

# **Our Church Matters**

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

Do you ever consider how and if your spiritual life is growing deeper or is kind of stuck? I do. Some days I feel like I'm going through the motions. At times like that:

Prayer feels perfunctory; I want my prayer life to present God with an open heart, but some days....

Preaching -- that darned blank sheet of paper stays blank for FAR too long and I get frustrated, even when I've been preparing and reflecting on that week's worship theme for a long time, usually about 6 months! I want to offer insightful and faith-full reflections on the scripture, but some days....

Pastoral care feels like a duty; I want to be a caring, loving pastor, ready to share communion and love with our homebound folks or to provide loving care to someone who is truly burdened or grieving or lonely; but some days....

God doesn't seem to be <u>anywhere</u> nearby, much less close and whispering in that still, small voice. I want to be close to God and know that when God feels absent, it's not God that moved; but some days....

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Thankfully, those days are unusual, but they do happen, and sometimes they happen over an extended period of time. It feels dark and certainly not hope-filled.

I hope that you will join me in our Lenten worship series born out of a work by Henri Nouwen, *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life.* Allow me to introduce you. Henri (pronounced "Henry") Nouwen was born and educated in Holland, where he was ordained priest in 1957. He is a well-known spiritual giant of the 20<sup>th</sup> century whose reflections are deeply insightful and spiritual, a professor who taught at Harvard and Yale. In his later years of ministry, Nouwen served as a personal caregiver to Adam, a man with mental limitations in the *L'Arche-Daybreak* community in Toronto, and he wrote his reflections on the spirituality of caring for him. In an interview about his time with Adam, Nouwen said:

I...realized that handicapped people didn't love or care for me because I write books or take trips. They don't know that. If they express love, it comes from God. When I came to L'Arche, my whole life was tired. But God said, "I love you. I want you to hold you." Finally God had the chance to really hug me and lay divine hands onto my heart through this community.

This Lenten season, I hope that you will enter into worship with an open heart and mind, to receive the gifts of spiritual growth. After an introductory service on March 1 (along with communion), each worship service will be experiential, drawing us into the theme of the day's service. There will be time for quiet reflection and other spiritual exercises or music to help us reflect, with brief verbal introductions to point the way.

Come open – come ready to delve and drink deeply of the well that will call you into a deeper relationship with God. As we open our hearts and minds, we will be more ready to meet God:

Our inclination is to show our Lord only what we feel comfortable with. But the more we dare to reveal our whole trembling self to Him, the more we will be able to sense that His love, which is perfect love, casts out all our fears.

We have ordered more books since all that we purchased have been distributed. I hope that you will read it – slowly. Take your time. I've been reading chapters several times, each time finding something new and moving deeper into my understanding of Nouwen's thought and my relationship with God.

Blessings on you,



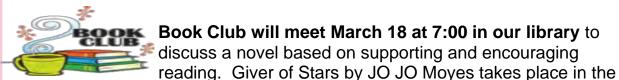


# The Community Lunch—March 7th, 2020

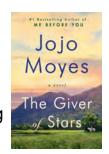
We serve from 11:30 to 1:00—All are welcome. If you would like to help with preparation or serving, please contact Lani Hoffmann at 410-526-6967.



- 1. The library wishes you a good March and hopefully by the end of the month, we will see warmer temperatures and the days that we can once again retire to the porch with a really good book.
- 2.On the third Wednesday of each month, the Book Club meets in the library at 7:00 to discuss the monthly pick. March's book is the *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. This book is about women riding horseback during the Depression to deliver books to those living in the mountains. While this book is based on a program designed by Eleanor Roosevelt, it, itself is fiction and not only has a love story but a murder as well. All are welcome. (March 18)
- 3.Also, the Rachel Bruehl Memorial Library is sponsoring game night the third Friday of each month. It is a good way to meet, laugh and make new friends. That is at 6:30 on March 20 in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!



1930's Depression era. It tells the story of five women who travel through the Kentucky mountains and beyond to deliver books for Eleanor Roosevelt's traveling library. Let us be thankful that it is much easier to check out a book today!



# **COMING UP...**



Community

RUMC Food Pantry is looking for the following positions. If you are interested, please contact Kris Brown at 443-518-0482 or krisbrown69@yahoo.com

<u>Volunteer Coordinator</u> – job can be done from home from your computer. Maintain on-line volunteer sign-up program.

<u>Food Delivery Coordinator</u> – once a month to coordinate the Maryland Food Bank deliveries. Coordinate food drives throughout year.

<u>Clinic Shift Lead</u> – Saturday's 8:30am – 11:00am and Wednesday, 5:30pm – 8:00pm – Leader provides a smooth flow during clinic for volunteers and clients.

•<u>Looking for an Our Daily Bread Casserole Coordinator!</u> It is time for Kris Brown to step out of this position and transition to another. If you are interested, please contact Kris for details. 443-518-0482 or krisbrown69@yahoo.com

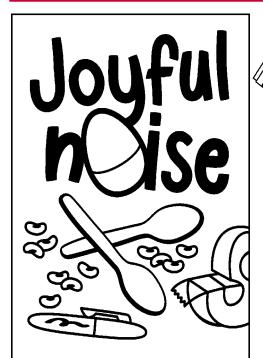


Gift Cards are on sale on March 15th—see Lois or Tammy at the Fellowship Hall. Gift Card Orders for March are due on March 15th! Think ahead--Gift Cards fit Easter Baskets very well!!!

Thank you, Tammy and Lois



Turn you
clocks
FORWARD
one hour on
Saturday,
March 7th



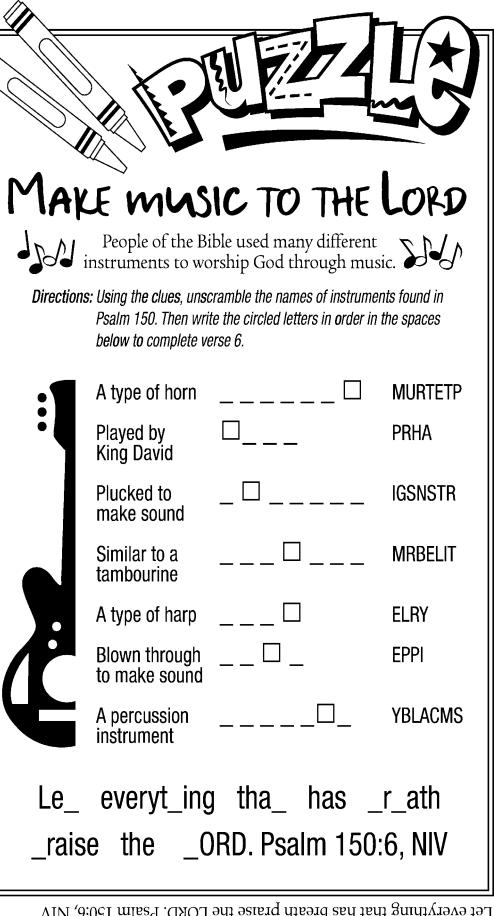
Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

# What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

# What you do:

- 1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
- 2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
- 3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
- 4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
- 5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.



Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

#### New this summer!

The Nursery School will offer summer enrichment camp for children ages 3 to 10. Each of the 8 weekly sessions has a different theme and runs Monday – Friday from 7:45 am to 5:30 pm. Themes will be as follows:

June 29 - July 3 - Art and Artists

July 6 - 10 - Camping Adventures

July 13-17 - Egypt and Moses

July 20 - 24 - Animal Habitats

July 27 - 31 - The Olympics

August 3-7 - Rome and Paul

August 10-14 - Our Green Earth

August 17-21 - S.T.E.M. Exploration



The cost is \$180 per week and includes breakfast, morning and afternoon snack, hands-on learning activities and weekly water play. There is a \$25 registration fee to hold your spot.

There is also 5% sibling discount for second child or \$50 paid in full discount.

Contact Lani Hoffmann with any questions 443-996-9375. You can visit our website at www.rumns.com for brochures and registration forms. Forms are also located in the information center across from the bathrooms in the Narthex.

# Nursery School Registration for Fall of 2020 is Happening Now!

We are currently enrolling children ages 2 to 4 for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer a loving, caring Christian environment where children learn through age appropriate hands on learning experiences. We will explore our world so the children can grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically. All programs run 5 days a week. Traditional preschool is from 9 am to 12 noon, however we also offer before care from 7:30 to 9:00 and aftercare from 12 to 6 pm.

More information on the program can be found on our website <a href="www.rumns.com">www.rumns.com</a> or follow the link at the bottom of our church website. There are also registration forms and brochures located in the information center in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, or would like to arrange a classroom visit, please call Lani Hoffmann at 443-996-9375.

# **Nursery School Dine Out Night!**

It's that time again

Tuesday, March 24th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Chick Fil A - OWINGS MILLS SQUARE LOCATION ONLY!!! 10480 OWINGS MILLS BLVD IN THE BEST BUY SHOPPING CENTER

Up to 15% of entire purchase will go directly to the Nursery School

A flyer (paper or digital) is required for us to receive credit.

Flyers are located in the information center in the Narthex, or contact Lani at

443-996-9375 or lani05@verizon.net

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# 2020 Reisterstown UMC Chili Cook-off Entry Form

WHO: Anyone who can make chili or wants to try! Men, women and youth of all ages are welcome to enter the chili cook-off. Teams are also welcome. More chili = more fun! So don't be shy! Throw your chili peppers into the ring and join the fun! WHEN: Sunday, March 15, 2020 following the 10:30 AM service at RUMC. \*All entries must be emailed to mens.fellowship.rumc@gmail.com or hardcopies submitted to Steve Marroulis or Keith Quintrell by Sunday, March 8, 2020.

WHERE: RUMC Fellowship Hall

WHY: Fellowship, food and fun. Need we say more? OK, how about this:

<u>Chili!!!</u>

# Name (required):

Name of your Chili (required):
Be creative with the name of your chili...!



# Chili category that you wish to enter (required):

"Veggie Chili" - Vegetarian chili category.

"Five-Alarm Chili" - Spicy/hot chili category. Don't hurt anyone!

"Is It Really Chili?" - Most creative chili category. Be adventurous! No rules.
"False Alarm Chili" - Mild chili category. How will you "wow" us without the "pow"?
Multiple entries are welcome! Please submit a separate form for each entry.

# ----- INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTESTANTS-----

- Fill out the entry form above and return it to <u>mens.fellowship.rumc@gmail.com</u>,
   Steve Marroulis or Keith Quintrell no later than 3/8/2020. Completed forms may be returned via e-mail or as hardcopies. Hardcopy forms will be available on the Welcome Center in the RUMC Narthex.
- Bring your chili <u>already hot</u> (if possible) in a crock-pot to the RUMC Kitchen on Sunday morning <u>before</u> the 10:30 AM church service. Each contestant/team will be required to staff their station in the Fellowship Hall, or find someone else, and dish out their chili.
- Each contestant/team is asked to bring a minimum of 3 4 quarts of chili to the contest (the size of one large crock pot). More than 3 - 4 quarts of chili is <u>absolutely welcome</u>.
- Contestants/Teams are welcome to bring "extras" for their chili if desired (e.g. cheese).

Have fun!!!!!!!!!!

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# RUMC Prayer Lists

## **OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES**

Brightview, Perry Hall Golden Crest—Westminster Tom & Sandy Thawley Gladys Fish Betty Flohr

Brightview, Towson Lorien Encore—Ellicott City

Peggy Eline Vivian Crouse

Carroll Lutheran Village Lorien Center—Taneytown

Louise Meyers Dr. Bill Rosenberger Elsie Smith **Dotty Harry** Nancy Welsh Monte Hatcher

Catered Living—Estrn. Shore Oakland Manor—Sykesville

LaRue Allewalt Wilma Cook Salony House

Springwell Sr Living Comm.

Frank Simmonds Tremont Place **Doris Matthews** 

# OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Shirley Krause Jean Moss Bill & Colleen Eysaman **Betty Ensor** 

**Bud Clayton** Gerry Lewis 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

Mary Lewis, pray for my brother Ed Cashman, has pneumonia and having trouble breathing, prayers for healing (2/16)

Cindy Dill, prayers for brother John, struggling with mental health issues (3/1)

Cynthia Humphrey, pray for healing from oral surgery February 24th (2/23)

**Karen Sheffo,** prayers for release from depression for daughter Monica Sheffo, looking for employment (2/9)

Mark Smith, is home now recovering from open heart surgery, prayers for healing and comfort (2/2)

Brenda Soskin, prayers for healing and comfort for upcoming knee replacement surgery on 3/5 (2/23)

**Connie Stiars,** prayers for peace, provision and protection. Prayers for finding the right job (2/2)

**Janelle Trcka,** continued prayers for Tim Simmons (SIL) from recent surgery  $^{(2/23)}$ 

# Prayer List—Please Pray for RUMC Family, Friends, & Neighbors

Mary Jane Graham, Kate Strom's mother, prayers for healing and relief from back pain and assorted issues (3/1)

Carolyn Kelly, Beth Waters mother, continue prayers for healing. (3/1)

**Ivy Rochester,** recent visitor, prayers for healing of high BP and sugar (2/23)

**Donna Soskin,** now in hospice (3/1)

Martha Taylor, praise, in remission (1/26)

**Sherri Vance,** Charlotte Braxton's daughter, continue prayers for healing and comfort (3/1)

**Dennis Whitlock,** Ruth Whitlock's son, now in hospice care, prayers for comfort (2/9)

**Beverly Wright,** Jill Wright's mother, preparing for a procedure to fix a fractured vertebrae (2/9)

**Mike Wright,** Jill Wright's father, prayers for healing of his shoulder and elbow (2/9)

**Elaine & John,** Henry Bell's sister and brother, prayers for wisdom and healing concerning medical conditions (2/2)

**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; 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;
Les Schafferman; 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 Travis Harry and the Harry family on the passing of his grandmother, Doris Harry who passed away on Friday, February 21st.

> Condolences may be sent to the Harry family at: 1505 Carriage Hill Drive Westminster, MD 21157

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 <u>Under 25 AND</u> <u>Over 70 MEMBERS</u> MARCH Birthdays



# **Alexander Caltrider**

3/2

1791 Brookshire Ct. Finksburg, MD 21048

# John Braxton

3/4

15 Berrymans Ln Reisterstown, MD 21136

# Ronald Ferguson

3/4

601 Oneta Dr Westminster, MD 21157

# Patrick Holsonbake

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2002 Conan Doyle Way Eldersburg, MD 21784

# Roger Krause

3/7

812 Suburbian Rd Reisterstown, MD 21136

## **Leon Gelwicks**

**3/8** 

400 Homevale Ct Reisterstown, MD 21136

# **Mary Smith**

3/10

5264 Spruce Ct Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-8713

# Laura Harry

3/12

1505 Carriage Hill Dr Westminster, MD 21157

# Mary Jane Huffman

3/14

3801 Schnaper Dr Apt 126 Randallstown, MD 21133-2728

## **Edward Prentice**

3/15

15615 Hanover Pike Upperco, MD 21155

# **Bradley Fagan**

3/16

12316 High Stakes Dr Reisterstown, MD 21136

# **Russell Clayton**

3/19

115 3rd Ave Reisterstown, MD 21136-1035

# **Kenneth Harry**

3/20

18710 Falls Rd Hampstead, MD 21074

# **Jeffery Horner**

3/20

345 High Knob Ln Reisterstown, MD 21136

# Kate Christensen

3/22

519 Cockeys Mill Rd Reisterstown, MD 21136-5113

# **Barbara McNeiland**

3/23

916 Shirley Manor Rd Reisterstown, MD 21136

# **Meghan Moore**

3/26

6834 Yellow Sheave Ct Frederick, MD 21703

# Alli Tambaoan

3/27

2045 Stillwater Rd Sykesville, MD 21784-6634

# **Katie Harry**

3/28

1505 Carriage Hill Dr Westminster, MD 21157

## **Charles Burton**

3/31

918 Lindellen Ave Reisterstown, MD 21136

# **Betty Ensor**

3/31

12635 Greenspring Ave Owings Mills, MD 21117



Th	Three Month Calendar					
MA	RCH_			Mondays		
7	8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8	10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308 1:30-3 pm—Infants & Toddlers , 308		
7	11:30 am-1:3	30 pm Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall	6 to 8:30 pm—Girl Scouts, Rooms 5/6 & 7		
8	2AM	Turn Clocks Forward One Hour		7 to 8:30 pm— AA, 308 <b>Tuesdays</b>		
10	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall	7am—4pm: Mission of Mercy (2nd and 4th Tues.) 10:30 am – Staff Meeting		
14	4-7 pm	Youth Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auch	tion	4th Tuesday—4:30 pm Staff Meeting		
Fellowship Hall			6:00 pm - Girl Scouts, Rooms 5/6 & 7 6:30 to 8 pm—Washed Anew Rehearsal			
15		oping Card Orders Due; Newsletter	Article Deadline	7:00 pm—Sisterhood, 308		
20		Game Night	Fellowship Hall	7:30 pm—Refuge Recovery  Wednesdays		
21		n Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast		10 am to noon — Library Committee		
24	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall	8:30 am –3:00 pm—Infants & Toddlers, 308 6 to 8 pm – Food Pantry Open		
29	2pm	UMW Tea	Fellowship Hall	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)		
4	8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8	7:00 pm—Men's Fellowship, 308		
'		pm Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall	Thursdays 8:30 am—1:30 pm — Infants & Toddlers, 308		
5	All Day	Palm Sunday	r onewsinp rian	10 am—noon: His Hands & Feet Shower Ministry		
Ü	,	5 am JOY Cookie Walk with Pretze	2 5	7 to 9 pm—NA, 308 7:30 to 9 pm – Nueva Jerusalem, NSC		
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9	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Service	Main Sanctuary	7 to 9 pm—NA, 308		
10	•	Good Friday Community Service	NS Chapel	8 to 9:30—Nueva Jerusalem, NSC, Band practice Saturdays		
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Main Sanctuary	9 to 11:00 am—Food Pantry Open		
11	10 am	Eggstravaganza Event	Fellowship Hall	9:30 to 11:30 am—AA , 308 10:00 am—Serenity Women Support Group, 308		
12	All Day	Easter Sunday	'	Sundays		
	7:30 am	Easter Sunrise Service	Fellowship Hall	11:45 am—Joyful Noise Handbell Choir Rehearsal 2 to 6 pm—Nueva Jerusalem, NSC (except 1st Sun)		
	9:30 am	Easter Praise Service	Main Sanctuary	Most Sundays		
	10:30 am	Easter Traditional Service	Main Sanctuary	11:30 to 12:30 — Joyful Noise Handbell Rehearsal  Every Sunday		
13	ALL DAY	Offices/Building Closed		6 to 8 pm—Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May)		
14	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall	Every Thursday (End of Aug.—May) Choir Rehearsals First Sunday of the Month— Nueva Jerusalem,		
17	6:30-10pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall	Fasting and Prayer service, NSC (6 am—1 pm) <b>Last Friday of the Month—</b> Nueva Jerusalem, Prayer		
25	7 <b>—</b> 11pm	Broadway on Main St	Fellowship Hall	Service, NSC (8-11:00pm)		
Church Committee Meeting Dates						
MA'				1st Mon.— Worship Design Team (7 pm) Library 1st Tues.— Worship (6:30 pm) Library		
2	8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Room 8	1st Sat.— Community Kitchen (11:30 am-1:00 pm) FH		
		pm Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall	1st Thurs.— UMW (7 pm) Library 1st Thurs.— RUMC Crafting Guild (7 pm) Room 8		
7	6:30 pm	Celebration of Women Banquet	Fellowship Hall	(Sept. through May)		
9	6:00 pm	Coffee House	Fellowship	2nd & 4th Mon.—History & Records (9:30 am) 308 2nd Tues.— odd months — Trustees (6:30) Library		
12	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall	2nd Wed.— Outreach thru Hospitality (4:30 pm) Library 2nd Thurs.— even months— Finance (6:30) Library		
15	6:30-10pm	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Fellowship Hall	3rd Sun.— Newsletter Deadline and Gift Card orders		
25	ALL DAY	Memorial Day—Office Closed; RU		3rd Sunday — Blood Pressure Screening (9am— 11:30am)		
26	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy  Applied Conference	Fellowship Hall	3rd Tues.— SPRC (7 pm) Library		
27-2		Annual Conference		3rd Mon.— Missions (7 pm), 246 Conference Room 4th Mon.—JOY Circle (7:00 pm) Library		
31	All Day	Pentecost		4th Tues.—Church Council (6:30 pm) Library		
				4th Tues.— Staff meeting (4:00 pm) Library 2nd & 4th Fri.— Prayer Shawl (10 am)		

# The Reisterstown United Methodist Church Youth Ministry Program Presents...



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser & Silent Auction Saturday, March 14, 2020 4:00 - 7:30 PM.



Please join us for delicious sauce and spaghetti, salad bar, desserts, wonderful fellowship, silent auction baskets and a chance to support our youth and local missions.

\$8.00 for children aged 5-11, and free for the little ones.

AT THE DOOR: Tickets will be \$15.00 and \$10.00.

Proceeds raised from this dinner will help fund the variety of RUMC Youth Ministry Programs and the Summer Youth Missions.

Tickets available starting February 16th!

You can purchase your tickets in the fellowship hall in the church office, and online by March 11th.



For more information or to donate a Silent Auction Basket please contact the Church office, 410-833-5440 or Susan Harry, 410-245-7190.

Can you help us... We are asking for donations of Silent Auction items/baskets to be donated to raise additional funds.

Movie tickets, gift certificates, games, etc... get creative and pick a theme for your basket. Need ideas? Contact Susan.

See Susan Harry for more information.

All Donations must be received by March 8th. gwtwsue2@comcast.net

Reisterstown United Methodist Church, 246 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD. 21136 410-833-5440 rumcoffice1777@gmail.com TICKETS: http://www.rumcweb.org/

# Join Us for Tea and Blessings

Eat, Drink, and be Merry while supporting underprivileged children at The Board of Childcare.

\$5.00 from each ticket will benefit this worthy cause.



Contact Linda Finley to host a table: 410-258-9567 Contact Joanne Ditto to reserve a single ticket: 410-833-1308 Dear RUMC Family November 24, 2019

Even though I haven't transferred my membership to any particular church, I've found several UMC Groups here in Florida to which I'm devoting some of my time, talent and treasure. I still feel connected to RUMC in thought, prayer and spirit and want to acknowledge that connection with a gift.

I love reading the weekly and monthly e-letters. I'm both sad and happy to learn about Pastor Vivian's retirement plans and know God will bring another good pastor through RUMC's doors. I also know Vivian deserves the much earned time to dedicate to this phase of her life, and wish her the very best. I'm looking forward to celebrating my first Christmas in my new home that I purchased in March ('19). Christmas visitors will be Janaea Eads and her fiancé, Matt. They will drive down from Boston during his law school break. I first met Janaea 20 years ago when she was 4 years old, newly adopted from an orphanage in India, and starting to attend RUMC with her parents Darwin & Wizie. We've been good friends ever since and I will be attending her wedding in Boston this May. The Eads moved to Columbia, MD when Janaea was about 8 years old.

I'm blessed for the wonderful people and experiences RUMC has added to my life. I have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving which I will be spending with my family, including my 96 year old mother who, again will be fixing her special dressing!

Love in Christ, Suzanne (Pierce)



#### **JOY Cookie Walk with Pretzels**

Join us SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH during the GROW HOUR and after the 10:30 service (if there's anything left!)



The COOKIE WALK is where you walk along the tables that are filled with various types of cookies and chocolate covered pretzels. You choose the kinds you want and fill a bag. The cost is \$4.00/dozen. The money raised goes towards various missions projects that JOY supports. Thank you!



Many times we ask for volunteers to help as acolyte but we don't give them the "WHY" of what we are doing. Please pray about serving in our worship services or serving in someway at RUMC. Help us be community inside and outside these walls.

# **Excerpt from The Acolyte's Book by H. Hickman**

"Since ancient times, light and fire reminded people that God is here with us. When you bring the light (fire) into the place where people are gathering to worship and when you light the candles, you are reminding the people that God is with us at home, at school, and at work, as well as in the worship service. When people look at the lighted candles, they more easily think about God and feel God's presence."

# 2020 JOY BUS TRIP



# Story of the Trapp Family Singers as they decide on a plan to flee Austria with the children.

**Date:** SATURDAY, June 27, 2020

**Location:** TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE, FAYETTEVILLE, PA

**Lunch: HICKORY BRIDGE FARM** 

**Show:** "THE SOUND OF MUSIC"

**Cost:** \$85pp

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Seating Limited-- Sign up by MARCH 31, 2020

**Open to all** 

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.

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# We Rise: Meeting God's Call To Transform Communities

#### **PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL 2020**

Each year during Lent, UMW runs the prayer and self-denial campaign. Once again we will be placing envelopes in the bulletin and asking for your help.

Please consider this request as God's Invitation and our Opportunity. **100%** of this offering goes directly to women, children and youth. For example, in 2018 UMW raised nearly \$600,000 with 100% participation from our conference. We Rise!

## When we give:

- We trust God to transform our dollars into everyday miracles that bring our brothers and sisters into wholeness.
- We become actively intertwined in mutually supportive community with people down the street and around the world sharing in the body of Christ.
- We are transformed not only by hearing the cares and concerns of our neighbors, but by the opportunity to act within God's plan to create a world where we all thrive.

Please consider donating during this reflective time. Your donation will enable UMW to continue partnering with organizations and individuals working in local communities both in the United States and across the globe. We Rise!!

Thank you, Darlene Gobrecht Reisterstown UMW