



Our Church Matters

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

Dear RUMC Family,

School buses are back on the road, retail stores are stocked with planners and colorful organizational tools, and groups are busy recruiting for another year of fall activities. Whether we have kids going back to school or not, the start of a new school year (and program year in the church) can feel strangely like New Year's—the same fresh resolve, but without the celebratory toasts or formal resolutions. We may find ourselves quietly planning to make this year different—to get a better handle on our calendars or commitments, or to eat better, sleep better, or finally find our Zen in the midst of life's chaos.

I subscribe to Kate Bowler's weekly newsletter, and recently she's written a lot about her study of cultural myths—what people believe about themselves, and how those beliefs can be a help or hindrance to their goals... especially when it comes to change. She points out that we humans love a good transformation story. Whether it's Saul to Paul, or Peter-the-fisherman to Peter-the-head-of-the-church, we latch onto stories that suggest change is instantaneous and profound... leading us to believe that we are always just one podcast, one supplement, or one sleep modification away from being the people we want to be.

She asks the question, "Are we the captains of our fate, one new habit away from turning it all around? Or are we just along for the ride, hoping not to fall off the edge?" (Bowler, 2025). It's a tension that has ancient roots: the Stoics (3rd C. BCE to 2nd C. CE) believed we could will ourselves to be better—master our emotions and prune our desires. By the 4th century, St. Augustine declared that we need divine grace to change at all—a phenomenon that "God works in us, without us."

As United Methodists, our beliefs about transformation fall somewhere in between. We call it "sanctification" and see it as a gradual process that happens over time—a partnership between us and God's Spirit working in us. Podcasts may inspire us, supplements may give us more energy,

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and good sleep may give us more bandwidth to confront the challenges of the day, but true, lasting change is rarely dramatic. It most often happens through small, faithful, repetitive acts—a combination of our efforts and God’s gracious help.

So this fall, rather than aspiring to a total life-makeover or a habit overhaul, what is one small, faithful thing that you could undertake? What one thing feels possible given the reality of this present time? Maybe it’s a daily walk, or a shared meal. A prayer said not for results, but simply for connection with God. Done over time with the help of God’s Spirit, that same Holy Spirit works a change in us that may not make the news, but is deeply holy.

As we enter September—and a new school and ministry year—may each of us discover God’s presence in the very human yet holy process of *becoming*.

Jen



Dear Jen, Janice, Becky and everyone else who contributed to making our Sixth-Grade Meet-and-Greet a success!!

We are so very thankful to all of you for your time, energy, and gifts that you shared with our students and families so that their transition on to Middle School could be just a little easier!

We are very lucky that you have helped us develop this partnership, and our Franklin Community really benefits from all that you do for us!

Have a great rest of your summer, and I look forward to continuing this partnership this year and beyond!

In Partnership,

Jamee and the FMS Family



Gift Card orders for September

September 21st is the date for ordering Gift Cards.

We no longer have Royal Farms.

Be sure to purchase Boscov gift cards for the Circle of Friends fundraiser and purchase the coupon for 25% off everything on Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends one day only shopping pass—October 22nd!

Help Circle of Friends and the United Women in Faith!

Our profits are used for many different charities in our community. Thank you.

Order Date for September is 9/21

Please buy and use RUMW Gift Cards. Thank you.

RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com

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.

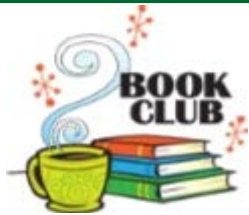
Food pantry immediate needs: 18 oz jars of Peanut Butter and boxes of Mac and Cheese.



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



Our next Book Club will meet on September 18th in the Library at 7:00 pm.

We'll be discussing: *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

“A funny, heartfelt story about found family and seeing the silver lining in life. Fans of *A Man Called Ove* and *Remarkably Bright Creatures* will especially enjoy this new novel.”—*Library Journal*

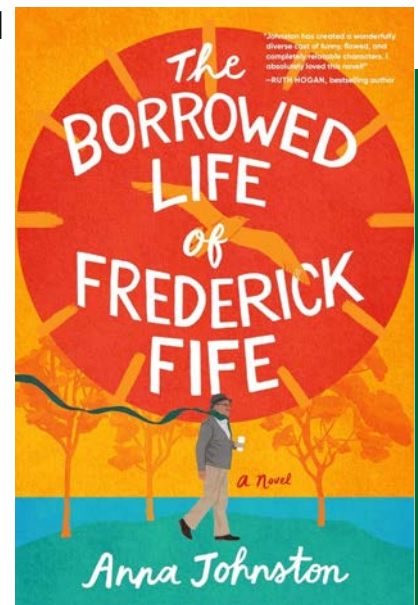
A zany case of mistaken identity allows a lonely old man one last chance to be part of a family.

“Would you mind terribly, old boy, if I borrowed the rest of your life? I promise I’ll take excellent care of it.”

Frederick Fife was born with an extra helping of kindness in his heart. If he borrowed your car, he’d return it washed with a full tank of gas. The problem is, at age eighty-two, there’s nobody left in Fred’s life to borrow from, and he’s broke and on the brink of eviction. But Fred’s luck changes when he’s mistaken for Bernard Greer, a missing resident at the local nursing home, and takes his place. Now Fred has warm meals in his belly and a roof over his head—as long as his look-alike Bernard never turns up.

Denise Simms is stuck breathing the same disappointing air again and again. A middle-aged mom and caregiver at Bernard's facility, her crumbling marriage and daughter's health concerns are suffocating her joy for life. Wounded by her two-faced husband, she vows never to let a man deceive her again.

As Fred walks in Bernard’s shoes, he leaves a trail of kindness behind him, fueling Denise's suspicions about his true identity. When unexpected truths are revealed, Fred and Denise rediscover their sense of purpose and learn how to return a broken life to mint condition.



Bittersweet and remarkably perceptive, *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* is a hilarious, feel-good, clever novel about grief, forgiveness, redemption, and finding family.



Family Ministries and Sunday School News

Museum of the Bible and Bible Sunday

We are inviting all 3rd-12th graders on a field trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. on Saturday, September 27.

More details will be available shortly, but we wanted to make sure families marked their calendars. A parent or guardian will be required to accompany all 3rd-5th graders; all youth may attend with permission slip.

Take a peek at all the museum has to offer at museumofthebible.com. Then on September 28 we will be presenting our 3rd graders with their own Bibles in worship!



Sunday School reconvenes on September 7

There will be no Sunday School on August 31 (Labor Day weekend). We will start meeting again on September 7. Children, ages 4-5th grade, will start their morning in worship with their families, then go to class after the Message for Young Disciples. Sixth graders are welcome to join us for class or stay in worship. If you did not fill out a registration form at the beginning of summer, please get a hard copy from Cara or visit <https://forms.gle/hHrhChxuBRbUsbaA7> to make sure we have updated information for the year.

Children's Choir Returns on October 5!

We are excited to announce that Ms. Bailey-Michelle Collins, our new music director, will be leading children's choir for all interested children, grades K and older! ***She will meet with children starting October 5 after worship in the music room!***

If you have a middle or high schooler interested in singing, we encourage you to talk to Ms. Bailey or Ms. Cara about whether children's choir or the adult choir will be a better fit! We know we can find a good place for everyone who wants to sing!

Important dates coming up:

August 31	No Sunday School (Labor Day weekend)
September 7	Sunday School returns
September 12	6-9 pm Game Night in the Fellowship Hall
September 27	Field trip to the Museum of the Bible for 3 rd -12 th graders
September 28	Bible Sunday
October 5,	11:15 am Children's Choir rehearsal

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

Circle of Friends will be selling \$5 Coupons For:

Friends helping Friends Sale at Boscov's!

Mark Your Calendars for Wednesday, October 22 to SHOP Boscov's! Please contact Tammy or Lois for more information & to purchase a \$5 coupon. This Fundraiser will help COF and UMW because you can purchase Boscov's Gift Cards from Judy Wright.

Let's all have a fun day of shopping at Boscov's!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 - SHOP 8AM - 11PM

25% OFF*

LOWEST SALE PRICE

SHOPPING PASS

This pass entitles you to 25% off* your purchases in-store or online and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.

Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your 25%* discount.

Valid in-store and online Wednesday, October 22, 2025 only.

\$5 DONATION PER PASS

100% of your donation benefits the local non-profit organization from which you purchased this pass.

***See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 15% and 10% Off as well as exclusions.**

For more details visit [boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](https://www.boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends)

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:

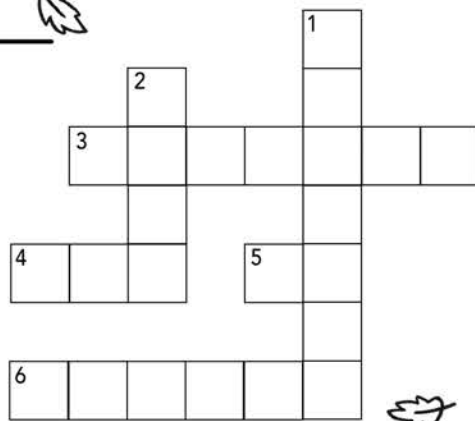
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

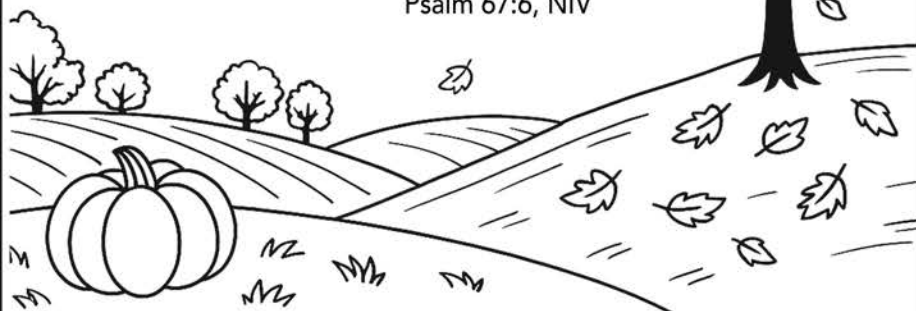
DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.

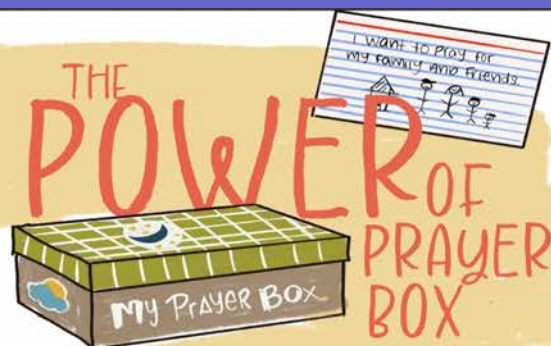


The _____
its _____;
our God, _____.

Psalm 67:6, NIV



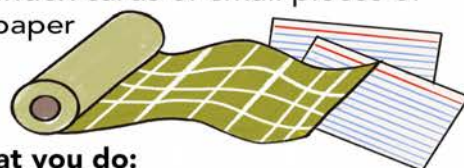
Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



Create a simple and meaningful
prayer box your family can use
to share requests and pray
together all week long.

What you need:

- Shoebox with lid
- Wrapping paper or decorative paper
- Scissors & tape
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers and other craft material (optional)
- Pens or pencils
- Index cards or small pieces of paper



What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a gift, wrapping the lid separately so it can be opened.
2. As a family, decorate the box with drawings, favorite Bible verses, photos, or stickers.
3. Place the box somewhere central, like the kitchen or living room.
4. Keep index cards and pens nearby. When someone has a prayer request, they can write or draw it and drop it in.
5. Throughout the week, take turns praying over the requests as a family, or have a parent lead prayer time.

Devote yourselves
to prayer, being
watchful and thankful.

—Colossians 4:2, NIV



JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY
BETHLEHEM
BETHSAIDA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI
CANA
CAPERNAUM
DECAPOLIS
EGYPT

EPHRAIM
GALILEE
JERICHO
JERUSALEM
JORDAN RIVER
JUDEA
MAGDALA

MOUNT OF OLIVES
NAZARETH
PEREA
SAMARIA
SIDON
TYRE
WILDERNESS

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S
T	U	E	U	E	N	A	R	B	Y	V	I	T	A	L	S
H	D	L	R	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H	H	G	A	E
S	E	G	E	I	T	S	S	S	G	Y	O	L	D	I	N
A	A	C	J	A	C	O	N	I	Y	R	P	E	A	R	R
I	D	E	E	A	C	H	F	D	P	E	H	H	L	T	E
D	E	H	R	E	R	E	O	O	T	A	L	E	A	S	D
A	C	O	U	T	H	P	A	N	L	T	I	M	S	W	L
C	A	E	S	A	R	E	A	P	H	I	L	I	P	P	I
H	P	P	A	A	Y	R	I	H	A	V	V	E	C	O	W
M	O	H	L	E	M	E	S	O	H	E	T	E	R	A	V
E	L	R	E	L	E	A	D	T	H	R	O	U	S	G	H
O	I	A	M	U	T	G	R	A	B	E	T	H	A	N	Y
L	S	I	I	L	G	A	L	I	L	E	E	E	E	F	R
O	M	M	C	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	M	M	A	R	K



St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute

Seeking wisdom. Nourishing faith. Engaging community.



Travel to Turkey, Greece, and Italy with Dr. Michael Gorman April 6 - 19, 2026



From April 6 (Easter Monday) to Sunday, April 19, 2026, Dr. Gorman will once again lead an educational pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, and Italy to visit places where Paul, John, and other early Christians lived and ministered. E.I. students, alums, and friends are invited to consider going.



Our itinerary includes: Smyrna, Pergamum, Ephesus, Laodicea, Colossae, Hierapolis, and Istanbul in Turkey; Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corinth, Cenchreae, Isthmia, and Athens in Greece; and Pompeii in Italy.



The attached [itinerary](#), [reservation form](#), and [brochure](#) provide details on the program, costs, and so on. The price is almost exactly the same as the cost of the last (2024) trip, adjusted for inflation. Once you have committed to going, you need to send a \$20 check to Dr. Gorman to hold your place. The \$500 deposit is due December 11, and the balance on January 30, 2026.

The trip alone is not a course for academic credit. Students who wish to enroll for academic credit should contact Dr. Gorman. Tuition is discounted by 1/3.

Feel free to contact Dr. Gorman with any concerns or questions: mgorman@stmarys.edu

See also: <https://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/stmarysseminary2026.htm>

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; Marilyn Brathwaite;
Renee Brooksbank; Jean Chambers;
Adia Clelland (Nelda Clelland's Granddaughter)
Benjamin Dapper; Steve Diehl; Sandy Engle;
Megan Evans; Jacque Eyler; Ryan Gardner;
Sondra Hadden; Mary Hanlon;
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 Witlock'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, stationed at Davenport, IA
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 Dietrick in Frederick MD
Isaac Shroll, Tracy Tambaoan's cousin—serving in the Army

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

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

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Broadmead
Sarah Smith
Cherrywood-Reisterstown
Kerrie Flanagan
Lorien Center—Taneytown
Janet Porter
Charter Senior Living at Woodholme Crossing
Thelma Mack



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



Aliyah Folau

9/11

14003 Woodens Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Rev. Dick Harden

9/22

1288 Weller Way
Westminster, MD 21158

John Humphrey

9/26

324 Nicodemus Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Brit Weber

9/11

3305 Toggenburg Dr
Finksburg, MD 21048

Wayne Trump

9/22

402 Lees Mill Rd
Hampstead, MD 21074

Tom Ritter

9/28

369 Shields River Rd E

Richard Erb

9/17

231 Northway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Jan Porter

9/23

Lorien Taneytown
Attn: Janet Porter Rm 17B;
100 Antrium Blvd
Taneytown, MD 21787

Carol Holland

9/18

227 Highmeadow Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136



Three Month Calendar

SEPTEMBER

1	All day	Labor Day	Office Closed
2	All day	First day of School for RUMNS	
9	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
12	6-9p	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
21	All day	Gift Card Orders Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles Due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure reading	246 Conference Room
23	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

OCTOBER

10	6-9pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
13	All day	Columbus Day	
14	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
18	5-9 pm	UWinF Spaghetti Dinner	Fellowship Hall
19	All day	Gift Card Orders Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles Due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure reading	246 Conference Room
28	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER

1	All day	All Saints Day	
2	All day	Daylight Savings Ends	
4	All day	Election Day	
11	All day	Veterans Day	
	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
15	All day	Holly Fair	Entire 246 Building
16	All day	Gift Card Orders Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles Due	
	9:30 am	Blood pressure reading	246 Conference Room
24	10 am	JOY—Pretzel making	Kitchen
27-28	All day	Thanksgiving	Offices Closed
30	All Day	First Day of Advent	



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 (School Year)
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 (School Year)
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 FMS (School Year)
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 Choir Rehearsals (End of Aug. thru May)

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

1st Thurs.— UMW (6:30 pm) Library
2nd Mon.— Circle of Friends, Library (No mtg Dec.)
2nd Tues.—Finance Even months (6:30 pm) Library
2nd Tues.— Trustees Odd months (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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