



Our Church Matters

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

Peggy...sees the world with a sense of curiosity and appreciation – actually, it is the gift of wonder. The gift of wonder is the ability to be amazed by little things – they see more when other people see less; to be surprised again by the beauty you’ve seen a hundred times, feeling about it the way you did the first time you saw it – and to wonder how life could give you such a marvelous gift.

~An excerpt by Ron Renfroe from
The Wonder of Christmas, chapter 1

Those who believe in God can never in a way be sure of [God] again. Once they have seen God in a stable, they can never be sure where God will appear or to what lengths He will go or to what ludicrous depths of self-humiliation He will descend in His wild pursuit of [people]. If holiness and the awful power and majesty of God were present in this least auspicious of all events, this birth of a peasant’s child, then there is no place or time so lowly and earthbound but that holiness can be present there too.

~Frederick Buechner, *The Face in the Sky*

These two quotes are at the heart of why I chose the book that will guide our Advent and Christmas Eve meditations. We are so focused as a society on science and technology (left brain activity) that I fear our children will lose their sense of wonder. We spend less and less time educating children in the arts, shrinking the curricula (not to mention teaching hours!) for art and music to such a degree that we nurture less and less of our children’s brains for wonder and creativity (right brain activity). Don’t science and technology require wonder and creativity so that the work of scientists and engineers and mathematicians is empowered is inspired? And perhaps more importantly, when wonder is absent, how are we nurturing spirituality?

During this season of Advent, we are providing you with a daily devotional book which is available in the Narthex for you to use as you wish, perhaps as readings as you light your Advent wreath at home.

As we approach the birth of the Baby, won’t you join me in being intentional about finding wonder-filled and awe-full moments in our daily lives during this season when there is far too much to do and it is far too easy to be so distracted that we are just not present to the daily wonders of a God who risked everything by sending a small baby to save us all?

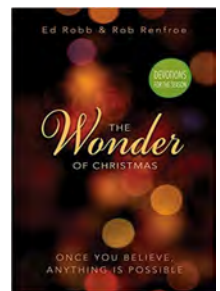
Advent Blessings,

Vivian

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Gift Cards are on sale EVERY SUNDAY now to Dec. 8th. A percentage of every gift card sold goes to missions for RUMW! See Lois & Tammy by Fellowship Hall between services!

Think ahead: Buy to give or use yourself to buy gifts! Questions call or Text Tammy 410-239-8394.



1. Choose some Christmas novels from our sizable collection. You will find them on our hall shelf and in section 36 (holidays).
2. "A book is a heart...that only beats in the chest of another." Rebecca Solnit
3. Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year from your library staff.



Book Club welcomed the holiday season with a delicious dinner, book discussion on *The Noel Stranger* and collection for a charitable donation. We will take off the month of December and resume regular sessions on January 15 at 7:00 in the library. Keep watching for our first book selection of 2020.

***Mango on a Mission*, by TJ Dennis**

Oh no! Mango's family has left on vacation, leaving him with only Cousin Ian for company. But Mango wants to be where his family is! Follow along as he goes on a memorable journey to follow his family to New York City in this whimsical book for children of all ages. This book was written by a teacher at the school where our parish nurse, Tracy Tambaon, works. Tracy has donated the book to our Library so check it out!!!



The UMW wish to thank everyone for their support in volunteering and/or attending the **2019 Holly Fair!!** It was a huge success, having a record number of attendees, and record income. We had gross income of \$10,251, and after expenses, a **net income of \$8,537**. We tithed to the church budget \$854, leaving \$7,684 which will be used for local missions. Thanks again to everyone who helped or participated in some way. We could not accomplish this with out you. **The Holly Fair Committee.**



Reminder from the Finance Committee:

All contributions for 2019 need to be postmarked by **December 31, 2019**. Giving statements will be available for pickup at the church by January 19, 2020. Any statements not picked up will be mailed by January 29, 2020. As always, thank you for your continued support of Reisterstown UM Church.



All women are invited to the **United Methodist Women's Christmas party** on Thursday **December 5th** at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come out and join us for light refreshments, fellowship and Christmas music.



The Community Lunch—December 7, 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.

COMING UP...

The **angel tree** is going up and people and groups have already signed up for some of our families. There are still families to help. Please call me or email me to let me know and I can get information to you if you would like to adopt a family.



Thank you to all who are helping the children we have adopted this year. All gifts should be brought to the church by December 15 so that we can organize them and deliver them to the schools before schools close for the holiday. The guidance counselors will be setting up the dates for families to pick up the gifts.

If you take a name from the Angel Tree, please use the colored angel tag as the name tag on the gift. It is how we designate the family groups for the children. Also, please include the white circle that tells what gift is in the package. We will remove that circle, but it is helpful to know what gifts have come in. You can bring your gifts in as soon as they are ready and put them under the tree.

For all who are shopping, the Sykes Toy Project at Northminster Presbyterian Church is available to us on Thursday, December 12 from either 9:30 – 11:30 am or 6:00-8:00 pm.

Thank you to all for the help with these families! I know how much they appreciate our help. Questions? Contact Liz Livermore 410-215-0890 or email lizlive@comcast.net.



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

Mark Your Calendars

Music Sunday



Special Services in December

December 15—Music Sunday—both services. Come here our Praise Band and Seasoned Singers at the 8:30 service and our choirs at the 10:30 service.

December 18—Longest Night—7:00 pm in the Northside Chapel

A Service of prayer and support for those struggling with pain, addiction or loss this holiday season. This season is not always merry for people who are struggling with illness, grief, depression, addiction, loneliness or other life situations. This service is intended to acknowledge the fact that this is not a joyous time for everyone and to share the good news that God's love and grace are there, no matter what.



December 29—Carol Service— One service at 10:00 am. We will be singing our favorite Christmas carols reflecting the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

Our Annual Advent Celebration will be **December 8, 2019**. Live nativity. Making Chrismons. Decorating Trees. Singing Christmas Carols. A wonderful way to start your Christmas celebrations. Here's what you need to bring for the pot luck dinner:

If your last name starts with...

A-D Green Leaf Salad; **E-G** Jello Mold

H-K Hot Vegetable Dish; **L-R** Fruit Juice/Drinks (gallon)

S-Z Cookies and Mini Cupcakes (2doz)

Advent Celebration



Christmas On Main Street



Christmas
on Main

Saturday, **December 14, 2019** at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary featuring area choirs and young artists

ATTENTION SEASONED SINGERS (over 50 choir)

We will be singing on December 15th, Music Sunday

Rehearsals:

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd 7pm Main Sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec. 10th 7pm Main Sanctuary

Come join us!!!



Seasoned Singers

6th Annual Gingerbread House Competition

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Reisterstown United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
9am – 12pm

The RUMC Sisterhood requests your time and talent!!



Create a **Gingerbread House or Structure** and raise money for the RUMC Community Kitchen. You do not need to be a professional baker to participate in this **FUN and FESTIVE** activity. Make it yourself, with your family or with a group!
Creativity welcomed!

All entries will be accepted.**

Please contact Kelly Fairhurst or Jannell Trcka
to enter or with any questions.
Kelly – 443-864-8787; kellyfairhurst66@gmail.com
Jannell – 410-978-7993; jannelltrcka@yahoo.com



* The winners are determined by who has the most \$\$ in their voting jar on the day of the competition.
All money will be donated to RUMC and the Community Kitchen.

**Main structure(s) should be made from edible materials.
Decorations and embellishments are permitted.



**BOARD
GAMES
NIGHT**

GAME NIGHT AT RUMC!

**GAME ANYONE?
GAME NIGHT**



6:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

**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, December 20
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

Bruce Bond, prayers for healing from vein surgery, still in a lot of pain. ^(12/1)
John Behegan, scheduled for surgery on December 11, 2019 ^(12/8)
Kathy Correll, continue prayers for healing ^(10/20)
John Humphrey, having knee replacement surgery on Dec. 3, 2019. 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 December 2, 2019 ^(12/1)

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

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

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

Carolyn Kelly, Beth Waters mother, continue prayers for healing, has made progress but has a ways to go ^(11/17)

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, awaiting a heart transplant ^(11/24)

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)

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

Donna Soskin, now in hospice ^(11/17)

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)

Prayers for all those who are living outdoors as the weather turns cold

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer

Judy Almony; Debbie Avans;

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 Murrary

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.



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

Vivian Crouse

12/1

11150 Resort Rd
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Barbara Rhodes

12/16

6 Meadow Mist Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Barbara Kelly

12/21

304 Townleigh Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Monte Hatcher

12/3

100 Antrim Blvd Apt 304
Taneytown, MD 21787-2406

Bob Tracey

12/17

505 High Acre Dr Apt T29
Westminster, MD 21157-6570

Suzanne Pierce

12/27

5592 Salem Square Dr S
Palm Harbor, FL 34685-1140

George Oursler

12/6

16039 Trenton R
Upperco, MD 21155

Susan Henry

12/17

122 Glyndon Trace Dr
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Maya Trump

12/28

4770 Wentz Rd
Manchester, MD 21102

Jason Waters

12/8

203 Homevale Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ethel Trump

12/17

402 Lees Mill Rd
Hampstead, MD 21074

Joanne Ditto

12/30

208 Highfalcon Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Wilma Cook

12/11

1211 N Main St Unit 401
Hampstead, MD 21074-2259

Atwood Smith

12/19

8 Waugh Ave
Reisterstown, MD 21136-3808

Nancy Welsh

12/30

201 Saint Mark Way Apt 103

Tyyanna Hill

12/12

105 Glyndon Dr
Reisterstown, MD 21136

John Wright

12/19

5 Clarks Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ed Hare

12/16

23 Franklin Valley Cir
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Tom Thawley

12/19

9657 Bel Air Rd Apt 1470
Nottingham, MD 21236



Three Month Calendar

DECEMBER

1	8—10:30 am	ODB Casseroles Collected	Fellowship Hall
5	7 pm	UMW Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
7	10 am	Setting up Trees	Sanctuary
8	4 pm	Advent Celebration	Front Lawn & whole church
9	7 pm	JOY Christmas Party	Parlor
10	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
14	4 pm	Christmas on Main	Sanctuary
15	All Day	Newsletter Deadline	Office
	Both Services	Music Sunday	Sanctuary
18	7 pm	Longest Night Service	Northside Chapel
20	11 am	RUMNS Christmas Program	Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	GAME NIGHT	Fellowship Hall
22	All Day	OBP Pans out	Narthex & Fellowship Hall
23-January 1		RUMNS Closed for Christmas Holiday	
24-January 1		RUMC Office Closed for Christmas Holiday	
24	4:30pm	Family Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Praise Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 pm	Traditional Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
29	8-10:30 am	ODB Casseroles collected	Fellowship Hall
31		New Years Eve—Happy New Year	

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
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

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)

Holiday without Hunger – 12 Day Challenge

Greetings from the Food Pantry! As the Christmas season approaches in lightning speed, I want to say **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you that have donated, volunteered, completed pick-ups, prayed, and supported in any way for the food pantry and all of our endeavors. We are a team of Christian soldiers feeding our community in need, especially children in our local school systems. Our doors remain open because of your continuous support in so many ways!

For this Christmas season, Liz Livermore & the school guidance staff have identified 20 elementary children in 2 local elementary schools that need food assistance this holiday season. Instead of providing a one-time Christmas meal to these children, I am digging deep in throwing out my dream of a 12-day meal challenge to all who would like to be involved. Baltimore County schools will have a 12-day winter break! With the increase in free-reduced school meals, some of these children won't eat or have limited access to food. This just can't simply happen!

I know that money is tight for some of us. Or we have signed up for Angel Trees, Adopt a Family at church and/or work. Donate to various organizations. I am grateful for all these donations to helping everyone. If you feel that you can assist the Food Pantry in this challenge to feed 20 children during the winter break, here are the instructions:

View the 12-day Challenge list provided (see next page).

Before you purchase ANYTHING, email Kris at krisbrown69@yahoo.com, text / call me at 443-518-0482, or personally touch base with me, the items that you would like to purchase. This way, there are no duplications and every item has a chance to be purchased. I will respond to you with a "yes" or "already taken, pick again comment".

Purchase 20 of the same item. Example: If you sign up for carrots, purchase 20 cans of carrots!

Please know that the dollar store, Walmart, and Aldi has all these items for \$1 or less. So, it would run you around a \$20 or less per donation.

Once you purchase the items, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 8th and 15th. **All items must be in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 15th, 2019.**

On Sunday, **December 15th**, I will have a packing party in the room behind the kitchen after the 10:30am service ends. We will pack and load Liz's minivan.

Once again, THANK YOU for your continuous support to the food pantry, our community, and our local elementary schools. We are in this fight to end hunger together. Let's start by feeding 20 children during Winter break!

*Always Grateful,
Kris Brown, Director, RUMC Food Pantry*

Holiday without Hunger – 12 Day Challenge

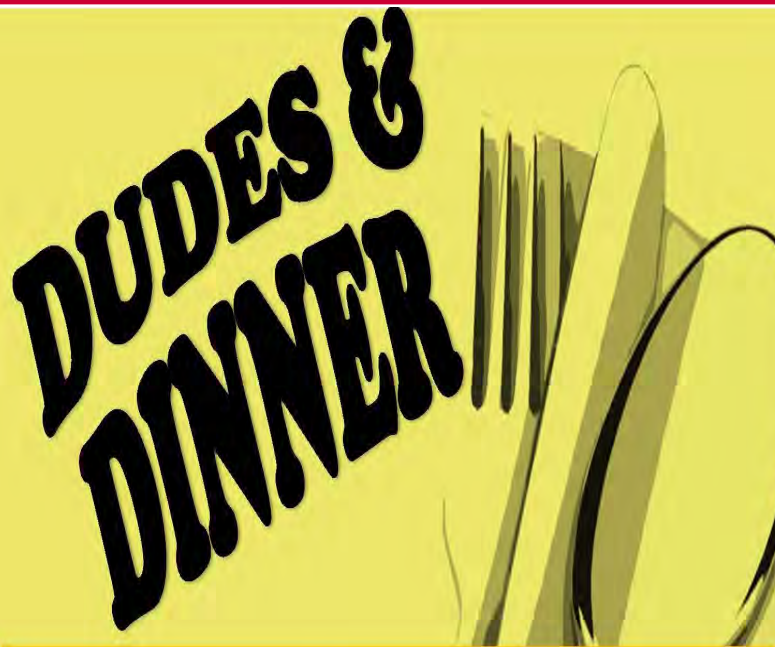
Items need by Sunday, December 15, 2019

Peanut butter	Jelly	Corn	Tuna	Macaroni & Cheese
Green beans	Chef Boyadee Canned Pasta	Peas	Canned chicken	Packaged rice
Carrots	Spaghetti's w/ Meatballs	Mixed veggies	Chicken noodle soup	Beef stew
Vienna sausages	Baked beans	Chili	Span	Mashed potatoes
Ramen noodles	Microwave meals Such as Homel complete or Chicken/Rice by Chef Boyadee in cups	Cereal	Oatmeal	Fruit
Applesauce	Granola bars	Pop tarts	Juice	Hot chocolate
Marshmallows	Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Bar of soap	Shampoo



Thank you to all the folks who came, participated, and asked questions Sunday during our conversation session. We were thrilled to engage with all of you and field many questions we need to consider. Following this session, we felt it important to share a few things we learned through these fruitful conversations. Firstly, a desire to practice reconciling love and become a Reconciling Congregation is in no way intended to be exclusionary. Rather, it is our hope that this transition would ensure all people, regardless of belief or doctrine, feel the warmth of our welcome and love. Additionally, it is not the intention of the small group to convince congregants to change their core beliefs regarding teachings on homosexuality. In fact, our intentions are quite the opposite. We seek to learn from those with whom we differ and together navigate a way forward which is inclusive and respectful of all opinions and persons. One big concern that emerged in our conversations was a fear that we are considering leaving the United Methodist Church. This is not the case. Considering becoming a Reconciling Congregation in no way impacts the business of the church, our affiliation with the denomination, nor would it require us to violate the church law. Instead, becoming a Reconciling Congregation would be a way to officially and outwardly show both our church family and community that we as RUMC love and welcome all persons into the life of our church regardless of human barriers and categories.

Look for further information and more opportunities for conversation after the holidays. We look forward to engaging with you in Christian love.



Fall 2019

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!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, Dec. 5th 6:00-8:00PM- Mod Pizza/ Walmart in Eldersburg (FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME)

Bring \$Donation per person for dinner
Please register online Monday prior to event:
https://ttsu.me/dudesfall2019

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



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 FALL @ 6:30-8:30pm. Meeting MONTHLY
Register Online: https://ttsu.me/yellowroses2019

December-5th- Meeting @Mod Pizza Eldersburg. Then Shopping for Adopt-A-Family Presents at Walmart.

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

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It's Time to Order Flowers for Christmas!

Once again, it's time to place your order for Christmas poinsettias. This year, poinsettias will decorate our Sanctuary **on Sunday Dec. 22 and Christmas Eve** and may be taken home **after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve service**. If, for any reason, you cannot leave your flower for our evening candlelight services, please let **Joanne Ditto** know **IN ADVANCE**.

Please fill out the form below. You may bring it to church and place it in the box designated for flower orders in the Narthex or mail it to **Ms. Joanne Ditto, 208 Highfalcon Road, Reisterstown, MD 21136; Telephone: 410.833.1308**.

All orders must be received by DECEMBER 5!!

Please make checks payable to Reisterstown United Methodist Church.

_____ Yes, I would like to order _____ **Christmas Cactus** at \$5.00 each. Each plant will be in a 4" wrapped pot

_____ Yes, I would like to order **white** _____, **red** _____, **marble** _____ poinsettias at \$9.00 each

Each plant will have 5-6 blooms and be in a 6-1/2" wrapped pot.

I have enclosed \$ _____.

Please provide the information below as it should appear in the bulletin PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

My poinsettias or Christmas Cactus will be:

In Loving Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

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Given by: _____



In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

FLOWER ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 5TH

Alternative Gifts Placed in Memory of or in Honor of

_____ Yes, in lieu of a poinsettia OR Christmas cactus, I prefer to place a remembrance offering. (If you choose this option, please complete the bulletin information below. When completed, please place it in a plain envelope on which you designate how your gift is to be used. This form is due in the Office no later than **Sunday, December 15th**.)

_____ I am enclosing a remembrance in the amount of \$ _____

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

For _____ fund

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Envelope Number: _____

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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.



*Christmas
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Services*

**4:00 pm—Family Service with youth choirs
and candle lighting**

**7:00 pm—Praise Service with our Praise
Band and candle lighting**

**10:00 pm—Candle Light Service with choir
and organ**