



Our Church Matters

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

Dear church family,

I recently returned from visiting relatives in Nebraska, where the state is taking recommendations for a new tourism slogan. The current slogan, launched in 2019, didn't quite have the success they were hoping for: "Nebraska: Honestly, it's not for everyone." For a place that was already struggling to appeal to prospective visitors, this message, though amusing, simply confirmed what a number of people were already thinking: "Nebraska is not for me."

In a way, the church in many parts of the world finds itself in a similar predicament. People – especially people who have never been to a church - are not lining up in droves to visit on a Sunday morning. Many of those folks even assume that church isn't for them. And yet, the gospel we proclaim is for everyone. In the words of the Christmas angels (Christmas in July, anyone?), Christ's coming was good news of great joy for *all* the people. Despite this, though, many of us have sadly heard stories of people who finally worked up the courage to start exploring faith, only to have an experience that confirmed what they were already thinking: church (and by extension, Christianity) isn't for them.

If we're to learn anything from the Nebraska Tourism Commission's blunder, it's that we have to disabuse people of their preconceived notions. There is life to be found in Jesus, and His invitation is for all people, regardless of who they are or the situations in which they find themselves. One of the ways the congregation at RUMC has consistently done this is in the welcome they extend to guests each Sunday morning. In talking with folks who have returned to worship, the genuine warmth they encountered from the congregation is one of the reasons they decided to come back. The challenge we face is more like that of Nebraska: letting people know that church – and RUMC - is for them in the first place.

In May, The United Methodist Church's General Conference took an historic step in reversing a message that for decades has kept many people out of the church, and consequently from Jesus. By an overwhelming majority, they voted to remove from the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* discriminatory language and bans related to ministry by LGBTQ+ individuals. Regardless of where you land in your interpretation of scripture, the removal of a barrier keeping people from Jesus is one to be celebrated.

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As we consider our call to make disciples, what other barriers – tangible and intangible – stand between people and the life that Jesus gives? And, how can we as a congregation disabuse people of their assumptions that church and faith are not for them? I look forward to exploring these questions more deeply with you this fall as we explore God’s welcome to us all. But until then, I encourage you to be on the lookout for opportunities to let people know that there is life to be found in Jesus, and there is a place for them in our church.

In faith,

Jen

I look forward to discovering with you



Happy July! By the time you are reading this, our elementary Sunday School class will have shifted their classroom outside. This summer, we will be learning about what God is like, how we can spend time with God, and about God’s creation - opossums, bugs, hummingbirds, and more!

The space that we use for Outdoor Sunday School is the Franklin Woodland Trails just below our parking lot. You may not even realize that it is back there! While the trail system has been in existence for decades, Jeanne Andrews, a librarian and Master Naturalist, recently revitalized efforts to continue to improve the space. It now has a story trail, a natural play area for kids, and lots of mulched trails to walk. I’d like to invite anyone interested in the space to **join me on July 10 for a trail work day, 9-11 am** - bring gloves and water!. Jeanne informed me that all ages are welcome!

As I settle into my new position as Minister for Families with Children, I’d love to hear what you’d like to see at RUMC for families. If you have a thought or idea, please let me know!

Cara Norris

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Donations wanted:

The nursery school is looking for gently used children's clothes, toys, books, and DVDs. Donated items will be placed on our Tot Spot consignment account. Proceeds from the sales benefit our Sandy Thawley Scholarship Fund. Items can be dropped off in the old kitchen (room 2) on Sunday mornings.

Please leave a note letting us know who made the donation. All items should be clean and ready for sale. Thank you.

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



July 21st is the order date for Gift Cards. Buy and use gift cards all summer long. Eating out or pick up from your favorite restaurant. You can use them to purchase gas for your vacation and travels. Give the grandkids cards that they can use to purchase things they may need. Great gifts for everyone! Buy them and use them from RUMW to help support our missions and church. Order forms are in the Narthex. Thank you. RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com

Hello RUMC Readers!

We will be taking a summer break but we recommend you keep reading!

Try: *That Summer She Found Her Voice* which Sandy Kramer suggested.

Set against a backdrop of the 1970's Baltimore music scene, this is the story of 23-year-old Margie Stevens as she pulls herself out of a spiraling, heartbreak-induced depression and begins a personal journey of discovery.

Clarifying her own views on emerging feminism, social injustice, and personal spirituality-all while touring across the country as a singer in King Vido's Swing Band-Margie encounters sexist and moral challenges that cause her to question her future path. Will she redefine her personal values in order to break away from uncomfortable ways of thinking? Will she find the courage to conquer fears of intimidation from the band leader and others on the tour? Finally, will Margie learn to speak up for herself using her authentic voice?

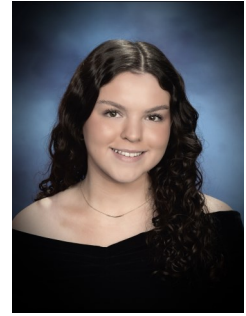
Have a pleasant Summer.



Our 2024 Graduates

High School Graduates

Emma Osborne, Sherry & Tom Osborne's granddaughter
Hereford High School
Salisbury University—majoring in Nursing
Earned the Helen Berryman Scholarship



Leila Suzanne Vergara, Susan Henry's granddaughter,
Park School in Baltimore
Will attend University of Maryland

Micah Wayne Hackman, Susan Henry's grandson
Washington Waldorf School
Shenandoah University, VA

Liam Patrick Brennan, Cindy & Mark Smith's grandson
Loyola Blakefield—graduated with honors
Gettysburg College—majoring in Anthropology

Kate McAlonan, Carol Hoffman's granddaughter
Westminster high school
UMBC—will play division one lacrosse there while majoring
in biology to pursue my goal of becoming an orthodontist!



College Graduates

Drew Henry Hackman, Susan Henry's grandson
Goshen College, Physics

Jason M. Waters, Beth & Robert Waters son
Stevenson University, BA in English



Alison Leigh Simmons,
Jannell & Tony Trcka's daughter
Liberty University, Doctor of Education,
curriculum & instruction: Special Education

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

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer
 Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford;
 Pat Barton; 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;
 Ken Harry; Jerry Hilton; Mike Hockstad;
 Debbie Johnson; Lisa Johnson;
 Denny Johnson; Eddie Jones; Rita Jones;
 Mary Lewis; Roger Lipp; Tyler Llewellyn;
 Celia Diniz Luiz; 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

*Prayers for Carol Lee on the passing of
 her husband Danny on June 21st.
 Cards may be sent to Carol at:
 2860 Chauncey Hill Drive
 Manchester, MD 21102*

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 SGT 1st Class, Marion Yohn's granddaughter, back home in Georgia
Jeremy Hadden, Pat Dinsmore's grandson, Air Force, stationed at Edwards AFB in California
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	Shirley Krause
Ann Clayton	Gerry Lewis
Lorna & Gordon Dix	Thelma Mack
Ginger Gelwicks	Jean Moss
Velvia & Howard	Christie Newcomer
Goodrich	Betty Pulse
Mary Jane Huffman	Gill Seal
Barbara Kehne	Judith Wetzel

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Carroll Lutheran Village	Lorien—Harmony Hall
Nancy Welsh	in Columbia
Cherrywood-	Jeanne Knight
Reisterstown	Lorien Center—
Kerrie Flanagan	Taneytown
Long View,	Monte Hatcher
Manchester	Janet Porter
Bill Kehne	



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

Judith Wetzel

7/4

570 Kennington Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Karen Harris

7/13

5928 Glen Falls Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-4512

Darlene Gobrecht

7/23

314 Highfalcon Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-3504

Brigid McAlonan

7/8

2501 Nubian Ct
Finksburg, MD 21048

Thelma Mack

7/13

325 Highfalcon Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Maddie Stewart

7/23

4514 North Woods Trl
Hampstead, MD 21074-2354

Alice Seohnlein

7/8

390 Butler Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Betty Pulse

7/13

11 S Lake Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ysabel Biles

7/24

96 Fox Haven Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Gavin Gaspard

7/10

215 Kearney Dr
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Jonnie Alexander

7/14

2986 Corona Ct
Manchester, MD 21102

Tina Dill

7/29

2211 Green Mill Rd
Finksburg, MD 21048

Marlene Carr

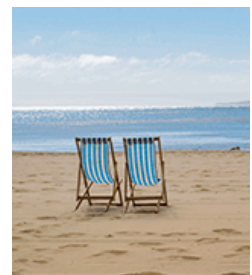
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Abigail Pue

7/16

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Three Month Calendar

JULY

4, 5 All Day Office Closed for Independence Day
11, 12 All Day Robine vacation, Pat covering
9 8-4pm Mission of Mercy Fellowship Hall
15-19 Vacation Bible School Emory Grove
21 All Day Gift Card Orders due
Newsletter Articles Due
9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening 246 Conference room
23 8-4pm Mission of Mercy Fellowship Hall

AUGUST

13 8-4 Mission of Mercy Fellowship Hall
18 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings 246 Conference Room
All Day Gift Card Orders due
Newsletter Articles Due
9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening 246 Conference room
27 8-4 Mission of Mercy Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER

2 All Day Labor Day—Office Closed
10 8-4 Mission of Mercy Fellowship Hall
15 9:30 am Blood Pressure Readings 246 Conference Room
All Day Gift Card Orders due
Newsletter Articles Due
9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening 246 Conference room
20 7-10pm UWIF Concert/Dance Fellowship Hall
24 8-4 Mission of Mercy Fellowship Hall

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
2-6pm “Thrive” After school Program for Franklin Middle
3-9pm— 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
2:30 pm—Junction After School Program
7 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir room (End of Aug. ~ May)
7:00 pm—Men’s Fellowship, 308

THURSDAYS

3-7 pm—Artist Music, 308
7 to 9 pm—Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAYS

2-6pm “Thrive” After school Program for Franklin Middle
3-7 pm—Artist Music, 308
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Band Rehearsal, NSC

SATURDAYS

6 am—Cristos Iglesias—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

