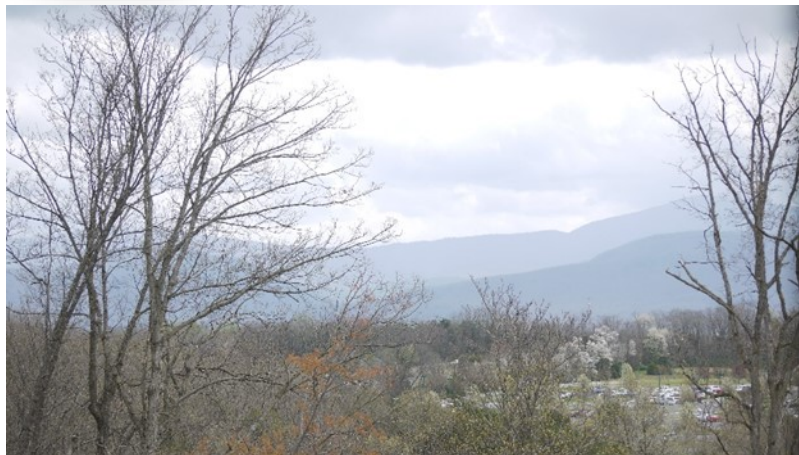




Our Church Matters

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



I am writing this article on my April study leave. We have turned the second bedroom in the timeshare condo into a temporary office with my computer on a table in front of a window. I am in the Shenandoah Valley with a view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. After 2 days of bright blue skies, today features a haze over the mountains and clouds gathering. Just beautiful!

These mountains are old and covered with old forest rather than craggy and stark like those newer upstart mountains in other parts of the country. Oh, they are beautiful, too, but with a different kind of beauty – rugged and challenging, almost daring humans to try to get around or over them. These old mountains speak to my soul of wisdom and depth.

To be honest, I had absolutely no idea what to write to you this month. There is a lot going on in our faith community through our many ministries and in looking ahead to where God is calling us to go. My head is swirling with questions about worship themes and scriptures to explore over the next 6 to 8 months. And all I seem to be doing in relation to this newsletter is gazing at the beauty of the mountains.

Presumably, on a day not much different from the one several thousand years ago, a young shepherd sat on a hillside like this one, taking care of his father's sheep. I wonder what he had encountered that day when he was inspired to write:

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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Was he tired, struggling to stay awake? Had he been forced to drive away a predator from the sheep the night before? Was it blisteringly hot and had he run out of water? Was he thinking about a time when a thief crept in during the night? I don't know.

What I do know is that when I gaze at these mountains, I am reminded of my grandparents whose love was bedrock for me, who drew strength from their home place in the mountains, who were assured like David was – that the mountains witnessed to the steadfast love and care of God.

Sometimes I just need to stop and gaze at mountains that speak to me of God and help me to find God's presence. That's a pretty good way to start a week of study and worship planning. I'm very grateful!

Be still and know God today!

Vivian

From the Library

Library Log



1. National Library Week was observed April 8 - 14 with the theme *Libraries Lead*. It was first observed in 1958 at a time when libraries were concerned that Americans were reading less due to television and radio.

2. "The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity and that means finding books that they enjoy, giving them access to those books, and letting them read them." Neil Gaiman Please visit us in the library. We have a fabulous children's section.

3. Help us out. On Monday, April 9, it was discovered that the far left curtain was missing from a library window. We were hoping it would be returned within a week but it was not. If you know anything about this mystery, we would appreciate your assistance. Thanks.



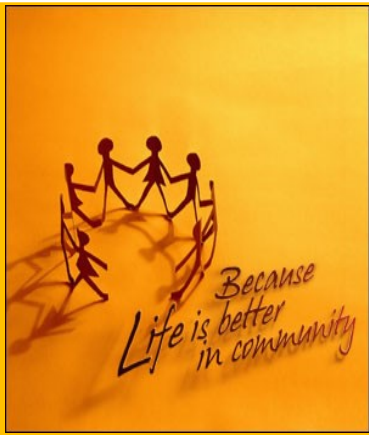
Book Club will meet in our library on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 pm to discuss a nonfiction choice, *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. This book gives the story of the birth of the FBI in the early 20th Century. It involves the murder of many Osage and law enforcement officials. A fledgling FBI uncovers a disturbing conspiracy.



Gift Card Sunday will be Sunday, May 20th!



RUMW sells Shoppers Cards and Gift Cards each month as a fundraiser. In April there were 22 people who purchased cards and we made a profit of \$213.97. This is a great money maker for our projects and we need more members and their friends to participate. If you purchase a Panera Bread card for \$25.00, we get a rebate of 8% and you get a \$25.00 card. This is just one example of how this program works. On Giant cards, we make 4%. Please take an order form from the bulletin board and look at all that we sell. Bring in your orders on the 3rd Sunday of each month and your card will be available for pick up the following Sunday. These cards just aren't for Christmas. They are for every day use. In 3 months, we have made almost \$600.00 for our projects. Our goal is to get more people to purchase and use these cards each month. Using these cards is just as easy as credit cards and safer. Any questions, call Tammy Nash @ 410-239-8394. Thank you.



The Community Lunch

Our next lunch will be

May 5, 2018

We serve from 11:30 to 1:00.

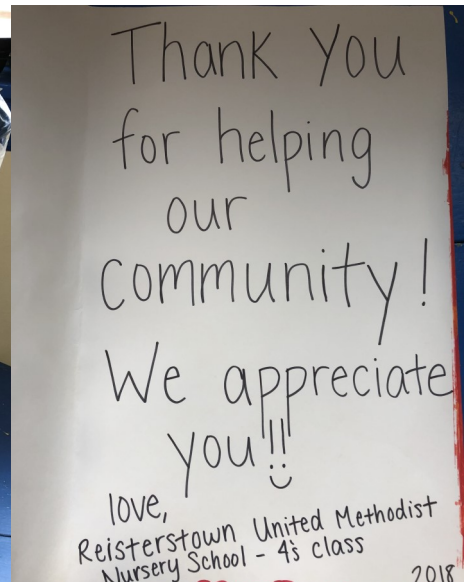
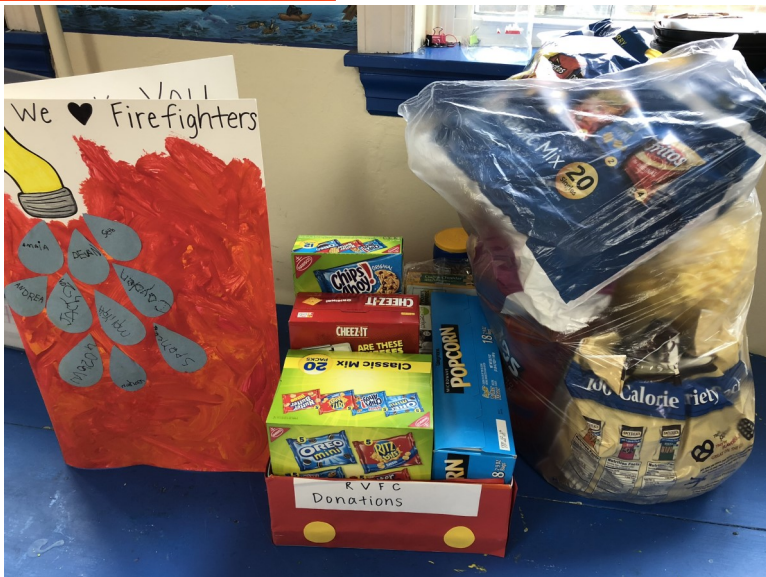
All are welcome.

If you would like to help with preparation or serving, please contact Lani Hoffmann at 410-526-6967.

RUMC NURSERY SCHOOL



The Preschool wants to thank everyone who generously donated snacks for our Career Unit Mission Project. They were delivered to the Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Dept. before Easter.



OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Brightview, Towson

Peggy Eline

Carroll Lutheran Village

Dot Bond

Frances Koenig

Louise Meyers

Elsie Smith

Nancy Welsh

Golden Crest—Westminster

Betty Flohr

Hampstead Village

Wilma Cook

Lorien Encore—Ellicott City

Vivian Crouse

Lorien Center—Taneytown

Dotty Harry

Mercy Ridge

LaRue Allewalt

Morning Breeze

Betty Leppo

Salony House

Edythe Hastings

Springwell Sr Living Community

Frank Simmonds

Tremont Place

Doris Matthews



OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Shirley Krause

Bill & Colleen Eysaman

Mary Jane Reed

LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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

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

Elizabeth Haines Greenway, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, serving in the Army in Texas

Steven Lee, Carol & Danny Lee's son—has been promoted to Command Master Chief, has served in the US Navy for 24 years and is stationed in Virginia Beach VA

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

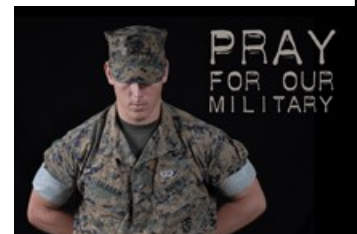
Vance Listwan, Son of Rachel & Mark Utterback, serving in the Air Force, stationed in Germany

Dennis Mack, Thelma Mack's nephew—serving in South Korea in the Army for the next year

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, deploying to Middle East for a year



PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS

Kathy Correll, continue prayers for healing ^(4/29)

Gerald Correll, unspoken prayers—God knows and He answers ^(4/15)

Cindy Dill, Prayers for guidance ^(4/15)

Jim Kane, Prayers for healing, wisdom and discernment as he goes through cancer testing ^(4/29)

Christy Newcomer, prayers for peace, comfort and healing. For those desiring to send Christy a card, her address is 313 Leyton Road, Reisterstown, 21136 ^(4/15)

Kathy Reedy, Prayers for Scott Timberman—involved in a motorcycle accident; continued prayers for Kathy—to be the best mom for Richard ^(4/22)

JOY—Cindy Smith's brother Kurt is out of the hospital and rehab and back in housing with Way Station Concern

Arnold Kaplan, friend of Terry Zarnecki, having surgery on April 11^(4/8)

Debbie Mays, Hazel Mays' daughter-in-law, heart surgery was successful and she is home. Prayers for healing^(4/15)

Kevin G. prayers for healing^(4/22)

Gail, Cindy Smith's best friend, stage 4 cancer, in hospital for a blockage, prayers for healing and comfort^(4/29)

Prayers for all those who have been displaced from their homes^(4/15)

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer

Jacob Barford

Beth Bolin

Mary Brauniger (out of remission)

Marilyn Brathwaite

Colleen Bratichak

Harvey Braxton

Dona Christian

Benjamin Dapper

Diane Darwin

Tom Douglas

Megan Evans

Sondra Hadden

Mary Hanlon

Jim Harbour

Edythe Hastings

Roger Hembrough

Mike Hockstad

Joan Hoffmann

Debbie Johnson

Denny Johnson

Eddie Jones

Diane Kanemoto

Josh Kirby

Tyler Llewellyn

Gino Manna

Barbara McArdory

Tina Meeks

Gail Miller

Becky Morrone

Mike Murrar

Bill Neidart

Aaliyah Parker

Aileen Rund

Les Schafferman

Donna Soskin

Sean Staley

Melanie Stierhoff

Martha Taylor

Mary Telchi

Jenna Thornton

Patty G. Walsh

Dave Weinstein

Bob Welsh

Lynn Whitter

Cindy

Deb

Jim

Ken

Nicholas

Shannon

Tara



"Each day holds a surprise," wrote Henri Nouwen. "But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy."

Wait — *sorrow* as a surprise? And I'm not to fear it? Aren't surprises supposed to be happy things? What does Nouwen mean?

He continues: "It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity." And I remember, too, the psalmist's words: "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted" (Psalm 34:18). Maybe that's the surprise in our sorrow: that when we ache, as when we celebrate, God is there — in new friends, in shared humanity. Surprise!

—Heidi Mann

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**

5/2

Samantha Brown
5 Rider Mill Court
Owings Mills, MD 21117

5/11

Jason Farland
163 Carolstowne Rd.
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/19

Douglas Finley
14 Folly Farm Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/3

Richard Reedy
402 Valley Meadow Circle T1
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/14

Joshua Reed-Estes
220 Glyndon Watch Lane
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/20

Peet Colgin
c/o James Shaeffer
5 Waugh Ave.
Glyndon, MD 21071

5/3

Angela Myers
15 Berrymans Lane
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/14

Richard Perry
1030 Green Hill Farm Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/21

Carol Hoffman
1648 Deer Park Road
Finksburg, MD 21048

5/4

Jayne Gede
104 Walgrove Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/14

Cindy Smith
202 Northway Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/21

Sarah Chase
301 Stocksdale Avenue
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/6

Edna (Betty) Sloan
223 Northway Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/15

Sofia Norris
228 Homevale Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/22

Richard (Dick) Redding
108 Sunnyking Drive
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/9

Eric May Sr.
107 Danbury Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/17

Derek Morris
406 Doe Meadow Drive
Owings Mills, MD 21117

5/27

Florence (Flo) Forbes
207 Parkholme Circle
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/11

Mary Christensen
519 Cockeysmill Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/19

John (Jack) Sloan
223 Northway Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136



~Gathering Grounds~

Join us on Sunday mornings!
9:35am – 10:20am

Meet in Youth & Young Adult office
off Library for coffee and light
refreshments.

Contact/ text Susan Harry
for more info. 410-245-7190

gwtwsue2@comcast.net

Gathering Grounds is a simple
concept – coffee & conversation.

- We meet every Sunday morning for just this purpose.
- To be together.
- To have good conversations.
- And to drink good coffee. (Don't worry, we also have tea!)
- This is a great place to meet new people. We all are new to this journey, so get a small dosage of a good Christian community.
- *Just GOOD VIBES !!*

YOUNG
adults



Celebration of Women
and the 1920's
(aka Mother/Daughter
Banquet)

Mark your calendars for
May 10th at 6:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall



**Children ages 4 to 10 are invited on a ride of a lifetime at
Our VBS program this year: Rolling River Rampage.**

We will find acceptance, joy, adventure, rest and peace as we explore on the river.

Join us July 16 – 20 for bible fun, super science, great games, and cool crafts.

Supper will be served each night from 5:00 – 6:00.

The program runs from 6:15 to 8:30 pm

There will also be an adult Bible study class.

Registration forms will be available soon

Children must be 4 years old by July 1 to participate.

To volunteer please contact Lani Hoffmann at 410-526-6967 or lanio5@verizon.net

It takes many many hands to put on this program

There will be a volunteer meeting on May 14th at 7:00 pm in the conference room



Attention high school seniors and all college students. Interest-free student loans are available from the Griffin-Yohn and Linwood-Cross Student Loan Funds. If you would like to apply to receive a loan, please pick up an application at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Students who have previously received loans must reapply each semester. Applications should be returned to Suzanne Ott by Sunday, June 24th.

Please contact Suzanne Ott if you have any questions at 410-526-9218 or aribasue@comcast.net.



JOY 2018 Bus Trip



Join us to recognize cinematic songs made famous by icons such as: Elvis Presley, Julie Andrews, Bette Midler, Rosemary Clooney, Barbra Streisand, John Williams and plenty more.

Date: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Location: American Music Theatre, Lancaster, PA

Lunch @ The Red Caboose

Show "Songs of the Silver Screen"

Cost: \$80

Contact: Carol Hoffman

Phone: 410-871-9199

Email: choffman43@comcast.net

Seating Limited--

Sign up by April 1, 2018

Open to all

SYKES TOY PROJECT SEEKS DONATIONS



Eighteen hard-working volunteers from Reisterstown meet twice a week at:

Northminster Presbyterian Church

to refurbish toys, games, puzzles, crafts and books for babies to teenagers. Everything is distributed to needy families in December to make the holidays a bit brighter. Last year over 300 children received presents.

Whether you represent a service organization or are an individual who has cleaned out your toy room, please recycle your gently used or new toys with this wonderful project.

To arrange a time for dropping off or to have someone pick up your donation, call **Maegan Thomas at 443-527-3342** and leave a message or email her at maegan.r.c@gmail.com.

Be sure to call us AFTER your yard sale. A tax credit receipt is available.

We are especially in need of gifts for teen girls and guys. Things like makeup and perfume and purses for girls and footballs/basketballs and video games for boys.

Save the Date:

**Annual Church Picnic At Emory
Grove Homestead**

SUNDAY, JULY 22ND

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

AT 10:00 AM

WITH

PICNIC FOLLOWING

WE WILL NOT

HAVE SERVICES HERE AT

RUMC

MORE INFORMATION TO

FOLLOW

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Vegetable Gardening In Containers—Health and Wellness

Master Gardeners teach you how to grow vegetables in containers. Topics covered include growing needs, container types, growing media and what vegetables to plant. No experience necessary. Space is limited. Tickets available 30 minutes before program on the third floor. For adults.

Monday, April 16, 2018 06:30 PM

Owings Mills Branch - 10302 Grand Central Ave, Owings Mills, MD 21117, USA

410-887-2092 or owingsmills@bcpl.net

The Reisterstown Improvement Association and the Reisterstown Recreation Council Proudly Present the 12th Annual

Reisterstown Bloomin' ArtFest



Saturday, May 12
10am-5pm



FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

120 Main Street & Cockeys Mill Road, Reisterstown

Rain Location: Franklin Elementary, 33 Cockeys Mill Road

FREE ADMISSION!

BUY A CHANCE

1st Prize- 50/50 Raffle

2nd Prize-Oriole's Baseball Gift Basket

3rd Prize-Nationals Baseball Gift Basket

Live Music!

Reisterstown Jazz Ensemble 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Chantel and FHS Guitar Band 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Glyndon Area Players 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Great Place to Shop For Mother's Day!

-  Juried Crafters and Artists
-  Live Flowers, Vegetables,
Herbs and Hanging Baskets
-  Historic Cemetery Tours
-  Children's area
-  Non-Profit/Community
Groups/Politicians
-  Oriole Bird 1:30 PM – 3 PM
-  Variety of Food Vendors



Local shops and eateries will be open so take a stroll down
Main Street to see what Reisterstown has to offer!

For more info, email bloominartfest@gmail.com



Flyers provided by Software Basics, Inc.

Three Month Calendar

MAY

5	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
6	9:30 am	JOY Cookie Walk	Fellowship Hall
8	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
9	all day	Set up for Celebration of Women Banquet	FH
10	6:00 pm	Celebration of Women Banquet	Fellowship Hall
12	All Day	Bloomin' Arts Fest	Franklin Middle School
	6:00 pm	Coffee House	Fellowship Hall
16	All day	UMW Bus Trip to American Music Theatre Lancaster, PA	
19	8:30 am	Drama Kids Presentation	Fellowship Hall
22	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
23	11 am	PreSchool 4's Graduation	Sanctuary
28	All Day	Office Closed for Memorial Day	
29	7:00 am	NA Spiritual Breakfast	Fellowship Hall

JUNE

2	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
2	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
3	3:00 pm	JOY picnic Meeting	Sherry Osborne's house
9	6:00 pm	Coffee House	Fellowship Hall
10	11:45 am	Silver Threads Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
12	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
23	7-1:30	Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
23—July 1		Youth Missions Trip	Mechuwana UMM Camp, Maine
26	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

JULY

4	All Day	Office Closed	Independence Day
7	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8
7	11:30 am	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
10	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
14	6:00 pm	Coffee House	Fellowship Hall
16-20	5—8:30 pm	Vacation Bible School	Entire Building
22	10:00 am	Emory Grove Worship Service & Picnic	Emory Grove
NO SERVICES AT RUMC			
24	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

Special MAY dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 3, 2018*
- Ascension, *May 10, 2018*
- Mother's Day, *May 13, 2018*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 19, 2018*
- Pentecost, *May 20, 2018 (TWO SERVICES)*
- Victoria Day (Canada), *May 21, 2018*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 27, 2018*
- Memorial Day, *May 28, 2018 (office closed)*

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

10 am to noon — Library Committee
 8:30 am —3:00 pm—Infants & Toddlers, 308
 6 to 8 pm — Food Pantry Open
 6:30 pm — NA, Fellowship Hall
 7:00 pm—Praise Band
 7:00 pm—Men's Fellowship, 308

Thursdays

8:30 am—1:30 pm — Infants & Toddlers, 308
 10 am—noon: His Hands & Feet Shower Ministry
 7 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir rm (End of Aug. thru May)
 7 to 8 pm—NA, 308
 7:30 to 9 pm — Nueva Jerusalem, NSC

Fridays

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

Saturdays

9 to Noon—Food Pantry Open
 9 am to 3 pm—Maryland Sings Rehearsals
 9:30 to 11:30 am—AA, 308
 9:00 am—7:00 pm—Reisterstown Spanish 7th Day Adventist, 308 2nd floor

Sundays

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)

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—1pm)
 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)

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Reisterstown United Methodist Church

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Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Pastor Vivian C. McCarthy

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WEBSITE: www.rumcweb.org

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

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 DATES...

CHURCH PICNIC AND **MORNING** SERVICE AT
EMORY GROVE—Sunday, July 22nd.

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 out-
door 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 FI-
NALIZED—JUST MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
WORSHIP SERVICE AT EMORY GROVE NOT
RUMC!!!!

Please plan to be present!

Save the Date:
Annual Church Picnic At
Emory Grove Homestead

SUNDAY, JULY 22ND

ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

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



It's time to mark your calendars!

May 20th

Pentecost is May 20th , and we will have

TWO services

and there will be Sunday School that day!

