



## Our Church Matters

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

### From the Pastor

I am writing this article just after the Sunday when I talked about how often I see people withdraw from their family of faith *when they need the love of their faith family and assurance of the love and presence of God the most*. This is what I said:

*Life is often messy. It is rarely perfect, no matter how it looks from the outside. On any given day, we have lots of stuff going on. And if we don't, we can be sure that we are surrounded by people who do. When our lives are in shambles – when the chaos of life overwhelms – what do we do? The really scary thing to me is that I often see people I love simply withdraw.*

*When some of our families are in chaos due to marital challenges or financial troubles or challenges with the kids, or even when there has been a death, often I see them withdraw. Maybe they are ashamed because their life isn't perfect – or they think that if anyone knew they were having challenges they would be judged by the very people who should be available to love them even more – their faith family. Maybe they are afraid that they will become emotional and shed a few tears during worship. Maybe they fear that they will fall asleep during the sermon because they are so bone weary. Maybe they can't face sitting in a pew where they always sat with their beloved. And maybe there are a million other reasons that they isolate themselves.*

*Mostly, I am guessing that it's to protect the veneer that most of us carefully construct to show the world how fine we are – how well we are doing – maybe even how blessed we are.*

*When we need God the most. When we need the unconditional love of our faith family.*

Another side of that, though, is that when you don't have the opportunity to be in significant relationship with people who share your faith journey, it can be almost impossible to open up when there is a life challenge facing you.

This fall, we will be offering a special and unusual opportunity for YOU to participate in an event that just might provide the environment to build relationships, sing your heart out, and dive deep in

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the biblical story.

**The Event – A Special Musical Opportunity – for ANYONE who likes to sing or play an instrument** (in the category of "we've probably never done it this way before")

For several months I've been gripped with a call to revive a musical that I did with my choir some years ago, so I talked with Bill, and we are in one accord.

The musical is called *The Apostle* and is a musical version of the life and ministry of Paul - and it was FUN and memorable. **What does that have to do with you, you ask?** Well, I would like to gather as many of our musical folks -- choir members, non-choir members, instrumentalists of all stripes, from 10 to 90 years young, everyone who likes to sing or would like to participate in the dramatic bits throughout (or who might like to offer some refreshments afterward) -- to come together to present this musical. **But wait -- there's more!** As we are preparing the musical, we will also engage in a congregational study and worship series based on Paul's life and ministry. The plan is to read through the music twice before rehearsals begin. I've met with all of our music directors, and we now have a schedule ready to announce.

**Read-Throughs** – roughly 90 minutes each, in the Sanctuary, with the purpose of just getting acquainted with the musical (bring a snack if you need one):

Sunday, June 9, 11:45 am      AND      Sunday, July 14, 11:45 am

**Normal Rehearsals** – begin on August 14, 6 to 6:55 pm each Wednesday through October 9.

**Dress Rehearsals with full Instrumentation:**

Sunday, October 6, 1:15 pm      AND      Saturday, October 12, 4 pm

**Presentation:** Sunday, October 13, 10 am worship – one service only

Printed music and practice CDs are available now.

***Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in this so that we can prepare and give you a set of materials -- an all-RUMC-faith-family event!***

\*We will be joined by several members of the Covenant UMC (Gaithersburg) choir who presented this same event for their congregation several years ago and are very excited to do it again. It leaves an impression!

I'm excited!

Blessings on you,



## The Community Lunch

April 6, 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.



## Pastoral Letter from Bishop LaTrelle Easterling Following General Conference 2019

March 11, 2019

*But now, says the Lord - the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior.*

*Isaiah 43: 1-3a (CEB)*

Beloved,

The turbulent waters of marginalization have swelled and the scorching fire of rejection laps at the heels of the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and queer members, friends and allies within The United Methodist Church. The days after the Special Session of General Conference have felt parched and dry and painful. On Tuesday, February 26, the delegates of the Special Session voted 438-384 to pass The Traditional Plan. By a 54-vote margin, a slim majority of the gathered voting body again concretized a second-class citizenship within The United Methodist Church.

Since 1972, our beloved denomination has inserted these words into our Book of Discipline: "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching." With those six words we have laid on the altar of polity an entire group of persons and told them that their lives are unholy and damned. There is simply no other way to interpret it. I unequivocally disagree with that belief. Persons who are gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and queer are created in the image and likeness of God, as are all others. They do not choose to be who they are; they are living as they were created to be. They do not choose a gay lifestyle; rather, they are living as God created them.

In the aftermath of the Special Session, I and countless others have spent time talking people out of taking their lives, offering pastoral care to pastors and laity who have given serious consideration to walking away from the denomination and some from their faith. We have cried with them, prayed with them, and attempted to remind them that the General Conference is the law-making body of our denomination, but it is not the church. Quite often law and God's grace find themselves at odds.

The hope of the Special Session was that we would create a way forward with enough contextual space for all persons to live into our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Correspondingly, many hoped it would offer the

opportunity for members of the LGBTQIA+ community to be equal members within our church without fear of consequences. The resounding justification offered by those who would not support the One Church Plan is that they could not be affiliated with a denomination that condones what they believe to be sin. As I have repeatedly said, well-regarded biblical scholars and theologians disagree on the interpretation of the scriptures used to support that understanding. The One Church Plan respected those differences and gave room for all to live into their beliefs with integrity. To say that you cannot remain in relationship with "sinners" is to deny the reality that our denomination, as is the case with any denomination, is filled with persons living in ways some would define as sin. Our current disciplinary language simply elevates one perceived sin above all others and castigates some to the exclusion of others.

We have traversed this road before. Our church law and God's grace have been divergent on many occasions. The Methodist Church divided over whether it was sinful to purchase and own other human beings in the practice of chattel slavery. The Methodist Church at one time required its ministers to sign an oath of abstinence from tobacco use. We argued over divorce and whether those who had been could serve as clergy. Our denomination wrestled with the inclusion of women in the ordained ministry. In each of those debates, Scripture was used to justify exclusion. Our Book of Discipline concretized those justifications. And, we have come to understand that those positions were wrong. I believe we are wrong once again.

In the great hymn of the church, *In Christ There Is No East or West*, we find these words:

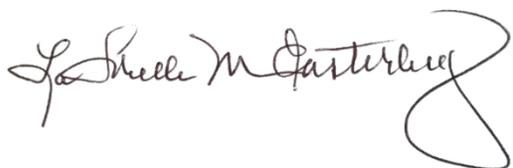
*In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.*

I believe those words, supported by the Great Commandment to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and your neighbor as yourself," are the heart and soul of the Gospel. That love is unconditional. It includes all.

I agree with many who have articulated that this is a time of crisis within The United Methodist Church. This is also an opportunity for the Baltimore-Washington Conference to rise above exclusionary practices to say unequivocally that we will recognize the dignity and sacred worth of all.

Take heart, beloved, and do not place a period where God places a comma. God is not done with us yet!

Blessings and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "LaTrelle Miller Easterling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

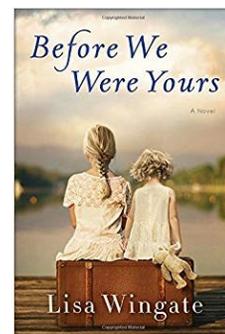
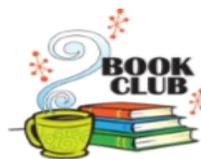
## LIBRARY LOG



1. We hope you marked your calendar for **Sunday, April 7** to attend the **Library Open House** to celebrate National Library Week. Please stop in for snacks, prizes, browsing and socializing during Grow Hour and after the second service. Everyone is invited.

2. We are blessed with a very generous church family. We are also blessed to have a trust fund that supports the library. When you have books you wish to recycle in some way, check with us before dropping them off in the library. The books should be in tiptop shape and should not be ones we have already. There are many places to donate. You might consider giving some of your used books to our Food Pantry (Check with a volunteer) Goodwill, the Union Rescue Mission, NESAP in Hampstead, or to any organization that takes used items. Remember -- just check with us first. We appreciate your thinking of us.

**Book Club will meet April 24th** and we will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. (leader-Cindy). If you wish to get ahead, read *What Alice Forgot* by Lianne Moriarty for May 15 (leader-Sarah W.)



## CHILI COOK-OFF POSTPONED TO APRIL 28TH

**WHO:** Anyone who can make chili, or wants to try!  
Men, women and youth of all ages are welcome to enter the chili cook-off. Teams are also welcome.



*More chili = more fun! (scientifically proven)*

So don't be shy! What do you have to lose? Throw your chili peppers into the ring and join the fun!

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 28, 2019 following the 10:30 AM service at RUMC.  
*\*All entries must be emailed to [mens.fellowship.rumc@gmail.com](mailto:mens.fellowship.rumc@gmail.com) or hardcopies submitted to Steve Marroulis or the Church Office by Sunday, March 10, 2019. Entry forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.*

**WHERE:** RUMC Fellowship Hall

**WHY:** Fellowship, food and fun. Need we say more? OK, how about this: ***Chili!!!***

The entire RUMC congregation and friends are welcome to attend this fellowship event. So please plan to join us after church to enjoy food and fun even if you don't enter the chili contest. **BUT...**a chili cook-off is not a chili cook-off without chili!!! So fill out a form and bring your chili for everyone to enjoy!

**PLEASE GET YOUR RECIPE'S IN ASAP—IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH SUBMISSIONS WE WILL NEED TO CANCEL.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

## RUMC Prayer Lists

### OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

**Brightview, Perry Hall**  
Tom & Sandy Thawley

**Brightview, Towson**  
Peggy Eline

**Carroll Lutheran Village**  
Louise Meyers  
Elsie Smith

**Catered Living—Estrn. Shore**  
LaRue Allewalt

**Golden Crest—Westminster**  
Betty Flohr

**Hampstead Village**  
Wilma Cook

**Lorien Encore—Ellicott City**  
Vivian Crouse

**Lorien Center—Taneytown**  
Dotty Harry  
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 Atwood Smith

### 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 stationed at Incirlik Air Force Base in Turkey

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

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

**Elizabeth Haines Greenway**, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, stationed in MO service as Drill Instructor, Staff Sergeant,

**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 family, serving in the Army

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

**Roger Adams**, continued prayers for healing from knee replacement surgery <sup>(3/31)</sup>

**Joni Cahill**, unspoken prayers <sup>(3/3)</sup>

**Cheryl Clymer**, RMC Treasurer, praise for healing from foot surgery #1; will have second surgery in May, prayers for quick healing and recovery <sup>(3/31)</sup>

**Kathy Correll**, continue prayers for healing <sup>(3/17)</sup>

**Jannell Trcka**, brother Brooke Thompson, had right knee surgery on 2/7/19, still recovering from left knee surgery and continues with shoulder problems, prayers for complete healing and release from pain <sup>(3/3)</sup>

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

**Josh Anderson**, Kris Brown's nephew, in shock trauma after a car accident, unresponsive, prayers for healing <sup>(3/3)</sup>

**Matt Brown**, prayers for guidance <sup>(3/3)</sup>

**Ann Durham**, Mary Jane Peters' sister-in-law, multiple medical needs, prayers for guidance in decision making for the future and healing <sup>(3/3)</sup>

**Carolyn Kelly**, Beth Waters mother, update: is back in the hospital for more testing <sup>(3/24)</sup>

**Dani Kunkel**, Gae Ray's great niece, is 8 months pregnant, In the hospital with blood clots in her lungs, prayers for healing and safety for the child <sup>(3/24)</sup>

**Don Mills**, friend of Glen Harmon, diagnosed with spinal, femur & prostate cancer, healing prayers <sup>(3/10)</sup>

**Darlene Parlette**, Mary Jane Peters' Aunt, recurrence of pancreatic cancer, prayers for healing <sup>(3/3)</sup>

**Donald Poso**, Cynthia Humphrey's brother, was in an accident (has head and body injuries), prayers for healing <sup>(3/31)</sup>

**Connie Smith**, Kelly Fairhurst's mother, heart issues, upcoming procedure, prayers for healing and guidance <sup>(3/24)</sup>

**Sherri Vance**, Charlotte Braxton's daughter, surgery on March 5th in Delaware, prayers for healing and recovery <sup>(3/10)</sup>

**Christopher**, homeless person taken by heroin <sup>(3/3)</sup>

**Kristin**, friend of Kate Strom, has returned to an abusive relationship. Pray for safety and that she will leave for good <sup>(3/10)</sup>

**Rachel**, deep depression, prayers for healing and comfort <sup>(3/17)</sup>

**Flood victims in the Midwest** <sup>(3/31)</sup>

### *Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer*

Philipp Baader  
Jacob Barford  
Steve Blessing  
Beth Bolin  
Mary Brauniger  
Marilyn Brathwaite  
Harvey Braxton  
Slade Caltrider  
Jean Chambers  
Benjamin Dapper  
Megan Evans  
Ryan Gardner  
Sondra Hadden

Mary Hanlon  
Jim Harbour  
Roger Hembrough  
Mike Hockstad  
Debbie Johnson  
Denny Johnson  
Eddie Jones  
Jim Kane  
Diane Kanemoto  
Tyler Llewellyn  
Alfred Luginger  
Gino Manna  
Barbara McArdory  
Tina Meeks  
Ronald Metz  
Mike Murrary  
Aaliyah Parker  
Aileen Rund  
Les Schafferman  
Marge Shaw  
Donna Soskin  
Sean Staley  
Melanie Stierhoff  
Martha Taylor  
Mary Telchi  
Jenna Thornton  
Patty G. Walsh  
Dave Weinstein  
Lynn Whitter  
Cindy; Deb; Jim  
Ken; Nicholas; Shannon

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to Alexandra Boyle on the passing of her father last week (3/24).*

*Cards and condolences may be sent to:  
Alexandra at  
8387 Montgomery Run Rd Apt D,  
Ellicott City MD 21043-7353*

*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  
APRIL Birthdays**

**4/2**

**Lilly Warfield**  
5027 Kemp Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/4**

**Geraldine Lewis**  
22 Caraway Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/14**

**Wyatt Fell**  
320 Lantana Dr.  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**4/23**

**Lindsay Renner**  
50 Patrick Ave  
Littlestown, PA 17340

**4/2**

**Timothy Hoffmann**  
22 Clarks Ln  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/5**

**Quinn Mayer**  
2428 Appaloosa Way  
Finksburg, MD 21048

**4/15**

**Danny Lee**  
2860 Chauncey Hill Dr.  
Manchester, MD 21102

**4/26**

**Jackson Biffle**  
11717 Terry Town Dr.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/2**

**Morgan Rose**  
300 Butler Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/6**

**Barbara Rund**  
305 Wyndham Cir Unit B  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**4/15**

**Gae Ray**  
241 Highmeadow Rd.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/27**

**Ryan McManus**  
34 Glen Oak Ct.  
Westminster, MD 21158

**4/2**

**Gary Owings**  
14627 Hanover Pike  
Upperco, MD 21155

**4/7**

**Patricia Caltrider**  
35 S Lake Way  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/16**

**Patricia Young**  
306 Cantata Ct Apt 219  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/28**

**Dylan Wright**  
3 Old Spring Ct.  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

**4/2**

**Winifred Lynde**  
11 Beth Ct  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**4/11**

**Grant Boerner**  
1715 Garrett Rd  
Manchester, MD 21102

**4/16**

**Nancy Gelwicks**  
400 Homevale Ct.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/28**

**Conner Wright**  
3 Old Spring Ct.  
Cockeysville, MD 21030

**4/3**

**Niko Burgos**  
329 Janice Way  
Westminster, MD 21158

**4/11**

**Garrett Boerner**  
1715 Garrett Rd  
Manchester, MD 21102

**4/17**

**Laura Gede**  
104 Walgrove Rd.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/29**

**Rebecca Chase**  
301 Stocksdale Ave.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/4**

**Madison Fell**  
320 Lantana Dr.  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**4/11**

**Dennis Smith**  
5264 Spruce Ct  
Mechanicsburg, PA  
17055

**4/21**

**Charles Porter**  
PO Box 124  
Glyndon, MD 21071

**4/30**

**Eugene Will**  
505 Sunbrook Rd.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**4/4**

**Sandra Ferguson**  
601 Oneta Dr.  
Westminster, MD 21157

**4/13**

**Monica Sheffo**  
9861 Sherwood Farm Rd  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**4/22**

**Grace Warfield**  
5027 Kemp Rd.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

## Three Month Calendar

### APRIL

3	12 noon	Lenten Study & Lunch	RUMC Fellowship Hall
4	6:30 pm	Lenten Study & Supper	RUMC Fellowship Hall
6	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	11:30 -1pm	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
7	All Day	Gift Card/Shoppers Cards order deadline	FH
9	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
10	12 NOON	Lenten Study & Lunch	Glyndon UMC
11	6:30 pm	Lenten Study & Supper	Glyndon UMC
12	4:00 pm	Youth Fund Raise Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction	FH
14	ALL DAY	Palm Sunday	
17	7:00 pm	Book Club	Library
18	All Day	Maundy Thursday	
19	All Day	Good Friday	Wards Chapel UMC
20		Eggstavganza—more information coming	
21		Easter Sunday	
	7:30 am	Breakfast & Early Service	Fellowship Hall
	8:30 & 10:30	Services	Sanctuary
	All Day	ODB Pans out	Narthex
22	All Day	Office Closed	
23	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
27	9-1	RUMC Kitchen Certification	Fellowship Hall
28	8am& 9:30am	ODB Casseroles collected	Fellowship Hall

### MAY

4	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	11:30-1pm	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
5	9:30 am	JOY Cookie Walk	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Community Youth Gathering	Trinity Lutheran
9	6:30 pm	Celebration of Women Banquet	Fellowship Hall
11	9-1	Circle of Friends Plant Sale	Front Lawn
14	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
19	All Day	Gift Card/Shoppers Cards order deadline	FH
		Newsletter Article	Office
26	All Day	ODB Pans out	Narthex & FH
27	All Day	Memorial Day	Offices Closed
28	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

### JUNE

1	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
	11:30=1pm	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
2	8 am & 9:30 am	ODB Casseroles Collected	Fellowship Hall
	1:00 pm	JOY	Sherry Osborne's House
8	6:00 pm	COFFEE HOUSE	Fellowship Hall
11	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
16	All Day	Gift Card/Shoppers Cards order deadline	FH
		Newsletter Article	Office
22	7:30 am-1:30 pm	BLOOD DRIVE	Fellowship Hall
23	All Day	ODB Pans out	Narthex & FH
25	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
30	8 am & 9:30 am	ODB Casseroles Collected	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  
 5:30 pm - Girl Scouts Troop 2213, Rooms 5 & 6  
 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 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)



**Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, May 11th**  
**9am to 1pm**  
**Front lawn of RUMC**  
Sponsored by the Circle of Friends  
to benefit missions  
**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
Questions call Tammy Nash 410-239-8394



**2019: UMW Prayer Calendar from Around the World**  
**March – April 2019 Activity**

In conjunction with the Lenten season and the 150th Anniversary of UMW, the prayer calendar activity during this time will consist of a letter sent to a missionary each day (on their birthday) during this time frame. I will have a box by dates with a pre-addressed letter for you to use. Since we are celebrating the Anniversary with a Tea, we will do the same for the missionary. Each letter will have a tea bag inside the envelope. All you need to do is write a letter to the missionary, put a stamp on the envelope, and mail the letter. In your letter, you can thank them for their service, tell them about our tea, explain how you are involved in missions in your community, celebrate their birthday with words of encouragement & faith, etc. The mighty pen is your sword of knowledge to those around the world!

Thanks for your support & prayers for our Missionaries around the World!

Kris Brown [krisbrown69@yahoo.com](mailto:krisbrown69@yahoo.com)



**Orders for shoppers cards/gift cards will be taken on April 7** at the Fellowship Hall between services. The Cards will be ready for pick up on April 14, one week before Easter. These cards make great gifts and can also be used for shopping at grocery stores, gasoline stations and eating at your local restaurants. This project supports the RUMW mission projects. You get what you buy and we make a profit. It is that easy, but we need you to purchase and use these cards in order to make money for our projects. If you have any questions, please call Tammy Nash at 410-239-8394. Orders are taken each month so Spring into the habit of buying shoppers cards for your personal use.

**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 Wednesday we will continue our new book study called *"All In! You are one decision away from a total different life."*** It's not too late to join us. The Gospel costs nothing. You can't earn it or buy it. It can only be received as a free gift compliments of God's grace. It doesn't cost anything, but it demands everything. It demands that we go "all in," a term that simply means placing all that you have into God's hands. Pushing it all in. **No preparation is necessary. Books are free! Come on out and join us!!**

## What is Campus Life @ Franklin Middle?



Campus Life Middle School ministry combines healthy relationships with creative programs to help young people make good choices, establish a solid foundation for life, and positively impact their schools. This ministry is organized by Youth for Christ and is sponsored by people in the community, local churches, and supported by volunteers. Like every ministry of YFC, Campus Life seeks to engage these young people wherever they are found as lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. Reisterstown UMC has played an active role in the Campus Life program at Franklin Middle for the past 5 years.

We are also seeking additional volunteers for our weekly meetings during the school year on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-4:00PM.

Please contact Susan Harry, [gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net), 410-245-7190 or Jermone Calloway at [jermone@masondixonyfc.org](mailto:jermone@masondixonyfc.org)





## Call to Prayer & Self-Denial

The United Methodist Women is more than the “older women” of the church or those who “make, bake, sew and sell”. We are part of an organization of women who have for more than 150 years begun schools, immigrant homes, programs for improving the economic status of struggling people, community centers and more. We’ve trained women to be bold prophetic voices in the community and the world to change systems that oppress God’s children. We’ve undergirded it all with study and spiritual growth.

Every year, United Methodist Women members participate in A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance. The mission focus for 2019 is Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide. All offerings received this year will go to programs that promote well-being and equal opportunities for children and youth in need, including:

- Advocacy to end the school-to-prison pipeline
- Anti-violence and child protection programs
- After-school and wraparound programs
- Vocational livelihood training for refugees and vulnerable children and youth
- Formal and informational workshops on healthy living
- Equal access to education
- Access to educational and life opportunities for children with disabilities

March 23<sup>rd</sup> marked the 150-year birthday of The United Methodist Women; Women who have advocated for children and youth around the world. The United Methodist Women supports church and grassroots organizations that offer vulnerable and oppressed children opportunities to thrive. Please consider donating to our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial collection. Envelopes can be found in the Narthex. Checks can be written to RUMC with “UMW Call to Prayer” in the memo line. Envelopes can be returned in the offering baskets on Sundays throughout the month of April.

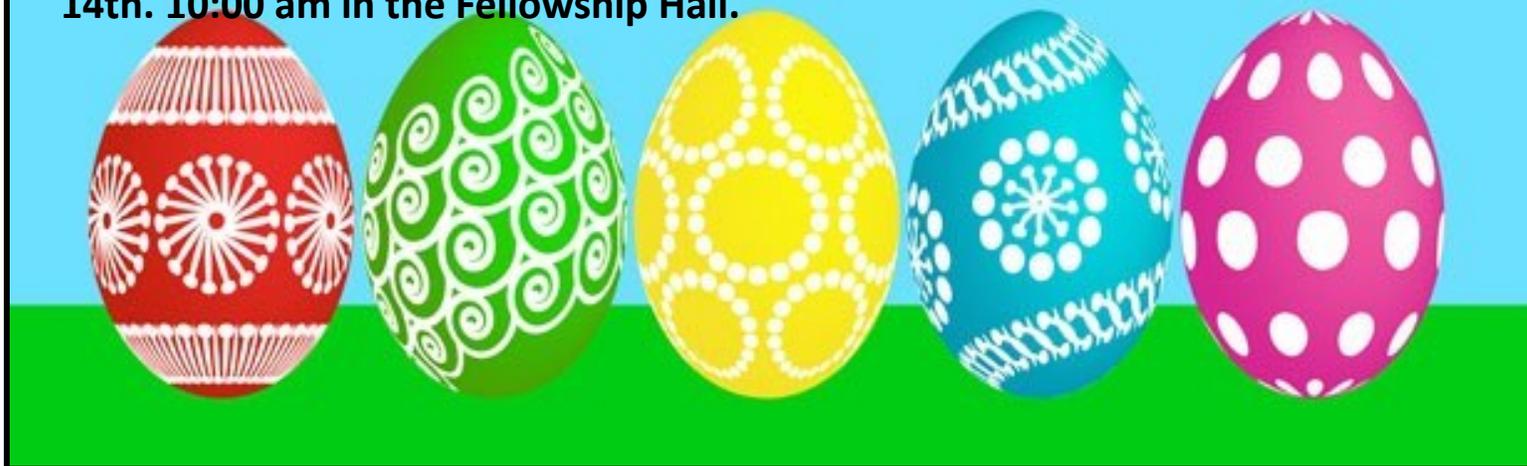
**Renovate: Build a Life with God** is our focus for Lent. **Plan now** to participate in the upcoming Lenten study series! Sign up in the Narthex on the glass table by the Northside Chapel Narthex so we can order enough books for participants. **Beginning on March 13**, We will gather with our neighboring UM churches on **Wednesdays at noon** for lunch and conversation and on **Thursdays at 6:30** for supper and conversation (choose the time best for you). The schedule and locations can be found **Below**. **Signup sheets for both lunch and supper as well as books are available on the glass table in the Narthex near the NSC Narthex doors.**

**FYI! Good Friday services will be at noon and 7:00 pm at WARDS CHAPEL UMC**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>HOST AND MEAL PROVIDER</u>
April 3 @ noon (Wed.) and 4 @ 6:30 (Thur.)	Reisterstown UMC
April 10 @ noon (Wed.) and 11 @ 6:30 (Thur.)	Glyndon UMC

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our Eggstravaganza is coming quickly (**April 20th**) and we need to have **LOTS OF FILLED EGGS!** Please pick up several bags of unfilled plastic eggs from the box in the Narthex. Fill them with candy (*PLEASE NO NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER!*), tape the eggs closed and then return to the other box also in the Narthex. **Eggs are available TODAY and need to be returned no later than April 14th. 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.**



### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **Ticket Sales Volunteers-2019 Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction**

In need of youth & adult volunteers on (4 Sundays ) to sell tickets at the Fellowship Hall Entrance for the April 13th Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Youth Ministry Fundraiser. Help needed on March 17, 24, & 31, April 7. Need help setting up, selling, and cleaning up display. 9:15- 10:15 AM & 11:25- 11:45 AM <https://ttsu.me/ticketsalevolunteers>

#### **Volunteers Needed for the Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction 4-13-19**

Dear youth, parents, & adults,

This is our BIG fundraiser for the year! We need your help to put this dinner on for our church and community. Funds from the Dinner & Silent Auction Baskets help us buy supplies, food, pay for our end of year trip, and our summer mission project. Please sign up for the time slot that you would like to work. You will need to sign each person up individually. <https://ttsu.me/spaghettdinner2019jobs>

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Please contact me if you have questions. Thank you, Susan Harry [gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net)

#### **Mark your calendar!**

#### **Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza Youth & Adult Volunteers Needed-**

Saturday, April 20, 2019 9:00am – 12:30pm

Egg Hunt Volunteers- Job List: Hide Eggs, Help with crafts, Help with Snack, Set up, & Clean up  
Student Volunteer hours are available. Register online TODAY! [https://](https://ttsu.me/2019easteregg huntvol)

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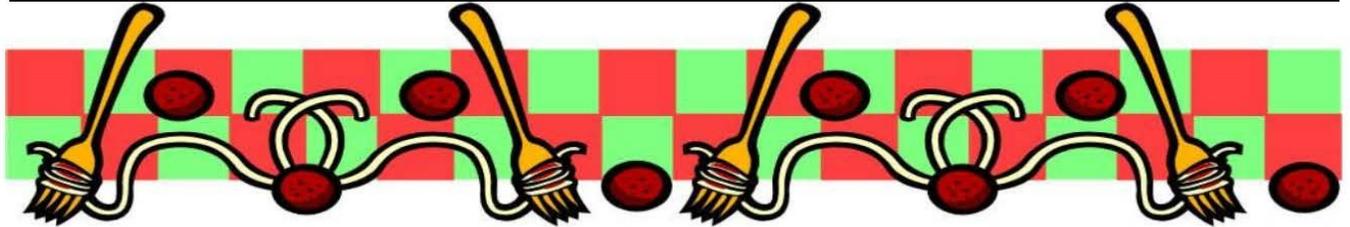
Susan Harry, Dir. Youth & Young Adults 410-833-5440/ 410-245-7190/ [gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net)

The Reisterstown United Methodist Church  
Youth Ministry Program  
Presents...



**Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser**

**Saturday, April 13th 2019 4:00 - 7:30 PM.**



Please join us for delicious sauce and spaghetti, salad bar, desserts, wonderful fellowship and a chance to support the youth.

**EARLY BIRD:** Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children aged 3-11, and free for the little ones.

**AT THE DOOR:** Tickets will be \$14.00 and \$10.00.

**Request for Silent Auction Items**

Can you help us...  
We are asking for donations of Silent Auction items/baskets to be donated to raise additional funds. Movie tickets, gift certificates, games, etc... get creative and pick a theme for your basket.

See Susan Harry for more information.

**All Donations must be received by April 7th.**

[gwtwsue2@comcast.net](mailto:gwtwsue2@comcast.net)

Proceeds raised from this dinner will help fund RUMC Youth Ministry Programs and Mission Projects!

**Tickets available starting March 10th!**  
**You can purchase your tickets in the fellowship hall in the church office, and online.**

For more information, please contact the Church office, 410-833-5440 or Susan Harry, 410-245-7190.

Reisterstown United Methodist Church,  
246 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD. 21136  
[rumcoffice1777@gmail.com](mailto:rumcoffice1777@gmail.com)

*You are invited to the...*

**Youth Ministry Spaghetti Dinner**



# **SILENT AUCTION**

**Benefits RUMC Youth Ministry & Mission Projects**

**SATURDAY, April 13**

4pm - 7:30pm

246 Main Street,

Reisterstown, MD 21136

AUCTION PREVIEW STARTS @ 4:30pm

*Can you help us with  
Donations of Silent  
Auction Baskets?*

gwtwsue2@comcast.net

410-245-7190

**GOT A QUESTION**



## *EASTER FLOWERS 2019*

Traditionally, on Easter Sunday (APRIL 21), we enhance the beauty of our Church Altar with flowers in memory or honor of loved ones or friends. Listed below are the flowers we offer: Please complete the information if you would like to place an order. **\*COLORS ARE DEPENDANT ON THE GROWERS CHOICE.**

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY April 7—THERE WILL BE NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER APRIL 7th, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CHECK OR CASH. NO ORDERS WILL BE PLACED UNTIL THEY ARE PAID FOR.** Make checks payable to:

**Reisterstown United Methodist Church.**

<u>No. of Plants</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Print your name next to the flowers you want</u>
	Lily (4-6 blooms)	\$ 7.00	
	Tulips (6" pot—6 blooms) Assorted colors	\$7.00	
	Hyacinth (1 bloom) Assorted colors	\$3.00	
	Martha Washington Geranium (6")	\$8.00	
	Hydrangea (7"- 3-4 blooms) BLUE ONLY	\$8.00	
	Tulips (4"- 3 blooms) Assorted colors)	\$3.00	

Information for Church Bulletin only \*\*\*

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**In lieu of flowers** - perhaps you would prefer to place a remembrance offering. BE SURE TO COMPLETE BULLETIN INFORMATION SECTION, PLEASE. **RECORD YOUR ENVELOPE # ON THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR REMEMBRANCE OFFERING.**

Please indicate which ministry area you wish your offering to be applied to if 'applicable, i.e. Youth, Music, Memorials, Food Pantry, Current Budget, etc.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS: (for ministry) \_\_\_\_\_

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Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

**Place completed sheet along with your check in the FLOWER BOX on the glass table in the Narthex, or mail to Joanne Ditto, 208 Highfalcon Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ORDERS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

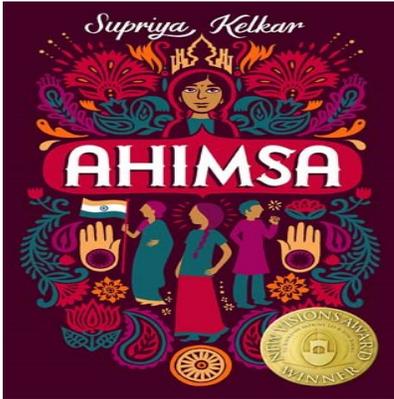
**Any questions, contact Joanne Ditto: 410-833-1308.**

**\*NO REMEMBRANCE OFFERINGS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 2019**

## UMW Reading Program

APRIL 2019: Journeying down Education to Mission category

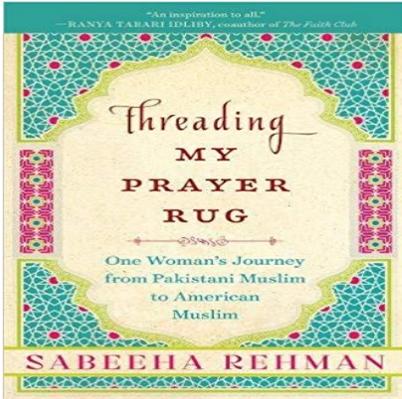
### Ahimsa by Supriya Kelkar:



A beautifully written middle school youth book that showcases India's caste system and how 2 different religious youths (Hindi & Muslim) made a difference in their neighborhood. This book allows readers to experience non-violent situations in a world of hate.

Category: 2019 Education for Mission  
Library: Baltimore County Public Library –  
Owings Mills Branch – Children KEL

### Threading My Prayer Rug by Sabeeha Rehman:

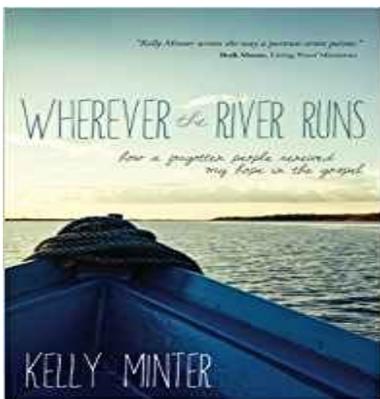


A compelling story of a young Pakistani Muslim woman from a traditional upbringing thrown into the American Muslim role. This book chronicles her journey, obstacles she overcomes to live in America & showcases a huge part of post 9/11 in New York City as a Muslim and her journey to help people understand her concept of building an interfaith center.

Category: 2019 Education for Mission  
Library: Baltimore County Public Library –  
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RUMC Library

### Wherever the River Runs: How a forgotten people renewed my hope in the gospel by Kelly

#### Minter:



This multi-layered book lays out the Amazon, the people, and the challenges faced daily. Can you travel outside of your comfort zone? Do you wonder how others worship deep in the jungle? Have you thought about international mission? This book opens up the world of the Amazon rivers majesty, beauty & dangers, while allowing us the ability to see all of Gods' people worship in any condition.

Category: 2017 Education for Mission  
Library: RUMC Library

**Happy Reading! Kris Brown**

## SAVE THE DATES

**Save the Date:**  
Annual Church Picnic At  
Emory Grove  
Homestead  
**SUNDAY, JULY 21st**  
**10:00 AM WORSHIP**  
**SERVICE WITH**  
**PICNIC FOLLOWING**

**WE WILL NOT**  
**HAVE SERVICES HERE AT**  
**RUMC**  
**MORE**  
**INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

CHURCH PICNIC AND **MORNING** SERVICE AT  
EMORY GROVE—Sunday, July 21st.

Emory Grove is a “camp meeting” location where people have gathered for many years for worship and hymn sings and other religious gatherings. It is located at

102 Waugh Avenue, Glyndon.

We will gather at 10:00 am in the Tabernacle (an outdoor worship space) for the service.

Then we will move to the hotel (building near the main gate on the left as you drive in) for the picnic. We will begin eating at about 11:30 am.

**WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS PLANS ARE FINALIZED**

**JUST MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE AT EMORY GROVE NOT RUMC!!!!**

**Please plan to be present!**



**Graduation Celebration**  
**Join us on**  
**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**After each service in the**  
**Parlor/Narthex**

for a reception in honor of our Graduates.

If you are graduating this spring or graduated this past winter, we will recognize you and your accomplishments at the 10:30 service.

Please provide your name, school, type of degree and future plans to the office

by **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** so we can include you in the celebration and include your information in the bulletin

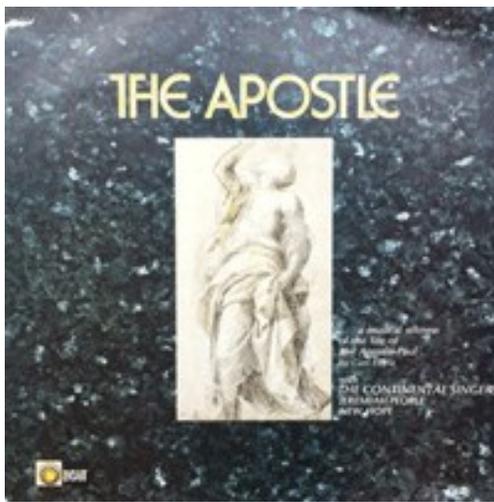
Please contact Jill Wright with any questions at 410-526-6721.

Contact the office to give us your information—410-833-5440 or email your information to [RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com](mailto:RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com)



*Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;  
Death is strong, but life is stronger.  
Stronger than the dark, the light;  
Stronger than the wrong, the right.  
Faith and hope triumphant say,  
Christ will rise on Easter Day.*

—Phillips Brooks



## **The Apostle by Cam Floria**

During the research and finally the writing for the musical, “The Apostle”, was the most inspiring project I’ve ever undertaken in my life. Thinking back to my impression of Paul, the man, I used to believe him to be quite arrogant and overbearing in both his writing and action as ascribed to by Luke. Now, wonderfully, I’ve been given the insight to realize God made Paul exactly what he was—the chosen person to do the things he did, place in history at the perfect time to do them.

He was a Hebrew, but with special attributes...He grew up in a university city of Greek culture; he studied to become a Pharisee under the greatest Hebrew teacher of his day; and he possessed the key to first century travelings...the Roman citizenship! And then, most important, he received personal instruction as to his calling and profession (“Woe to me if I preach not the gospel”) from Jesus Himself. Paul knew what he must accomplish; he knew Christ was his strength; he knew the Holy Spirit would mold his words; so when he said, “...be imitators of me” he wasn’t really being boastful in the human way, but was merely telling the early church that the Christian way was as Jesus instructed, and Paul was the voice of Jesus had directed to impart it.

Like any people in any century, change was difficult in the early age, and God allowed Paul to suffer both physical and mental anguish for the sake of Christianity to degrees too weighty for us to really understand. We can relate to some of his pains, but we’ll never know all he paid for the building of the early church. He called himself the least because he persecuted the church. God, in His wisdom, has a way of taking things at their least and making them into wonders of the world. Think of the magnitude of the influence the words of the apostle Paul written nearly 2,000 years ago have had on your own life. What makes those words so real is the total dedication of the life out of which they overflowed...a life thoroughly directed by God.

I want to share with you a quote from the fifth-century scholar, Chrysostom, who said hundreds of years ago, “Paul, by his letters still lives in the hearts of men throughout the whole world. By them, all the faithful even unto this day, yea, and even all the saints yet to be born, both have been and shall continue to be blessed.”

May some of those words once again fill your heart with praise as you now sing and perform them, remembering the sacrifices that took place in order for you and me to have this opportunity.

Cam Floria

Taken from the Forward to “The Apostle”

I hope that you will either join in the singing of this or will come and bring your friends and be blessed by the presentation on Sunday October 13th at 10:00 am—ONE SERVICE



The JOY Circle cordially invites all church members and their guests to a special presentation on "Religion and the American Civil War." This very informative program will be held on Monday, April 22nd, at 7:00 pm in the church parlor.

Our guest speaker will be Tom Osborne. Tom was a journalist for 36 years, 30 years as an editor at the Baltimore Sun. Most recently Tom worked at the Gettysburg National Military Park in visitor services, and often gave special presentations on the Gettysburg Cyclorama. Tom has long been a history buff, particularly the Civil War period.

Tom's presentation will focus on the large role religion played during the long bloody conflict. He will trace the impact of important changes in the religious culture leading up to the war, and how these changes affected the soldiers doing the fighting, and their military, political and religious leaders. He will also look at these topics from both a Northern and Southern perspective.

We look forward to seeing many of our church family at this thought-provoking program. Light refreshments will be served.

(Submitted by Sherry Osborne, JOY chairman)



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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.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Spoke Folk, a 12 day Christian biking music ministry tour group, will perform a concert

**July 11th—7:00 pm**

Reisterstown UMC

246 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD 21136

as a part of a seven concert tour in MARYLAND. The group of teens and adults will present an interactive, contemporary music program for all ages that includes music, puppets and drama. The evening of music



and fellowship is open to the public. Admission is free; a free will offering with be taken.

Spoke Folk is a mission trip that trains high school and college students to be missionaries in their daily lives. The members of this Spoke Folk team represent many states around the country. During their 12 day tour, they will bike from their training site to seven host churches in different communities. After biking approximately 40 miles their next host church, they share their musical program each evening.