



## Our Church Matters

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

Dear friends,

I wanted to give an update on the work of our Catalyst Initiative team, which has been busy working through our second learning module on empathy. At its most basic, empathy is “feeling *with* someone.” Brené Brown has a great animated video that depicts a person crying out from a deep, dark hole. Empathy looks like another person climbing down in the hole beside them and saying, “I know what it’s like down here. You’re not alone.”

Sympathy, on the other hand, looks like the person who calls down from above, saying: “Oooh, it’s bad down there!” Of the two responses, empathy is the one that fuels connection.

Brené points out that empathy is a choice, and it’s a vulnerable choice. In order to connect with someone, we have to connect with something in ourselves that knows the feeling they’re experiencing. Even though her teaching on empathy isn’t specifically “Christian,” her illustration reminds me an awful lot of what God did in the incarnation - taking on flesh and coming down to live among us. It was a vulnerable choice, but in making that choice, God said unequivocally, “I know what it’s like down here, and you’re not alone.”

Choosing empathy is a part of what it means to be like Christ. It’s also what will drive our connection with people in the community as we hope to share with them the life-giving news about Jesus. Since August, the Catalyst Team has engaged in prayer walks around our community, connected one-on-one to learn more about individuals’ needs and passions, and reviewed MissionInsite data - a census-based analysis of the community around our church. We are seeking to better understand what our community members want and need; how they spend their time; their fears and frustrations; and their perceptions about church. Practicing empathy will allow us to design experiences and environments where people find a sense of belonging and hopefully - prayerfully - begin a journey of faith.

I invite you to continue praying for our church and our team as we engage in the Catalyst process. I also invite you to be in prayer for the community around our church - for our neighbors - and to seek out opportunities to listen. Get to know the story of someone whose life or situation is different from yours, and practice empathy. You never know how that Christ-like connection will make an impact.

With gratitude for each of you,  
*Pastor Jen*

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### Veterans of RUMC

We would like to celebrate our Veterans of RUMC on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 – 11:45 am, with a short presentation beginning with Bag Pipes . Please alert the office if you plan to attend (410-833-5440). We would

like, with your permission, to list your names in the program as we celebrate your contribution to our country.

Bill Myers

Director of Music Ministry



### Kids & Youth Needed for the Family Christmas Eve Service

We are actively planning our 4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service for Saturday 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. A dress rehearsal will take place at 5:00 p.m. on December 23 for anyone with an acting or speaking role (with pizza to follow!).

If you are interested in participating in any way, please fill out our Google interest form: <https://forms.gle/1biANEHFQuh9DuuE9>

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS:** The Food Pantry is only open on Saturday mornings from 8:30-11 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 WaWa food available, however, Panera IS available.

**At this time we are NOT accepting clothing donations.**

**Food pantry immediate needs:** 18 oz jars of Peanut Butter and boxes of Mac and Cheese.

**Drop off:** Saturday mornings between 8:30am-11 am except the first Saturday of each month when the Food Pantry is open until 11:30 am. Also, Sundays in the fellowship hall bin.

**UPDATE:** Panera food is available, but Wawa is not.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE ANY CHURCH DOORS**



### November 27th through December 11th is the deadline for November and December Gift/Shopping Card Orders

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!!** Gift cards orders will be taken on November 27, Dec 4, and Dec. 11 for Christmas. Order forms are on the Welcome table in the Narthex, and in the newsletter. Please think ahead for purchasing gift cards for Christmas gifts. You can also use the gift cards to buy Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers and Angel tree gifts. We sell Visa gift cards that make perfect gifts for everyone. Please consider buying our gift cards. We make a profit on each card that we sell. Thank you for your support.

For contact information—contact the office at  
(410) 833-5440  
[RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com](mailto:RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com)



## Sunday School News



As you have likely seen up front on Sunday mornings, our Sunday school class has grown! Which means it is time to split back up into two classrooms, one for K-2nd grade and one for 3rd-5th grade. Linda Biffle, Katie Cresswell and Cara Norris will teach the younger class; Linda Morrison and Tanya Gaspard will teach the older class. As soon as possible, both classes will be moving into the adjoining rooms 5 and 6 (next to the cribbery).

With the exciting growth of class comes the need for more volunteers! If you would be willing to dedicate one Sunday a month to our children, please contact me. I can take volunteers who are up to date on their Safe Sanctuary training and paperwork. If you would like to help, but have not yet gone through the screening process, please contact me as well.

In September, we learned about Joseph. In October, we started learning about Moses and we will continue learning about his story, along with the Israelites, all through November.

Youth Sunday school, which meets in the 308 Building from 9 - 10 am, is off to a great year! Our youth leaders are Janice Holsonbake, Don Morrison and Angelo Went. Through the *Echo the Story* curriculum, our class is diving deep into the stories of the Old and New Testaments, using a multi-learning style approach. Through open and authentic discussions and leading of the Spirit, we are understanding how connected our own lives are to these narratives and how God is continuing to write the stories of our lives.

Cara Norris

[RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com](mailto:RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com)



As I write this, it is almost Halloween so we are getting an early start in planning in our support for families at the two schools we support.

2022 has continued to impact our lives due to Covid and economic changes. This year there were changes for all of us and for the families and staff in the schools we help: Cedarmere Elementary and Glyndon Elementary. There are changes in staffing at both schools and challenges for students and teachers as schools work to educate children. Glyndon has a new guidance counselor and a social worker who are learning to know their students along with the continued support of a community liaison. Cedarmere has the same guidance counselor but there is need for other positions, including a nurse.

We will continue to support students at both schools at Thanksgiving with baskets and a gift cards for groceries as we have in the past.

For Christmas, we have decided to support our families as we did last year with groceries and gift cards which allow them to shop for what they need. The angel tree will have 'ornaments' as we have in the past the suggestions for cards to Target, Weis, Giant, Aldi, Lidl, and Wawa. Those 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 based on information from the counselors.

Last year we were able to support our gift card program which helps with other outreach efforts! You don't have to wait till the Angel Tree is up to get started! And be looking for ways to help as we put the baskets together.

If you purchase gift cards, you may give them to me when it is convenient for you. Feel free to contact the office with questions: 410-833-5440 or [RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com](mailto:RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com)

Blessings,  
Liz Livermore

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

**Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer**  
**Vikki McAdory** (Marlene Carr's sister-in-law)  
 diagnosed with stage 3 cervical cancer.  
**Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford;**  
**Daryl Bogert; Beth Bolin; Bruce Bond;**  
**Marilyn Brathwaite; Renee Brooksbank;**  
**Jean Chambers; Benjamin Dapper;**  
**Sandy Engle; Megan Evans; Jacque Eyler;**  
**Ryan Gardner; Sondra Hadden;**  
**Mary Hanlon; Jason Harris; Mike Hockstad;**  
**Debbie Johnson; Denny Johnson;**  
**Lisa Johnson; Eddie Jones; Rita Jones;**  
**Diane Kanemoto; Roger Lipp;**

**Tyler Llewellyn; Alfred Luginger;**  
**Pat MacLeer; Tina Meeks;**  
**Ronald Metz; Don Mills; Mike Murrar;**  
**Aaliyah Parker; Darlene Parlette;**  
**Dottie Payne; Les Schafferman; Marge Shaw;**  
**Rebecca Sloan; Sean Staley;**  
**Melanie Stierhoff; Mary Telchi;**  
**Jenna Thornton; Patty G. Walsh;**  
**Dave Weinstein; Lynn Whitter;**  
**John Wilton; Cindy; Ann, Deb; Jim; Ken;**  
**Makenna; Nicholas; Rachel; Shannon**

**LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

**Davey Brickman**, Ruth Withlock's granddaughter's husband—National Guard stationed in Kuwait  
**Eldridge Brown, Jr.**, Serving in the Army  
**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 stationed in Texas  
**Lindley Garcia**, Carol Judkin's friend — USMC not currently deployed  
**Jeremy Hadden**, Pat Dinsmore's grandson, Air Force, stationed at Edwards AFB in California  
**Luke Hoyman**, Lynn Owings Grand daughter's husband, serving in the Air Force, stationed at Andrews Air Force Base  
**Army Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Haines Greenway**, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, stationed in Georgia  
**Steven Lee**, Carol & Danny Lee's son—has been promoted to Command Master Chief, has served in the US Navy for 25+ years and is stationed in Virginia Beach VA  
**Fred Linborn**, Friend of the Tambaoan family, serving in the Army  
**Vance Listwan**, Son of Rachel & Mark Utterback, serving in the Air Force, stateside in Texas  
**Dennis Mack**, Thelma Mack's nephew, serving in the Army is stationed in North Carolina  
**Allen Messinger**, Serving in the Army at Fort Bragg, NC  
**Isaac Shroll**, Tracy Tambaoan's cousin, serving in the Army

**OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES**

**Birch Manor Nursing Home**  
 Kay Shaeffer  
**Carroll Lutheran Village**  
 Nancy Welsh  
**Golden Crest—Hampstead**  
 Doris Matthews

**Lorien Center—Taneytown**  
 Monte Hatcher  
**Oakland Manor—Sykesville**  
 Wilma Cook  
**Cherrywood (Reisterstown)**  
 Tom Thawley

**OUR MEMBERS AT HOME**

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

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





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

**Bobby Alexander**

**11/1**

2986 Corona Ct  
Manchester, MD 21102

**Jim Botelle**

**11/12**

203 New Ave  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Tyrese Harris**

**11/24**

4 Estates Ct Apt 3206  
Pikesville, MD 21208-6946

**Roger Lipp**

**11/1**

508 Gwynnwest Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Jerry Gaudi**

**11/15**

319 Kearney Dr  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**Ruth Whitlock**

**11/24**

998 Wilda Dr  
Westminster, MD 21157

**Susy Hedrick**

**11/4**

703 Earleton Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Gomer Wern**

**11/16**

4436 Trenton Mill RD  
Upperco, MD 21155

**Tom Caltrider**

**11/29**

34 S Lake Way  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Ross Merryman**

**11/4**

605 Piper Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Wesley Gaspard**

**11/19**

2022 North Nevada St,  
Apt 1100  
Chandler, AZ 85225

**Teagan Sasse**

**11/9**

207 Sacred Heart Ln  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Shirley Krause**

**11/20**

812 Suburban Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

**Griffin Strom**

**11/9**

4406 North Woods Trail  
Hampstead, MD 21074-3134

**Hazel Mays**

**11/20**

10 Cedarmere Rd  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**John Trail**

**11/10**

2517 Appaloosa Way  
Finksburg, MD 21048

**Brantley Schuster**

**11/22**

527 Cockeys Mill Rd  
Reisterstown, MD 21136-5113



**November 5th**

## Three Month Calendar

### NOVEMBER

4	All day	COF Wreath Orders Due	
5	11:30am-1pm	Community Kitchen	Fellowship Hall
		Fall Back! - Set you clocks back one hour	
8	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	ALL DAY	Veterans Day—RUMNS Closed/ Holly Fair Set up	Entire Building
12	ALL DAY	HOLLY FAIR	Entire Building
13	11:15 am	Veterans Day Celebration	Sanctuary
20	ALL DAY	Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due Newsletter Articles Deadline	
	11:30 am	Setting up the Christmas Trees after church	Sanctuary
22	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
24-25		Offices & RUMNS Closed—Thanksgiving	
27	ALL DAY	First Sunday of Advent Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due	

### DECEMBER

4	All Day	2nd Sunday of Advent Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due	
11	All Day	3rd Sunday of Advent Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due	
13	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
18	ALL DAY	Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due (Final date until January) Newsletter Articles Deadline	
20	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
22-1/3	All Day	RUMNS Closed—Christmas Break	
23	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Rehearsal for 4:30 service	
24	4:30 pm	Family Christmas Eve	
	8:00 pm	Late Service Christmas Eve	
25	All Day	Christmas Day	
26-1/3	All day	RUMS Offices Closed—Christmas Break	

### JANUARY

1	All day	New Years day	
2	All day	Office and RUMNS Closed	
3	All day	Office and RUMNS Resume	
10	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
15	ALL DAY	Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due Newsletter Articles Deadline	
16	All day	MLK Day—Office & RUMNS Closed	
24	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

Entire RUMS Calendar is available on the church website and is updated frequently—  
check it out: [www.rumcweb.org](http://www.rumcweb.org)

Food Pantry—Open Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 am—In person inside beginning in November. For donations—Let the volunteer know you are dropping off, not picking up. If you can pop your trunk from inside your car, place the donation in your trunk. If you cannot open from inside your car, put in your back seat—Volunteers will take it out of your car for you.

### MONDAYS

10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308  
3 to 7 pm—Arti-st Music, 308  
7 to 8:30 pm— AA, 308

### TUESDAYS

7am—4pm: Mission of Mercy (2nd and 4th Tues.)  
6:30 pm Kiwanis (1st Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday)  
10:30 am — Staff Meeting  
3-9— Arti-st Music, 308  
6:30 pm— Kiwanis, Room 8 (1st Tuesday of the month)  
7:00 pm—Sisterhood, 246 Conference Room  
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC  
7:30 pm—Refuge Dharma, 308

### WEDNESDAYS

10 am to noon — Library Committee  
8:30 am –3:00 pm—Infants & Toddlers, 308  
2:30 pm - Junction After School Program  
6:30 pm — NA, Fellowship Hall  
7 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir room (End of Aug. ~ 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  
3-7 pm—Arti-st Music, 308  
6:30 pm—Kiwanis, room 5/6, 3rd Thursday of the month)  
7 to 9 pm—Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall  
7 to 9 pm—NA, 308

### FRIDAYS

8:30 am—1:30 pm — Infants & Toddlers, 308  
3-7 pm—Art-st Music, 308  
7 to 9 pm—NA, 308  
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Band Rehearsal, NSC

### SATURDAYS

8:30 to 11:00 am—Food Pantry—Drive Through Open  
9:30 to 11:30 am—AA, 308  
11-5—Arti-st Music, 308  
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC

### LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH

10 pm—Cristos Iglesias Prayer Service, NSC

### MOST SUNDAYS

11:30 to 12:30 — Joyful Noise Handbell Rehearsal

### EVERY SUNDAY

1 pm—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC  
6 to 8 pm—Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May)  
Every Thursday (End of Aug. thru May) Choir Rehearsals

### CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

1st Sat.— Community Kitchen (11:30 am-1:00 pm) FH  
1st Thurs.— UMW (7 pm) Library  
2nd & 4th Mon.—History & Records (9:30 am) 308  
2nd Mon.—JOY Circle (11:30 am) Parlor  
2nd Tues: even months— Finance (6:30 pm) Library  
2nd Tues: odd months — Trustees (6:30 pm) Library  
3rd Sun.— Newsletter Deadline and Gift Card orders Due  
3rd Tues.— SPRC (7 pm) Library  
3rd Mon.— Missions (7 pm), 246 Conference Room  
4th Tues.—Church Council (6:30 pm) Library



It may be fall, but RUMC's Circle of Friends is ready to get you started on your holiday decorating! We are once again selling wreaths, garland, and an adorable reindeer gift set. These beautiful greens are sustainably sourced from the Cascade Mountains in the Pacific Northwest and have a 100% freshness guarantee. Funds raised support missions such as The Cavanaugh House, Alpha Pregnancy Center, RUMC's Food Pantry, among various others. Order forms are available in the Narthex or can be emailed to you – request an emailed form from the office (RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com).

Orders are due no later than **November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Don't miss out!



Below are the items we are collecting for the Board of Childcare Christmas store & Amazon Wish list link. We are also accepting monetary/gift cards, youth wish list gifts, and Amazon wish list options. We need to have all items to the Church by **DECEMBER 1st**. Questions? Contact the office at 410-833-5440 or email: RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com



**Bath & Body Gift Set**



**Sports Ball**



**Books/ Literature**



**Coloring Book w/  
Pencils**



**Fleece Blanket**



**Small Toy**



**Card/ Board Game**



**Stocking Stuff w/  
Personal Care Items**



**Toy Car and Doll Baby**

Copy this link in your browser and it will take you straight to our Amazon Smile Account and the Board of Childcare List:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KJ8T72NEL0QD?leftNavSection=Shopping&ref\\_=abls\\_inv\\_sl](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KJ8T72NEL0QD?leftNavSection=Shopping&ref_=abls_inv_sl)



# Reisterstown United Methodist Church

## Youth & Young Adult Ministries

### November 2022



**RUMC YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**FUN, FAITH & FRIENDS**

# PUMPKIN CHUNKIN PARTY

**Sunday, Nov. 6th • 5:00-7:00PM**

Join us in back parking lot at RUMC for games, lite dinner, hot chocolate, desserts and fun.  
Bring your left over small pumpkins or a couple apples to launch into the woods with a BIG slingshot.  
Young Adults welcome and Adult leaders needed.  
RSVP by Nov. 1st.  
<https://ttsu.me/pumpkinchunkin22>

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Office Hours by appointment Tues. - Fri. & Sundays

### 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 10:00AM worship service. You would need to arrive at 9:45AM. 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.

### Junction After School Side Walk Program

Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM

Join us on the front side walk of Reisterstown UMC as we greet Franklin Middle School students and our neighbors.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Susan Harry to volunteer or for more information.

### Tis' the Season to get Jolly at the Holly Fair!

Volunteers Needed &  
Service Learning Hours Available-

Dear youth, young adults, parents, & adult leaders,  
The Holly Fair is just around the corner and we are looking for volunteers of all ages to help with a variety of jobs for the Holly Fair!

\*\*\*DAY OF EVENT\*\*\*

Saturday Nov. 12th 11:00-1:00 help is needed to serve the crafters Lunch. Contact Kathy Bogert,

Saturday Nov. 12th starting at 4:30 PM we will put back furniture in each of the Sunday school rooms. Please contact Lani Hoffmann at [lanilee05@gmail.com](mailto:lanilee05@gmail.com) or 443-996-9375 if you are able to help.

Service Learning Hours are available for youth in Middle and High School. Forms are available on the youth and young adult table and can be given to Susan Harry for completion the after the event.

Thanks for helping to support your church and missions!

### FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS...

Reisterstown United Methodist Church  
JUNCTION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

### Weekly meetings on Wednesdays

Students in 6-8th grade are invited to join in every Wednesday afternoon 2:30-3:30PM for FREE games, snacks, crafts, lessons, and FUN!

For more information contact Susan Harry, Director of Youth & Young Adults

[rumcyouth1777@gmail.com](mailto:rumcyouth1777@gmail.com)  
410-833-5440



## Acolyte Schedule

Oct. 30	Emma Osborne	Celebration Sunday
Nov. 6		All Saint's Sunday
Nov. 13	Maya Trump	Laity Sunday
Nov. 20		
Nov. 27		1st Sunday in Advent
(Thanksgiving Weekend)		
Dec. 5		2nd Sunday in Advent
Dec. 12		3rd Sunday in Advent
Dec. 19		4th Sunday in Advent

Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24

4:30- \_\_\_\_\_

8:00- \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 25 No Acolyte

Sun. Jan 1st \_\_\_\_\_ New Year's Day

## Pie Making Class Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM



Young Adults join us for a fun evening making seasonal pies for the holidays and making a small craft for the Baskets of LOVE for our shut-in church members.

Please bring an aluminum pie plate (that can go into the freezer/oven) & \$5.00 per person. More information and supply list will be emailed to participants. Location is TBD. Register by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Susan Harry to register or for more information.

Check out this article:

<https://www.bhg.com/recipes/trends/most-popular-pies-instagram/>

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.

### CHRISTMAS TREE (1)

Set up in the sanctuary

November 20<sup>th</sup> – after worship

11:15 AM- 12:15 PM

We need you!

## NOVEMBER 2021 - (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Date	Other Info/ Special Event
Nov. 2	Junction After School Program Franklin Middle School Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM Snacks, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Nov. 4	BCPS ½ Day- Adult Volunteers meet at Dunkin Donuts 11:30AM
Nov. 6	Pumpkin Chunkin 5-7:00PM
Nov. 8	BCPS & CCPS CLOSED- Election Day
Nov. 9	Junction After School Program Franklin Middle School Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM Snacks, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Nov. 10, 11, 12	Youth help needed with Holy Fair
Nov. 13	Laity Sunday & Veteran's Celebration
Nov. 16	Junction After School Program Franklin Middle School Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM Snacks, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Nov. 16	Pie Making & Craft for Thanksgiving baskets of LOVE 6:00PM
Nov. 20	Christmas Tree Set up in sanctuary
Nov. 23	Junction After School Program Franklin Middle School Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM Snacks, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Nov. 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 27	First Sunday in Advent
Nov. 30	Junction After School Program Franklin Middle School Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM Snacks, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Date	DECEMBER TENTATIVE---Other Info/ Special Event
Dec. 4	Second Sunday in Advent
Dec. 7	Junction After School Program Franklin Middle School Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM Snacks, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Dec. 11	Third Sunday in Advent
Dec. 14	Junction After School Program Franklin Middle School Wednesdays 2:30-3:30PM Snacks, Games, Devotions & FUN!!! Contact Ms. Susan for more info.
Dec. 18	Fourth Sunday in Advent- Music Sunday

## HELP!!!! Volunteers Needed

Do you remember a Youth Leader, Sunday School teacher, Pastor, or School teacher that made a positive impact on your life? Do you have a calling or interest in volunteering with Middle or High school youth? Do you want to be of service for Christ? Come be a part of our Youth Ministry Team @ Reisterstown UMC.

We are currently looking for adult leaders for events, bible studies, youth & young adult monthly worship, Sunday school, youth group, field trips, etc.

Or if you can't serve directly with youth...

would you like to work behind the scenes, volunteer in the youth office, donate supplies, food, gift certificates or help with rides? Contact Susan for a list of needs for Youth group & YA functions. Susan Harry, 410-245-7190 or [rumeyouth1777@gmail.com](mailto:rumeyouth1777@gmail.com)



# Echoes of Belize

The Ndjungus Mission Newsletter of September 2022

## ATTENDING OUR HOME ANNUAL CONFERENCE

My family and I had the opportunity to go back home in the Democratic Republic of Congo this last summer. As per the provision of Global Ministries, clergy missionaries are required to attend the Annual Conference gathering where they hold their membership every three years. Because we arrived in Belize in September 2018, I was to attend the South Congo Annual Conference last year. But that did not happen because of the restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic. We thank God that we were able to do so this year. Better late than never.

Our son Moses, my wife and I left Belize on June 14 and we arrived in Lubumbashi, DRC, our hometown on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The trip was long because we had to go through the USA and Ethiopia before getting to the destination. There is no direct flight.



*Centennial Methodist Church in Lubumbashi, DRC*

The South Congo Episcopal Area comprises 5 Annual Conferences, which are: South Congo Annual Conference; South West Katanga Annual Conference; Lukoji Annual Conference, Kanoka Annual Conference and Zambia Annual Conference. All together these conferences have close to a million members. We could attend only two of those gatherings: South Congo Annual Conference and South West Katanga Annual Conference. It was great to visit and mingle with family and old friends. We were marveled to notice the tremendous growth of the Methodist Church in our land. It was uplifting

to see that members of a local church in Lubumbashi have been able to put up a church building that has cost over 2.5 million dollars without any help from outside. This is an indication of good leadership and stewardship. All glory be to God!

## FREE BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN

The Carlton Arthurs Ministries based in Chicago, USA, has blessed the children of Dangriga on Saturday, September 3, 2022. A team of that ministry came all the way from Chicago to donate 400 backpacks to prepare the kids to go back to school. Each school bag contained pens, pencils, crayons, rulers, sharpeners, calculators, erasers, and socks. This is a great help especially for those parents who are struggling to find means to send their kids back to school this year. The event took place at Epworth Methodist Church here in Dangriga. The Mayor of Dangriga, Robert Mariano, was also present. He thanked the benefactors on behalf of all the inhabitants of his town.



*400 backpacks piled in Epworth church before distribution*

This event happened as a result of a partnership that started a few years ago between the Methodist Church in Dangriga and the Carlton Arthurs' Ministries. Prior to this distribution of backpacks, the Carlton Arthurs Ministries brought a team of 40 people to do Vacation Bible School on the premises of our church from July 26-28. In the original plan the backpacks were to be distributed at the time as the



VBS. It did not happen at that time because they failed to clear the backpacks at the Customs on that first trip. The team did not make to Belize in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. So, children of Dangriga in general and those of Methodist schools were happy to receive them with a big smile this year.

## SCHOOL OPENING SERVICE

All primary schools in Belize opened their doors on Monday, September 5, 2022. So did the 4 schools that we have in the Stann Creek Circuit of the Methodist Church. Prior to school opening on Monday, we had on Sunday, September 4, a special school opening service at Epworth Methodist Church. All teachers and principals of the 4 primary schools of the Stann Creek Circuit, 55 persons in total, attended the service from 9:00am to 10:00am. During the service an emphasis was put on the important role that teachers play.



*Vice principal Munoz singing in church*

Teachers are the foundation of every society. They touch the lives of their students in many ways. They play different roles aside from being educators. They act as nurturers, parents, counselors, leaders, storytellers, and role models. They are also agents of change, acting as key players who have an influence in the struggle for equity and access to quality education. Wherever they might be in the world, teachers make a big impact inside and outside of the classroom. Their work continues long after the school bell has rung to signal the end of the school day. Presidents, ministers, politicians, men and women in uniform, priests, and pastors, all are the product of teachers. So, they deserve our appreciation.



*Mayor Mariano (left) talking with Lawrence (right) leader of the Carlton Arthurs Ministries team*

At the end of my sermon, I asked all the teachers to stand on their feet, and I said this prayer for them: ***“Dear God, grant our teachers an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren’t thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come. Amen.”***

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### **WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY MORNINGS, IN PERSON OR ONLINE**

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