



Our Church Matters

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

From the Pastor

I'm having a hard time settling down to write a January newsletter article in the midst of the unending preparations for our Christmas celebrations. The final Christmas Eve bulletins are finished. I think that all of the details are in place, and now it's time to look further ahead.

Looking ahead....

The Church Council *and all of you interested in working alongside us in planning for our future*, will gather on Saturday, January 25 from 9 to 1 at the church. Every year we run at a deficit for part of the year. Every year. And every year your generosity catches up with that deficit in the month of December – at least enough so that we can cover the deficit with funds we hold in reserve for such an event. Last year we had a surplus. This year we are finding that our deficit is greater than we expected, and we don't yet know how it will turn out. So, how do we plan for the coming transition, keeping the church on a firm financial footing. If you want to see the faith of your church council in action, join us for this day of planning and offer your best wisdom and faithfulness to the conversation!

Teen Time on Main Street is still in progress. This is the program we are working on with the County Executive's Office, RIA, Franklin Middle School, the Franklin Precinct, and a few others. Just this morning we received word that the Library's closing date has been pushed into March, giving us more time to complete our work on licensing and finding the other staff member we need. You may know that Susan Harry has been working with others in the community to offer a once-a-week after-school program called Campus Life at Franklin Middle for the last several years. It has had its ups and downs in the numbers of youth that have participated, largely due to difficulties in getting space and getting on the calendar at the school. Just a week (maybe 2) ago, after about 8 weeks of meeting weekly with just a few kids, 19 kids showed up! It was a great (if exhausting for the adults!!) day, and Susan took the opportunity to chat with the young people about Teen Time, and they were very enthusiastic. Please pray for the success of this program that, while not a Christian ed program, offers an opportunity for RUMC to show Christ's love for the young people of this community.

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Junction Coffee. Some of you heard us report in worship a few weeks ago that our coffee shop team went to what's known as a Ministry Hatchery and were awarded a grant from the denomination and also from the annual conference, totaling \$2600. As I write this, we are waiting for word on whether we will be awarded another grant from the annual conference for this work. At the Hatchery, the team was able to get "unstuck" in some ways that I believe will help move this essential ministry forward. I realize that not everyone understands why we should do something that seems like *just* a business. However, the **mission** of the ministry will be to relate people, mostly young adults and youth, to God. This means touching lives that we would otherwise have no access to by offering what to them is a non-threatening atmosphere for conversation and events that will invite spiritual connection and conversation. I left that event with hope that the shop can be ready to open in the fall. Please pray daily for this process!

These are the 3 highest priorities for the next few months, from my point of view in addition, of course, to preparing for the pastoral transition – a time of letting go and opening to what is new.

I am so grateful that we will walk through these next few months together!

Blessings on you,

Vivian

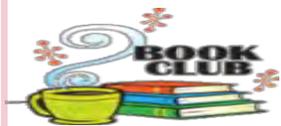
Library Log



1. We hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas church collection in the library. Thanks to our electrician Al Soskin for helping us to light it up.

2. Try some New Year's Resolutions such as reading one book more than you did last year or perhaps getting acquainted with a new author. Enjoy a HAPPY NEW YEAR of reading.

3. January birthdays of note: January 1, 1919 -- J.D. Salinger
January 14, 1898 -- Lewis Carroll



2020 Book Club will begin on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00

in the church library. Please be ready to discuss *The Flight Girls* by Noelle Salazar. Audrey Coltrane's goal in life was to fly. Her father gave her lessons which led her to sign up to train military pilots in Hawaii. One day she got caught in the air over Pearl Harbor.



There is an open invitation for any adult to participate in book club. We believe in a nonthreatening environment!



The Community Lunch—January 4th 2020

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.



The 2020 RUMC Directory is in the works.

Our goal is to have it ready by the beginning of March 2020. **Need your family's picture taken???** **Do you have any updates to your contact information?** Sign up to come by the Noah's Ark room on either December 1st, 2019 or January 5th, 2020. Sign up sheets can be found at the Welcome Center. Sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. through 12 noon on December 1st, 2019 and January 5th, 2020 in the Noah's Ark room.

IMPORTANT: If you DO NOT wish for your contact information to be printed in the RUMC Directory and have not previously submitted a form indicating you DO NOT wish for your information to be released, please contact Bonnie Lieberman at bnblieb@comcast.net or pick up and complete a *RUMC DIRECTORY – Personal Information Sheet* found at the Welcome Center **BEFORE JANUARY 5th**. If your contact information such as mailing address, home phone or cell phone have recently changed, please use the RUMC DIRECTORY – Personal Information Sheet to provide updated information.

Thanks for your help!
Bonnie Lieberman



Gift Cards are on sale on January 19th—see Lois or Tammy at the Fellowship Hall.

RUMW thanks all who participated with our Gift Card Shoppers program throughout 2019.

We take orders on the 3rd Sunday of each month and the cards are delivered the following Sunday. We make a percentage on each card we sell. These cards can be used as gift cards or for your own personal shopping for gasoline, food and dining out.

Order forms are on the bulletin boards in the Narthex and at the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about this program, please call Tammy Nash at 410-239-8394. The percentage that we make from the cards is listed on the order form. The Women have been doing this program for many years and it has been a big success. The money we make supports our Missions programs. Our profit for 2019 is \$3,540.

Please get into the habit of using these cards for groceries and your personal shopping each month. December 2019 was our biggest sale ever and we thank you. Now use these cards. They do not expire, but some stores are closing in 2020, so use them. They are also safe to use at gas stations.

Many women of our church also give order forms to co workers and friends. We appreciate that and hope that many more of you will buy cards all year long. Thank you, Tammy and Lois

Did your kids get a lot of new stuff for Christmas?

Looking to clean out outgrown clothes and toys?

The nursery school has an account at the Tot Spot Consignment Store in Owings Mills. All proceeds we make off of this fundraiser goes into our scholarship fund to provide opportunities for children to attend our school. If you have items you would like to donate, you can leave them on the table in the old kitchen (room 2) or contact Lani Hoffmann at 443-996-9375 or rumns234@gmail.com. Please clearly label the donation so we know why it is there.

Thank you

The nursery school would like to thank the Turnbaugh Trust for our recent enrichment programs. In November we enjoyed a visit from Miranda Mittleman, a local children's author. She read to the kids and presented each with a personalized copy of one of her books. We also enjoyed storytelling and singing with Miss Mabelle. She engages the children with stories in both English and Spanish, allowing us to be inclusive to our Spanish speaking child students in our program.



2019 Gingerbread House Competition Winners

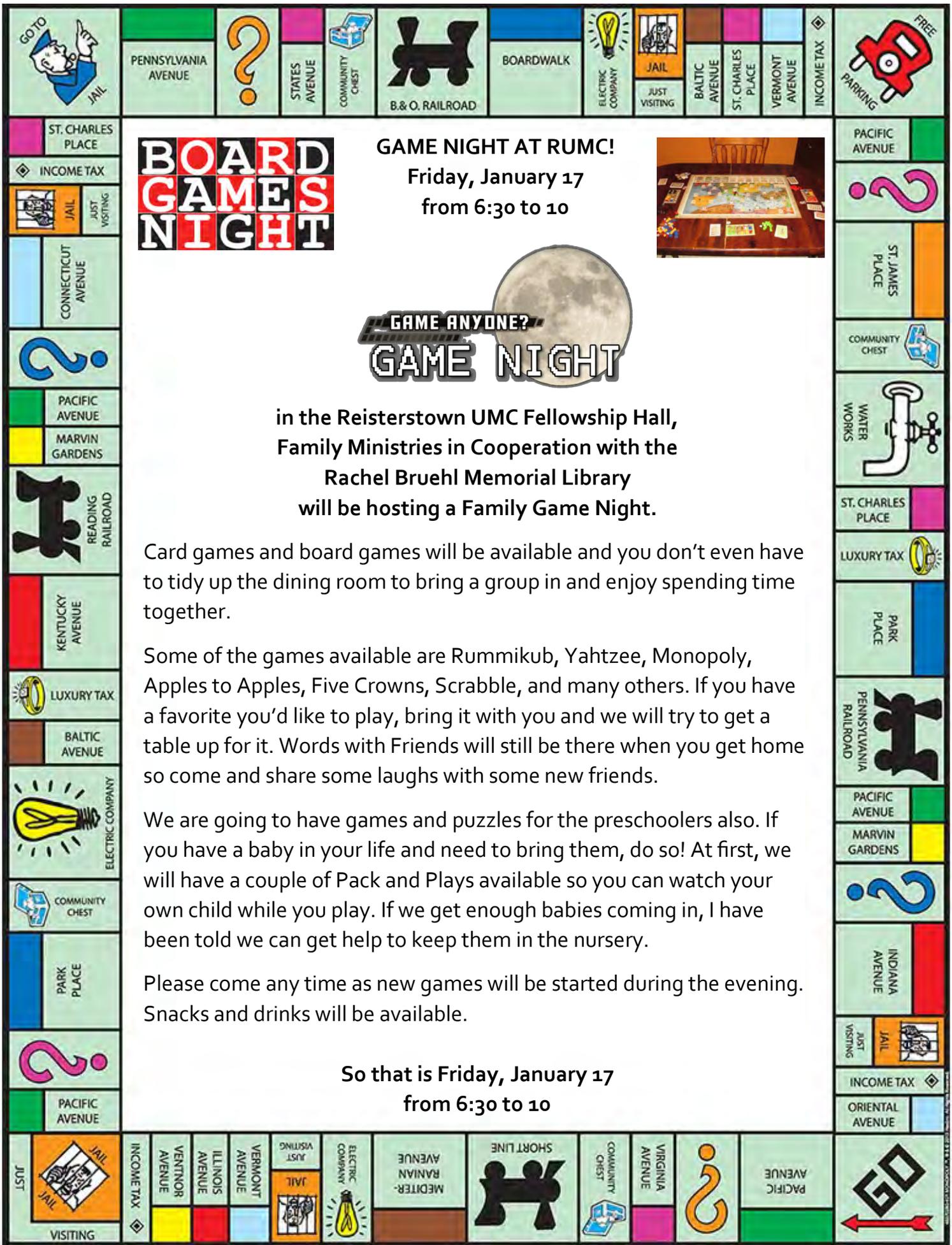


Sarah Nash—Winner of the Adult Division



Paige & Emma Osborne winners of the Youth Division

We had fewer entries this year, but still managed to raise \$216 for the community kitchen/luncheon



BOARD GAMES NIGHT

GAME NIGHT AT RUMC!
 Friday, January 17
 from 6:30 to 10



in the Reisterstown UMC Fellowship Hall,
 Family Ministries in Cooperation with the
 Rachel Bruehl Memorial Library
 will be hosting a Family Game Night.

Card games and board games will be available and you don't even have to tidy up the dining room to bring a group in and enjoy spending time together.

Some of the games available are Rummikub, Yahtzee, Monopoly, Apples to Apples, Five Crowns, Scrabble, and many others. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it with you and we will try to get a table up for it. Words with Friends will still be there when you get home so come and share some laughs with some new friends.

We are going to have games and puzzles for the preschoolers also. If you have a baby in your life and need to bring them, do so! At first, we will have a couple of Pack and Plays available so you can watch your own child while you play. If we get enough babies coming in, I have been told we can get help to keep them in the nursery.

Please come any time as new games will be started during the evening. Snacks and drinks will be available.

So that is Friday, January 17
from 6:30 to 10

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Brightview, Perry Hall Tom & Sandy Thawley	Golden Crest—Westminster Betty Flohr	Salony House Gladys Fish
Brightview, Towson Peggy Eline	Lorien Encore—Ellicott City Vivian Crouse	Springwell Sr Living Comm. Frank Simmonds
Carroll Lutheran Village Louise Meyers Elsie Smith Nancy Welsh	Lorien Center—Taneytown Dr. Bill Rosenberger Dotty Harry Monte Hatcher	Tremont Place Doris Matthews
Catered Living—Estrn. Shore LaRue Allewalt	Oakland Manor—Sykesville Wilma Cook	

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Shirley Krause	Bill & Colleen Eysaman	Atwood Smith	Jean Moss
Betty Ensor	Bud Clayton	Gerry Lewis	Carole Grove
	Wini Lynde	Lois Woodworth	

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
Christian Evans, Thelma Mack's nephew—serving in the US Army has returned to the states from Afghanistan
Bradley Fagan, in USAF stationed at Ramstein Air Base in Germany
Lindley Garcia, Carol Judkin's friend — USMC not currently deployed
Jeremy Hadden, Pat Dinsmore's grandson, Air Force, stationed at Edwards AFB in California
Elizabeth Haines Greenway, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, stationed in MO service as Drill Instructor, Staff Sergeant
Tyrese Harris, Rose Oakman's son, US Army boot camp in South Carolina
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, stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds
Isaac Shroll, Tracy Tambaoan's cousin, serving in the Army

PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS

John Behegan, had back surgery on December 11, prayers for quick recovery and healing. ^(12/8)
Bruce Bond, prayers for healing from vein surgery, still in a lot of pain. ^(12/1)
John Humphrey, had knee replacement surgery on Dec. 3rd. Pray for complete recovery ^(11/17)
Sandy Kramer, in Sinai Hospital, prayers for healing ^(11/24)
Ryan McManus, Prayers for continued healing and recovery after surgery ^(11/24)
Christy Newcomer, prayers for healing from a stroke ^(11/24)
Mark Smith, heart catheterization scheduled for Dec. 2, 2019 ^(12/1)
Judy Wright, prayers for healing from complete hip replacement on 12/16 ^(12/22)

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

Nancy Arnold, sister of Pat Dinsmore, prayers for healing after a stroke ^(11/17)

Frank Banz, friend of Bob Harr, prayers for healing from stomach cancer surgery ^(12/1)

Joe Centenio, has muscular dystrophy & diseased liver, has been given 3-6 months ^(11/3)

Carolyn Kelly, Beth Waters mother, continue prayers for healing, being treated for pneumonia ^(12/8)

Joe Kirby, having serious, extensive surgery on December 4, 2019 ^(12/8)

Dani Kunkel, great niece of Gae Ray, diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer, prayers for peace for healing ^(11/10)

Mark Linnus, friend of Scott Stewart, recovering from heart surgery ^(12/1)

Frances Paris, Tom Paris' step-mother, prayers for healing ^(11/3)

Jen & Ann, Kathleen Goebel's daughters. Both need prayers for healing ^(11/17)

Justin Patterson, grandson of Jeanne & Rick Bagwell, prayers for healing ^(11/10)

Heather Richburg, prayers from healing from a fall ^(11/17)

Jill Romarosky, neice of Karen Sheffo, in hospital in Moscow, prayers for healing ^(11/3)

Tim Simmons, Jannell Trcka's friend, having carpal tunnel surgery on Dec. 5, 2019 ^(12/8)

Donna Soskin, now in hospice ^(12/8)

Mark Strandberg, Linda Morrison's brother, passed away, November 18. Prayers for comfort for Linda and her family ^(11/24)

Steve T., suffers from COPD, prayers for healing ^(11/17)

Brooke Thompson, Jannell Trcka's brother, having valve replaced ^(11/17)

Beverly Wright, Jill Wright's mother, having heart issues again ^(11/3)

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer
Judy Almony; Debbie Avans (passed away);
Philipp Baader; Jacob Barford;
Steve Blessing; Beth Bolin;
Mary Brauniger; Marilyn Brathwaite;
Harvey Braxton; Renee Brooksbank;
Jean Chambers; Doris Curier;
Benjamin Dapper; Megan Evans;
Jacque Eyler; Ryan Gardner;
Sondra Hadden; Mary Hanlon;
Roger Hembrough; Debbi Hicks;
Mike Hockstad; Debbie Johnson;
Denny Johnson; Lisa Johnson;
Eddie Jones; Rita Jones; Jim Kane;
Diane Kanemoto; Paige Klekner;
Tyler Llewellyn; Alfred Luginger;
Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz;
Don Mills; Mike Murraray;
Aaliyah Parker; Darlene Parlette;
Monica Roppelt; Les Schafferman;
Marge Shaw; Sean Staley;
Melanie Stierhoff;
Martha Taylor; Mary Telchi;
Jenna Thornton; Patty G. Walsh;
Dave Weinstein; Dennis Whitlock;
Lynn Whitter; John Wilton; 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.



JANUARY Birthdays

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



Alan Soskin

1/4

28 Roaches Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Carol Lee

1/16

2860 Chauncey Hill Dr
Manchester, MD 21102

Sue Wright

1/27

5 Clarks Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Owen Harris

1/4

5932 Glen Falls Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Lorna Dix

1/17

514 Berrymans Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Lindsay McManus

1/28

34 Glen Oak Ct
Westminster, MD 21158

Maggie O'Farrell

1/8

160 Glyndon Trace Dr
Reisterstown, MD 21136-1949

Barbara Reynolds

1/20

306 Lauren Hill Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Lou Fritz

1/31

117 Choptank Terr
Cambridge, MD 21613-1115

Tensie Wenderoth

1/8

302 Cantata Ct Apt 208
Reisterstown, MD 21136-6524

Betty Flohr

1/22

1779 Nelson Rd
Westminster, MD 21157

Ann Perry

1/31

1030 Green Hill Farm Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Hannah Folau

1/12

14003 Woodens Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Kate McAlonan

1/22

2501 Nubian Ct
Finksburg, MD 21048

Mary Morrison

1/14

224 Walgrove Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Kylie Behegan

1/25

3211 Old Westminster Pike
Finksburg, MD 21048

Jane Peters

1/15

5 Continental Ct Apt 101
Owings Mills, MD 21117-5379

Cynthia Humphrey

1/25

324 Nicodemus Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136



Three Month Calendar

JANUARY—STATISTICS DUE

2	RUMC & RUMNS REOPEN	
14	8am-4pm Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
17	6:30 pm Game Night	Fellowship Hall
19	All Day Newsletter Article Deadline	Church Office
20	MLK Day Offices & RUMNS Closed—All Day	
26	11:45 am Potluck	Fellowship Hall
28	8am-4pm Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY—RUMC ANNIVERSARY MONTH

1	8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
1	11:30 am-1:30 pm	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
7-9	ROCK Retreat Ocean City MD		
9-16	Pastor Vivian Away		
8	6:00 pm	Coffee House	Fellowship Hall
11	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
16	Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due; Newsletter Article Deadline		
17	RUMNS & RUMC Office Closed Presidents Day		
21	7-10pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
22	7:30 am—1:30 pm	BLOOD DRIVE	Fellowship Hall
25	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
26	All Day Ash Wednesday		
	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Northside Chapel
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary

MARCH

7	8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
7	11:30 am-1:30 pm	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
8	2AM	Turn Clocks Forward One Hour	
10	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
14	4-7 pm	Youth Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction	Fellowship Hall
15	Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due; Newsletter Article Deadline		
20	7-10pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
24	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
29	2pm	UMW Tea	Fellowship Hall

Mondays

10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308
1:30-3 pm—Infants & Toddlers , 308
6 to 8:30 pm—Girl Scouts, Rooms 5/6 & 7
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
6:00 pm - Girl Scouts, Rooms 5/6 & 7
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
6:00 pm—Girl Scouts, Room 7
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
7 to 9 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
10:00 am—Serenity Women Support Group, 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) Library
1st Tues.— Worship (6:30 pm) Library
1st Sat.— Community Kitchen (11:30 am-1:00 pm) FH
1st Thurs.— UMW (7 pm) Library
1st Thurs.— RUMC Crafting Guild (7 pm) Room 8 (Sept. through May)
2nd & 4th Mon.—History & Records (9:30 am) 308
2nd Tues.— even months— Finance (6:30) Library
2nd Tues.— odd months — Trustees (6:30) Library
2nd Wed.— Outreach thru Hospitality (4:30 pm) Library
3rd Sun.— Newsletter Deadline and Gift Card orders
3rd Sunday — Blood Pressure Screening (9am—11:30am)
3rd Tues.— SPRC (7 pm) Library
3rd Mon.— Missions (7 pm), 246 Conference Room
4th Mon.—JOY Circle (7:00 pm) Library
4th Tues.—Church Council (6:30 pm) Library
4th Tues.— Staff meeting (4:00 pm) Library
4th Thurs.— His Hands & Feet (7 pm)
2nd & 4th Fri.— Prayer Shawl (10 am)

DUDES & DINNER

JANUARY 2020

Guys in 6-12th grade, young adults, and youth leaders 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!

Sunday JANUARY 19th Bowling
Time TBD
(FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME)
Please RSVP by Jan. 17th

For more information, please contact:
Scott Stewart/ 410-299-8829/ scott8829@hotmail.com
Susan Harry, Dir. Youth & Young Adults
410-833-5440/410-245-7190/ gwtwsue2@comcast.net

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



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.

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!!!**

Details: Join us this Winter @ 6:30-8:30pm. Meeting Weekly.

SAVE THE DATE!
Meetings start again on Wednesday, February 12th
Location TBA

For more information or to Donate Food/ Dinner please contact:

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

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

“The Wise Men”

Oh, we have learnt to peer and pore
On tortured puzzles from our youth,
We know all labyrinthine lore,
We are the three wise men of yore,
And we know all things but the truth. ...

Go humbly, humble are the skies,
And low and large and fierce the star;
So very near the manger lies
That we may travel far.

Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes
To roar to the resounding plain.
And the whole heaven shouts and shakes,
For God himself is born again. ...

—G.K. Chesterton



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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.