

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

10 am

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Pre-Service Music

North Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

*Voluntary on an Old English Carol
(O Sing a Song of Bethlehem)*

Andy Potts

~John S. Dixon

Welcome

Call to Worship

Today is the first Sunday of Advent,
the Sunday when we recall the hope we have in Christ.
At a time when God's people had lost their way--
when they were mired in sin and doubt and despair--
the prophets of Israel spoke of the coming of a Messiah.
He would be a Savior and king, born in the line of David,
who would rule the world with justice and be a blessing to all nations.
His name would be called Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."
**Today we come with longing and expectation for this Messiah,
recognizing how much our world needs Him once more.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Musical Call to Worship

Call to Advent

Chancel Singers

~Williams/Potts

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Lighting the Advent Wreath

We light the first candle as we remember that Jesus is called Emmanuel, "God with us." We light it with hope for all that is to come, no matter how things seem in this moment.

Let us pray:

Emmanuel, journey with us this Advent season. Teach us to seek the true gift of Christmas - the miracle of your presence in Jesus, our Savior. Enlarge our hearts, so that we might expect and receive your hope, peace, love and joy. Amen.

Hymn Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(vv. 6-7)

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Verse 6

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Verse 7

O come, Desire of Nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

A Message for Young Disciples

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Proclamation and Response

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;

Verse 4

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is love

Sending Forth

Announcements

- **Setting up the Christmas Tree after the service TODAY**
- **Christmas Cards**

Benediction

Postlude

Sussex Carol
~ Alfred V. Fedak

Andy Potts

Dear RUMC family,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving tomorrow, I want you to know that I am especially grateful for you and the blessing of serving in ministry with you at RUMC. Your love for God, your care for each other, and your desire to help other people experience the life-changing grace of Jesus are an inspiration and a gift.

On Sunday we'll begin a new year in the Church, as well as a new sermon series, "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes." Based on Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, together we'll experience the Christmas that can't be taken away. I hope you'll join us Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for the first installment in our *Grinch* series, "When Everything Is Wrong."

Finally, I want to invite you to consider supporting RUMC's #GivingTuesday campaign on Facebook next Tuesday, November 30. Facebook is offering a dollar-for-dollar match for the first \$2 million given after 8:00 a.m. on the 30th. After that, they will give an additional \$.10 on every dollar up to \$6 million. If you are accustomed to giving a Thanksgiving or Christmas offering, this is a great way to multiply your gift and your impact! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1259068657926902/> on Tuesday, November 30 (or anytime between now and December 5) to make a #GivingTuesday contribution. While you won't get a giving receipt from RUMC, Network for Good will send a receipt to the email address associated with your Facebook account.

I hope to see you in worship this weekend, whether in person or online.

With gratitude,
Pastor Jen

With the weather changing we have decided to make the Fellowship Hall doors and the PreSchool hallway available for entrance on Sunday mornings for worship (only). It will only be unlocked from 9:30 – 10:15 am. You will be able to exit anytime but only able to enter during that time slot.

A note from the office regarding notice for the website and the newsletter – due to unscrupulous scammers trolling the website, we will only be including the OFFICE phone number and Ministry email addresses in the newsletters and on the website – this is to protect you and the church. Personal emails and phone numbers will be included in the Midweek announcements as this only goes out to people on the email list and will not be available to the general public.

 **JUST A REMINDER – THERE IS NO PARKING IN THE EYE DOCTOR'S PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO OUR 308 FOOD PANTRY PARKING AREA. YOU WILL GET TOWED!!!**

 **We need as many hands to help as are available! If we have no help, or only one or two responses, there will be no tree up in the Sanctuary! WE NEED YOU!**

Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree how lovely are thy branches...
But they are stuck in a box and need to get fluffed and organized. Can you help get our sanctuary ready for Advent & Christmas?
Let's listen to Christmas music and have some FUN!
Please RSVP to Susan Harry, 410-245-7190.

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RUMC Christmas Card Post Office sponsored by the Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Join in on the fun of sending some Christmas JOY! With so many of us disconnected from our friends at church during the last 2 years we wanted to make an EXTRA effort this Christmas to spread LOVE in our church family.

Save postage sending cards to others at Reisterstown UMC. Please label your Christmas cards with first and last names and deposit them in the big box in the narthex/lobby starting on Nov. 28th until December 12th. A list of names can be provided if you do not have a directory.

The youth and young adults will be sorting and bundling cards while watching a Christmas Movie on Dec. 12th. 11:30- 2:00.

Youth and Adult Volunteers please RSVP to Susan Harry, 410-245-7190, By Dec. 10th.

Cards will be ready for pick up at the Christmas Eve Services. Let's make sure everyone gets a Christmas Card this year!



JOY Cookie Walk – The JOY Cookie Walk and chocolate dipped pretzels sale is BACK! And will be

available on **Sunday December 12th, 2021**, before and after the church service in the Fellowship Hall! The homemade cookies will sell for \$4.00/dozen. The pretzels will come 2 pretzels to a bag and will sell for \$1.00. You must wear a mask in the Fellowship hall and JOY members will gladly fill your bag with the cookies of your choice. Please DO NOT TOUCH the cookies. JOY members will wear masks and gloves and will help you with the cookies. We're looking forward to seeing many of you that day and we're so excited to be able to have this much enjoyed fundraiser again. Contact Sherry Osborne or any JOY member if you have any further questions. Thank you for your participation.



2021 has continued to impact our lives due to COVID even as we carefully begin to open up. This year

there were changes for all of us and for the families and staff in our schools that we help: Cedarmere Elementary and Glyndon Elementary. Our angel tree plans continue to look different this year. We will continue to support our families as we did last year with groceries and gift cards so you can still help with gift cards as you did last year. Cards to Target, Walmart, and grocery stores are the best choices and will allow families to shop for what they need. Many of our families shop at ALDI, so those gift cards are welcome, too! The cards will be distributed according to family size. More information will be forthcoming after Thanksgiving.

In the meantime, I am grateful for your generous support for the Thanksgiving baskets this year and for your help in the past. And thanks to Kris Brown for her amazing help!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Liz Livermore

Dear Friends,



During this time of COVID 19, a special way to honor your family and friends is through the Alternative Christmas Program. Instead of worrying over what gift to give, you can choose to support a mission program in their honor. It is a special way to give to those in need while showing love to your family and friends.

The Mission Committee is recommending the following programs:

- 1) **Local UM Board of Child Care, providing stable living and educational support to children in need.**
- 2) **National - Advance # 901670 - UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery provides support when natural or civil disasters are of such a magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.**
- 3) **International - Advance # 982450 - UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery helps**

meet emergency response needs around the world, including natural disasters and refugee needs.

Giving through the UMC Advance Special program insures that 100% of your gift goes to the project designated. (Project 2 and 3)

When giving to the Alternative Christmas program, please put the name of the project you support on the "For" line of your check. You can pick up the donor cards and envelopes outside the church office.

This Alternative Christmas Gift program is for your family and friends and is not intended to replace your regular giving to RUMC.

 **Supplies for Afghan Refugees**

As you know, many Afghan refugees left their homes with little more than the clothes they were wearing. Most worked with the US forces, NATO or other NGOs. For this they were targeted by the Taliban. Many families will be resettled in the Baltimore area and their needs are great. We will be working with Afghan Resettlement Program. This list indicates some of the many items the families will need.

Kitchen: knives 3 different types, set of pots with lids

Bedrooms: bed pillows, twin size blankets or comforters, twin set of sheets, Full/Queen blankets or comforters, full/queen set of sheets

Bathroom: shower curtain and rings, toilet brush and holder, toilet paper (12 pack) Desk supplies: note paper and pens, pencils Large plastic bins to hold clothes Cleaning supplies: sponges, vacuum, broom and dust pan

Hygiene: men's and women's deodorant, pack of feminine hygiene pads, pack of razors and shaving cream), toothbrushes

Foods: sugar, salt, black tea, bag of rice

Furniture: couch, armchairs, dining table and chairs for 5-6 people, 2 dresser or chests of drawers, twin bed frame, double/ queen bed frame, coffee table, side tables, television, table lamps, floor lamps

If you wish to donate any of these items, please email Susan Henry (susanhenry434@yahoo.com) and we will figure out how to get the supplies to the collection point. Thank you for sharing with our new neighbors.

 **RUMC Acolytes Fall 2021**

FALL 2021

Nov. 28 _____ 1st Sun. in Advent (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Dec. 5 Emma Osborne 2nd Sunday in Advent


Dec. 12 Paige Osborne 3rd Sunday in Advent


Dec. 19 Samantha Brown 4th Sunday in Advent (Music Sunday)

Dec. 24 4:30-_____, _____ (No Cross bearer)

7:00-_____, _____, _____

Dec. 26 _____ Carols & Music

 **Food pantry immediate needs: Cereal, peanut butter and corn Drop off: Saturday mornings between 8am-10:30am or Sundays fellowship hall bin.**

 **RUMC's Cribbery is hiring!** We are seeking an energetic Christian individual who is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for children who are not yet old enough to attend Sunday School. Weekly hours are on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Applicants should email Pastor

Jen at pastorjeneschliman@gmail.com and describe their interest and relevant experience, and provide three references.

★ **Did you forget to order Gift Cards** and have an event where you need a gift? Karen has ordered some extra (Target/Walmart/Chipotle/Starbucks/Giant) in case you want to purchase at church. Just call/text/email Karen Green or see her on Sundays. Karen's contact information: [\(443\) 898-2396](tel:(443)898-2396) or karengreeno23@gmail.com

[Just a reminder that we will be taking Gift Card orders on the following dates: November 22nd and 29th and December 6th and 13th and then we will not take any more orders until January. Order early!](#)

★ **We are gathering for Sunday morning worship at 10 am in the sanctuary and online.**
★ **Link for Sunday Morning Worship**

Topic: Sunday Worship

Time: November 28, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86822778412?pwd=THZCNopkZXIsWG1DVWN5SisoT1VNQTo9>

Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412; Passcode: 271199; Dial by your location: 301 715 8592; Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412

Dear RUMC Men and Friends,

★ **We will not be meeting this Wednesday evening.** We will pick back up our study - *You Were Made for This Moment* by Max Lucado next Wednesday, December 1.
Until then, Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

★ **Joys and Concerns from November 21, 2021**

- Prayers for Sharon Osborne who is in Johns Hopkins.
- From Amy Hart: A big Thanks to everyone that participated in the Holly Fair on Main Street that helped make it a huge success. This event put on by our UMW takes many hands. Our church really came together and because of everyone involved, the UMW will be able to support many local and global missions.
- Kate Strom- prayers for healing. Kate broke her ankle badly after falling down some stairs and will have surgery on Wednesday.
- Christy Newcomer - recovering from surgery and is awaiting the results of a biopsy
- Ruth Whitlock - continued prayers for healing for her leg (Also her birthday is this Wednesday the 24th!)
- Roger Lipp - continued prayers as he is in cancer treatment
- Mary Lewis - will have a diagnostic procedure on Monday. Prayers for a good and clear outcome.
- Paul Bonicker – continued prayers for Paul who is still in the hospital – has been moved back to ICU (Tuesday) BP and blood counts are dropping. Putting him back on the ventilator and giving him a blood transfusion. Prayers for healing and strength.
- From Sue Priest – an unspoken prayer request for the Hill Family
- From Kerrie Flanagan – Homeless people, pain, people with disabilities, and the homeless with mental problems
- From Jeanne Bagwell – having a CT Scan on Wednesday – prayers for good results
- From Bonnie Lieberman - Please lift up prayers for my nephew Timothy has an infection that is moving quickly up his arm. Please pray for a speedy diagnosis and ability to administer medicine that will fight the infection. Thank you.
- From Beth Tudor - Please continue to pray for my mom and dad, Margie & Bill, as they are still recovering from surgery

- From Nancy Cole - friends, Kathy, Toni and Leslie, need healing prayers
- From Rick & Kelly Fairhurst - Ronald "Butch" Lloyd in Hospice.
- From Marlene Carr - Praise, my sister's surgery went very well, thank you for your prayers.

NOVEMBER 2021 - (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Nov. 28	First Sunday in Advent
Nov. 28	Christmas Tree Set up in sanctuary Decorating the church Sanctuary Christmas Trees from 10-12noon Let's crank some Christmas tunes and deck the halls! Christmas tree assembly competition is ON! 2 teams needed. Please RSVP to Susa Harry. Refreshments Provided.
Date	DECEMBER TENTATIVE---Other Info/ Special Event
Dec. 2	Campus Life @ Franklin Middle School Thursdays 2:20-3:30PM Auxiliary Gym-Snack, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Dec. 5	Young Adult Lunch or Be Kind Signs
Dec. 9	Yellow Roses
Dec. 11	West River Center- Winter Retreat 3-12 grade

Calling All Kids and Youth!

We are actively planning our 4:30 p.m. **Family Christmas Eve service for Friday Dec. 24th** and are looking for young people to provide leadership in the service.

We need readers, greeters, nativity scene members, drama participants (rehearsals required), musicians and acolytes.

If you are interested in participating in any way, please fill out our Google interest form:
<https://forms.gle/nEV42EcB1oCWvhna9>

**Franklin Middle School
Campus Life After School Program
Starts IN Person Meetings
November 11th 2:30-3:30
RUMC Fellowship Hall**

Susan M. Harry,
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
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Office Hours by appointment Tues. - Fri. & Sundays

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Yellow Roses Girls Only Night We have missed you!

Join in on the FUN as we restart our group for meetings this fall & winter.

Thursday, Dec. 9 @ 6:30-8:00pm.

Where: Janice Holsonbake's house
4180 John Benjamin Drive, New Windsor, MD 21776

Dinner provided.

Please contact Susan or Janice for more information.
to arrange a ride/carpool or to donate food.

Susan Harry, 410-245-7190, rumcyouth1777@gmail.com
Janice Holsonbake, 443-398-5951, jholsonb@comcast.net

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.

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 and learn from one another, and we strengthen our relationship with Christ.

Reisterstown United Methodist Church
Youth & Young Adult Ministries
November 2021

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2020-2021 Youth & Young Adult Ministries**

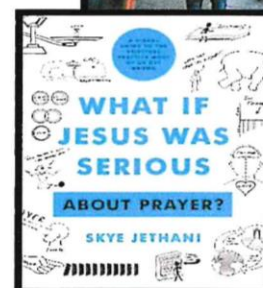
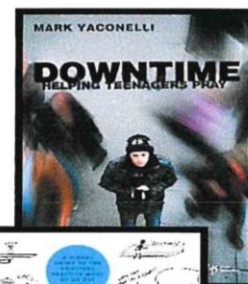
Dear Youth, Parents, Leaders, and Guardians:

We're off to another good start of Fall and the holidays are right around the corner. But it's a year like no other!!! Being flexible is still the name of the game in how we program, gather, and give grace to one another.

I know you are asking... "How do I know what's coming up?" Check out RUMC's youth ministry program for this year on the youth bulletin board, youth fliers on welcome center, in the mid-week email updates, the monthly newsletter, and on the church website. We'll also be sending you texts, emails and posting to Instagram & face book reminding you of upcoming special events and activities as they approach. Please respond and give us a heads up if you are coming so we can gather enough supplies for each event.

If you are not receiving the emails and would like to, please let contact me or the church office, 410-833-5440. Our calendar does change occasionally and we recommend that you also check the weekly church bulletin or mid-week email for current info. We're looking forward to the year ahead and the opportunity to be involved with you and your family.

Our ministry this year will be focused on PRAYER. With life, prayer is "Essential" to how we connect to our God and each other. So let's go back to explore the Who, What, When & Where of Prayer with a variety of FUN resources.



To start off the fall season we will be meeting for special events. This is open to all youth in grades 6 thru 12. **Please see the monthly calendar.**



In order to make our youth ministry successful and spiritually enriching for our youth, we need and expect our parents to be involved. The success of many of our activities depends upon the participation of the parents and other caring adults. Your presence will not only provide us with assistance that is needed, but you'll also benefit from the fellowship with our youth. We do have fun and we would like for you to experience that with us! The areas where your help is needed will be listed on the parental volunteer signup sheet during the meeting and on the youth bulletin board at church.

No experience necessary and we will provide trainings, safe sanctuary trainings, and background check.

Are you available to volunteer for **at least three categories during the course of the year?**

Some of the categories are; prep a craft project, provide transportation, provide snack or meal, provide a grocery store gift card for snacks, assist with youth group or youth worship, help with a Dudes or Yellow Roses program nights, chaperone events, assist with mission service projects, etc. The participation from everyone results in a more effective ministry and increased enrichment for ALL! (Seriously, we like to have FUN!)

If you have an interest in working with our youth or have considered the possibility please let of us know...we'd like to hear from you! I can be reached by email or cell phone. I am also in the church office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. **Our thanks to you in advance, for your interest and support of Reisterstown United Methodist Church Youth.** Also a much deserved thank you to those parents who have been so supportive and instrumental in helping the youth ministry program THRIVE!

Blessings,

Susan Harry,

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

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Adult Coordinator for Acolytes Needed-

We are currently in need of an adult to assist the youth on Sunday mornings as they prepare for lighting the candles for the 10:30AM worship service. You would need to arrive at 10:15AM. Would like to have 2 people to share responsibilities for this ministry.

A schedule is preset and reminders are sent from the office each week. Please contact Susan Harry for more information.

Reisterstown UMC Sunday School November 2021



We are making plans for our Christmas Eve Family Worship on December 24 at 4:30 pm and would like to know how you and your children would like to participate. There are opportunities to read, participate in a drama, share music, and more. If you are reading this online, please use this Google form to let us know: <https://forms.gle/nEV42EcB1oCWvhna9>. You may also contact Cara and let her know your preferences.

This isn't exactly new, but just a reminder that we will continue to bring the children back to worship on the first Sunday of every month so that they can participate in Communion.

This month, we are wrapping up our lessons on David and will talk briefly about Solomon becoming King. Then on November 28, Advent begins!

On December 5, there will not be any Sunday school. Instead, we will be having a family-focused worship service so we will hope you will all join us in worship that day. Stay tuned for more. Communion will be served that Sunday.




Thank you for participating in our Board of Childcare collection during September and October. All of the items we collected are pictured here and will be dropped off at their campus this week.

For November and December, we will be collecting items for the food pantry. They are most in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal and oatmeal right now. Offering brought in on the 1st and 3rd Sundays will also go to the food pantry. Offering on other Sundays is contributed to the church fund.

Give thanks at home in November with a Gratitude Pumpkin. Create a regular time—at dinner, before bed, after school, or any other time —when you say a prayer of thanks to God. Give everyone a chance to say one thing they are thankful for, and write it on a pumpkin in Sharpie marker.



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