>SANCTUARY</b>
26	<b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>		
27	<b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>		
28-30	<b>OFFICES OPEN LIMITED HOURS</b>		<b>ALLDAY</b>

### JANUARY

1	<b>NEW YEARS DAY - ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM</b>		<b>SANCTUARY</b>
2	<b>OFFICES CLOSED</b>		
7	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
10	8 AM—4 PM	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
12	6:30 pm	Bible Overview Class—Pastor Vivian	Library
15	All Day	Gift Card orders due; Newsletter articles due	
18	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
19	6:30 pm	Bible Overview Class—Pastor Vivian	Library
23	ALL DAY	<b>Turnbaugh Trust proposals deadline</b>	
24	8 am—4 pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
26	6:30 pm	Bible Overview Class—Pastor Vivian	Library
29	11:45 am	Soup & Salad Potluck Supper	Fellowship Hall
30	6:30 pm	Turnbaugh Trust Team mtg.	Library

### FEBRUARY

2	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>RUMC Anniversary</b>	
7	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
11	6:00 pm	Coffee House	Fellowship Hall
12	BOTH SERVICES—Anniversary Sunday Celebration		Sanctuary
14	8 AM—4 PM	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
15	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
16	6:30 pm	Bible Overview Class—Pastor Vivian	Library
20	ALL DAY	OFFICE CLOSED	
25	7-2	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
26	6:30 pm	Bible Overview Class—Pastor Vivian	Library
28	8 am—4 pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

### Mondays

10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308  
 1:30-3 pm—Infants & Toddlers , 308  
 7 to 8:30 pm— AA, 308  
 8 to 9:30—Nueva Jerusalem, NSC, Band practice

### Tuesdays

7:00 am—4:00 pm—Mission of Mercy (2nd and 4th Tuesdays—unless otherwise noted on schedule)  
 10:30 am – Staff Meeting  
 6:30 to 8 pm—Washed Anew Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm—Sisterhood, 308

### Wednesdays

10 am to noon – Library Committee  
 8:30 am –3:00 pm—Infants & Toddlers, 308  
 5:00 pm—Drama Kids, Rooms 5/6  
 6 to 8 pm – Food Pantry Open  
 7:00 to 8:30 pm— Praise Band  
 7:00 pm—Men's Fellowship, 308

### Thursdays

8:30 am—1:30 pm – Infants & Toddlers, 308  
 10 am—noon—His Hands & Feet Shower Ministry  
 6:30-7:30 pm—Daisy Troop, RM 5/6  
 7 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir room  
 7 to 8 pm—NA, 308  
 7:30 to 9 pm – Nueva Jerusalem, NSC

### Fridays

8:30 am—1:30 pm – Infants & Toddlers, 308  
 8 to 10 pm—NA, 308

### Saturday s

9 to Noon—Food Pantry Open  
 9 am to 3 pm—Maryland Sings Rehearsals  
 9:30 to 11:30 am—AA , 308

### Sundays

2 to 6 pm—Nueva Jerusalem, NSC

### Most Sundays

11:30 to 12:30 – Joyful Noise Handbell Rehearsal

### Every Sunday

6 to 8 pm—Youth Group (End of August through May)

**First Sunday of the Month**— Nueva Jerusalem,

Fasting and Prayer service, NSC (6 am—1 pm)

**Last Friday of the Month**—Nueva Jerusalem, Prayer

Service, NSC (8pm-12 midnight)

### Church Committee Meeting Dates

1st Monday—Worship Design Team (7 pm)

1st Tuesday—Worship (6:30 pm)

1st Wednesday—Evangelism (5 pm)

1st Saturday— Community Kitchen (11:30 am—1:00 pm)

1st Thursday—UMW (7 pm)

2nd & 4th Mondays—History & Records (9:30 am)

2nd Tuesday—even months— Finance (6:30)

2nd Tuesday—odd months— Trustees (6:30)

3rd Sunday—Newsletter Dead-line and Gift Card orders

3rd Sunday— Blood Pressure Screening (9am—1pm)

3rd Tuesday—SPRC (7 pm)

3rd Tuesday—RUMC Crafting Guild (7 pm)

(September through May)

3rd Wednesday – Missions (7 pm), Church Office

4th Monday—JOY Circle (7:00 pm)

4th Tuesday – Church Council (6:30 pm)

4th Thursday—His Hands & Feet (7 pm)

2nd & 4th Fridays—Prayer Shawl (10 am)

GALLON SIZED ZIPLOC BAGS	◇	DESSERT ITEMS	◇	APPLE SAUCE	◇
LIQUID DISH SOAP	◇	KETCHUP	◇	CANNED FRUIT	◇
DEODORANT	◇	VEGETABLE OIL	◇	MACARONI AND CHEESE	◇
JUICE	◇	TUNA	◇	JELLY	◇
LAUNDRY DETERGENT	◇	MAYONNAISE	◇	PEANUT BUTTER	◇
TOOTHPASTE	◇	RAVIOLE OR CHILI	◇	SPAGHETTI SAUCE	◇
CRACKERS	◇	BAKED BEANS	◇	CANNED VEGETABLES	◇
RICE	◇	PASTA	◇	CEREAL	◇

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED YEAR ROUND**



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**WORSHIP TIMES**

**8:30 am Praise Service**  
**9:30 am Grow Hour (Sunday School)**  
**10:30 am Spirited Traditional Service**  
Certified Childcare available during all times  
for infants through toddlers.

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE