This morning’s Sight Psalm (April 27) was beautiful and just perfect for the time we are living through. Sight Psalms are brief daily meditations from the Upper Room – a photo with a meditative caption/scripture reference. It comes as a daily email or can be viewed on the Upper Room website.

Entitled Breathe, the photo was of a stunning sunset sky with beautiful shades of blue and purple and orange and gold glimpsed through a waterside structure that looks like one of the squat lighthouses but is open all around so you can see the water and sunset through the structure. It looks a little bit like a tabernacle, but it could be a fancy picnic pavilion. It reminded me of lace.

The caption: With each sunrise and each sunset, breathe in God's love, breathe out fear.

(If you’d like to see the photo to get the full experience, here’s the link: https://bit.ly/2VHWoa8)

Breathe. This week we are beginning a new worship series on the Holy Spirit – who frequently breathes new life into people and even the whole of creation in the scripture stories. The work of the Holy Spirit is as necessary as breath and as reassuring as the rhythm of sunrise and sunset. Without breath, we die. Without the Holy Spirit, we lack the oxygen of God’s presence, energy, and power in our lives. Imagine what it’s like when we can’t catch our breath, and let's pray together: Come, Holy Spirit!

I hope you will be part of this worship time with us.

During the week of April 27, we are trying out another online platform for worship. You may have heard of Zoom which I think I’m hearing about in just about every single conversation I’m having lately. We have learned that there is a setting in Zoom that may help us with the sound production, particularly the music, which I know is important to all of us! By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have already received the call in and login information for Zoom “meetings” that we will be using at least through Sunday, May 3. (We will continue to have it on the website’s home page and publish it in the midweek communications as well.) If it works better, that’s what we will continue to use. The other feature that we hope will help is that we can subscribe for more participants and hope that the app has better access so that neither I nor any of you will get bumped out of the session. Please remember that if you don’t have unlimited long distance on your phone, we will reimburse you for those charges – just send us your bill.

Two things you need to know:
As of right now, we are definitely closed through May 15, and possibly longer,
depending on what the governor decides based on the statistics prior to that date. The bishop has been very clear that we are following the lead of the governor. That said, the staff is actively working toward what a return to “in-person-worship” will mean for us. Governor Hogan’s Roadmap to Recovery document that was published last week says that the first step will be small group outdoor worship experiences. There was also an indication the week before that part of the plan would be to then begin worshiping in groups of 50 using social distancing. We believe that would be the next step after the outdoor services, but we are “staying tuned” to directions from the governor before we go too far down any track. The main thing is to keep all of us safe! We are also exploring a continuation of online worship, possibly with streaming and phone (listening only) participation. At the present time, we are posting both the worship service script and a video of the meditation only on the church’s website. Each week, the meditation can be found at the very bottom of the website home page: rumcweb.org.

Breathe, friends. Just breathe. And know that you are breathing in the Spirit and breathing out all fear.

Blessings on you,

Vivian

Know that you can reach out to:

  Pastor Vivian (pastorvivianmc@gmail.com) 443-255-1337,
  Contact the office at (RUMCOOffice1777@gmail.com);
  leave a private message on our facebook page: Reisterstown UM Church;
  or call the office at 410-833-5440 and leave a message on the general voicemail;
  Pastor Vivian’s or Susan’s voicemail;
  or Susan Harry’s—cell phone (410) 245-7190 or email (gwtwsue2@comcast.net)
  or contact Pastor Barbara at: Home Phone (410) 581-9640; Cell Phone (619) 972-6633 or email (pastorbee@me.com)
  and we will be available to lend a listening ear.

Blessings
Pastor Barbara

Thank you for my get well cards, prayers, messages, and Calls during my recent surgery. I am so grateful for my church Family and all their support. It was a very stressful time for me and my family. I was in the hospital for 5 days, no visitors. The staff, Drs and nurses at Mercy were wonderful to me. I am recovering and doing well. My partner of 54 years is awesome! Our daughters and family bring us groceries. My sweet sister and Husband also bring us groceries. I miss all of you. Charles and I are staying home, staying safe! Blessings to all!

Lois Burton
From the Treasurer:
First of all, thank you to the many people who continue to give to the church by mailing in their offerings. If you would like to change to on-line giving, please email me at pat.botelle2@gmail.com and I will help you get started.

Many people don't feel comfortable using the online giving option that is available through the church's website. Because we use Farmers and Merchants as our bank, online apps such as Zelle don't work for RUMC. Most banks offer online bill pay. You can set up the church as a "bill" using your envelope number as your account number (if you don't have an envelope number, just put in 9999). Put the church's name and address in and then you can have the bank send the check (yes, they pay the postage!). You can set this up as a one-time event or as a recurring payment.

I do hope you consider online giving. The service we use is very secure and recommended by the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church.

We also have text giving available thru Realm.

Text Give2RUMC $xx to 73256 to give to RUMC using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also give to Food Pantry, Local Missions and Easter by selecting the Fund when prompted. The first time you text your gift, you will be prompted to enter your credit/debit card information or you can change the account type to checking or savings and enter your routing and account numbers. You only have to do this once then you are all set to give by text.

Pat Botelle; Treasurer, RUMC
pat.botelle2@gmail.com

WHERE ARE WE FINANCIALLY?

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Thank you to everyone who has mailed their offerings and pledge cards and want to let you know that all mail is being picked up and all checks are being deposited on a timely basis.

Sunday—May 17th Gift Card Sunday
Buy gift cards from RUMW buy for yourself and then buy one or more for First Responders, Health Care Workers, Postal worker, Sanitation workers or a family in need! Get an order form from RUMC website: http://rumcweb.org/resources/forms-procedures/

Please mail your orders to: Lois Burton
918 Lindellen Avenue;
Reisterstown, MD 21136 with your check!

You can also email Lois at candiburton@aol.com and then mail your check.
Any questions call Lois at 410-833-5489 or Tammy at 410-239-8394.

FOOD PANTRY HOURS: While we are still under quarantine, the Food Pantry will only be open on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 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 WaWawa food available.

At this time we are NOT accepting any food or clothing donations.

IMPORTANT NEED: LYSOL DISINFECTING WIPES ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED TO HELP KEEP THE PANTRY CLEAN FOR THE FEW VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE EMAIL KRIS BROWN AT krisbrown69@yahoo.com
Thank you for your understanding.
Dear Youth, Young Adults, Parents and Leaders,
My prayers for you this week is that you are able to spend some time with God and that you can find a way to reach out to someone to give them HOPE.

As always, if you need to talk please know that our staff and youth leaders are available. **We continue to pray for you!** Please contact us with any questions or prayer requests.
Susan Harry  gwtwsue2@comcast.net  410-245-7190  
Pastor Vivian  pastorvivianmc@gmail.com  
Pastor Barbara  pastorbee@me.com  

Blessings on YOU! - Susan

**WANTED- Crafters & Sewers Mask Making**- Do you or someone in your family sew? Would you be willing to make masks for members of our community? Please contact Susan Harry by Friday May 8th if you are willing to help with this project. Here are some ideas on mask making.  https://patch.com/maryland/annapolis/md-coronavirus-3-ways-make-face-masks-now-mandatory

**Bread Recipes**- I continue my pursuit to find bread recipes to share. This week I’m going to try a recipe submitted by Sarah Warfield for Blueberry muffins.  https://youtu.be/BEGIb6BhH2M  Thank you very much Sarah!

Do you have bread recipes from your family that you would like to share? Please send them my way and we will compile a recipe list to share with RUMC families in the next month. Please send to  gwtwsue2@comcast.net

**Mental Health**- Tips to Help Teens Cope During COVID-19- Anxiety, Mental Health First Aid, News, Self-Care, Teen Mental Health  

**Connecting on Social Media**- I encourage you to follow us on the Facebook pages for church (Reisterstown United Methodist Church) and Youth & YA (Reisterstown UMC Youth Ministry) or Susan on Instagram and/or Twitter. I have started posting daily devotions that are sure to minister to you and make you smile (something I’m sure you would welcome right now!).

**Join us for Online Youth & YA ministry** 6th to 12th check in- zoom link:  
https://zoom.us/j/584282617?pwd=ZnVaVzdBRHpwV0o3ay9RNIZpeC91UT09
Please check the link below prior to our meeting time to make sure you can sign in.
If you have questions please text or call me. (410-245-7190)

Yellow Roses  Wednesday April 29 7:00- 7:45PM-  
Check In for Youth & YA  Sunday May 3, 7:00- 8:00PM  
Yellow Roses  Wednesday May 6, 7:00- 7:45PM-  
Check In for Youth & YA  Sunday May 10, 7:00- 8:00PM-  

*May God Bless you and Keep you!*

Susan M. Harry,  
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
Reisterstown United Methodist Church  
gwtwsue2@comcast.net / 410-245-7190 C#

The most important thing about Christianity isn't "what" but Who."  
The most important thing about youth ministry isn't "what" but Who."
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
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

Lois Burton, prayers for recovery after surgery on March 25th
Cindy Dill, prayers for brother John, struggling with mental health issues
Connie Stiars, prayers for peace, provision and protection. Prayers for finding the right job
Rick Santoni, Santoni’s owner, diagnosed with cancer, currently under treatment (5/1)
Donna Soskin, has entered into a new trial study for cancer, continued prayers (5/1)
Sherri Vance, Charlotte Braxton’s daughter, continue prayers for healing and comfort (5/1)
Beverly Wright, Jill Wright’s mother, continued prayers for healing (5/1)
Prayers for all suffering from the coronavirus and for all those taking care of them (3/1)

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer
Judy Almony; Taylor Angus;
William Bancroft; Frank Banz;
Jacob Barford; Steve Blessing;
Beth Bolin; Bruce Bond;
Mary Brauniger; Marilyn Brathwaite;
Harvey Braxton; Renee Brooksbank;
Jean Chambers; Doris Curier;
Benjamin Dapper; Fran Ensor;
Sandy Engle; 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; Dani Kunkel;
Tyler Llewellyn; Alfred Luginger;
Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz;
Don Mills; Mike Murrary;
Aaliyah Parker; Darlene Parlette;
Rick Santoni; Les Schaffer;-
Marge Shaw; Sean Staley;
Melanie Stierhoff; Mary Telchi;
Jenna Thornton; Patty G. Walsh;
Dave Weinstein; Lynn Whitter; John Wilton
Cindy; Deb; Jim; Ken; Nicholas; Shannon

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Elise Smith who passed away on Sunday, April 26th. Elise would have been 100 years old in October and was our oldest long-term member of RUMC. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Sue Stierhoff, 915 Academy Ave., Owings Mills, MD 21117
CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR
Under 25 AND Over 70 MEMBERS
MAY Birthdays

5/2
Samantha Brown
5 Rider Mill Ct
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5/3
Angela Myers
15 Berrymans Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

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RJ Reedy
402 Valley Meadow Circle, T-1
Reisterstown, MD 21136

5/6
Betsy Sloan
223 Northway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Ed Bulson
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Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Eric May
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Mary Christensen
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Judy Wright
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Our Church Matters

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CALLERS:
Remember to email your prayer requests, the names of people you wish could be with you in this worship service.

HOW TO JOIN IN:
This week will be testing the ZOOM platform for our services. You will need the code for each service which will be the same for ALL services. Once you have successfully logged in (the computer will remember the code for each repeating meeting). If you are logging in, use the link below. The first time you log in you will be asked to download the program which takes just a few seconds.

Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85908211518
The Meeting ID for ALL of our online worship and devotional gatherings will be the same: 608-310-6217.
The phone number is 301.715.8592
If your last name begins
A through G, log in at 9:20 am; H through M, log in at 9:30 am; L through S, log in at 9:40 am; T through Z, log in at 9:50 am. Callers call in beginning at 9:55 am.

On Tuesday and Thursday for Prayer and Devotions:
Be sure to email your prayer requests to the office by 4:00 pm Tuesday &/or Thursday. If your last name begins with:
A through G, log in at 5:50 pm; H through M, log in at 6:00 pm; L through S, log in at 6:10 pm; T through Z, log in at 6:20 pm. Callers call in beginning at 6:25 pm.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MIDWEEK THIS WEEK FOR CORRECTED AND UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING ZOOM ACCESS