

### **Our Church Matters**

Our Mission: Growing Together in Christ

Through Worship, Fellowship, Witness and Service

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#### Dear RUMC Family,

There are two versions of Jesus' birth in the Bible. There's the one we traditionally hear on Christmas Eve from Luke chapter 2 (the one famously read by Linus in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*). And then there's the second one - the version from the first chapter of John's Gospel - where the eternal Word of God becomes flesh and comes to dwell among us, entering our world in the person of Jesus Christ.

The first one is the gritty-ish version: Jesus makes His entrance into the world among animals - the firstborn son of an unwed teenage mother - and is laid in a feeding trough. (I say "gritty-ish," because Mary's labor is only assigned half a verse... if she had been telling the story, I'm sure there would've been more details beyond, "Oh, I gave birth to a baby, and then I swaddled him and laid him right down.") This story reminds us that Jesus entered the world the same way we did. He was human.

But then there's John's version - the one that starts with "In the beginning was the Word..." - which might be as far from gritty as we could possibly get. John's story is a cosmic story, and it reminds us that the Jesus who entered the world just like all of us is also Eternal God.

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Both stories are true. And when we read them together, we're reminded that Jesus shared fully in our humanity *and* in the divinity of Almighty God. We call that mystery the incarnation, and it's the part of the Christmas story that ought to fill us with wonder. Even without Santa and his sleigh full of reindeer, which have to travel a baffling 1800 miles per second on Christmas Eve to get the job done (that's 3,000 times the speed of sound for those of you keeping track), there's more than enough wonder to go around in the real story of Christmas.

In the Catholic Church, when Christians recite the Nicene Creed, it's the tradition for the congregation to kneel or to bow when they get to the part of the creed that says, "For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human." It's an expression of wonder at what they consider to be the most sacred moment in all of human history: God entering our world as one of us.

I hope you'll join us for the remainder of the Advent season as we continue to explore with wonder the mystery of the incarnation. If you're in town for Christmas Eve, we'll celebrate with joy the child who is fully God yet fully one of us at two different services: a 4:30 p.m. family service, and an 8:00 p.m. traditional service. On Christmas Day, we won't gather in person but will hold a short virtual service that will add joy and meaning to your Christmas celebrations.

May this Christmas fill you with wonder,

Jen

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

### Family Service | 4:30 pm

A dramatic celebration for all ages, with joyful carols, a Christmas message, and a family-friendly take on candlelight Christmas Eve

### Traditional Service | 8:00 pm

An uplifting celebration of the Savior's birth, with music led by choir, handbells and organ

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

### Online at 10:00 am

Join us on December 25 at 10:00 a.m. for a short virtual service that will add joy and meaning to your Christmas celebrations.

Can't join us at 10:00? Watch any time afterward on Facebook, YouTube or our website.

**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. 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



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**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: <u>https://forms.gle/1biANEHFQuh9DuuE9</u>

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 <u>RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com</u>

Blessings, Liz Livermore

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

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer Vikki McAdory; 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 Murrary; 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		Our Members at Home	
Bethania Assisted Living	Oakland Manor—	Barb Bonicker	Shirley Krause
Jan Porter	(Sykesville)	Ann Clayton	Gerry Lewis
Birch Manor Nursing Home	Wilma Cook <b>Cherrywood</b>	Lorna & Gordon	Thelma Mack
Kay Shaeffer	(Reisterstown)	Dix	Jean Moss
Carroll Lutheran Village	Kerrie Flanagan	Ginger Gelwicks	Christie
Nancy Welsh	Tom Thawley	Velvia & Howard	Newcomer
Golden Crest—Hampstead		Goodrich	Betty Pulse
Doris Matthews		Mary Jane	, Gil Seal
Lorien Center—Taneytown		Huffman	Judith Wetzel
Monte Hatcher		Barbara Kehne	Juan Welzer

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.



**DECEMBER** 

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

Thomas Surber 12/2 132 Cedarmere Rd Owings Mills, MD 21117

Monte Hatcher 12/3 100 Antrim Blvd Apt 304 Taneytown, MD 21787-2406

Sherry Osborne 12/8 1195 Fish And Game Rd Littlestown, PA 17340

Jason Waters 12/8 203 Homevale Rd Reisterstown, MD 21136

Wilma Cook 12/11 2810 Kaywood Pl. Oakland Manor Sykesville, MD 21784-6903

**Tyyanna Hill** 12/12 105 Glyndon Dr Reisterstown, MD 21136

John Dunkle 12/14 2404 Caves Rd Owings Mills, MD 21117 **Ed Hare 12/16** 23 Franklin Valley Cir Reisterstown, MD 21136

Barbara Rhodes 12/16 6 Meadow Mist Ct Reisterstown, MD 21136

Susan Donovan Henry 12/17 122 Glyndon Trace Dr Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ethel Trump 12/17 402 Lees Mill Rd Hampstead, MD 21074

Dave Shaeffer 12/19 5825 Oklahoma Road Eldersburg, MD 21784

**Tom Thawley** 12/19 603 Morning Glory Drive Hanover, PA 17331

John Wright 12/19 5 Clarks Ln Reisterstown, MD 21136



Barbara Kelly 12/21 304 Townleigh Rd Reisterstown, MD 21136

Suzanne Pierce 12/27 5592 Salem Square Dr S Palm Harbor, FL 34685-1140

Maya Trump 12/28 4770 Wentz Rd Manchester, MD 21102

Joanne Sharon Ditto 12/30 208 Highfalcon Rd Reisterstown, MD 21136

Nancy Welsh 12/30 250 Saint Luke Cir Apt 608 Westminster, MD 21158-4295



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D	<u>ECEMBER</u>				
4	All Day	2nd Sunday of Advent			
		Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due			
11	All Day	3rd Sunday of Advent			
		Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due—Last day			
	9-12	JOY Cookie Walk & Gingerbread House Com			
10	3:00 pm	Blue Christmas Service	Mt. Gilead UMC		
	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall		
15	ALL DAY	Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due (Final date	until January)		
	10 am	Newsletter Articles Deadline	Main conctuory		
20		Music Sunday Mission of Mercy	Main sanctuary Fellowship Hall		
	- 1/3	All Day RUMNS Closed—Christm	1		
	5:00 pm	5			
	4:30 pm	Family Christmas Eve	Main Sanctuary		
	8:00 pm	Late Service Christmas Eve	Main Sanctuary		
25	All Day	Christmas Day	5		
	10:00 am	ONLINE service			
26	<u>-</u> 1/3	All day RUMC Offices Closed—C	Christmas Break		
14	NUARY				
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		
FE	BRUARY				
1	All day	First Day of Black History Month			
6	All Day	RUMC Anniversary			
14	5	Valentines Day			
	8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall		
19	ALL DAY	Gift & Shopping Card Orders Due			
		Newsletter Articles Deadline			
20		President's Day—Office and RUMNS Closed			
28	8 8am-4pm	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall		

Entire RUMS Calendar is available on the church website and is updated frequently—check it out: <u>www.rumcweb.org</u>

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—Artist 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-Artist Music, 308 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 3-7 pm—Artist Music, 308 7 to 9 pm—Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall FRIDAYS 8:30 am—1:30 pm – Infants & Toddlers, 308 3-7 pm—Artist Music, 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—Artist 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 Thurs.— UMW (7 pm) Library 2nd Mon.— Circle of Friends, Library (No meeting Dec.) 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 Mon.—JOY Circle (11:30 am) Parlor 4th Tues.—Church Council (6:30 pm) Library



### WOW!!!

November 13th Veterans service experience, combined with the audience participation, was felt completely through to my soul. I was moved to another experience.

It reminded me of an out of country experience on a military post in a village in Southern France. We were busy all day sharing appreciation of Memorial Day with soldiers and villagers during a Franco/American experience.

We must thank Robine for her help by supplying posters, programs, and notices for outside involvement.

Thank you to Janice and Brian Holsonbake, and the sound

technicians. Thank you Alice and the other 83 Americans who gave the Chancel Singers and special guest a standing ovation.

© Maybe next year, we might see an audience of one hundred and eighty-four participating!

Please remember, there are openings in <u>ALL sections</u> of this marvelous choir, *The Chancel Singers*. They are also a fun group.

Thank you RUMC. I felt at home!

May God bless you all.

Bill Myers Director of Music Ministry

### **Inclement Weather Information:**

RUMC buildings will close when the Owings Mills location of the Baltimore County Community College closes. You may watch TV announcements for their closures, and RUMC will post closures and delays on our **website's homepage by 7:30 am on the appropriate mornings**. If the building is closed, all meetings, services and activities are cancelled. If there is a 2-hour delay, the buildings will open at 9 am (this includes our nursery school). When there is a closure, RUMC members will be notified through our <u>OneCall system</u> and information posted on this website. Our Food Pantry guests will be notified by text message as long as we have a cell phone number in our files. Sunday worship will usually not be cancelled, but please use your best judgment. Should it be necessary to cancel the Sunday services, we will use our One Call system and post information on our website. Specific closing information will be posted on the homepage rotating picture and on website as a particular situation arises. http://rumcweb.org/inclement-weather-policy/

### Pride: The Best Reason Your Tech Team Needs a Training Program



by Jeff Chaves, Church Production Staff

No one should be able to say, "I'm the only one who can do this." If you don't have a training program for your church tech team, the Apostle Paul offers you a blueprint.

Who's coming up after you? Now don't get paranoid. I don't mean who is chasing you. I mean, if for some reason you could no longer function, who would replace you? Who are you train-

ing up? Christians in ministry should always be in the process of teaching people to do our jobs. This is true of the sound techs, video techs, greeters, and even pastors.

Once, a friend of mine from church was in a freak accident, and blew out his knee. He was a Sunday School teacher and even played drums in the band. Suddenly the church had a hole in the team. Fortunately, there were others who could take his place. Through this situation he learned that God wanted to use this down time to draw my friend closer to Himself. He told me, that God has shown him how he was so focused on what he was doing that he was missing the real relationship. Neither of us believe that God caused the accident, but God was certainly using it to teach him am important lesson. None of us is immune from having an accident like my friend.

In other technology jobs outside the church, we often try to become indispensable to our employer so we can never get fired. This may be common practice in the world, but is not the right attitude for the body of Christ. I would even suggest that this attitude is pride. A person is seeking their own glory, treasures or comfort. As the Apostle Paul tells us, this is not the place for a follower of Christ to be:

# Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. - Philippians 2:3-4

Paul was a man on the move and he was constantly in the process of brining up other leaders. One of the greatest examples is Timothy. Paul took him as a young man and trained him to do what he was doing. At first, as recorded in Acts 16, they travelled together. By Acts 17, Timothy was left with Silas (anther leader that Paul was training), to carry on the work. Paul would eventually send Timothy out on his own:

### As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine - 1 Timothy 1:3

Paul continues to stay in contact and instruct Timothy through letters. His first letter is full of ways to be a church leader, things that he should teach, and how the church should function. In his second letter, his charge is for Timothy to do exactly what he was doing:

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. - 2 Timothy 2:1-2

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In this example, we find what is at the heart of this follower of Jesus. Paul is a disciple who realized that following Christ is not simply about gaining knowledge. A real disciple is someone who wants to become like the teacher. That's what Jesus demonstrated and what the early Christians practiced.

Paul's life becomes a blueprint for what we should be doing. In fact, that's what he wrote in several letters. People should imitate his life as he strives to imitate the life of Christ. (1Cor 11:1) So bringing up others, should be something that we want to practice.

Notice how Paul does it. First the person simply follows along to observe. Eventually, the one being trained is paired with another to do the work. Finally, they are ready to fly solo. The leader still keeps in contact. You could even make the argument that giving written instructions would be important.

Notice that Jesus did all of these things with His disciples too. They first were called and simply went along with Him. They watched Him heal, heard Him speak and they ate meals together. They would be sent out in pairs with His instructions (Matt 10:5-42). They would eventually each head out on their own with His Holy Spirit to guide. You find that each of them began to make disciples of their own. Those disciples would make disciples, who made disciples, as so on. That has always been the plan.

Again, this is not just for pastors and teachers. I would argue that every function in the church body is called to do this. Why? As we have seen, because it is part of the original plan, and it the best way to keep our pride in check. There shouldn't be anyone in church who can say, "I'm the only who can do this."

Look around you and think about who might be the one to take your place. Pray and ask God to lead you to the right person. Maybe there's a teen who's really interested in what you do. Maybe that's who God has sent to you. Start this week to let them observe. Then begin to instruct and eventually let that person solo. You are not losing control. You're enlarging the body and following the example.

Finally, Paul's method was the best way that he could continue to keep the message moving. Paul was constantly on the go. He would train up leaders, so that he could eventually leave and continue the message. Perhaps, that's another reason to begin to train someone up, so that you can go. Maybe God has other plans for you? Maybe He is leading you to a mission field? If you're the only one who can do your job, you can never go. Stay ready. Start to train someone up.

Please consider joining the Tech Team or the Video Production Team—we will train you!!





Dear Church I enjoyed my visit with Charlotte who brought such a nice gift for the over 90 members.

It is so wonderful to be a member of such a special church for so many years.

Thank you so much.

### Alice Seohnlein

The Sykes Toy Project needs your help! Our mission has always been to provide families in need with toys for Christmas. Since COVID 19 Pandemic, there have been a 400% increase in people seeking aid from local organizations. This increase mean we need more toys than ever to ensure that every child receives a gift this Christmas! You can help by donating a new toy or gift for a child under 18. During the holiday season, we will partner with the Crisis Community Center in reisterstown to get these toys to those who need them most. In the past people from RUMC have shopped with Sykes Toy Project for gifts for families they/the church sponsors. If anyone would like to do this again this year, the shopping date will be Thursday December 8th at either 9:30-11:30 am or 6:00- 8:00pm. Let me know if you plan on shopping with us and I will make a note to expect you! Also, if that date does not work, email, text or call me and we will work out another time/date! Contact Tionni Phelps at Tionni.phelps@gmail.com or call her at: Cell: 315-237-2956



### It's back!! The 8th Annual Gingerbread House Competition

Sunday, December 11, 2022 Reisterstown United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 9am – 12pm

The RUMC Sisterhood requests your time and talent!!



Create your own Gingerbread House or Structure. 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 to enter or with any questions. Kelly – 443-864-8787; <u>kellyfairhurst66@gmail.com</u>



\* 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 an RUMC ministry. \*\*Main structure(s) should be made from edible materials.

Decorations and embellishments are permitted.



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

Join us SUNDAY, December 11th 9:00 am-12:00 noon



(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. Members of JOY will be masked and gloved and will assemble the cookies/pretzels for you. The cost is \$4.00/dozen for cookies; \$1.00/ bag of chocolate covered pretzels. The money raised goes towards various missions projects that JOY supports. Thank you!

## **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

December 11 | 3:00 PM This is a joint service with Mount Gilead UMC 5302 Glen Falls Rd

Honor your loss. Embrace God's hope.



### Honor your loss...embrace God's Hope

### Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm

For those of us experiencing sadness, loneliness and grief, the Christmas season can be difficult. We feel numb to this being the "most wonderful time of the year." However, many people experience loss and sadness in this season.

Please join us in a simple worship service of song, candle lighting, readings, and reflection of God's hope for us and God's presence with us as we cope with what we feel and receive God's comfort and reassurance

Mt. Gilead-Piney Grove Cooperative

Mt. Gilead UMC 5302 Glen Falls Road Reisterstown, MD 21136 Eileen Washington, Pastor

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# Winter Drive Donation for Migrants

Baltimore-Washington Conference



Center November, 16, 23, and 30 December 7 and 14 Time: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please donate only the requested items: **Adults Sweaters and Coats** Size: Small, Medium, and Large only

All Items must be new or gently use



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At Christmas, we often want to honor someone special. One way is to give a gift to missions in their honor, thus helping those in need and remembering those who mean so much to us. The Missions Committee is offering the opportunity to support missions and ministry outreach while honoring family and friends. This year we have chosen three projects related to our congregation: Thank you for your generosity! There are flyers, envelopes and cards available in the Narthex on the glass memorial table.

### Local Alpha Pregnancy Center,

Alpha Pregnancy Center educates, supports and empowers women facing unplanned pregnancies with compassionate and professional medical care. Alpha Pregnancy Center does not offer or refer for pregnancy terminations or birth control. **\$**\_\_\_\_\_

**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.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**International - Advance # 982450 - Ukraine** UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery helps meet emergency response needs around the world, including natural disasters and refugee needs. Be sure to include Ukraine in the memo line. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

\$ \_\_\_\_

Join Zoom Meeting https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86822778412? pwd=THZCNopkZXIsWG1DVWN5SisoT1VNQT09 Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412 Passcode: 271199 Dial by your location +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412

Sunday Worship Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)



### ZOOM LINK FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

We now have several ways to join us virtually, including Zoom, Facebook Live, and a livestream that appears at the bottom of our worship page: <u>http://rumcweb.org/event/2021-05-23-1000-am-service/</u> This is the easiest way to view the service and also provides the highest quality viewing experience - especially for those with low internet speeds.

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



# This QR Code will take you directly to our on line giving screen for the church.

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