



Our Church Matters

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

Dear RUMC Family,

As we move through the Easter season—a season of new life and possibility—our Church Council has been engaged in the process of discerning a new mission statement for our congregation. This work has been shaped by prayer, as well as honest reflection about who we are, where we’ve been, and where God is calling us next.

As members of The United Methodist Church, we’re united by our shared denominational mission: *“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”* It reminds us that the Church makes disciples not for its own sake, but for the sake of the world God loves. But each local congregation also has its own unique context, gifts and calling. A local church mission statement helps us articulate how we, in this particular place and time, live out that larger mission together. It also gives us clarity. Mission statements help churches say “yes” to the right things and “no” to distractions, so that we make the best use of our time, talents and resources.

Our new mission statement will be unveiled during our May sermon series. This series will invite us to explore the biblical and spiritual foundations of our calling as a church. It will also coincide with our annual stewardship season—a time when we are each asked to prayerfully consider how we can support the ministries and mission of our church through our financial commitments.

This alignment is intentional. Stewardship is not simply about making the budget or keeping the lights on; it’s about having the resources we need to carry out our mission. When we are clear about our mission—who God is calling us to be and what God is calling us to do—we are more inspired to invest our resources, energy, and lives in it.

My prayer is that this new mission statement will not just be words on a page, but a living expression of who we are and what God is doing at RUMC. I hope it will guide us in everything

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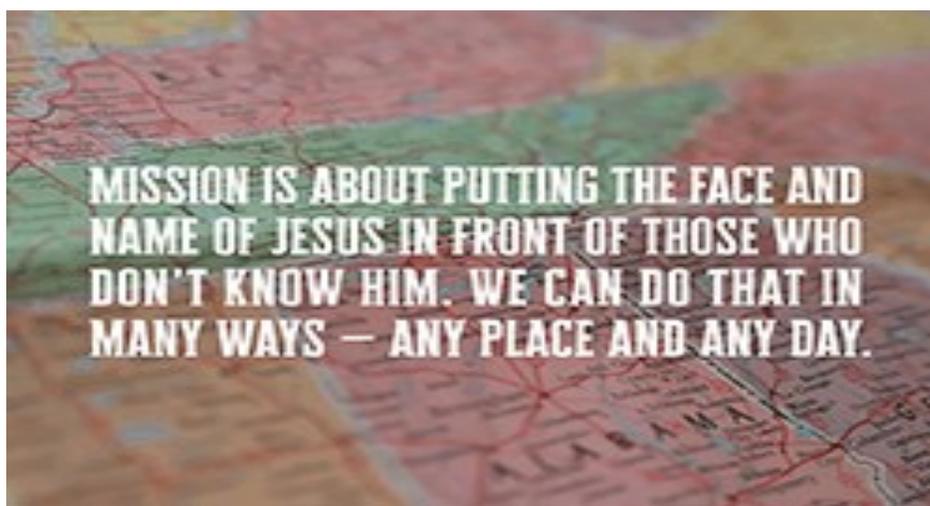
from how we welcome new people, to how we teach our children, to how we serve our neighbors.

I invite you to be a part of this journey—by worshiping with us each week, by reflecting on your role in our shared mission, and by prayerfully considering your financial commitment during the upcoming stewardship season. Together, let us commit ourselves to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, starting right here, in and through our church.

In faith,

Jen

P.S. We will break from our series on May 25 as we celebrate the ministry of Dr. Bill Myers, who has been RUMC's Director of Music since 1989. The service that morning will feature inspiring music and special musical guests and will be followed by a dessert reception in the Fellowship Hall. I invite you to mark your calendars and plan to join us!



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...

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

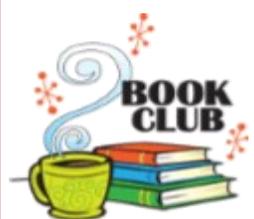


You're Invited!

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.

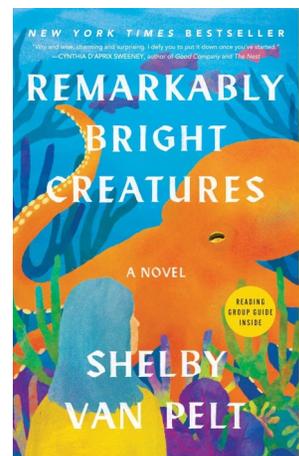


So far this year, the RUMC Book Club has read two books that were set in the 1960's and we've have witnessed the growth of these women during tumultuous times. One was the nurses in *The Women* and in *Lessons in Chemistry*, we see Elizabeth try to excel at her field while having to bend to the will of men so she can support her child.

On May 15, the club will meet to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* is a story of the friendship between Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus, and Tova, a widow who cleans at the aquarium where Marcellus lives.

Everyone is always welcome at the RUMC Bookclub. It is the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the church library.

We research carefully to make sure the books are available, either through the Rachel Bruhl Memorial Library or BCPL. If you are having problems getting a title, let the library know and we will try to arrange getting a book.



Also, we always miss our members who no longer feel like driving. If you would like a ride, please contact Brenda Soskin or Martha Milli.



Gift Card orders for May is May 18th

Order forms are at the welcome center. We have many to choose from.

Gift Card Sunday for May is Sunday, May 18. Gift Cards are great gifts for graduates!

They love getting cards for Amazon and FOOD! So many choices and if you don't want to choose, gift a Visa card and they can use it however they want. Think ahead for Father's Day too. For Birthdays, graduations, Anniversaries, Showers, Housewarming, and "Just Because," Gift Cards save you time from shopping and getting the right gift. Purchase your Gift Cards from RUMW and we make a profit that we use for our outreach programs in our community. You can also use these cards for your everyday shopping for groceries and eating out. Fill up your car and use a Gift Card! We have been selling Gift Cards for many years now. .

Please buy and use RUMW Gift Cards. Thank you.

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Happy Easter! Even though Easter Sunday has come and gone, I encourage you to look for signs of the resurrection each day – where do you see new beginnings, new possibilities or promises in your daily life...even if it's just a spot of joy during a tough season? Naming these things as a family is a way of remembering that Jesus is risen every day.



Although it was a cool and rainy morning, about 50 kids and their families came out for the egg hunt as part of the community's Easter Eggstravaganza. Thank you to the Wednesday middle school program, nursery school staff, JOY women, numerous parishioners, and egg hunt volunteers who made the day possible. The Reisterstown Improvement Association, along with Horizon Church and United Church all provided activities throughout the morning and afternoon after the egg hunt wrapped up.

The butterflies that were still in chrysalis from on Easter Sunday have emerged and the children will release them outside during Sunday school at the end of April and beginning of May. We will continue to celebrate Easter in class and then begin talking about some of the letters that Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus. We will also have a very special guest on May 18. Ms. Karen Harris is going to share her artistic talents with the kids and guide them through painting a spring flower! We love visitors in Sunday school – if you would like to spend some time with our kids sharing a story, talent, or activity, contact Cara!

Finally, we are busy getting ready for Vacation Bible Camp July 14-18. We have openings for kids ages 4-high school. Sign up today (we did fill up last year). Volunteers are also needed. Participants and volunteers can register at vbcsummer.com.

Please contact Cara Norris at 443-804-3792 or rumcfamilyministires1777@gmail.com if you have any questions about Sunday School or Family Ministries.



Youth GROUP

**WORSHIP, GAMES,
FRIENDSHIP & FUN!**

SUNDAYS

2:00PM-3:30PM

**RUMC Youth & Community Building
308 Main St. Reisterstown, MD**

443.398.5951

jholsonb@comcast.net

Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20) 6 11 —

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20) — — — — — 14 —

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7) 18 — — — — — 3 — — — — —

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5) 16 — — — — — 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14) — — — — — 1 — — — — —

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22) 7 — — — — — 12 — — — — —

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22) — — — — — 10 17 13 — — — — —

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19) 8 — — — — —

AMYR (Matthew 2:11) 2 — — — — —

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13) — — — — — 9 15 — — — — — 4 — — — — —

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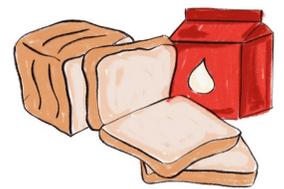
Teatime treat



Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!



Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth. A mother's love is a gift from God!

PUZZLE



A NOBLE EXAMPLE

Proverbs 31 describes a God-honoring woman. How are the women in your life like her? How can you follow their example?

Directions: Use the word bank to complete all the Bible verses. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Proverbs 31:30, NIV.



WORD BANK

bread, household, women, laugh,
children, clothed, speaks, husband, tongue



She is _____ with strength and dignity;
she can _____ at the days to come.

She _____ with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her _____.

She watches over the affairs of her _____
and does not eat the _____ of idleness.

Her _____ arise and call her blessed;
her _____ also, and he praises her:

"Many _____ do noble things,
but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:25-29, NIV

Charm is _____eptive, and be_____ty is fl_____eting; but a
woma_____ w_____o f_____rs the Lo_____d is to be prais_____d.

Proverbs 31:30, NIV

Answers: clothed, laugh, speaks, tongue, household, bread, children, women; husband, women; Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30, NIV



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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 Eyer; 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;
 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	Thelma Mack
Ann Clayton	Christy Newcomer
Lorna & Gordon Dix	Betty Pulse
Ginger Gelwicks	Gill & Sally Seal
Velvia & Howard Goodrich	Judith Wetzel
Mary Jane Huffman	
Shirley Krause	
Gerry Lewis	

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
May Birthdays**

Samantha Brown

5/2

5 Rider Mill Ct
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Judy Wright

5/11

416 Deacon Brook Cir
Reisterstown, MD 21136-2229

Richard Redding

5/22

108 Sunnyking Dr
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Betsy Sloan

5/6

223 Northway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

John Riesenfeld

5/13

607 Bond Ave
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Ella Schmidt

5/25

1825 Vincenza Dr Apt C
Eldersburg, MD 21784-5976

Marion Yohn

5/7

316 Lauren Hill Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Cindy Smith

5/14

202 Northway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Flo Forbes

5/27

207 Parkholme Cir
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Eric May

5/9

107 Danbury Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-3208

Sofia Norris

5/15

228 Homevale Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Becky McClure

5/28

126 Chargeur Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Sharon A H May

5/11

107 Danbury Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-3208

Carol Hoffman

5/21

1648 Deer Park Rd
Finksburg, MD 21048



Three Month Calendar

MAY

2	5-10 pm	UMiF Exit Strategy Band	Fellowship Hall
5	All day	Cinco de Mayo	
8	3-6 pm	Circle of Friends Plant Sale Pick-up	FH
9	6-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
11	All day	Mother's Day	
13	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
13-17	All day	Annual Conference	Hilton Hotel, Balto.
15	7 pm	Book Club	Library
17	10-2	Glyndon Women's Group Author Event	FH
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
	6-9 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

JULY

4	All day	Independence Day	
8	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	6-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
14-18	9-12	Vacation Bible Camp	Emory Grove
20	All day	Gift Card Orders Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles Due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure readings	246 Conference Room
27-1	All day	Manidoken Camp	

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
2-3:30 pm—Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May) 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

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

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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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