



Our Church Matters

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

Dear RUMC Family,

During last month's Ash Wednesday service, we were invited to make an intentional start to the season of Lent by taking on spiritual practices like prayer, fasting, and reading and meditating on God's Word. As United Methodists, we tend to focus on the first and last of those three disciplines, with fasting often getting overlooked. Part of the reason for that, I think, is that many of us have been conditioned to associate the word "fasting" with total abstinence from food - a choice that is not healthy or practical for most.

We assume that fasting is simply about sacrifice. We forsake something to help us identify with Jesus in His suffering; we give up food to help us be mindful of people who are hungry; we give up soda and specialty drinks to help us appreciate that not everyone has access to clean water. However, fasting can also help us clear the clutter from our lives, whether it's the constant buzz of the television, the time-suck that is the internet, or the literal clutter that emerges from our love of shopping. Fasting can be an opportunity to invite God into those spaces we usually fill with distractions.

In my own life, fasting has taken many forms over the years. During Lent, I've fasted from caffeine, fast food, TV, Facebook. I've "fasted" in the sense of clearing space for God and adding in a spiritual practice...setting aside more devotional time, adopting a letter-writing practice, or making a more intentional effort at self-care. I've also known many people who have practiced fasting as a way to give. When we choose to fast from something that costs money—like dining out or specialty drinks—we can use the money we save to support a cause that reflects God's love and justice. In that vein, this year's Lenten Offering is for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which provides essential aid to people in need in the U.S. and around the world.

On Ash Wednesday, we raised \$1,942 for UMCOR, and we will collect another offering during the Maundy Thursday service. If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to consider fasting in order to give to this important mission.

Fasting during Lent is more than just a personal sacrifice—it challenges us to rethink our priorities, clear the clutter from our lives, and make space for God. Perhaps in the remaining weeks of Lent, you might fast from something that distracts you, whether it's a treat, social media, or a habit that keeps you from fully engaging with God. Or, you might adopt a type of fasting that frees you to be

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more generous toward something that is close to God's heart.

If you haven't ever tried fasting, I invite you to consider it. Let it be an intentional practice that opens your heart to God and prepares you to serve others. No matter our Lenten practices, may they continue to draw us closer to God and help us better live out God's mission in the world.

May God's peace be with you,

Jen

Trustees Update: RUMC Solar Project

Since the March newsletter, we have the following updates to share on the installation of RUMC's solar canopy:

- We have received Interconnect approval from BGE.
- Design documents and permit set have been submitted to Baltimore County for approval.
- The foundation cages for the carport will be delivered in early April, and the steel will be delivered during the second or third week of April.

Next Steps: The construction of the carport will likely begin mid-April with drilling for the foundation piers. The foundation piers must cure for at least a week prior to adding the steel.



Update on the Mortgage from your Finance Committee: GOOD NEWS!!!

Through the generosity of the Chambers Foundation and the congregation, we have applied an additional \$13,433.07 to the principal of our mortgage. When we started our appeal for help to pay off the mortgage by 2027, the balance of the mortgage was

\$169,134.21. As of the end of March, the balance is \$146,302.93. We still have a long way to go to pay off the mortgage by our 250th anniversary, but we are certainly closer than we were!!!

Even if you are not able to give anything extra, your giving does help pay down the mortgage because our budget includes \$29,000 each year for principal and interest.

Getting a tax refund this year? Maybe you can consider donating some of it to help us continue to pay off the mortgage. Imagine what we could do with \$29,000 dedicated to ministry rather than the mortgage?

Watch for updates in the newsletter and maybe even something showing our progress somewhere in the church...



Cookie Walk

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER JOY CIRCLE COOKIE WALK!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on

Palm Sunday, April 13,

before and after the 10:00am church service

for a chance to support the JOY Circle missions fundraising project by purchasing some delicious homemade cookies!

The cookies are only **\$4.00** a dozen! Quite a deal in today's world!! Buy some cookies to take home for your Easter Sunday dinner.

So, come and purchase some yummy cookies and enjoy conversation with your RUMC friends!! Hope to see many of you there! Thank you for your support!!

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



You're Invited!

The Exit Strategy Band will be performing on **Friday, May 2, 2025**, from 7-9pm in the church fellowship hall. The cost remains \$10 per person. Snacks and beverages will be provided. All proceeds will go toward United Women in Faith mission projects. Come out and bring a friend for an evening of music, fun and fellowship. Sing along to familiar music we all grew up with and still enjoy today. Doors will open at 6:30.

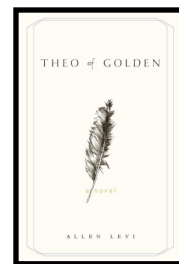
Tickets will be available at the door and in advance. - **The Exit Strategy Band** – performing here for the third time - includes church members Rick Harris and Tom Osborne, and will keep you entertained with classic rock, country, oldies and everything in between! Come and enjoy!

For more information, contact Sherry Osborne at 443 465-3231.

The RUMC Book Club met in the Conference Room on March 20th to discuss *Theo of Golden*. This has been a long anticipated meeting but was small due to rain and illness. Even at that it ran long over as everyone wished to discuss Theo.



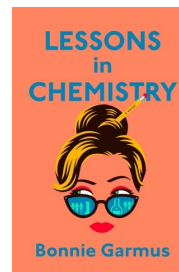
Theo of Golden is a first-novel by Allen Levi. Mr. Levi initially had one copy printed and threw it in this desk drawer before a friend found it and the rest is history. It is the tale of sojourner Theo who finds his way to Golden, Georgia and waste no time becoming part of the community.



This book is self-published and as such, when a question regarding the availability of a book-on-tape, it was the author himself that replied. Mr. Levi was thrilled with the prospect of Martha Mili reading the book for Susan Henry. When Martha wrote again to express our admiration for his tome, we were rewarded with a wonderful letter by his assistant. The very nature of this and the book itself is generosity. While 'Theo' is not a religious book, it is extremely spiritual. We recommend it for all.

April's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, the 24th so as not to interfere with Holy Week. Our book for April is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. This book explores the struggle of being a woman of Science in the early 1960's. A precocious child and a talking(?) dog add to moments of hilarity.

RUMC Book Club has a Facebook page and it has the book listings, jokes, memes, and links to interviews and resources for the books we read. You can follow that page even if you don't wish to join the club. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1458093947725532> (copy & paste into your browser)



Gift Card orders for April will be April 27th



Order forms are at the welcome center. We have many to choose from. We make a profit on each card we sell. Pick up an order form and make your selection. It is that simple, bring a check and order form on April 27th. We appreciate you purchasing Gift Cards from RUMW. We make a profit on every card we sell. And, there are so many to choose from. Use them for food, groceries, gas, restaurants and almost everything. RUMW profit from this sale goes to many outreach projects. Please buy and use RUMW Gift Cards. Thank you.

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April



As we have journeyed through Lent towards Easter, we have had two youth, three children, and three adults all involved in a Prayer Partner ministry here at RUMC. The partners met up at the start of Lent to get to know one another and try out different ways to pray. They are praying for each other during these six weeks, and you may even see them exchanging socks stuffed with small surprises on Sunday mornings.

In February, Miss Cara started meeting with the Nursery School students once a month for "God's Wild Wonders", when we learn about the amazing things in God's Creation. In February we danced like birds of paradise, built nests like robins, and foraged for penne pasta "bugs" to feed to our bird young. We'll be visiting the Franklin woods to hunt for amphibians next time!



In Sunday School, we've been reading several of the parables that Jesus shared with his followers, and will turn to the events of Holy Week in the coming weeks. Since March was Women's History Month, we also learned a bit about some amazing women – check out the wall next to our classroom to see who we talked about.

Be sure to join us for the April 12 egg hunt (see that article for details), and join us on Easter morning, April 20, to celebrate the resurrection of Christ! Our children will worship with us for the entirety of our service and will treat us to special music that morning. Please contact Cara Norris at 443-804-3792 or rumcfamilyministires1777@gmail.com if you have any questions about Sunday School or Family Ministries.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- FILL EGGS! EGGS, FILLERS, AND INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE NARTHEX.
- EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED APRIL 12, 9 AM-12 NOON. CONTACT CARA NORRIS



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

PRESENTED BY
REISTERSTOWN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

**EGG HUNT PARADE WALK WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
DOWN MAIN STREET ENDING WITH A CHANCE TO TAKE
PHOTOS WITH THE BUNNY AT THE WELCOME CENTER**



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Holy Week Services

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13, 10 AM

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17, 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18, 7 PM



Celebrate the Resurrection

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 AM Spirited-Traditional Service





RUMC
Circle of Friends
Order Only Plant Sale Fundraiser

Pick Up Thursday, May 8th, 3 p.m. ~ 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Name:				Phone #:					
Type of Plant				Quantity		Price per Plant		Total	
Flowering Hanging Baskets 10" Pot									
Geranium						\$25.00			
Petunia						\$25.00			
Red Begonia						\$25.00			
Mixed Annuals						\$25.00			
Edibles, Herb, and Veggie 4" Pot									
Herbs	Basil					\$4.50			
	Chives					\$4.50			
	Cilantro					\$4.50			
	Dill					\$4.50			
	Oregano					\$4.50			
	Parsley					\$4.50			
	Thyme					\$4.50			
Tomatoes	Red Slicing Better Boy					\$4.00			
	Cherry Sweet 100					\$4.00			
	Italian Roma					\$4.00			
Peppers	Sweet Bell					\$4.00			
	Sweet Banana					\$4.00			
	Hot Jalapeno					\$4.00			
Flowering Geraniums 4 1/2" Pot									
Red						\$7.00			
White						\$7.00			
Pink						\$7.00			
Flowering Annual 4" Pot in bloom									
Assorted varieties						\$4.00			
Garden 4 Plant Market Packs									
Red Wax Begonias						\$5.00			
French Dwarf Marigolds:		Yellow		Mixed Colors				\$5.00	
Impatiens:		Red		White		Mixed Colors		\$5.00	
Tomato:		Red Slicing Better Boy						\$5.00	
Order Total								\$	

Orders due by **April 6th**, Make checks payable to COF
 Order Forms to go in **Pink Box** in Narthex
Questions: Call or text Tammy Nash @ 410-239-8394



Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4

2. Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8

3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13

4. These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

J 5 8 31 20 8 2 3 32 ... " 1 2 30

2 20 12 25 4 32 11 4 6 24 16 30 29

F 2 23 10 18 26 2 4 32 29 16 22 1

F 2 24 10 25 19 23 16 30 29 G 16 32

2 4 32 29 16 31 1 G 16 32 "

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____!

Answers: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud. Jesus said ... "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17, NIV) Jesus has risen!



a history of Entertainment in the Modern White House

May 17
2025
11:30 a
Tickets \$35

Speaker **Author Alan DeValerio**
Reisterstown United Methodist Church Fellowship
246 Main St, Reisterstown

Purchase tickets by May 7, 2025 Karen Solhem 410-833-1006

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

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer
 Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford;
 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;
 Ken Harry; Susan Harry; Jerry Hilton;
 Mike Hockstad; Julie Hoffman;
 Debbie Johnson; Lisa Johnson;
 Denny Johnson; Eddie Jones; Rita Jones;

Roger Lipp; Tyler Llewellyn; Celia Diniz Luiz;
 Alfred Luginger; Pat MacLeer;
 Vikki McAdory; Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz;
 Don Mills; Aaliyah Parker; Dottie Payne;
 Molly Ruppert; Les Schafferman;
 Marge Shaw; Rebecca Sloan; Sean Staley;
 Melanie Stierhoff; Mary Telchi;
 Jenna Thornton; Dave Weinstein;
 Lynn Whitter; Mike Wright; Ann; Christa;
 Cindy; Deb; Jim; Ken; Makenna; Marilyn;
 Nicole (alumni of Preschool); Nicholas;
 Rachel; Shannon

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	Christy Newcomer
Velvia & Howard	Betty Pulse
Goodrich	Gill & Sally Seal
Mary Jane Huffman	Judith Wetzel

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Cherrywood- Reisterstown	Lorien Center— Taneytown
Kerrie Flanagan	Janet Porter
Lorien—Harmony Hall in Columbia	
Jeanne Knight	



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

Denise Trail

4/1

2517 Appaloosa Way
Finksburg, MD 21048

William Cresswell

4/7

1301 Nicodemus Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Gae Ray

4/15

241 Highmeadow Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Gary Owings

4/2

14627 Hanover Pike
Upperco, MD 21155-9732

Lynne Erb

4/9

231 Northway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Nancy Gelwicks

4/16

400 Homevale Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Geraldine Lewis

4/4

22 Caraway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Garrett Boerner

4/11

1715 Garrett Rd
Manchester, MD 21102

Bud Porter

4/21

PO Box 124
Glyndon, MD 21071-0124

Quinn Mayer

4/5

2428 Appaloosa Way
Finksburg, MD 21048

Grant Boerner

4/11

1715 Garrett Rd
Manchester, MD 21102

Gene Will

4/30

12261 Roundwood Rd Unit 1102
Lutherville, MD 21093

Pat Caltrider

4/7

35 S Lake Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Peggy Merryman

4/12

605 Piper Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136



Three Month Calendar

APRIL

6	All day	Circle of Friends Plant Sale orders due	
8	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	5-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
12	11 am-1 pm	Eggstravaganza	Reister's Park
13	All day	Palm Sunday	
	All day	Gift Card & Shopping Card orders due	
		Newsletter articles due	
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure screening	246 Conference Room
14-21		RUMNS Closed—Spring Break	
17	All day	Holy Thursday	
	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday service	Sanctuary
18	All day	Good Friday	
	Noon	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
20	All Day	Easter Sunday	
	10:00 am	Spirited Traditional Service	Sanctuary
21	All Day	Easter Monday - RUMC Offices closed	
22	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

MAY

5	All day	Cinco de Mayo	
8	3-6 pm	Circle of Friends Plant Sale Pick-up	Fellowship Hall
9	5-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
11	All day	Mother's Day	
13	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
15	7 pm	Book Club	Library
18	All day	Gift Card orders due	
		Newsletter articles due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure readings	246 Conference Room
26	All day	Memorial Day	Office & RUMNS Closed
31	10-2	RUMNS Craft Fair	Fellowship Hall

JUNE

10	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
13	11 am	RUMNS 4's Graduation	Sanctuary
	5-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
14	All day	Flag Day	
15	All day	Father's Day	
		Gift Card orders due	
		Newsletter articles due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure readings	246 Conference Room
19	All day	Juneteenth	
24	All day	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 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

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)

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

2-3:30 pm Youth Group—308 Bldg.

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
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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