



Our Church Matters

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

Dear friends,
Tradition is a funny word. For some people, it brings with it positive associations of things time-tested and trustworthy; of warm memories and comforting routines. Others think of tradition as a bad word, representing rigidity and a hindrance to creativity. I think it's fair to say that tradition can be both, depending on the status we assign to it.

In The United Methodist Church, tradition is one of things we look to for guidance as we wrestle with what it means to put our faith into action here in the 21st century. Tradition, in this sense, refers to the historic creeds of the churches and our records (including our liturgy and hymns) of how the Church throughout time has understood the Christian faith.

Aside from that, we have a number of other traditions that are meant to support our growth as Christ-followers. One of those is the Christian Year, which is also sometimes called the "Liturgical Year." It begins with Advent and the invitation to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming—both His first coming as an infant in Bethlehem and His promised return as King. As we continue through the year, we observe a cycle of seasons and holy days that are meant to help us pattern our lives after Christ's, with the goal of becoming more like him. Tradition can be a wonderful gift within the life of faith—especially when we approach it as a tool or an aid to our growth. We run into problems when our traditions become more important than Christ Himself, or more important than the purpose they were intended to serve.

Perhaps you're wondering, "Where is she going with all this?" Well, you may have noticed that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. "Tradition" would tell us that the morning of December 24th is also the fourth Sunday of Advent, effectively reducing Advent down to three weeks. Recognizing how frenetic those weeks leading up to Christmas tend to be, I think the shorter season is only to our detriment. For that reason, we will be starting Advent a week earlier than "tradition" dictates—on Sunday, November 26. With this change, we will be able to observe all four Sundays of Advent and find more time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

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I hope you'll join us for worship and embrace the change as a gift to your hurried soul.

Blessings to you, and peace,
Jen

P.S. We will have two services on Sunday, December 24—an 11:00 AM Family Service, and an 8:00 PM Traditional Service. Mark your calendars now, so that you can make your holiday plans!



Veterans Celebration

Sunday, November 12th at 11:15 am in our Main Sanctuary

Reisterstown United Methodist Church
will be Celebrating all Veterans.

Where:

246 Main Street
Reisterstown, MD 21136

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.

Dr William Myers
Director of Music Ministry, Reisterstown UMC

Join the Chancel Singers on December 17th at the 10 am service for the cantata: *A Brand New Hallelujah—A Christmas Worship Experience.*



Holly Fair on Main Street

**November 11, 2023
9 AM to 4 PM**

A Juried Arts and Crafts Show

We feature handmade:

- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Prints
- ◆ Dips and jams
- ◆ Candles
- ◆ Soaps
- ◆ Beaded utensils & glasses
- ◆ Paintings
- ◆ Cards
- ◆ Christmas Decorations
- ◆ Quilted items
- ◆ Chocolate & candy
- ◆ Hand painted signs & wall décor
- ◆ Infinity & knit scarves
- ◆ Cakes
- ◆ Stained glass items
- ◆ Birdseed wreaths & bird feeders
- ◆ Recycled antiques
- ◆ Crochet & knitted items
- ◆ Gourds
- ◆ Cutting Boards
- ◆ Tumblers
- ◆ Metal Work
- ◆ Honey & Products
- ◆ Embellished Shirts
- ◆ And so much more.

Carry Out Soups & Sandwiches • Baked Goods • Door Prizes

Reisterstown United Methodist Church

246 Main Street

\$3 Admission

Reisterstown United Methodist Church, 246 Main St., Reisterstown, MD 21136
Contact: Amy Hart via email: amyhart9092@gmail.com
Holly Fair Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/hollyfaironmain>

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, WaWa is NOT.

At this time we are NOT accepting donations of clothing or household items.

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.



PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE ANY CHURCH DOORS OR THE FOOD PANTRY

The November Gift Card order date is November 19th.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue.

On November 19th,
Gift card orders are due.



December orders taken on December 3, 10 and last order for 2023 on Dec 17.
Plan ahead and order early. Gift card order forms in Narthex. Always a great gift for all ages. Thank you

November gift card orders due on November 19th.
(410) 833-5440—RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com

Library Log

November: *The Christmas Spirit* by Debbie Macomber. Two lifelong friends decide to trade places the week before Christmas and end up finding love along the way in this delightful novel from the queen of holiday stories, #1 New York Times bestselling author Debbie Macomber.



Peter Armstrong and Hank Colfax are best friends, but their lives couldn't be more different. Peter, the local pastor who is dedicated to his community, spending time visiting the flock, attending meetings, and, with the holiday season approaching, preparing for the Christmas service and live nativity. As a bartender, Hank serves a much different customer base at his family-owned tavern, including a handful of lonely regulars and the local biker gang.

When Peter scoffs that Hank has it easy compared to him, the two decide to switch jobs until Christmas Eve. To their surprise, the responsibilities of a bartender and a pastor are similar, but taking on the other's work is more difficult than either Peter or Hank expected. As the two begin to see each other in a new light—and each discovers a new love to cherish—their lives are forever changed.

In *The Christmas Spirit*, Debbie Macomber celebrates the true meaning of the holidays and the inclusive community spirit that binds us all.



Join us as we discuss this book on
November 15th at 11 am in the Library or November 16th at 7 pm in the Library.

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

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer
 Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford;
 Beth Bolin; Bruce Bond; Marilyn Brathwaite;
 Renee Brooksbank; Jean Chambers;
 Benjamin Dapper; Steve Diehl; Sandy Engle;
 Megan Evans; Jacque Eyler; Ryan Gardner;
 Sondra Hadden; Mary Hanlon; Jason Harris;
 Jerry Hilton, Kathy Bogert's brother;
 Mike Hockstad; Debbie Johnson; Lisa Johnson;
 Denny Johnson; Eddie Jones; Rita Jones;
 Diane Kanemoto; Roger Lipp; Tyler Llewellyn;
 Alfred Luginger; Pat MacLeer; Vikki McAdory;
 Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz; Don Mills;
 Aaliyah Parker; Darlene Parlette; Dottie Payne;
 Molly Ruppert; Les Schafferman; Marge Shaw;

Rebecca Sloan; Sean Staley; Melanie Stierhoff;
 Mary Telchi; Jenna Thornton; Patty G. Walsh;
 Dave Weinstein; Lynn Whitter; Mike Wright; Cindy;
 Ann; Deb; Jim; Ken; Makenna; Nicholas;
 Rachel; Shannon

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family
 of Doris Matthews, who passed away on
 October 12, 2023.*

*Those battling cancer will be kept on the prayer list—names only.
 Please inform the office of any changes or updates.*

LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Davey Brickman, Ruth Withlock's granddaughter's husband—National Guard back home from overseas
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
Elizabeth Haines Greenway, Army Staff Sgt., Marion Yohn's granddaughter—deployed to Poland
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
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, Ruth Whitlock's grandson — Serving in the Army at Fort Bragg, NC
Isaac Shroll, Tracy Tambaoan's cousin—serving in the Army

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Barb Bonicker	Gerry Lewis
Ann Clayton	Thelma Mack
Lorna & Gordon Dix	Jean Moss
Ginger Gelwicks	Christie Newcomer
Velvia & Howard Goodrich	Betty Pulse
Mary Jane Huffman	Gil Seal
Barbara Kehne	Judith Wetzell
Shirley Krause	

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Birch Manor Nursing Home Kay Shaeffer Carroll Lutheran Village Nancy Welsh Cherrywood-Reisterstown Kerrie Flanagan	Lorien Center—Taneytown Monte Hatcher Janet Porter Lorien—Harmony Hall in Columbia Jeanne Knight
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**CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR
Under 25 AND Over 70 MEMBERS
November Birthdays**



November

Roger Lipp

11/1

508 Gwynnwest Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Gomer Wern Jr

11/16

4436 Trenton Mill Rd
Upperco, MD 21155

Susy Hedrick

11/4

703 Earlton Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Wesley Gaspard

11/19

2022 N Nevada St Apt 1100
Chandler, AZ 85225-0962

Ross Merryman

11/4

605 Piper Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Shirley Krause

11/20

812 Suburbian Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Teagan Sasse

11/9

207 Sacred Heart Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Hazel Mays

11/20

10 Cedarmere Rd
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Griffin Strom

11/9

4406 North Woods Trail
Hampstead, MD 21074-3134

Brantley Schuster

11/22

527 Cockeys Mill Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-5113

Jim Botelle

11/12

203 New Ave
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ruth Whitlock

11/24

998 Wilda Dr
Westminster, MD 21157

Jerry Gaudi

11/15

319 Kearney Dr
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Tom Caltrider

11/29

34 S Lake Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136



**Fall
Back**

November 4th—
Set you clocks
back one hour on
Saturday night



NOVEMBER

Three Month Calendar

NOVEMBER

1	All Day	First Day of American Indian Heritage Month	
5	All Day	Fall Back—turn clocks back on Saturday pm (11/4)	
	All Day	All Saints Sunday	
7	All Day	Election Day	
11	9-4	Holly Fair	FH, & All Classrooms
12	11:15 am	Veterans Remembrance service	Main Sanctuary
14	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
19	All Day	Gift Card orders due	
	All Day	Newsletter articles due by 1pm Monday	
22-24		RUMNS Closed—Thanksgiving break	
23-24		Office closed—Thanksgiving break	
23	All Day	Thanksgiving Day	
26	All day	First Sunday of Advent	
28	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER

2	9-12	RUMNS—Pancakes with Santa	Fellowship Hall
	2-5	UWofF Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
3	All day	Second Sunday in Advent	
10	All Day	Third Sunday in Advent	
	All Day	Newsletter Articles due	
12	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
24	11 am	Family Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	8 pm	Traditional Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
25	All Day	Christmas Day	
26-Jan 1		Office Closed for Christmas Break	
31	All Day	New Year's Eve	

JANUARY

1	All Day	New Years Day	
2	All Day	RUMNS & Church Offices open	
9	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
15	All Day	MLK Day	RUMNS & Office Closed
17	11 am	Book Club	Library
18	7 pm	Book Club	Library
21	All Day	Gift Card orders Due	
		Newsletter Articles due	
23	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
28	10 am	Preschool Sunday	Sanctuary

Entire RUMC Calendar is available on the church website and is updated frequently—check it out: www.rumcweb.org

Food Pantry—Open Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 am—In person inside still to be determined. 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.)
10:30 am – Staff Meeting
3-9— Artist Music, 308
7:00 pm—Sisterhood, 246 Conference Room (Aug.-June)
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

6 am—Cristos Iglesia—Prayer and Cleaning NSC
8:30 to 11:00 am—Food Pantry Open
9:30 to 11:30 am—AA , 308
11-5—Artist Music, 308
4 pm—Cristos Iglesia Band Rehearsal, NSC
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 (End of Aug. thru May)

EVERY SUNDAY

Noon—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC
6 to 8 pm—Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May)
EVERY WEDNESDAY (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 Mon.— Missions (7 pm), 246 Conference Room
3rd Tues.— SPRC (7 pm) Library
4th Mon.—JOY Circle (11:00 am) Parlor (no meetings in the Summer)
4th Tues.—Church Council (6:30 pm) Library

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

We are gathering for Sunday morning worship at 10 am in the sanctuary and online.

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: <http://rumcweb.org/event/2021-05-23-1000-am-service/> This is the easiest way to view the service and also provides the highest quality viewing experience - especially for those with low internet speeds.

We also have YouTube account - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzltzPeTDuFxeJv_EJpgjgQ for our services if you miss one, you can pull it up at this link.

ZOOM Link for Sunday Morning Worship

Topic: Sunday Worship

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86822778412?pwd=THZCN0pkZXIsWG1DVWN5Sis0T1VNQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412 | Passcode: 271199

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) | Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412

