



Our Church Matters

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

Dear RUMC Family,

Twelve days after the birth of Jesus - January 6 - the church celebrates Epiphany, which marks the coming of the Magi and reveals that Jesus was born not just for the Jewish people, but for the Gentiles, too. Our nativity scenes and Christmas pageants make it seem as if the Magi's arrival followed right on the heels of Jesus' birth, when in reality, the journey would've taken at least three or four months. If you were in worship this past Sunday, we were reminded that the Magi, given their title in the Gospel of Matthew, were most likely Zoroastrian priests from ancient Persia, or present-day Iran.

What is remarkable to me is that these devotees of another religion were so hungry for truth that they were willing to undertake such a long and uncertain journey. In fact, when we read [Matthew 2:1-12](#), we immediately notice what a contrast exists between the Magi and Herod and his "Bible scholars" - the chief priests and scribes. They were so devoted to protecting the status quo that they didn't even recognize the Truth when it took on flesh and moved into the neighborhood.

As we embark on a new calendar year, making resolutions and taking stock of our goals, I pray that we would seek to be those who are hungry for truth. I pray that we would approach faith and life with humility, recognizing that there is always more for us to learn and always more ways for us to grow. And, when Jesus threatens to disrupt the status quo, I pray that we would embrace those disruptions and interruptions and, like the Magi, fall to our knees before the King of kings. In doing what must have looked like a most unusual thing - bowing before a toddler - these priests from another faith acknowledged Jesus as Lord. May that be our aim as we enter this new year: to acknowledge Jesus as Lord in all things, and to allow Him to be the Truth that guides us through this long journey called life.

Epiphany blessings,

Pastor Jen

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Thank You!



A huge thank you for all the wonderful birthday and get well cards. I'm facing more skin grafts and wound care but have faithful friends and family caring and helping
Ruth Whitlock

Dear Church Family,
We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your many expressions of sympathy. All of your cards and comforting notes, phone calls, visits, rides, and continued prayers, and, to Pastor Jen for all she did, means so much to each of us. Blessings to you throughout this New Year!
With our very deepest appreciation,
Barbara Bonicker and Family

FOOD PANTRY HOURS: While we are still under quarantine, the Food Pantry will only be open on Saturday mornings from 8:00-10:30 am. No one is allowed in the Food Pantry. Volunteers will bring all the food out to the parking lot for clients. There will be no Panera or WaWa food available.

At this time we are NOT accepting clothing donations.

IMPORTANT NEED: Cereal, peanut butter and corn
Drop off: Saturday mornings between 8am-10:30am
or Sundays fellowship hall bin



Gift Card Orders—RUMW Fund raiser—order due January 16, 2022

Order form available online at www.rumcweb.org

If there is something you want and do not see it on the order form, contact Karen Green and she can see if there is any available.

For contact information—contact the office at

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Sisterhood study

This is the book that we are using for the Sisterhood, led by Pastor Barbara Parnell. The study will begin on Tuesday, January 11.

We will meet at 7pm in the Parlor.

INTIMATE FAITH

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Good News ! Christmas 2021!

Deliveries have been made to Cedarmere Elementary and Glyndon Elementary thanks to the combined efforts of our congregation. Working together we truly helped 30 families in our community through participation in our Angel Tree and Food Pantry giving.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to 30 families (with a total of 70 children) for the Angel Tree this year. Gift cards for Grocery Stores and Target give the families the ability to shop for things they need. In addition , 30 gift bags were filled with family friendly items for shared activities and donated to both schools, with a bag to each of the 15 families at both schools. We also gave the same number of grocery bags of food. Each child received a festive holiday cup fill with treats and a bag with foods for the time during winter break.

Thank you to Kiwanis members who helped with our effort by putting together gift bags with age appropriate games and activities for those families at each school.

Thank you to Kris Brown for her help in ordering the food and to Food Pantry Volunteers for help in filling the bags.

The combined generosity and support, especially during these COVID times, were the result of many people helping families who are very grateful for these gifts.

Liz Livermore

School Liaison

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

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer

Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford;
 Daryl Bogert; Beth Bolin; Bruce Bond;
 Marilyn Brathwaite; Renee Brooksbank;
 Jean Chambers; Benjamin Dapper;
 Sandy Engle; Megan Evans; Jacque Eyler;
 Ryan Gardner; Sondra Hadden;
 Mary Hanlon; Ann Harden; Jason Harris;
 Mike Hockstad; Debbie Johnson;
 Denny Johnson; Lisa Johnson; Eddie Jones;
 Rita Jones; Diane Kanemoto; Lucy Kemp;
 Roger Lipp; Tyler Llewellyn; Alfred Luginger;
 Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz; Don Mills;
 Mike Murrar; Aaliyah Parker;
 Darlene Parlette; Dottie Payne;
 Les Schafferman; Marge Shaw; Pat Shea;
 Rebecca Sloan; Sean Staley;
 Melanie Stierhoff; Mary Telchi;
 Jenna Thornton; Patty G. Walsh;

Dave Weinstein; Lynn Whitter;
 Lydia Wickenheiser; John Wilton; Cindy;
 Deb; Jim; Ken; Makenna; Nicholas;
 Rachel; Shannon

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the
 family of April Williamson
 Dale Yohn's partner, passed away on
 December 11, 2021*

*Prayers for the family of
 Pastor Wayne Gadow who passed
 away on December 13th*

*Prayers for the family of
 Colleen Eysaman who passed away on
 December 13th.*

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 Sergeant US Army
 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, stateside in Texas
 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

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Birch Manor Nursing Home
 Kay Shaeffer
 Hanover, PA
 Tom Thawley
 Brightview, Towson
 Peggy Eline
 Carroll Lutheran Village
 Nancy Welsh

Long View-Manchester
 Lois Woodworth
 Lorien Center—Taneytown
 Monte Hatcher
 Oakland Manor—Sykesville
 Wilma Cook

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Mary Jane Huffman
 Shirley Krause
 Gerry Lewis
 Wini Lynde
 Doris Matthews
 Jean Moss
 Gil Seal

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



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

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1/4

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1/20

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1/31

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1/4

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1/22

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1/8

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1/23

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Since we are trying to keep the Sunday bulletin to 1 sheet of paper and there is not always room for the entire leadership team to be listed, we've included the list here in the newsletter. In the future, this list will be included whenever it is updated.

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WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY MORNINGS, IN PERSON OR ONLINE

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