



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

**See, I am making all things new!**  
 Revelation of John 21:5



Rich and I bought a new power-reclining love seat for our Christmas present to each other. Since his last knee surgery, Rich had been using a cast-off from our son-in-law that was a MESS, and I was using my father’s recliner that wasn’t much better, but it had the lift feature that felt so good when my knees were such a mess last spring.

What a difference that recliner has made. Oh, and did I mention that putting in the new sofa made it (ahem!) *necessary* to get some new living room tables? Our great room has a fresh, new look.

I got to thinking about how I feel when there is something new or freshened up. And those thoughts drifted to how I feel when *I am new* – when something in me is made new by God working within me. It’s not usually quick like it is when buying a new sofa. It works on me. Little nudges. Moments of insight. I may learn from you or God speaks through a person I encounter or through an experience.

There is a deep feeling of refreshment and freedom when God makes me new. And you know what? It encourages me to want more – kind of like having to get the tables, too.

As we stand at the start of a brand new year, where do you feel God nudging you? What needs an update or maybe a good cleaning? To be very, very clear, please understand that these nudges don’t have to come because we have done some horrible thing. These nudges come often just because God sees something better in us to bring us to a new experience of the abundant life that Jesus talked about.

Jesus said, “I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10) As I am open to God’s nudges, I find that to be so very true!

Blessings on you!

On a visit not long before Christmas, Betty Flohr asked the pastor to "say hi for me" and let everyone know that she LOVES visits!

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### UMW 2018 Christmas Party

45 ladies from our United Methodist women were joined by the ladies from pleasant grove UMC to enjoy our annual Christmas party. We were serenaded by the gentlemen from Senior Moments and enjoyed some wonderful refreshments and social time.

There are 2019 UMW calendars available on the information shelf in the narthex. Looking ahead into the new year. We will take orders for more RUMC apparel, in case you missed it the first time . We will also host our first annual tea on March 24

to celebrate 150 years of the United Methodist women. Keep your eyes open for more details.

Our new UMW reading program books are in. Stop by to find some great snow day reading



### Coming Super Bowl Weekend

VIM Sub Sandwich Sale

February 2/3

Help support the Volunteers in Mission Team as they prepare for their annual mission trip.

**Sub sale orders will be taken January 20 and 27 between services at the Fellowship Hall door.**

American Cold Cut and Turkey Subs will be available as follows:

8 inch subs at \$8.00 each

12 inch subs at \$10.00 each

**Orders will be ready for pick up on:**

**Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30-12:30 or**

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> between services from 9:30-10:30**



### The Community Lunch

January 5, 2019

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?**

All are welcome to come enjoy a hot lunch. We meet the first Saturday of the month and serve from 11:30 to 1:00. Come on out and meet your neighbors. Meet Esther, who plays the piano for all to enjoy. Meet Sydney, a local teen that came one time to help and had such a great time that she comes back every month. Meet the kids from Franklin Elementary school who come every February to set up, serve and make Valentine cards for our guests. You will see new faces and familiar faces. We have regulars who come every month and have created a community right here in our Fellowship Hall; and we have new faces that come in each month. If you would like to help support this ministry, donations can be made to Local Missions.

## 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!**



**The next gift card order Sunday will be February 17th, 2019!!!!**

RUMW thanks you and asks that everyone support this fundraiser for missions!  
No gift card orders in January 2019! Lois & Tammy need a Break!!!!



## Edythe Hastings <sup>1</sup>

Past President and Co-Founder Reisterstown Senior Center:  
Center Hi-Lites

On September 12m 2018, we lost an institution of the Reisterstown Senior Center. Edythe Hastings was an integral part of the Center and our community.

She was the 12th of 13 children growing up on a farm near Owings Mills and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Her husband of 64 years predeceased her.

Since 1978, she has participated in so many ways including serving nine terms in various roles on the Executive Council (four as President).

She also played the role of Historian for many years, gathering our history and making her own. As she loved to say, "We make history every day."

As our current President Bernadette Hill said on learning about her passing, "I've known her since I joined the Center in 2010. She was a special lady."

When her Spotlight was published, Limerick by M. Pearce, a Center friend was included:

### Edythe Hastings

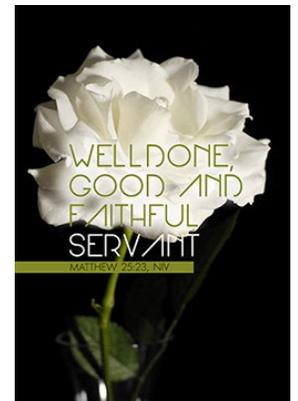
A Fond Adieu

A lovely young woman named Edythe  
Supplythe whatever was needyth.

If it's good for the Center,  
She is everyone's mentor.

For a leader, you can't beatyth  
Edythe

Rest well Edythe, you will be missed



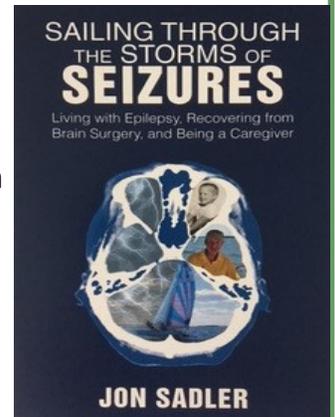
1. Taken from *The Reisterstown Senior Center October 2018 edition of Center Hi-Lites*

It was wonderful to be back in Reisterstown this past weekend, just in time for the musical on Saturday, and to attend Church and Bible Study on Sunday. I felt like I had never left, being so blessed by the people who make-up the church as most recognized and talked with me. I miss everyone now that I live in North Carolina.

I wanted to let you know I wrote a book where I included how everyone in the church helped me live with epilepsy and recover from brain surgery. The title is; *Sailing through the Storms of Seizures; Living with Epilepsy, Recovering from Brain Surgery, and Being a Caregiver*. It was published in June this year and is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Thank you for keeping me on the email list for it brings back great memories.

Blessings,  
Jon



## RUMC Prayer Lists

### OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

#### Brightview, Towson

Peggy Eline

#### Carroll Lutheran Village

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

**Bill Carr**, prayers for healing from pain <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Kathy Correll**, continue prayers for healing <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Rosemary Dragunas**, Erin Andrew Thomley (Rosemary's brother), prayers for healing from a rare, aggressive cancer <sup>(12/16)</sup>

**Keith Estes**, prayers for healing <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Robin Haines**, unspoken prayer request <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Trish Hamilton**, pray for healing of the cyst in her brain <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Bill Nash**, recovering from heart by-pass surgery <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Eileen Reed**, prayers for healing <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Joshua Reed-Estes**, strength and less anxiety prayers <sup>(12/16)</sup>

**Kathy Reedy**, prayers for wisdom and guidance in parenting Richard, prayers for health and finances <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Tom Thawley**, moving to Bright View Perry Hall Senior Living the 17th, prayer for smooth transition <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Jannell Trcka**, brother Brooke Thompson, is healing but will still need right knee surgery and possible shoulders <sup>(12/16)</sup>

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

**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 <sup>(11/25)</sup>

**Darija Dragunas**, Gint Dragunas's mother, has had a massive stroke, prayers for healing and comfort for the family <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Elizabeth Fioretti**, friend of Mary Lewis, 25 yr. old with colitis in need of surgery. Pray for healing and relief from the condition so that she will not need surgery <sup>(12/16)</sup>

**Bernadine Glosser**, Debbie Paris's mother, stage 4 kidney failure <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Tom Spindanger**, Judy Wright's brother-in-law, hit by a car while riding his bike, prayers for healing <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Christopher Thompson**, Gary Owings cousin's grandson, age 12, prayers for healing from brain tumor <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Trey Wilder**, Sybil Valentin grandson, unspoken prayer request <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Beverly Wright**, continued prayers for healing still struggling with health issues, prayers for answers <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Muffy**, His Hands and Feet client, teenager going into her third winter on the streets, and has been taken advantage of over and over <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**All of the homeless**—wondering where Christmas is <sup>(12/16)</sup>

**Alaska Residents**, recovering from earthquake and 1000's of aftershocks <sup>(12/9)</sup>

**Prayers for all who cannot feel the love and joy of Jesus at this time of year**

### *Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer*

Philipp Baader  
Jacob Barford  
Steve Blessing  
Beth Bolin  
Mary Brauniger  
Marilyn Brathwaite  
Colleen Bratichak  
Harvey Braxton  
Jean Chambers  
Benjamin Dapper  
Tom Douglas  
Megan Evans

Sondra Hadden

Mary Hanlon

Jim Harbour

Roger Hembrough

Mike Hockstad

Debbie Johnson

Denny Johnson

Eddie Jones

Jim Kane

Diane Kanemoto

Tyler Llewellyn

Gino Manna

Barbara McArdory

Tina Meeks

Ronald Metz

Willie Morrison

Mike Murray

Bill Neidart

Aaliyah Parker

Aileen Rund

Les Schafferman

Mal Sneen

Donna Soskin

Sean Staley

Melanie Stierhoff

Martha Taylor

Mary Telchi

Erin Andrew Thomley

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  
January Birthdays**

1/4

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

1/16

**Lucille Henson**  
20 Fox Run Court  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

1/27

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

1/6

**Frances Hatcher**  
100 Antrim Blvd. Rm 304  
Taneytown, MD 21787

1/17

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

1/28

**Lindsay Mc Manus**  
34 Glen Oak Court  
Westminster, MD 21158

1/8

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

1/20

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

1/31

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

1/8

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

1/22

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

1/31

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

1/12

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

1/22

**Betty Flohr**  
1779 Nelson Road  
Westminster, MD 21157

1/14

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

1/22

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

1/15

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

1/23

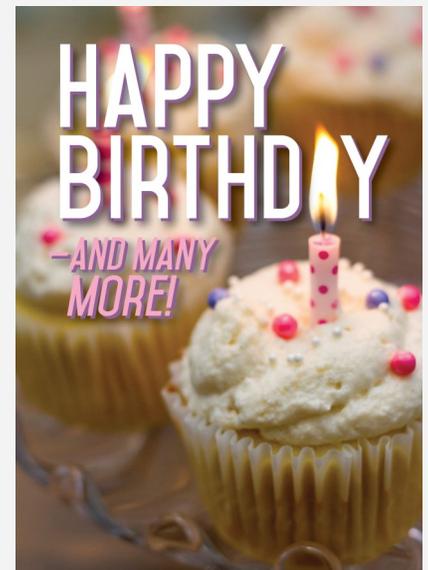
**William Hoffman**  
1648 Deer Park Road  
Finksburg, MD 21048

1/16

**Carol Anne Lee**  
2250 Golf View Lane  
Hampstead, MD 21074

1/26

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



# Three Month Calendar

## JANUARY

1	ALL DAY	Office/RUMNS Closed -	New Years Day
2	6:30 pm	RUMNS Board Meeting	Library
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
14	6:30 pm	Turnbaugh Trust Team Meeting	Library
16	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
19	9:30 am	VIM Sub Orders taken	Fellowship Hall
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

## FEBRUARY

2	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	10:30 am	VIM Sub Sale Orders Pick-up	Fellowship Hall
	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
3	9:30 am	VIM Sub Sale Orders Pick-up	Fellowship Hall
6	ALL DAY	RUMC Anniversary	
	6:30 pm	RUMNS Board Meeting	Library
8-10	All Weekend	ROCK	
12	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
17	All Day	Gift/Shopping Card orders due/Newsletter articles DUE	
18	All Day	RUMNS Closed—Presidents Day	
20	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
22	7:30-1:30	BLOOD DRIVE	Fellowship Hall
26	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

## MARCH

2	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
6	ALL DAY	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	12:00 noon	Ash Wednesday Service	Northside Chapel
	6:30 pm	RUMNS Board Meeting	Library
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
9	6:00 pm	Coffee House	Fellowship Hall
11-16	All Day	Asbestos Removal	All Lower Classrooms
17	All Day	Gift/Shopping Card orders due/Newsletter Articles DUE	
20	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
24	11:30 am	UMW 150year Celebration Tea	Fellowship Hall
26	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

## Mondays

10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308  
 1:30-3 pm—Infants & Toddlers , 308  
 7:00 pm— Praise Band  
 7 to 8:30 pm— AA, 308

## Tuesdays

7am—4pm: Mission of Mercy (2nd and 4th Tues.)  
 10:30 am – Staff Meeting  
 4th Tuesday—4:30 pm 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 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir rm (End of Aug. thru May)  
 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  
 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 Ser-  
 vice, 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

### Inclement 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!!



**WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!**

### **Christmas on Main Street**

People are saying that this concert was the best one yet!

The Chancel Choir and I send best Christmas wishes, hugs, and "Thank you" to those of you who were able to clear your calendars to witness such a diverse and fun concert. God bless you!

Bill Myers

Music Ministries

13 Sunday school children baked and decorated cookies for His Hands and Feet ministry. It was a loud and exciting morning. How many of you knew that the kitchen echoes!





Good news!! As I write this article on December 10, I know that the families we help at our adopted schools and in our community will be overjoyed at Christmas. Together we reached out to schools and in our community with clothing, toys, food, and household goods. The guidance counselors are so thankful of our efforts to help these children that they see every day. These are families who have hit a 'bump' in their lives and we can think of ourselves as a congregation that provides hope for these families through those 'bumps'. I am so thankful to all who were part of this outreach and I feel so blessed to be part of a congregation that reaches out to help.

Thank you to all who helped with the project. Thank you Youth Groups organized by Susan Harry, J.O.Y. organized by Becky McClure, and Circle of Friends and RUMNS organized by Lani Hoffman. Thank you to these families who have adopted some of the families we helped: the Norris Family, the Merryman Family, the Hare Family, the McNeiland family, the Kenlaw Family, the Armacost Family, the Riesenfeld Family, Karin Riesenfeld and her advisory group, the Fagan Family, the Harris Family, the Wright family, and Cathy Ritter and her company. Thank you to the Susan Henry and Kate Strom of the Quilter Group who sold items they made and contributed their profits to helping with things we found were still needed. And, of course, a big thank you to all of the angels who helped with the families on the angel tree by getting gifts for children, and gift cards for groceries and Target/Walmart and for monetary donations to help fill in gaps. Thanks to Kris Brown, food coordinator extraordinaire, and to the people who donated food. Thanks to Becky McClure for help with organizing the gifts and food bags! Thank you too, for the people who were extra hands, feet and drivers in helping to deliver to the schools. Thank you to Robine Rahley and Pastor Vivian for communicating needs and sharing messages as they come through the office! Each piece helps this project work and together we have made a difference in people's lives so that they feel the gifts of Christ in their lives: love, hope, joy and hopefully peace.



Blessings,  
Liz Livermore

## Youth Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018



This week I will again give thanks for the amazing Youth we have at RUMC and for the Youth Worship Sunday on

November 11<sup>th</sup>. These young people are filled with so many talents and gifts! Thank you for showing us how we can have gratitude and continually worship God in our everyday lives.

Kylie Behegan, Shyanne Butler  
Niya Butler, Gavin Gaspard  
Tyrese Harris, Katie Harry  
Tysjinay Hill, Tyyawna Hill  
Patrick Holsonbake, Ben Morrision  
Jamal Oakman, Emma Osbourne  
Carolyn Quintrell, Ian Tannihill



Thanks also to the AWESOME ADULTS who help to make this happen:

Dianna Fay Williams- Voices in Praise (VIP's). Thank you for setting up additional practices and working with the girls as a group and individually to share their gift of gratefulness through song.

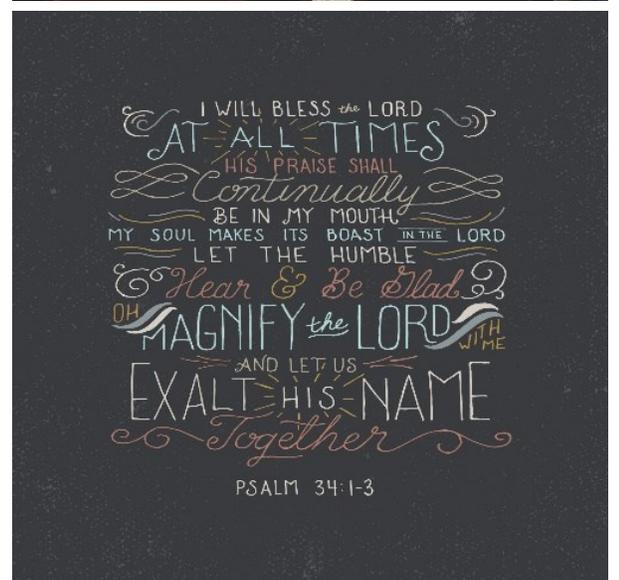
Bonnie Lieberman- For your love and support, We give thanks! Thank you for stepping in to help with the joys & concerns time and leading prayers during worship.

Thanks to Scott Stewart for always lending a hand and taking that literally by helping the youth greet at the sanctuary doors!

BIG THANKS!!! To Janice Holsonbake, Eric Schuster, and Bonnie Lieberman for providing a beautiful breakfast for the youth during Grow hour. This gave the youth time to review the first service and talk about how they could improve.

Christie Hoffmann, Christie Newcomer, & Ilene Goodson for their help in organizing Youth Sunday and their dedication to the youth at Sunday Night Youth Group.

We give thanks for our Awesome Tech Team, Brian Holsonbake, Travis Harry, & Pat Botelle, for rolling with "it" when the youth have a thousand videos during worship!



# 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Sisterhood Gingerbread Contest Winners

*Thank you to all who participated and contributed to our annual Gingerbread House Contest!*

*The Sisterhood raised \$244.00 for the Community Kitchen!*

## OVERALL FIRST PLACE—SARAH NASH



**OVERALL SECOND PLACE—THE PUTNAM FAMILY**



**YOUTH WINNER—PAIGE OSBORNE**



# Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



**What you need:**

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

**What you do:**

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

# PUZZLE

## A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

*Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.*

We were therefore buried with him  
through baptism into death in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead  
through the glory of the Father,  
we too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

### Lessons in wise faith

“The Magi teach us true faith,” said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were “off the mark,” coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a “royal palace.” Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight “so utterly out of keeping with a king” — a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” — that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

—Based on Luther’s sermon for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), *Luther’s Works*

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

## Reisterstown United Methodist Church

**WORSHIP TIMES**  
8:30 am Praise Service  
9:30 am Grow Hour (Sunday School)  
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Every January, the Christian church worldwide marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This ecumenical “octave,” or eight-day observance, lasts from January 18 (the Feast of St. Peter) to January 25 (the Feast of St. Paul).

The week is based on Jesus’ prayer to His heavenly Father in John 17:21 that His followers “may all be one ... so that the world may believe that You have sent Me” (ESV). Jesus knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, people outside the faith wouldn’t want to learn more about Him.

The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Deuteronomy 16:20 (NRSV): “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue.”



### Reading resolutions

Every January, many Christians resolve to read the entire Bible in one year. That’s a worthy goal, but God doesn’t require us to read a certain number of verses or chapters per day. Instead, he tells us to simply be in his Word — and thus be with him — so he can grow our faith, light our path and assure us of his love and forgiveness. God’s Word is a precious gift, but we need to “unwrap” it!

F.B. Meyer offers this helpful advice for a new year of discovering (and rediscovering!) Scripture: “Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter. If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it. If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire. If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you. If the truth is revealed ... entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate ... your life.”