



Our Church Matters

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

*Father show me where I fit into this plan of yours
How can a man be father to the Son of God?
Lord for all my life I've been a simple carpenter
How can I raise a king, how can I raise a king?*
~Michael Card

Michael Card has written this beautiful reflection on what it may have been like to be Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus.

We don't talk about Joseph much, but I have been truly enjoying preparation for Advent as I've been reading and meditating on the small group study that will shape our worship. As usual, Adam Hamilton offers some interesting, deep background and connects that to our lives as disciples of Jesus.

If we are willing to think deeply, Joseph's story teaches us about God, about ourselves, and the meaning of the Christmas story. Many of you have heard me say often that as members of a faith family, we have the opportunity and responsibility to nurture "our" children (whether they are our biological children or those God has given us as grandchildren, nieces, nephews, remarriage, neighbors or our faith family) – to help them know God and God's ways and to help them know how much they are loved.

Joseph did that. In a situation that was fraught with challenge, he stepped up and was a loving father to Jesus. Imagine those talks in Joseph's shop as the two of them worked side by side. Imagine their dinner table. Imagine the long winter nights when their family had lots of time to just be. Imagine how Joseph had the gift of shaping the boy who was the Savior!

We can learn a great deal from this man. We can be inspired by this man. We can grow closer to God through the witness of this man.

In the musical prayer written by Michael Card, Joseph prays, "still, Father, let this baby be the son of my love." What if every child was a child of our love? That would surely change the world!

Please begin inviting your neighbors and friends to worship with us during this Advent season. Advent worship begins on December 2, with Music Sunday on December 16 and 3 services on Christmas Eve – lots of opportunities to connect with Jesus through the eyes of Joseph!

Blessings on you!

Wivian



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Thank You!

Where do I find the words to say thank you to my RUMC family? You have all rallied around Phil and me through the biggest trial we have ever faced. Your love and support has been overwhelming. So many cards and notes of encouragement just when I needed them the most. There were many days I didn't know if I would make it through and I could feel your prayers pulling me through yet another crisis. So I humbly thank all of you who have held me in prayer over the last 5 months....God was listening very intently!! I thank all who have sent notes and cards to encourage me on the road to recovery and those who dropped in for a visit. Thank you to pastor Vivian and pastor Barbara, you definitely saw me at my worst. Thank you to those who sent flowers and fruit and the many loving hands that prepared meals for us as well as those who contributed to the Santoni's account. A special thank you to those who drove me to doctor appointments while Phil was away. All of your help took so much weight off of our shoulders and we appreciate each and every expression of love we experienced. My heart is overflowing with love and gratitude for all of you. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, please know we are so thankful for all of you and for being part of this amazing family!! What a blessing for us that while searching for a church some 27 years ago, we found the inviting doors of RUMC and we found our church home. May God bless all of you!!

With our love and appreciation, Darlene and Phil

Reisterstown United Methodist Women's

Annual Christmas Party

Thursday, December 6th

Asbury Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm

All Ladies are invited!



How to Become a Member of RUMC



Membership in a United Methodist Church means taking on several responsibilities by making several promises. We promise to pray for each other and the church, to be there — our presence, to offer our gifts of both time and money, to serve in the church and beyond the church, and to witness to our faith.

It is not necessary to be a member of RUMC to participate in pretty much all of our ministries. There are a few offices that a non-member cannot hold because of our church law, but other than that, you are welcome to be a fully participating part of the RUMC faith family. We will care for you in every way (such as funerals, weddings, etc.), whether you are a member or not.

It is my prayer that many of those who visit will feel called to become members of the church, but you are welcome to be part of our faith family for as long as you wish without becoming a member.

That said, there is an opportunity in January 2019 to become a member of RUMC.. Our membership process requires that you commit to attend 2 gatherings before new member Sunday and then be present on the special Sunday.

The Gatherings:

Sunday, January 20, about 11:45am – 1:30 pm. In the Fellowship Hall Vivian will meet with the prospective new members to talk together about being United Methodist. Lunch will be provided.

Tuesday, January 22, 6:30-8 pm, the prospective new members will meet with the leaders of the church who will share about our ministries and get to know the new members.

Sunday, January 27, new members will join the church *at both Services* (whichever one you normally attend), and a special coffee hour will be held so that new members may be acquainted with the congregation.

If you are interested in becoming a member of RUMC, please let the pastor know via email or the Connection Card. Or call the church office if you'd like to talk about it first!

Library Log



1. We have begun reading for the 2019 United Methodist Women Program. This year we ordered a Kindle and some recorded books. This is for you if you would like to take it on a trip or simply prefer reading from a device.

Check it out!

2. You may not realize it but for the past 5 years the library has given out new books to the children at our Chrismon celebration. Extra books are ordered for any children who come to Mission of Mercy or Community Lunch.

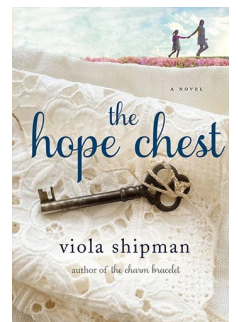
3. For your reading convenience, you will soon find our collection of Christmas books in the hall. Make some hot chocolate and cozy up to a holiday book to keep you in the Christmas spirit. Everyone is welcome in our library. You are a Christmas gift for the library staff.

Merry Christmas from Bev, Brenda, Cindy, Marion, and Sue.

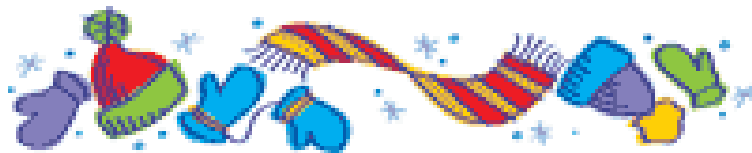
Book Club ushered in the holiday season with a special gathering.



Dinner was delicious and we collected \$234.00 to donate to our annual charity. This year we chose The Humane Society. We do not meet in December but if you want to get a head start for January 16, read *The Hope Chest* by Viola Shipman. Meanwhile, Merry Christmas reading!



Gift Cards on Sale for 2 Sundays in December! Please consider buying gift cards from UMW! A percentage of every gift card gives back! The gift card profits are almost \$3000 for this year. These profits go towards missions! Last Sunday to order is December 9th for Christmas! Gift cards make wonderful stocking stuffers!! See Tammy and Lois by Fellowship Hall between services to place your order. Any questions call Tammy 410-239-8394.



The Community Lunch December 1, 2018

We serve from 11:30 to 1:00—All are welcome. If you would like to help with preparation or serving, please contact Lani Hoffmann at 410-526-6967.

Have you dropped in to the community lunch lately?

RUMC Prayer Lists

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Brightview, Towson

Peggy Eline

Carroll Lutheran Village

Dot Bond

Frances Koenig

Louise Meyers

Elsie Smith

Nancy Welsh

Catered Living—Eastern Shore

LaRue Allewalt

Golden Crest—Westminster

Betty Flohr

Hampstead Village

Wilma Cook

Lorien Encore—Ellicott City

Vivian Crouse

Lorien Center—Taneytown

Dotty Harry

Fran & Monte Hatcher

Salony House

Gladys Fish

Springwell Sr Living Comm.

Frank Simmonds

Tremont Place

Doris Matthews



OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Shirley Krause Bill & Colleen Eysaman

LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Joshua Coleman, Rosemary Dragunas' nephew—United States Air Force, deployed to Qatar, SW Asia

Michael Edmondson, Friend of the Tambaoan's, US Marines

Bradley Fagan, in Air Force training at Fort Lee, VA, will know next month where he will be stationed

Christian Evans, Thelma Mack's nephew—serving in the US Army has been deployed to Afghanistan for the next year.

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

Elizabeth Haines Greenway, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, in Drill Instructor Training in SC

Steven Lee, Carol & Danny Lee's son—has been promoted to Command Master Chief, has served in the US Navy for 25 years and is stationed in Virginia Beach VA

Fred Linborn, Friend of the Tambaoan's, serving in the Army

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

Dennis Mack, Thelma Mack's nephew— home from South Korea, now serving in the US Army stateside

Allen Messenger, Ruth Whitlock's grandson, home, serving in Alexandria, VA, at Fort Belvoir

Isaac Shroll, Tracy Tambaoan's cousin, serving in the Army

Sara Thomas, Jessica Thomas' mother, deployed to Middle East for a year



PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS

Joni Cahill, unspoken prayer request ^(11/4)

Kathy Correll, continue prayers for healing ^(11/4)

Christie Newcomer, healing prayers for fiancé Keith (has developed an infection); prayers for Christy's mom, Sue. She is very sick and the doctors are not sure why ^(11/4)

Kathy Reedy, I need prayers for my health and finances—going through a rough patch right now ^(11/11)

Jannell Trcka, healing for my brother Brooke—had knee replacement last Thursday. In rehab now and will have 2nd knee replacement after he heals ^(11/25)

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

Ian Bibler (12 1/2 yr. old) had surgery in Ohio on Nov. 8. (Son of Tim & Vicky Bibler, grandson of Bob & Mary Belt) ^(11/4)

Sarah Bericker, friend of Gae Ray's family, out of ICU but still in serious condition with toxic shock syndrome. Prayers for wisdom and healing ^(11/25)

Bernadine Glasser, Debbie Paris's mother, in hospital with kidney issues, prayers for healing ^(11/11)

Becky Reter, friend of Rick & Jeanne Bagwell, recovering from mastectomy ^(11/18)

Betty Ann Rigney, scheduled for cancer surgery, prayers for healing ^(11/4)

Family of Billy Stitchcomb, friend of the Stroms, prayers for peace and comfort for the family and friends of Billy, who committed suicide 11/5 ^(11/18)

Beverly Wright, continued prayers for healing— still struggling with health issues, prayers for answers ^(11/18)

Barry, Mary Goodman's brother, in the hospital, prayers that his sugar numbers get back under control ^(11/18)

Cathy & her brother Les, cousin-in-law to Deby Brook- ing, prayers for mercy, comfort and relief from pain, cancer may have moved to prostate ^(11/4)

California Fire Victims ^(11/18)

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer

Jacob Barford

Pat Barton

Beth Bolin

Mary Brauniger

Marilyn Brathwaite

Colleen Bratichak

Harvey Braxton

Jean Chambers

Dona Christian

Benjamin Dapper

Tom Douglas

Megan Evans

Sondra Hadden

Mary Hanlon

Jim Harbour

Roger Hembrough

Mike Hockstad

Debbie Johnson

Denny Johnson

Eddie Jones

Diane Kanemoto

Bill Kirlin

Tyler Llewellyn

Gino Manna

Barbara McArdory

Tina Meeks

Ronald Metz

Willie Morrison

Becky Morrone

Mike Murrar

Bill Neidart

Aaliyah Parker

Aileen Rund

Les Schafferman

Donna Soskin

Sean Staley

Melanie Stierhoff

Martha Taylor

Mary Telchi

Jenna Thornton

Sheldon Wallman

Patty G. Walsh

Dave Weinstein

Lynn Whitter

Cindy

Deb

Jim

Ken

Nicholas

Shannon

Please note that names will be updated after 30 days (date in parenthesis is the first date in bulletin). To be kept on the prayer list longer, please contact the church office. Those battling cancer will be kept on the prayer list—names only. Please inform the office of any changes or updates.



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



12/1

Vivian Crouse

Encore at Turf Valley
11150 Resort Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

12/3

Monty Hatcher Jr

Lourien Center,
100 Antrim Blvd
Taneytown, MD 21787

12/6

George Oursler

16039 Trenton Road
Upperco, MD 21155

12/8

Jason Waters

203 Homevale Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/11

Wilma Cook

1211 N. Main Street, Unit #401
Hampstead, MD 21074

12/12

Tyyanna Hill

105 Glyndon Dr
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/16

Charles Hare

23 Franklin Valley Circle
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/16

Mary Rhodes

6 Meadow Mist Court
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/17

Robert Tracey

505 High Acre Dr. Apt T29
Westminster, MD 21157

12/17

Susan Henry

122 Glyndon Trace Drive
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/17

William Kalbfleisch

123 Teapot Court
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/17

Ethel Trump

402 Lees Mill Road
Hampstead, MD 21074

12/19

Atwood Smith

8 Waugh Avenue
Reisterstown, MD 21071

12/19

John Wright

5 Clarks Lane
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/19

Thomas Thawley

333 Town Green Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/21

Barbara Kelly

304 Townleigh Rd.
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/27

Suzanne Pierce

2800 Cove Cay Dr. Unit 4 G
Clearwater, FL 33760

12/28

Maya Trump

4770 Wentz Road
Manchester, MD 21102

12/30

Nancy Welsh

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

12/30

Joanne Ditto

208 Highfalcon Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

12/31

Dorothy Harry

Lourien Center, Room 10B,
100 Antrim Blvd
Taneytown, MD 21787

12/31

Bonnie Kalbfleisch

123 Teapot Court
Reisterstown, MD 21136



TWO Month Calendar

DECEMBER

1	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	11:30—1	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
2	4:30-8:30pm	Chrismons See page:	
3	All Day	RUMNS Dine In/Carry Out—Owings Mills IHOP (Must have flyer)	
5	1:00 pm	Advent Study	Room 8
	5:30 pm	Advent Study (bring sack dinner)	Library
	6:30 pm	Yellow Roses	Susan Harry's House
6	6:30 pm	UMW Christmas Party See page:	Fellowship Hall
8	4:00 pm	Christmas on Main	Sanctuary
9	9:30 am	Advent Study	Room 2 (Old Kitchen)
10	7:00 pm	Advent Study	Google Hangout
11	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
12	1:00 pm	Advent Study	Room 8
	5:30 pm	Advent Study (bring sack dinner)	Library
14-16	All Day	Middle & High School Winter Retreat	
16	All Day	Gift/Shopping Card orders due/Newsletter article DUE	
	9:30 am	JOY Cookie Walk with pretzels	Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Advent Study	Room 2 (Old Kitchen)
17	11:00 am	RUMNS Three's Christmas Program	Sanctuary
18	11:30 am	RUMNS Four's Christmas Program	Sanctuary
19	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
	7:00 pm	Longest Night Service	Northside Chapel
23	9:30 am	Advent Study	Room 2 (Old Kitchen)
24	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Praise Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 pm	Christmas Ever Spirited Traditional Service	Sanctuary
		All Three Service—Candle Light	
30	10:00 am	ONE SERVICE	Sanctuary
25-Jan1		OFFICE AND PRESCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK	

JANUARY

1	ALL DAY	Office/RUMNS Closed -	New Years Day
5	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
7	ALL DAY	Turnbaugh Trust Grant Proposals Due	
8	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
16	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
20	All Day	Gift/Shopping Card orders due/Newsletter article DUE	
	11:45 am	New Members Orientation Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
22	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	New Members Meet with Church Council	Library
27	Both Service	New members Sunday	Sanctuary

Mondays

10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308
1:30-3 pm—Infants & Toddlers , 308
7 to 8:30 pm— AA, 308

Tuesdays

7am—4pm: Mission of Mercy (2nd and 4th Tues.)
10:30 am — Staff Meeting
6:30 to 8 pm—Washed Anew Rehearsal
7:00 pm—Sisterhood, 308
7:30 pm—Refuge Recovery

Wednesdays

10 am to noon – Library Committee
8:30 am –3:00 pm—Infants & Toddlers, 308
6 to 8 pm – Food Pantry Open
6:30 pm — NA, Fellowship Hall
7:00 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
7 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir rm (End of Aug. thru May)
7 to 8 pm—NA, 308
7:30 to 9 pm – Nueva Jerusalem, NSC

Fridays

8:30 am—1:30 pm – Infants & Toddlers, 308
7 to 9 pm—NA, 308
8 to 9:30—Nueva Jerusalem, NSC, Band practice

Saturdays

9 to 11:00 am—Food Pantry Open
9:30 to 11:30 am—AA , 308

Sundays

11:45 am—Joyful Noise Handbell Choir Rehearsal
2 to 6 pm—Nueva Jerusalem, NSC (except 1st Sun)

Most Sundays

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

Every Sunday

6 to 8 pm—Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May)
Every Thursday (End of Aug.—May) Choir Rehearsals
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 (8-11:00pm)

Church Committee Meeting Dates

1st Mon.—Worship Design Team (7 pm)
1st Tues.—Worship (6:30 pm)
1st Sat.—Community Kitchen (11:30 am-1:00 pm)
1st Thurs.—UMW (7 pm)
2nd & 4th Mon.—History & Records (9:30 am)
2nd Tues.—even months— Finance (6:30)
2nd Tues.—odd months — Trustees (6:30)
2nd Wed.—Outreach thru Hospitality (4:30 pm)
3rd Sun.—Newsletter Deadline and Gift Card orders
3rd Sunday— Blood Pressure Screening (9am—11:30am)
3rd Tues.—SPRC (7 pm)
3rd Wed. – Missions (7 pm), Church Office
4th Mon.—JOY Circle (7:00 pm)
4th Tues. – Church Council (6:30 pm)
4th Wed.—RUMC Crafting Guild (7 pm)
(Sept. through May) NOTE DAY CHANGE
4th Thurs.—His Hands & Feet (7 pm)
2nd & 4th Fri.—Prayer Shawl (10 am)



RUMC MINISTRIES

Incident Weather Information:

RUMC buildings will close when the Owings Mills location of the Baltimore County Community College closes. You may watch TV announcements for their closures, 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 (this includes our nursery school). When there is a closure, RUMC members will be notified through our OneCall system and information posted on this 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 One Call system and post information on our website. Specific closing information will be posted on the homepage rotating picture and on website as a particular situation arises.

<http://rumcweb.org/inclement-weather-policy/>

RUMC Men,



Here's what's upcoming with the Men's Fellowship. We hope you will join us:

Small Group Study Wednesday Night!

The Men's Fellowship holds our weekly small group meeting each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM at 308 Main Street. We gather in Christian fellowship and brotherhood each week to study God's Word and support each other in living out our faith. We invite you to join us! We all come humbly seeking a better understanding of God's Word. Come as you are...whenever you can.

This month we will continue with our study of the **Gospel of Mark**. Come on out and join us!!



Alternative Christmas Gifts

Please consider honoring your family members or friends with a special gift to Missions. Instead of worrying over what gift to give, especially when most of us have too much already, you can support a mission program in their honor.

It is a special way to give to those in need while showing love to your family and friends.

The Mission Committee is recommending the following programs:

1. Meals on Wheels which provides daily meals to local home bound residents.
2. UMCOR Disaster Response which enables the UMC to respond to natural disasters in the US.
3. Walter Henry Methodist Educational Complex in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, which includes a school (K-12), a church, day care for low income families, scholarships, teachers' salaries and other expenses in order to provide a quality education.

On the small table outside the office you will find the Alternative Christmas Gift information and envelopes. Gift cards and envelopes to send to those honored are available. Please fill out the form to indicate which programs you wish to support and how much you are donating to each program. Make the check out to RUMC and note in the Memo line "Alternative Christmas Gift." Using the small white envelope, place the form and check in the Sunday offering plate before December 24, 2018.

This Alternative Christmas Gift program is to honor your family and friends and is not intended to replace your regular giving to RUMC

Echoes of Belize

The Ndjungus Mission Newsletter of November 2018

As you already know, Mbwizu and Nkemba have been assigned to serve as missionaries in Belize where we have arrived in September this year.

The Methodist Church in Belize is part of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA). The MCCA covers 11 countries and islands organized in 8 Districts. The 8 districts make the Connection led by a "Connectional Bishop"; and each District is led by a "District Bishop". The following 8 Districts together form the MCCA:

1. Belize / Honduras District
2. Haiti District
3. Guyana District
4. Jamaica District
5. Bahamas / Turks and Caicos District
6. Leeward Islands District
7. Panama / Costa Rica District
8. South Caribbean District



School boys and girls singing in church. Christian Education with boys and girls is part of Mbwizu's ministry

It is generally accepted that Methodism came to the Caribbean in 1760 with a planter from Antigua, named Nathaniel Gilbert, a lawyer and Speaker of the Antiguan House of Assembly. The MCCA was legally established in 1967 by a Deed of Church Order as an autonomous body of Christian believers. Its headquarters are located in Antigua, where Methodism first began in the Caribbean.

The Connectional Conference is the governing body of the MCCA with full legislative powers. It is made up of 22 ministerial representatives and 22 lay representatives from the 8 Districts of the Connection. The Connectional Conference has no administrative authority over the District

Conferences who regulate their own affairs within the District as mandated by the constitution. The Conference meets once every three years and is administered by a Connectional President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.



Children bringing their gift on Harvest Day Celebration

The Connectional Council is the Executive Body of the Connectional Conference and administers the affairs of the Conference between its triennial meetings. The Council meets twice per year. It comprises the 4 Connectional Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), 8 District Presidents, 8 District Lay Representatives, the immediate past Vice-President, and the Secretary of the Commission on Ministry.

The Belize/Honduras District (BHD) of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA) covers the countries of Belize and Honduras since the mid-1800s. They have been able to establish 7 Circuits, 18 Primary schools, 2 High schools, and 1 Junior College.

Due to the shortage of ministerial staff that the BHD is presently experiencing, they found it worthy to diversify and empower different offices. A clergy missionary was needed to help oversee a circuit while supporting the staff in the training of lay

persons (Local Preachers, youth leaders and other church leaders), as well as assist with tutoring and supervising ministerial students who are being trained in the District as Local Presbyters. This is where we fit in.

The objectives of Nkemba's position are: a) Revitalize existing congregations; b) Develop new ministries in the existing ones; and c) Train and deploy lay leadership in the area. Nkemba's full responsibilities include the following:

1. Fulfill pastoral responsibilities in a circuit with 5 congregations
2. Offer chaplaincy and regular devotional exercises to 4 primary schools.
3. Train leaders to promote the involvement in social and ecumenical activities with focus on evangelization, and with an emphasis on tutoring and supervising of probationer local presbyters.
4. Fulfill other duties as assigned by the Bishop or his/her assignee.

3. Assist in the ministry to staff, students and parents to educational institutions.
4. Support the work of the laity in the District.
5. Preach the Word of God in church and lead worship following an established program in the Stann Creek Circuit.



Preaching is also part of Mbwizu's assignment



Nkemba preaching at Epworth Methodist Church in Dangriga, Belize

The Stann Creek circuit where we are assigned comprises 5 preaching points and 4 schools. One of the things that is really pleasing and which is a subject to praise God is the fact that schools here have the preaching of God's word as part of their curriculum. Students have thus the opportunity to be groomed in God's way. It is pleasing to note that the church has still an input on the school program as far as religion is concerned in this country. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it", Proverbs 22: 6.

The highlight of this past month has been the "Harvest Celebration". Adults, youth and students from all the schools have actively participated in the celebration, bringing joyfully the fruit of their labor to God. The Harvest Day Celebration is one of the fundraising events in the Belize/Honduras Methodist Church.

Mbwizu focuses on empowering the Laity, especially women. There are about 22 women groups in the District, about 16 youth organizations, 18 schools, and other opportunities in the wider community for witness – especially in the area of Christian education. Mbwizu's responsibilities include the following:

1. Help further develop the work among women in the District
2. Work as a spiritual director for leaders who are involved in work among women, children and youth.

All your gifts for the Belize/Honduras Methodist Church to be sent to: Advance #00172A

Mbwizu Ndjungu, Advance # 12909Z
Nkemba Ndjungu, Advance # 12910Z
The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas
PO Box 4 Dangriga, Stann Creek District, Belize
Phones: (501) 606 4982 / (501) 606 4024
Email: ndjungunkemba@yahoo.com ; mbwizun@gmail.com



Some of our folks aren't receiving important info from RUMC, so here are a few tips....

We have **FIVE** primary means of communication:

Sunday's Bulletin and Announcements on the screen before Worship.

Obviously, you need to be in church to take advantage of those.

The Midweek Newsletter – sent out via email. Usually out on Wednesday, the Midweek as it is affectionately called, includes a midweek note from the pastor (sometimes pastoral, often including notes of thanks, worship info like the theme for the week – things like that), recaps of all of the important news and upcoming events in the church and sometimes the community, information on funerals and births and other things that come up in the course of the week.

The Monthly Newsletter—This tool is delivered to most of us via email, but we do have a list of members who do not use email, and we mail it to them.

OneCall System – Did you know we have a RoboCall service? When we have an important event or a death in the congregation during the week (especially when the funeral will happen before we can make the announcement on Sunday), we have the ability to call everyone who is on the list with the information.

Special List of OneCall Folks – Not everyone has opted in to the OneCall system. However, those without emails may miss information about a death if we decide there is time to handle it via email. If you don't want to miss the info about a death or a closing in case of inclement weather, please let the office know that you want to be on this list.

Not receiving information?

Do we have your email? Have you stopped getting our emails? Please make a note on your Connection Card or call the church office (410-833-5440) so we can make sure you get what you need.

Do you want the newsletter sent by mail? Connection Card or a call to the office should fix that! Not getting calls from the church (these are infrequent – usually average no more than 1 or 2 a month)? Yep – Connection Card or call the office.

A couple of notes about the OneCall System: Calls from our One Call will come up on your Caller ID as **Reisterstown UMC** or with our phone number: (410) 833-5440. Please pick up the call instead of calling the office right away. If your phone is equipped with an answering machine, the system will leave the message. We truly appreciate your help with this, and we promise not to overload you with unnecessary calls.



Yellow Roses—Girls Only Nights

What is Yellow Roses? It's a bible study group and it's not dry and crusty. It's where God meets us in scripture. It's where girls can come together and talk about real life issues in a safe loving environment.

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

Details: Join us this Fall 1x per monthly
6:30-8:30pm.

Wed. Dec. 5- Susan Harry's House, 1505 Carriage Hill Dr., Westminster, MD 21157

This group is for girls in 6-12th grade. It does not matter if you participated in the last session. Join us anytime! Friends are also welcome. Dinner provided.

Please RSVP so we have enough food.

Dinner DONATIONS are needed!!!

Please sign up with Janice or Jill.

For more information or to RSVP please contact:

Janice Holsonbake, 443-398-5951, jholsonb@comcast.net

Jill Wright, 410-458-8078 jillwright1127@yahoo.com

Susan Harry, 410-245-7190, gwtwsue2@comcast.net

Dudes & Dinner Fall 2018

Guys in 6-12th grade sign up today for the upcoming meetings! We will be meeting at a variety of local Reisterstown Restaurants or at church. Want to learn how to change a tire on a car or how to keep your finances in order? Or just come out to eat dinner and get to know other guys. Sign up today!

Our goals for this group are... To foster good relationships, to grow our faith in Christ, and teach young men life skills.

For more information or to reserve your spot by Monday prior to event please text or contact,

Scott Stewart/ 410-299-8829/ scott8829@hotmail.com

Brian Holsonbake/ 443-829-5294/

BHolsonbake@skyninenet.net

Susan Harry, Dir. Youth & Young Adults 410-833-5440/

410-245-7190/ gwtwsue2@comcast.net





Christmas on Main
December 8, 2018—4:00 pm
Reisterstown UMC
246 Main Street
Come and enjoy an afternoon
of Christmas Music
Bring a donation of can goods
for the Food Panty



Joining us for this exciting afternoon will be:

The Chancel Singers

The Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

RUMC Saxophone Quartet

The Johnson Male Chorus

Mt. Calvary UMC Choir from Arnold, MD

Soloists: Mary Ann Evangelista and Brandon Turner

As well as everyone joining in on singing some Christmas carols

COME AND JOIN US!!!!



RUMC Food Pantry Reverse Advent Calendar

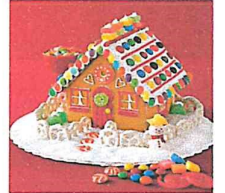
Each day, add an item to a box.
On Christmas Eve, bring your donation/box to the Nathelex.

- December 1 – box of cereal
- December 2 – peanut butter
- December 3 – stuffing mix
- December 4 – box of potatoes
- December 5 – macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – green beans
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10 – jar of applesauce
- December 11 – jelly
- December 12 – baked beans
- December 13 – cooking oil
- December 14 – box of crackers
- December 15 – rice
- December 16 – oatmeal
- December 17 – pasta
- December 18 – spaghetti sauce
- December 19 – chicken noodle soup
- December 20 – tomato soup
- December 21 – corn
- December 22 – mixed vegetables
- December 23 – carrots
- December 24 – ramen noodles

5th Annual Gingerbread House Competition



Sunday, December 16, 2018
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.
Kelly – 443-864-8787; kellyfairhurst66@gmail.com
Jannell – 410-978-7993; 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.***

*****Main structure(s) should be made from gingerbread. Decorations and embellishments are permitted.***





The Missions Committee reaching out to 16 families to help with clothing, toys and food during the holidays.

How can you help? There are many ways to help the children in these families.

- * Groups in the church can adopt a family and each member contributes to the gifts for the children.
- * A business can adopt a family and employees have contributed to the gifts for one family. Both of these are really helpful for large families on our list! Think about groups you belong to and to businesses where you work.
- * An individual or a family can adopt one of the families. In that case, we try to match you to a smaller family.
- * We will also be having the Angel Tree again. It will be going up in the Narthex, so watch for it around Thanksgiving! The ornaments on the tree represent needs for 3 or 4 families in addition to gift cards for food or stores like Target, gas, or stores like Target.

Please think about how you, your family, your group, or your business can help. At this time, three groups, a business, and 2 families have let me know they can help. Thanks to these people for helping! And thanks to those who come forward now to help. We are asking for all donations to be returned to the church by December 14 so we can deliver them to the schools on Dec. 17 and 18.



Thank you to all who make this project a success. I will have specific directions for all of you who help when you get the papers with the family information. I hope you have a blessed Christmas!

To volunteer, please call or email me using the information below. Need more information? Questions? Contact Liz Livermore phone: 410-215-0890 or email: lizlive@comcast.net



It's Time to Order Flowers for Christmas!

Once again, it's time to place your order for Christmas poinsettias. This year, poinsettias will decorate our Sanctuary **on Christmas Eve** and may be taken home **after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service.**

If, for any reason, you cannot leave your flower for our evening candlelight services, please let **Joanne Ditto** know **IN ADVANCE.**

Please fill out the form below. You may bring it to church and place it in the box designated for flower orders in the Narthex or mail it to

**Ms. Joanne Ditto, 208 Highfalcon Road,
Reisterstown, MD 21136; Telephone: 410.833.1308.**

All orders must be received by Sunday, DECEMBER 16!!

Please make checks payable to Reisterstown United Methodist Church.

_____ Yes, I would like to order _____ **Christmas Cactus** at \$8.00 each; Each plant will be in a 4 1/2" wrapped pot

_____ Yes, I would like to order **white**_____, **red**_____ poinsettias at \$9.50 each.

Each plant will have 5-7 blooms and be in a 6-1/2" wrapped pot.

I have enclosed \$ _____.

Please provide the information below as it should appear in the bulletin PLEASE PRINT:

My poinsettias will be:

In Loving Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Given by: _____



In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

FLOWER ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DECEMBER 16TH

Alternative Gifts Placed in Memory of or in Honor of

_____ Yes, in lieu of a poinsettia OR Christmas cactus, I prefer to place a remembrance offering.

(If you choose this option, please complete the bulletin information below. When completed, please place it in a plain envelope on which you designate how your gift is to be used. This form is due in the Office no later than **Sunday, December 16th.**

_____ I am enclosing a remembrance in the amount of \$ _____

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

For _____ fund

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Envelope Number: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

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Reisterstown United Methodist Church

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.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ReisterstownUnitedMethodistChurch>

WEBSITE: www.rumcweb.org

Office Email: RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com

E-mail: Pastorviviannmc@gmail.com

Pastor Vivian C. McCarthy

Fax: 410-526-6838

Phone: 410-833-5440

Reisterstown, MD 21136

246 Main Street



Wednesday, December 19th
7:00 pm
Main Sanctuary

Service of the Longest Night

Service of the Longest Night

is a worship service that acknowledges that, for many people, Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow, alienation, sadness. This service offers a way for us to claim those feelings and still feel surrounded by the compassionate love of God.

Candlelight
SERVICE
Christmas Eve
Services

Monday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
4:30— Family Service
7:00 pm—Praise Service
10:00 pm—Traditional Spirited Service
with Candle Lighting at all three evening services