



Our Church Matters

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

Dear Church Family,

Over the past several weeks in worship, we’ve been taking a deep dive into the family dynamics of several Old Testament families. These individuals, whose lives once seemed ancient and remote, suddenly seem strangely familiar—like we’ve encountered them in our own families, or maybe even in ourselves. There are no biblical “heroes”—no untouchable examples of perfection (minus Jesus, of course). Each one vacillates between moments of great faith and spectacular faithlessness—reminding us that human beings are incredibly complex.

Even though some of the stories we’ve been exploring demonstrate relational dysfunction at its finest, they also offer us a lot of hope. In spite of all their imperfections, these are the people God uses to accomplish God’s purposes.

Sometimes we believe that God will use us “once we have our act together,” but the story of our faith tells us otherwise. Since the beginning of time, God has worked through small steps of faith by flawed human beings, and through them, God has blessed the world. That means that God can use us now—imperfections, idiosyncrasies, family dysfunctions and all. It only takes willingness and a small step of faith.

What dreams have you brushed off, or what “nudges” have you dismissed, because you believed the lie that you weren’t the right person to make them happen? What needs do you see around you that you might be able to do something about? God still uses imperfect people to be bearers of God’s blessings, and I pray that one of those people will be you.

Blessings, and peace,

Jen

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Message from your Finance Team:

As your chair of Finance and your Treasurer, I want to bring your attention to a couple of things:

We can still get a rebate on any purchases made on Amazon if you use the link on the church's website to start your Amazon session. Amazon retired its Smile program, but the program we use, Amazon's affiliate program, still works. All you need to do is go to the church's website, www.rumcweb.org and click on the "Shop Amazon" button at the top of the page. Keep this in mind when you plan for your holiday shopping!!



Several of you have asked where we are with our mortgage. For those who are not aware, RUMC took on a mortgage in 2000 to renovate the Northside Chapel, purchase and renovate 308 Main Street and purchase our organ and make improvements to other areas of 246 Main Street. The current mortgage is held by the Trustees. The mortgage balance as of the end of August is \$178,509.24. At our current rate of payment, we expect to have the mortgage paid by June 2030. In 2027, we will celebrate our 250th anniversary (yes really!!). It would be wonderful if we could have a substantial amount paid if not the entire mortgage paid by then. Once the mortgage is paid, we can use the \$2400 per month we are paying on the mortgage to support the mission and ministries of the church. Please consider an extra gift to the church to help with the mortgage or maybe you would consider leaving RUMC a gift in your estate planning.

If you have any questions about either of these initiatives, please feel free to contact me at rumctreasurer1777@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of Reisterstown UM Church
Pat Botelle



Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the UMWIF Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for October 19, 2024 will be postponed until sometime early next year (hopefully February). Keep watching for further details.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Family Service | 11:00 am

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



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



October 20th is the order date for Gift Cards.

Do you go to Weis for your groceries?

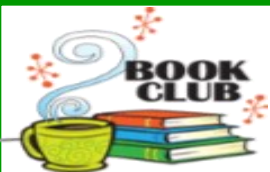
UMW gets 5% back on every gift card for there you purchase.

That is \$5 on a \$100 you spend. Just one of many, many cards available.

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!
WELCOME BACK READERS!**

Our first selection for Fall will be *The Water Keeper*
by Charles Martin;

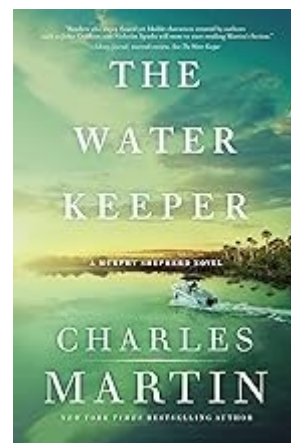
A riveting story of heroism, heartache, and the power of love to heal all wounds by *New York Times* bestselling author Charles Martin.

Murphy Shepherd is a man with many secrets. He lives alone on an island, tending the grounds of a church with no parishioners, and he's dedicated his life to rescuing those in peril. But as he mourns the loss of his mentor and friend, Murph himself may be more lost than he realizes.

When he pulls a beautiful woman named Summer out of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway, Murph's mission to lay his mentor to rest at the end of the world takes a dangerous turn. Drawn to Summer, and desperate to find her missing daughter, Murph is pulled deeper and deeper into the dark and dangerous world of modern-day slavery.

With help from some unexpected new friends, including a faithful Labrador he plucks from the ocean and an ex-convict named Clay, Murph must race against the clock to locate the girl before he is consumed by the secrets of his past—and the ghosts who tried to bury them.

We will meet on Thursday 10/18 @ 7 pm in the Library





Donations wanted:

The Preschool is collecting donations of new items, gift cards, toys, homemade crafts, holiday baskets, business services, etc. for a silent auction to be held on October 11, 2024.

If you have a donation to make, please contact Lani Hoffmann at 443-546-0585 or RUMNS234@gmail.com. Thank you

Family Ministries News

All are invited to join RUMC at the home of Amy and Randy Hart on **Sunday, October 20, 4-7 pm for our Fall Festival!** Bring a dish to share, along with a blanket or lawn chair. Hot dogs, veggie dogs and fixings will be provided. We will have fall activities for the kids and a campfire with some campfire songs. The Harts live at 16122 Trenton Road, Upperco. Rain Date is October 27.



In Sunday School this month, the children are learning about God's promises to people in the Bible and how each one of us can depend on God to keep God's promises. We will also have a special guest on October 6: Miss Susan Henry will be visiting our classroom so we can get to know her and learn about her time as a missionary in Bolivia. We plan to have a special guest from the congregation visit our classroom once a month.

September was a busy month: we got back into our Sunday school routine with our lower and upper elementary classrooms, our third graders received their new Bibles from RUMC on Bible Sunday, and we welcomed some new students to our classrooms!

Please contact Cara Norris at 410-833-5440 ext 106 or rumcfamilyministires1777@gmail.com if you have any questions about Sunday School or Family Ministries.



Save the Date!

October 20, 4-7 pm

Music

Games

RUMC Fall
Festival

Pumpkins

Hot dogs and veggie
dogs provided!
Bring a dish to share.

At the home of Amy & Randy Hart

16122 Trenton Road, Upperco

(Rain Date: October 27)

Save the Date
Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 20, 2024—3 pm

Church Lawn (Weather Permitting)

All animals need to be leashed or in a carrier so as to make sure everyone is safe and comfortable!

Reisterstown United Methodist Church
246 Main St, Reisterstown, MD 21136

For more information, contact the office at
410-833-5440 or email: RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com



MATTHEW SMITH & INDELIBLE GRACE IN CONCERT OCT. 18TH



7pm @ Covenant of Grace Presbyterian Church

**TICKETS: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door,
\$30 max per family**

Order tickets at cogpca.org/events



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AMAZING ILLUMINATION

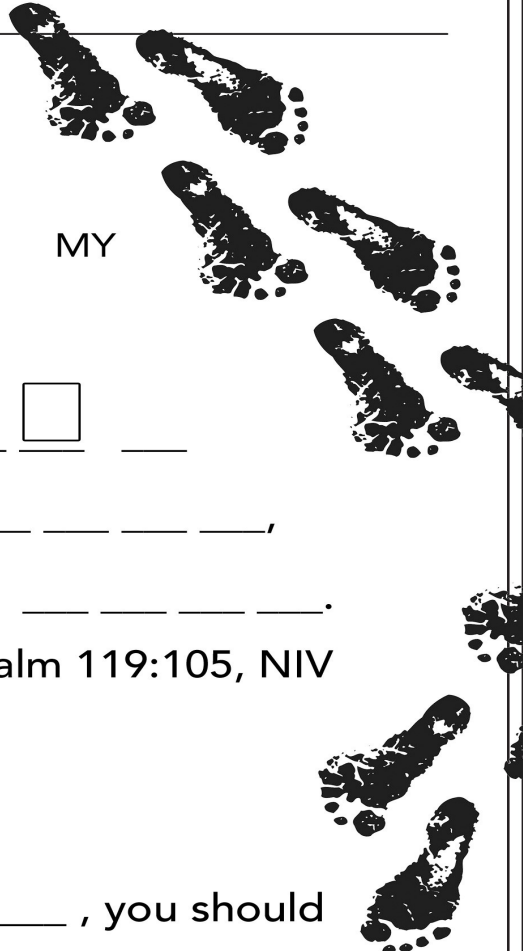
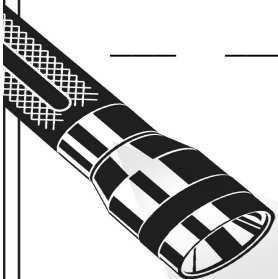
God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD
 YOUR FEET
 MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. *James 1:5, NIV*



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

<p><i>Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer</i> Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford; Pat Barton; Beth Bolin; Bruce Bond; Cindy 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;</p>	<p>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; Marilyn; Nicholas; Rachel; Shannon; Nicole (alumni of Preschool); Christa</p>
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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 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 & Dave Kehne	Judith Wetzal

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

<p>Carroll Lutheran Village Nancy Welsh Cherrywood- Reisterstown Kerrie Flanagan Lorien—Harmony Hall in Columbia Jeanne Knight</p>	<p>Lorien Center— Taneytown Monte Hatcher Janet Porter</p>
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**CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR
Under 25 AND Over 70 MEMBERS
October Birthdays**

Gerri Hare

10/2

23 Franklin Valley Cir
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Jane Gaudi

10/3

319 Kearney Dr
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Steve Holland

10/4

227 Highmeadow Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Joe Rhodes

10/5

6 Meadow Mist Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Gordon Dix

10/6

514 Berrymans Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ryan Outt

10/6

310 Glyndon Mews Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Quinn Sasse

10/6

207 Sacred Heart Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Howard Goodrich

10/10

218 Highmeadow Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Jan Harry

10/10

18710 Falls Rd
Hampstead, MD 21074

Liz Livermore

10/11

4 Meadow Mist Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Christian Myers

10/12

900 Red Brook Blvd Unit 304
Owings Mills, MD 21117-5180

Velvia Goodrich

10/14

218 Highmeadow Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Linda Adams

10/16

1288 Weller Way
Westminster, MD 21158

Mae Norris

10/18

228 Homevale Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Pat Botelle

10/22

203 New Ave
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Lois Burton

10/23

918 Lindellen Ave
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ezrah Folau

10/24

14003 Woodens Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Douglas Ditto

10/25

4 Fox Den Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Jeanne Knight

10/26

Lorien Harmony Hall
6336 Cedar Lane Room 316
Columbia, MD 21044

Connor Trump

10/27

4770 Wentz Rd
Manchester, MD 21102

Jeanne Bagwell

10/31

1825 Vincenza Dr Apt D
Sykesville, MD 21784-5976

Brian Wright

10/31

416 Deacon Brook Cir
Reisterstown, MD 21136-2229



Three Month Calendar

OCTOBER

1	All Day	Church Conference Forms Due to Arena	
8	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	4:30-9pm	RUMNS Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction	Fellowship Hall
12	3:30 pm	Charge Conference via Zoom	
14	All Day	Columbus Day & Indigenous Peoples' Day	
18	All Day	RUMNS Closed –MSDE	
20	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Readings	246 Conference Room
	All Day	Gift Card Orders due AND Newsletter Articles Due	
29	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER

1	All Day	First Day of American Indian Heritage Month	
3	All Day	Daylight Savings Time	
	11:30 am	Soup & Salad Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
5	All Day	Election Day	
11	All Day	Veterans Day	
12	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
16	9-4	Holly Fair	Fellowship Hall & all Classrooms
17	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening	246 Conference Room
	All Day	Gift Card Orders Due AND Newsletter Articles Due	
20	3:00 pm	Blessing of the Pets	Front Lawn
	4:00 pm	Fall Festival	Randy & Amy Hart's Farm
26	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
28	All Day	Thanksgiving	
28&29	All Day	Thanksgiving Break	Offices Closed

DECEMBER

1	All Day	First Sunday of Advent	
7	TTBD	United Women of Faith Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
8	All Day	Second Sunday of Advent	
10	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
14	9am-2pm	RUMNS Breakfast with Santa	Fellowship Hall
15	All Day	Third Sunday of Advent	
		Newsletter Articles Due	
20	10:30 am	RUMNS Christmas Program	Main Sanctuary
22	All Day	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
23-1/1		RUMNS Closed	
24@noon-1/1		RUMC Office Closed for Christmas Break	
24	All Day	Christmas Eve Service Times:	
		11 am—Family Service	
		8 pm—Traditional Service	
25	All Day	Christmas Day	
31	All day	New Years Eve	

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 FMS
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 School

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 (6:30 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

3rd Wed.

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

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