

## Our Church Matters

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



### Falling in Love Is Easy



Relationships can be tricky. We look for relationships for all kinds of reason: loneliness, desire for companionship or for children, intimacy, joy, completion, to fill a gap....

So, what does the Bible say that can help us with developing long-term, healthy relationships? It's really not so different whether we are looking for a mate or a friend or connecting with a family member. The values and behaviors are pretty much the same, and mostly, they center on becoming more like Christ.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

I love this passage, partly because I think it's *quirky*. The Preacher (the biblical nickname for the writer of this book) is waxing eloquent about how two people can support and care for each other and then all of a sudden, he slips in "*a three-fold cord is not quickly broken.*" Huh? Three!?! He's pretty sneaky, that Preacher. ***He wants the reader to know that a solid relationship is built around love and care for one another and includes our human dependence on the love and grace of God.***

As Rev. Andy Stanley says on the cover of his book *Staying in Love*, "Falling in love is easy; staying in love requires a plan." That first excitement of meeting a new friend or being noticed by someone to whom we are attracted, or the romantic, heart-fluttering love we feel as we **fall** in love is great, isn't it? It feels so good!

But that first-blush love does not usually sustain a long-term relationship or a marriage. The same person who swept us off our feet or that we could talk to for hours on end for those first months of our relationship may not always act that way or may not always meet our expectations or disappoint us in some way or other – and life has a way of challenging us with issues in ways that strain relationships. Nobody is always lovey-dovey. Life always brings conflict of one kind or another, even to the most solid relationships.

This worship series offers an opportunity for you to invite people that you love to enter the conversation! The series will unfold this way:

- **January 8 - Love Is a Verb**, John 13:34-35
- **January 15 - Re-Modeling**, Philippians 2:1-3

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- **January 22 - *Feelin' It***, Proverbs 4:23-27, Psalm 139:23-24
  - **January 29 - *Love...Always***, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. *Janice Holsonbake will bring this morning's message.*
- I recommend that you read the scripture before each week's worship service. We had a very interesting conversation about how these scriptures connect with relationship, and I'm hoping that folks will come curious!



I also hope that you are planning to come to worship on **Sunday, January 1**. Yes, I know – NYE parties make that a bit of an inconvenience. But I also know that there is no better day to renew your covenant with God. We will celebrate communion and offer time for prayer so that you can examine your covenant with God and begin the new year in a way that will deepen your relationship with God – a great way to prepare to deepen your relationships with the people you care about. Renewing your covenant with God is not the same as making a New Year's resolution. Covenant renewal is an agreement that you make with God, and we will offer you anointing to seal that covenant if you are willing. Don't miss it!

Please note that Rich and I will be on vacation from Friday, January 27 through February 3, and we will then join the youth at ROCK through Sunday, February 5. If you should experience a pastoral need during that time, please call the office during office hours or one of the lay leaders (Sue Wright 410-833-6738 or Al Soskin 410-5172862) after hours, and they will help you find the help that you need.

On Sunday, February 12, Rev. Dr. David Highfield will preach and celebrate communion in my absence.

Rich and I wish you the best of the New Year: a fresh start, health, the love of family and friends and a deep connection with our loving Savior!

Blessings on you,

*Vivian*

PS – On **Sunday, February 12**, we will celebrate RUMC's **TWO HUNDRED FORTIETH Anniversary at one 10 am service** following by a brunch for our whole faith family. **Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling** will be celebrating with us, sharing the sermon for the day and (hopefully) joining us for the brunch, as her schedule allows. Don't miss this special, special celebration (and please begin letting the office know how many in your family will stay for brunch). As we get closer, we will publish more information, such as our other special guests.

### 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

The Turnbaugh Trust Team will accept requests for funding until January 23rd, 2017. Request forms should be completed and submitted electronically at <http://rumcweb.org/rumc-turnbaugh-request-form/> The Team reviewed 12 proposals in October and approved each, at least in part. Additional information regarding the Turnbaugh Trust and the Team is available online or by request. Any questions can be directed to any member of the Team including the chair, Mark Norris: [mnorris@stevenson.edu](mailto:mnorris@stevenson.edu), 410-622-4461.

## For Your Information

Reisterstown United Methodist Nursery School Registration for 2017-2018 school year will open on January 3 Please contact Lani Hoffmann at 410-526-6967 or [Lani05@verizon.net](mailto:Lani05@verizon.net) Visit our website at [www.rumns.com](http://www.rumns.com) to download registration form and get information on classes and tuition. Classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds

### Ring in the New Year - Literally!



The Handbell Choir would like to add some new members in 2017. Everyone from the young (6<sup>th</sup> grade) through the "young-at-heart" (adult) is welcome.

Previous music experience is helpful but not absolutely necessary. If you would enjoy working with a team of dedicated persons to worship and glorify our Lord with beautiful music, please contact Lynn Lyon-Vaiden ([llyonvaiden@yahoo.com](mailto:llyonvaiden@yahoo.com)) for additional information.



Thanks to all of our members and friends who purchased Shoppers/Gift cards in 2016. Our profits for the 2016 year as of Dec. 13 is \$3845.50. No orders will be taken in January 2017. Our next order date for Shoppers Cards/Gift Cards is February 19. Please consider buying our cards and using them for your everyday shopping and eating out. You just need to get into the habit of doing this and we make a profit for missions. For more information on this project, call Tammy Nash at 410-239-8394. Thank you and Happy New Year.



The Community Lunch served 73 meals on December 3 with help from members of New Hope Community Church from Catonsville.

In 2016, the Community Lunch has served 875 meals totaling 1,175 lbs. of food. 45 volunteers donated 375 hours of service.

### 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 New Year and we'll see you in February**



The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better.

—C. Neil Strait



WOW!!!! It's Christmas 2016!

I sit the morning after Music Sunday thinking about the gifts God has given to RUMC. Early this morning, I was greeted in the community by someone who was present at the 10:30 service. The love of Christ and appreciation was in her eyes as she spoke of the music presented to her congregation.

My prayer to the Chancel Singers on December 15th was centered around appreciation for our gifts and appreciation for what others do for us.

...Appreciation comes to mind, and that, dear Lord, is a priceless gift. It is a gift that we can give and share at anytime of the year. Teach us Father... Your ways as we show appreciation and gratitude for the people in our lives and the part they play in making our lives more rich and meaningful. Keep us mindful of what others bring to Your table and home important are their gifts. Make us aware of their special qualities so hopefully we will discover qualities within ourselves, and more people to appreciate. Amen

So, Merry Christmas RUMC...our family!

Bill Myers



### **“The Wise May Bring Their Learning”**

The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,  
And some may bring their greatness, and some bring strength and health;  
We, too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;  
We have no wealth or learning; what shall we children bring?  
We'll bring him hearts that love him; we'll bring him thankful praise,  
And young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways;  
And these shall be the treasures we offer to the King,  
And these are gifts that even the poorest child may bring.  
We'll bring the little duties we have to do each day;  
We'll try our best to please him, at home, at school, at play;  
And better are these treasures to offer to our King;  
Than richest gifts without them — yet these a child may bring.

## Care Team Thank you Notes



From Margaret Redmond

I am sending this card & note to say thank all the church members for the very nice Get Well basket sent to me. Hope to return to church soon

From Roger & Shirley Krause

I wish to thank Pastor Vivian and the RUMC Faith Family—was well as Cathy Ritter, Pat Botelle and Bonnie Lieberman for my recent birthday cards. It was so nice to be remembered in that way on my 88th birthday!

Roger and I also wish to thank Amy Hart for her visit and bringing to us the beautiful Thanksgiving “Basket of Love” from the Care Team—which contained many thoughtful items from groups and individuals of RUMC. We are truly enjoying the gift! We have been blessed—Thank you to all at RUMC.

From LaRue Allewalt

I was delightfully surprised when Suzanne Pierce brought me a lovely basket of all kinds of “goodies”..., a “basket of love” I have been a member of Reisterstown Church since 1951 and have so many memories to look back on, so many friends, events, births and weddings. We (Suzanne and I) talked a long time about that and time flew by!

I taught the eighth grade in Sunday School for about twelve years and it was put joy being with kids who listened, learned and participated every Sunday.

It is still a thrill to walk in that front door and hear the organ being played and hymns being sung. I’ve had a wonderful life and the best part was the years I lived in Reisterstown and was a part of the church.

Thanks to all those on the Care Team for this delightful basket and the love that came with it.

From Ann Garman

I thank all of you so much for the basket that I received a couple days ago. It contained so many useful items that will save me a trip to the store or come in handy when I am looking for a snack. I truly appreciate the efforts that so many of you made to produce this special treat for me.

If you are in the area of Carroll Lutheran Village don’t hesitate to stop in and see me. I so enjoy seeing old friends and would certainly welcome new ones!

I wish you all a happy holiday with your families. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

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From Frank Simmonds

After Al and Brenda Soskin delivered a “Basket of Love” to me, I hesitated to open it. I just wanted to prolong the anticipation. I know that many friends and groups from RUMC participated in assembling the basket by expressing your love and thoughtfulness. It really does mean a lot, gives me a warm feeling!

This holiday season my apartment door will be decorated with the charming snowman and the fascinating wreath made from a crossword puzzle. Whoever thought of that? Over and over I will be saying that they came from my Church.

With my thanks and good wishes for the coming Christmas season.

From Nancy Welsh

Thanks so much for the wonderful Christmas Basket of gifts. That was so nice to think about us Senior Citizens. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year to all. God Bless You!

From Ginger Gelwicks

I was so surprised that there was a knock on my door with a gift basket for me. I won the lottery, so to speak. Little tears were brought to me. Thanks so much for thinking about me. God bless to each and everyone. Miss everyone so much. Psalm 119:14: I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

From Edythe Hastings

I enjoyed and appreciated the “Basket of Love” for Thanksgiving. Thanks to everyone involved.

From Wini Lynde

I would like to thank all of the groups that participated in the making and preparation of the lovely basket of love given to me at Thanksgiving.

The thoughtfulness of all who donated baked goods and prepared the goodies was really appreciated. It took time on your part. The food goodies were very tasty and a real treat. Thank you all.

From Cora McCauley

Thank you so much for the lovely care basket. The treats were delicious and the gifts were very handy



# MUSIC SUNDAY—December 18th



Cherubs Choir—Music Sunday



# BIBLE OVERVIEW



OLD TESTAMENT	
PENTATEUCH	
HISTORICAL BOOKS	
POETRY & WISDOM	
MAJOR PROPHETS	
MINOR PROPHETS	
NEW TESTAMENT	
GOSPELS & ACTS	
PAUL'S EPISTLES (LETTERS)	
GENERAL EPISTLES & REVELATION	



## Bible Overview

Beginning the week of January 8th we will begin our Bible Overview class. There are 3 separate times that the class will be offered—please check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex. We will be studying the following topics:

### Basic Weekly Outline:

- Introduction/General Background:
- Explore One Major Section of the Bible;
- Major Themes and Purpose;
- Examine a couple of Books in Section;
- Authors
- Historical Context

### Week One – The Pentateuch

General Background:  
How the Bible Came to Be

### Week Two – The Historical Books

General Background: The BIG Picture

### Week Three – Poetry and Wisdom

General Background: Authorship

### Week Four – The Prophets

General Background: Israel, Destruction of the Temple and Exile

### Week Five – The Gospels and Acts

General Background: Israel ~ 2 BC – AD 70

### Week Six - The Epistles and Revelation

General Background: The Church

"Biomedical Ethics:  
Just Because We Can do it,  
Should We?"



Dr. Peters is Distinguished Research Professor of Systematic Theology at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. and Editor of Theology and Science at the Center for Theology & the Natural Sciences, USA.

Please join us at  
Reisterstown UMC on

Sunday  
January 15, 2017  
at 4:00 p.m.

for a conversation with the  
**Rev. Dr. Ted. F. Peters**  
on the  
intersection  
between Science and  
the Christian Faith



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# Puzzle!

Write a word that fits each definition. Then place the letters in the numbered boxes to read a Beatitude, one of the special statements Jesus shares in Matthew 5.

**The color of coal**

1 2 8 17 21

**Flower with thorns**

9 4 3

**Woman's Sunday garment**

7 23 6 5 24

**Vegetable in a pod**

14 10 16

**A light for my \_\_\_\_\_**

20 11 12

**Electric fish**

13 15

**Dark green gem**

18 19 22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		

Answers: black, rose, dress, pea, path, eel, emerald, blessed are the peacemakers





# Scripture Cats

**Do you have a special child in your life with a family member who is in jail or prison?**

Reisterstown United Methodist Church will offer an 8 to 9-week support group for children aged 6 to 12 on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

**Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 PM  
START DATE – FEBRUARY 9, 2017  
Reisterstown UMC - Rooms 7 and 8**

Enter from Large Rear Parking Lot

Each evening will include a chapter from a book entitled *Scripture Cat*, the story of having family members suddenly gone from Oliver’s (the cat’s) daily life. In each chapter, Oliver talks about how he’s feeling about the changes he is experiencing and how he finds love and acceptance for his suddenly changed life.

Through story, scripture, art and spiritual conversation – as well as over a little snack! – with other children, we hope that each child will find assurance and support for their life as well.

**A support/conversation group for adults will be offered at the same time.**

Each evening will also offer a time for parents to share with each other as well. Speakers will set the tone and parents will have the opportunity to share with each other about topics to those the children will discuss.

**Sign up now by emailing this form to [rumcoffice1777@gmail.com](mailto:rumcoffice1777@gmail.com)!**

**Group size is limited to 12 children (and we must have 5 to begin), so sign up early!**

Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (Parent) \_\_\_\_\_

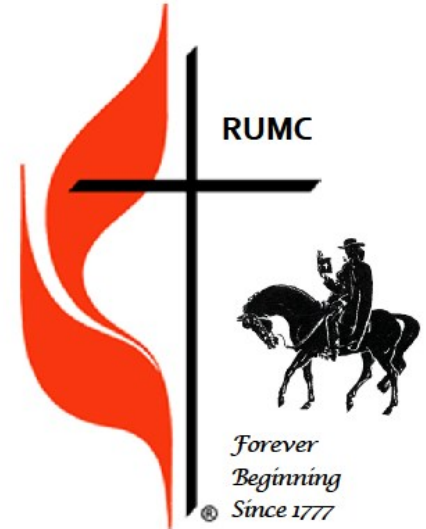
Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Age \_\_\_\_\_

Call RUMC’s Pastor Vivian with questions:  
Reisterstown United Methodist Church  
246 Main Street; Reisterstown, Maryland 21136; 410-833-5440

Reisterstown United Methodist Church screens all workers with children and youth under a program we call “Safe Sanctuary,” each adult worker having passed a background check before being assigned any ministry with children.

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Northside Chapel



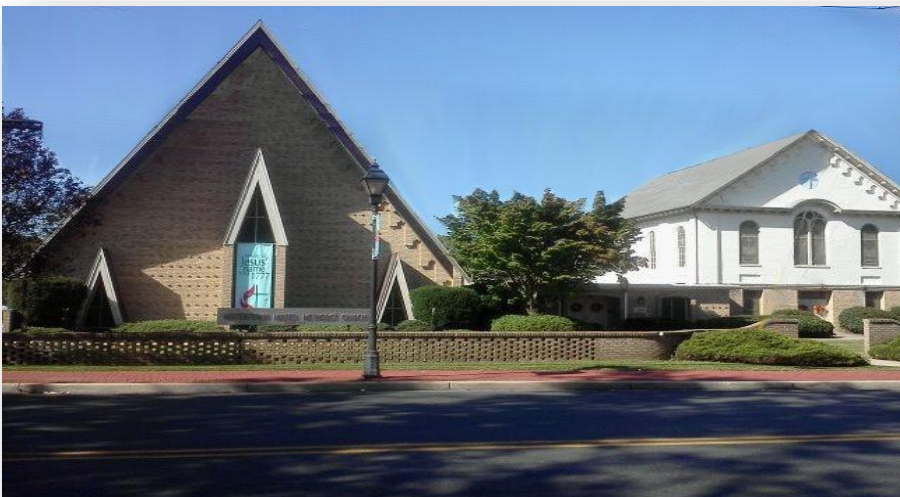
Northside Chapel Interior



RUMC Annex



Reisterstown United Methodist Church Today



Christmas 2006





Hope for the future, power in the present.



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November 17, 2016

Rev. Vivian C. McCarthy  
Reisterstown UMC  
246 Main St  
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Dear Rev. Vivian C. McCarthy and members of Reisterstown UMC,

Thank you for your most recent donation of the following items: 7 Boxes christmas items, 24 cans for thanksgiving baskets to the youth and families of the Board of Child Care! Special thank you to Ms. Cindy Smith for coordinating and delivering the items to us!

This is a wonderful time of year to support us because your donation helps fund sports programs, tutoring, seasonal activities such as trips to the pumpkin patch and so much more!

Halloween is always a lot of fun with kids and staff dressing up to celebrate! Visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BoardofChildCare](http://www.facebook.com/BoardofChildCare) to see the team of Emojis, 101 Dalmatians (including Cruella Deville), and several other creative costumes.

In addition to Halloween fun we have also recently crossed some programming milestones. Our Martinsburg, WV residential program just welcomed their first four girls into the program. Our Denton location is in the beginning stages of setting up therapy between individuals leaving incarceration on parole and their families and children. Those individuals may not necessarily be going to live in the same homes, but it is important to rebuild communication bridges and strengthen the family as a whole. Finally, our Treatment Foster Care program is also in recruitment mode and actively working to find more families who can welcome a child into their homes.

Your kind and generous donation has helped feed 165 families this year and will allow our youth to shop for their loved ones before Christmas. You truly help make the holidays possible.

Thank you again for your donation and for being a part of our community.

Warmly,



Laurie Anne Spagnola  
President & CEO

*Cindy is so wonderful to us!  
We Love Reisterstown UMC!  
Thank you!*



P.S. Have you ever considered inviting one of our dynamic and intriguing guest speakers to your next church service, office lunch and learn, or club meeting? Our speakers bring BCC's programs and the impact they have to life through real stories of triumph and healing.



Please consider this letter an official receipt for your contribution. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation. Our federal tax identification number is 520-01591554. BCC is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization under IRS section Accredited 170 (b)(1)(iv) for both federal and state tax purposes.



**Adopted Families**— Good news!! Together we reached out to 22 families at our adopted schools with clothing, toys, food, and household goods. In addition, these families were given gift cards to help with items we are sure they will need. Some families are larger with 4, 5, and 6 children and others have 3, 2 or 1, but all needed our help, and altogether that adds up to 56 children who had Christmas gifts and food on their tables!

Thank you to all who helped with the project: Kris Brown, food coordinator extraordinaire; MYF, J.O.Y., Circle of Friends, RUMNS; the Norris Family, the Hare Family, the McNeiland family, the Kenlaw Family, the Armacost Family, the Estes Family, and Cathy Ritter and her company. Also, a big thank you to all of the angels who helped with the families (12 children) on the angel tree by getting gifts for children, and gift cards for groceries and Target and Walmart. Thanks to the people who donated *Thirty-one Bags* which were filled with food by Kris Brown and to Becky McClure and Debbie Winthrop for help with wrapping, organizing the gifts and delivering to the schools! Each piece helps this project work and together we have made a difference in people's lives!

Liz Livermore

### Become an Artist for a Good Cause

Paint a Bowl for the Empty Bowl Baltimore event which benefits St Vincent de Paul of Baltimore

(This organization supports Sarah's Hope at Hannah More)

This will be held at Adat Chaim

on Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm

We need at least 15 people to host this event so invite a friend

The cost is \$10 to paint a bowl



RSVP by Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to Adrienne Frager at [AdrienneSL@aol.com](mailto:AdrienneSL@aol.com) or 410-526-0681

**Adat Chaim is located in Pleasant Hill Center 10989 Red Run Boulevard, Suite 109 Owings Mills, MD 21117**



Volunteers in Missions

Our next Volunteers in Mission meeting will be:  
**Wednesday, January 25th**  
**at 7:00 pm**

in the 308 Conference Room. Come and learn what we have in store for 2017.

For more information contact  
Brian Holsonbake at: (H)410-552-5012  
(C) 410-371-7695 or  
email: [bholsonb@comcast.net](mailto:bholsonb@comcast.net)

### Lessons from a snowman

- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- Don't get too much sun.
- Sweating too much can be disastrous!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Competition

The Sisterhood would like to thank all who participated and contributed to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gingerbread House competition. We raised \$197.69 for the Community Luncheon. This is such a fun event. We hope that you will consider participating next year! Kelly and Jannell



Kid's Category—Emma and Paige Osborne—Winter Wonderland



Adult/Family Category—Carol Holland, John Krell and



**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 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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC MEMBERS**

**Jeanne Bagwell's grandson Jordan**, please pray for God's intervention in sentencing trial against the person that hurt Jordan that began on Dec 22nd. Prayers for Jordan and the rest of the family that they will be able to put this all behind them <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Kathy Correll**, continue prayers for healing and emotional strength <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Ginger Gelwicks**, prayers for healing <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Edythe Hastings**, prayers for healing, breast cancer. <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Frances Hatcher**, healing prayers from stroke <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Jordan & Joshua Reed-Estes**, prayers for strength and guidance <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Dennie Reed & David Estes**, continued healing prayers <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Kathy & Richard Reedy**, prayers for protection and watch care over Richard and Kathy while going through tough times <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**Aileen Rund**, Failed 1st line cancer treatment. In process of re-evaluation for 2nd line chemo therapy option for Multiple Myeloma, prayers for wisdom and healing <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Larry Short**, healing prayers, issues with legs <sup>(12/11)</sup>

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

**Glenn Bowen**, Pat Dinsmore's daughter's brother-in-law, prayers for healing <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Mary Boyd**, Mary Lewis's sister-in-law, fell and crushed her should and it is non-repairable, has to set on its own, she also suffers with Advanced Alzheimer's. Prayers for comfort and strength for both her and husband Keith who is her caregiver as well <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**Mary Brauniger**, Kathleen Goebel's niece, stage 4 bone cancer, prayers for healing <sup>(11/27)</sup>

**Thomas Cuttino**, healing prayers for recovery from cancer operation. Prayers of comfort for his wife Claudia and the rest of the family <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Ben Friert**, friend of Linda Adams, 18 yr. old diagnosed with leukemia—continued prayers for healing as he recovers from a bone marrow transplant <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Mary Hanlon**, Cynthia Humphrey's coworker, prayers for healing from breast cancer. <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Bill Hill**, prayers for healing, bone cancer <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**Mike Hockstad**, prayers for healing-cancer <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Gene Humphrey**, John Humphrey's brother, in an Alzheimer's facility, prayers for peace for him and the family members <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Eddie Jones**, friend of Rose Oakman, prayers for healing from cancer. <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Gino Manna**, Michael Vardoulakis' cousin, diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

UPDATE: Pancreatic Cancer tumor has shrunk!  
Continue prayers for healing. <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Irene McClellan**, Mary Lewis's sister-in-law, has had a stroke and will be moved to a rehab nursing home. Prayers for peace and comfort <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**Tina Meeks**, prayers for strength & healing from breast cancer <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Bill Moran**, Sarah Warfield's father, has had a stroke and now is suffering from dementia, in the hospital in NC but will be moving to TX to be with Sarah's sister. Prayers for healing and strength for all <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**Mike Murrar**, 35 yr. old, brain tumor growing, stopped chemo & treatments. Prayers for healing and comfort <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Steve Nester**, brother of Lois Burton and Tammy Nash, undergoing chemo treatment, prayers for healing and strength <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**Haliyah Parker**, 9 years old battling cancer in the abdomen and pelvis, prayers for healing and comfort <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**Celia, Nick & Ashley Peters**, Julie Morris's sister and niece and nephew, prayers for comfort at the –passing of their husband and father <sup>(12/4)</sup>

**Melissa Poe**, 34, battling lung cancer <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Jean Sirk**, Thelma Mack's sister, prayers for healing, lung cancer <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Charles Smith**, Trcka's son-in-law, update– to see neurologist, PT to build muscles back up <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Sean Staley and family**, friend of the Trcka Family, Deby Brooking and the RUMC family, treatment for leukemia <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Dave Symmonds**, Laura Raab's Uncle, lives in Australia, battling cancer <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**Bernie Trcka**, Tony Trcka's mother, healing prayers <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Dave Weinstein**, Jill Wright's cousin, prayers for healing, cancer <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Lynn Whitter**, prayers for healing from lung cancer <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Lorene Wright**, Brenda Soskin's mother, prayers for healing <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Cindy**, Connie Stiers' friend, prayers for healing (cancer) <sup>(12/25)</sup>

**Mary**, Cara Norris's cousin, update, Mary has passed away. Prayers for the Herring family as they mourn the death of mother and father. <sup>(12/18)</sup>

**From Steve Ames**, Please be in prayer for all of the homeless guys and families <sup>(12/4)</sup>

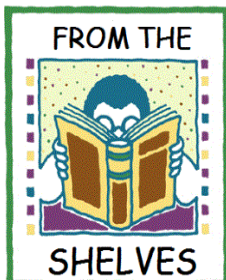
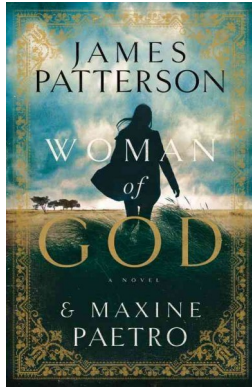
**From Kathleen Goebel**, prayers for the families in Stan Rock area <sup>(12/11)</sup>

**From Mary Goodman**, prayers for sister-in-law, Linda, has a rare muscle disease in her calves and Mirza in her blood and bones. Please pray for complete healing. <sup>(12/25)</sup>

## From the Library



Book Club will start out the new year with an exciting novel filled with adventure, drama and a brand new concept. We will meet **Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00** in our library to discuss *Woman of God* by James Patterson. The world watches for the white smoke coming from the Vatican to signal the choice of a new Pope. This decision could change the Catholic Church forever. Brigid must convert her enemies to keep herself alive and to keep her faith steadfast. Remember that everyone is invited to Book Club.



My son and his friends were required to read Daniel James Brown's "The Boys in the Boat" for Baltimore County's summer reading program. Bev Lipp suggested that our book club read it too, so we did. It's a biography of the nine men on the United States' gold-medal-winning rowing team at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany. We also meet their coach, Al Ulbrickson, and the man who built all their boats, George Pocock.

We're there as the men get to know each other as they try out for the University of Washington's rowing team. We're with them through their wins and their losses. Finally, we follow them to Berlin where the Nazis have rolled out the red carpet for the visitors. Along the way, we learn a lot about rowing (It's not as easy as it looks). Check out the book for yourself in our church library.

-Beth Waters



## LIBRARY LOG

1. Happy new year to all our readers and those who resolve to become our readers. You'll probably have more time to read now that the holiday season has drawn to a close.
2. Please stop in and see our new book section and the new History and Records corner.
3. Kids, take advantage of our new DVD players Sunday through Wednesday.



Thank you a million times over for helping to make the holiday season bright, merry, full of comfort and joy for boys and girls and their families served by the Board of Child Care. We have been working on this together since September. First of all, your gifts of canned goods and money for hams helped fill 153 Thanksgiving baskets. Then all your donations of new or nearly new items made the Christmas store bulge at the seams. The youth, the staff, and the families all "shopped" and checked off their Christmas lists. One youngster was overheard saying that this was the first time in her life she had real presents to give. Finally, thanks to so many Sunday School kids and adults for either stuffing a Christmas boot or sending in a check.

Soon I will be asking you to join the Auxiliary for 2017 with a \$2.00 dues donation -- the best bargain of the modern age. Please watch for further information. With love and gratitude, Cindy Smith



# New Tools to Report Snow and Other Storm Emergencies Situations

When severe weather hits—as it did last year—county residents will have a direct line to communicate storm related concerns to the county’s emergency managers beginning this winter season. Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz made the announcement during the annual winter storm exercise in the Emergency Operations Center. After last January’s record breaking snowfall and extremely high call volumes that frustrated residents, Kamenetz directed county agencies to re-examine their constituent communication mechanisms for severe storm situations. He announced Stormfighter, a new interactive web-based storm reporting feature on the county website that allows residents to self report storm-related issues, rather than phoning the Department of Public Works (DPW). “When we experience very heavy snowfalls, it is important that we

communicate realistic expectations to our residents that it can take many days until crews can move from the main roads and get into the neighborhood streets,” Kamenetz said. The county has also upgraded DPW’s phone system to expand the number of callers held in the queue. The phone system includes a function that will advise callers of their estimated wait time to speak with someone and will invite them to submit their concerns on the website instead of waiting on hold.

“The really big snowstorms can try all of our patience, and I am pleased that the county is taking these positive steps to better facilitate communication with our constituents during storm emergencies,” said County Council Chair Vicki Almond. County officials remind residents that in cases of true medical or other emergencies, they should always call 911. During major storm emergencies, first responders coordinate with DPW and other resources to continue responding to fires, urgent medical needs and other emergency situations. Kamenetz also encouraged people to go to Twitter or the county website for Stormfighter updates. The website offers the latest on road conditions, current plowing operations, winter storm tips and more



**Baltimore County is prepared for this year’s snow season with a new set of emergency reporting tools and resources for residents. The county has more than 400 trucks and pieces of equipment and nearly 500 personnel on hand to**

at [baltimorecountymd.gov/storm](http://baltimorecountymd.gov/storm), which also includes Twitter updates from Baltimore County Emergency Management (@bacoemergency). The Stormfighter web page now provides a link to live traffic camera feeds from the Maryland Department of Transportation’s Coordinated Highways Action Response Team. It also offers a link to the county’s list of road closures, which provides details on roads that are closed due to repairs, accidents, weather or other hazards. This list is updated frequently, so people are advised to check back often for the latest status. State roads and interstates are not included. Information on those roads can be found on the MDOT’s travel advisories and road closures web

## 1. RUMC SNOW POLICY:

- \* RUMC buildings will close when the **Owings Mills location of the Baltimore County Community College closes**. You may CALL THEIR WEATHER LINE AT 443-840-1711, and RUMC will post closures and delays on our website’s homepage by 7:30 am on the appropriate mornings.
- \* **If the building is closed, all meetings, services and activities are cancelled.**
- \* If there is a 2-hour delay, the buildings will open at 9 am (the Nursery School however won’t open until 10:00 am)
- \* When there is a closure, RUMC members will be notified through our OneCall system and information posted on our website. Our Food Pantry guests will be notified by text message as long as we have a cell phone number in our files.
- \* *Sunday worship will usually not be cancelled, but please use your best judgment. Should it be necessary to cancel the Sunday services, we will use our OneCall system and post information on our website.*
- \* ***Specific closing information will be posted on the homepage rotating picture as a particular situation arises.***

**2. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE A DANGEROUS SITUATION ON OUR PLAYGROUND. TWO OF THE TREES HAVE ROTTED THROUGH AND NEED TO COME DOWN—PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY ON THE PLAYGROUND AND PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING BY COMING THROUGH THAT AREA OF THE PROPERTY. FOR THOSE THAT NEED HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY, PLEASE EITHER DISCHARGE YOUR PASSENGER AT THE HANDICAP ENTRANCE AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING OR PARK OUT FRONT. THE TRUSTEES ARE AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND ARE ADDRESSING IT. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED.**



Thank you for your diligence in these items. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

# YOUTH



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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 8th	<b>All paper work for ROCK submitted to Susan Harry.</b> (Signed Medical release forms, Ins. Card copy, permission slips, and signed covenant) <b><i>You cannot participate if your paper work is not received!</i></b>
Chaperone Training	Sunday January 15 <sup>th</sup> Time TBD	ROCK RETREAT Chaperone Meeting-We will discuss room assignments, responsibilities, discipline, free time, before / during/ after check in with youth, Sat. night discussion rooms and facilitators, and follow up after the retreat. Please stay for the youth event and meet the youth.
Parent & Participant Required Meeting	Wednesday January 22 <sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00PM	At this mandatory meeting we will; receive any last minute paperwork, copies of cards, bus departure and arrival times, rides needed from school, review the retreat schedule, B&W rules, breakout sessions, family time w/ devotions, adult supervision, free time options, curfew, cell-phone contact list, and covenant & Medical forms.
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 <i>attending the ROCK retreat</i> . 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. <b>Please bring \$5.00 towards refreshments. Adult leaders needed to help with games and refreshments.</b>

### January Youth Ministry Calendar

Date	Other Info/ Special Event	Adult Help
Jan. 1	Happy New Year- No Youth Group	
Jan. 8	Confirmation 9:35 Youth Council 11:45-1:00 Youth Group 6-8	
Jan 12	Dudes and Dinner (Info TBA)	
Jan. 15	Confirmation 9:35 <b>Rock Chaperone Training <u>ALL Rock paper work due</u></b> Youth Group 6-8	
Jan. 22	Confirmation 9:35 <b>Rock Participant &amp; Parent Meeting After Late service</b> Youth Group 6-8	
Jan. 29	Confirmation 9:35 Youth Group 6-8: Are you Ready for ROCK? ROCK'N EVENT (Rock Meeting- Back up date for Snow)	

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...PART 2—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**



# January



## CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR Under 25 AND Over 70 MEMBERS JANUARY Birthdays

1/1

**Judith Volley**  
113 Embleton Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

1/4

**Owen Harris**  
500 Granleigh Road  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

1/6

**Dorothy E. Bond**  
1020 Green Hill Farm Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/6

**Frances Hatcher**  
326 Mary Avenue  
Westminster, MD 21157

1/8

**Margaret O'Farrell**  
160 Glyndon Trace Dr.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/8

**Tensie Wenderoth**  
302 Cantata Ct. #208  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/11

**Matthew McGowan**  
1910 Fawn Way  
Finksburg, MD 21048

1/12

**Hannah Folau**  
14003 Woodens Lane  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/14

**Mary Morrison**  
224 Walgrove Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/15

**Victoria Prentice**  
15615 Hanover Pike  
Upperco, MD 21155

1/16

**Katherine Blair**  
202 Janet Court  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/17

**Lorna Dix**  
514 Berrymans Lane  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/20

**Barbara Reynolds**  
306 Lauren Hill Court  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/22

**Betty H. Flohr**  
515-9 Tremont Drive  
Westminster, MD 21157

1/22

**Edward Cashman III**  
12308 Greenspring Avenue  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

1/22

**Kate McAlonan**  
2501 Nubian Court  
Finksburg, MD 21048

1/23

**William Hoffman**  
1648 Deer Park Road  
Finksburg, MD 21048

1/26

**Devon Flickinger**  
33 Waugh Avenue  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/27

**Susan Wright**  
5 Clarks Lane  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/28

**Lindsay McManus**  
34 Glen Oak Court  
Westminster, MD 21158

1/28

**Chelsea Reed**  
2506 Chestnut Woods Court  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/31

**Louis Fritz Sr.**  
117 Choptank Terrace  
Cambridge, MD 21613

1/31

**Ann Perry**  
1030 Green Hill Farm Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136



**JANUARY**

- 1 NEW YEARS DAY ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM SANCTUARY**
- 2 OFFICES CLOSED**
- 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 Turnbaugh Trust proposals deadline**
- 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 ALL DAY RUMC Anniversary**
- 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

**MARCH**

- 4 11:30 am** Community Kitchen Fellowship Hall
- 11 6:00 pm** Coffee House Fellowship Hall
- 14 8AM-4PM** Mission of Mercy Fellowship Hall
- 15 7:00 pm** Book Club Library
- 18 7:45 am—5 pm** Kitchen Certification training Fellowship Hall
- 19 All Day** Gift Card orders deadline; Newsletter Deadline
- 28 8AM-4PM** 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.

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