



Our Church Matters

Our Mission: Inspiring people to put Christ's love into action
for the good of our neighbors and the world.

Dear RUMC Family,

When we gather for worship each week, we celebrate a God who is present and active in our lives—a God who creates, redeems, comforts, challenges, and walks with us each day. We sing of God's faithfulness, pray with confidence that God hears us, and listen for God's voice through Scripture and one another. And yet, many of us have also known seasons when it didn't feel that way. There are moments when our prayers seem to echo into silence, when answers don't come as quickly as we'd hoped, or when God feels distant. If you've ever wondered, "Where is God in all of this?", you're certainly not alone.

It might come as a surprise, but there are two books of the Bible that never mention God by name: Song of Solomon and Esther. Later this month, we'll spend two Sundays exploring the remarkable story of Esther. At first glance, God appears to be absent from its pages. There are no miracles, no burning bushes, no words from heaven. But as the story unfolds, we begin to see that God's fingerprints are everywhere—in unexpected people, surprising circumstances, and remarkable timing. Esther reminds us that even when heaven seems silent, God is still at work, often in ways we cannot yet see.

I hope you'll join us for worship on August 16 and August 23 as we journey through the Book of Esther together. We'll discover how God invites ordinary people to trust in God's hidden faithfulness. It's a message of hope for anyone who has ever wondered if God is still working behind the scenes.

August will also begin with one of the highlights of our summer: Vacation Bible School. I invite you to pray each day, August 3-7, for our children, youth, and volunteers, as they learn, laugh, serve, and grow together in faith. We'll then celebrate all that God did during VBS at a joint worship service with Horizon Church on Sunday, August 9, followed by popsicles and ice cream bars for everyone!

Then, on Sunday evening, August 9, we'll continue with another cherished summer tradition as we gather at Emory Grove from 5:00–8:00 PM for a potluck meal and worship. It's always a wonderful evening of fellowship, food, and praise. Be sure to look for more details elsewhere in this newsletter—we'd love to see you there!

Blessings and peace,
Jen

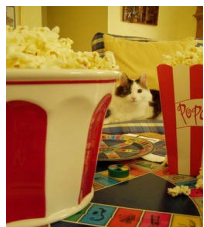
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GAME NIGHT



Game night is always the second Friday in the month, so in meet at **6:00pm on August 14th** in the Fellowship Hall. We don't always have a crowd, have fun. Hope to Family Game Rachel Bruehl Me- contact the Brenda

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Night is a joint venture of the morial Library and RUMC Family Ministries. Any questions con- Soskin or Cara Norris.



Gift Card orders for August

Gift Cards and Shopping Cards orders will be taken on August 16th .

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

Please buy and use RUMW Gift Cards. Thank you.

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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.

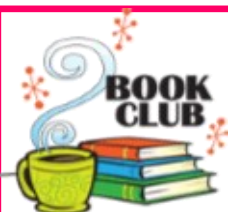
At this time we are NOT accepting donations of clothing or household items.

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



Join us on **August 20th at 7pm** in the Library as we discuss *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. **WINNER OF THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION • LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE AND THE ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL • A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR: NPR, The Washington Post, Boston Globe, Elle, Christian Science Monitor, She Reads** "Imagine, the letters

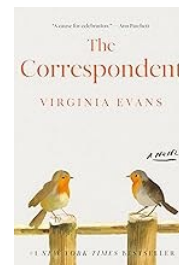
one has sent out into the world, the letters received back in turn, are like the pieces of a magnificent puzzle. . . Isn't there something wonderful in that, to think that a story of one's life is preserved in some way, that this very letter may one day mean something, even if it is a very small thing, to someone?"

Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.

Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter.

Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Sybil Van Antwerp's life of letters might be "a very small thing," but she also might be one of the most memorable characters you will ever read.



Music Ministry invites you to attend our Choral Preview Parties on August 23 and 30 in the Fellowship Hall! We'll share a first look at next year's calendar and hear a sampling of our new anthems. Whether you've sung in choir before or are curious to try something new, all are welcome to attend! Singers will meet at 11:30 followed by bell ringers at 12:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you there!



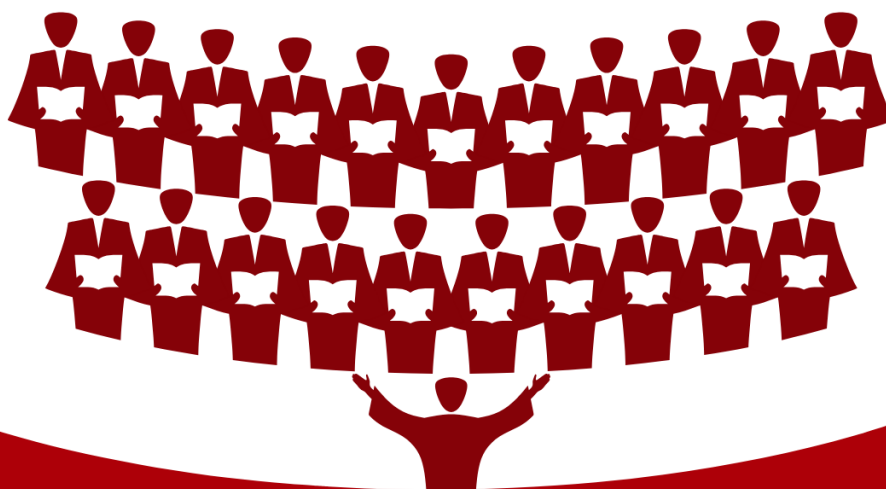
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Choral Preview Party

SAVE THE DATE!

August 23 & 30, 2026



Join in a sampling of selections for the upcoming choral season. All are welcome who feel called to offer their gifts through music!

SINGERS 11:30 AM | RINGERS 12:30 PM

RUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL
COFFEE | TEA | TREATS

Inquiries: baileymcollins@gmail.com

Music Ministry

2026-27 Season



**Rehearsals resume Sunday,
September 13**

**New members are welcome
year-round!**

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Chancel Singers
Sundays 9 AM
Thursdays 6 PM

Children's Choir
Sundays 11:30 AM

**Joyful Noise
Handbell Ringers**
Wednesdays 6 PM





Children's Sunday School News

Summer Sunday School has begun! The kids have weighed in on what they want to do this year and we will have the following schedule, keeping in mind of course, that weather may change our plans.

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| ⇒ August 2 | Movie Part 2 |
| ⇒ August 9 | VBC Celebration (no Sunday School) |
| ⇒ August 16 | Outdoor forts |
| ⇒ August 23 | Water day |
| ⇒ August 30 | Outdoor art |
| ⇒ September 6 | No Sunday School (Labor Day weekend) |

Our summer class is made up of 4-year-olds through rising 6th graders.
Contact Cara Norris if you have questions!

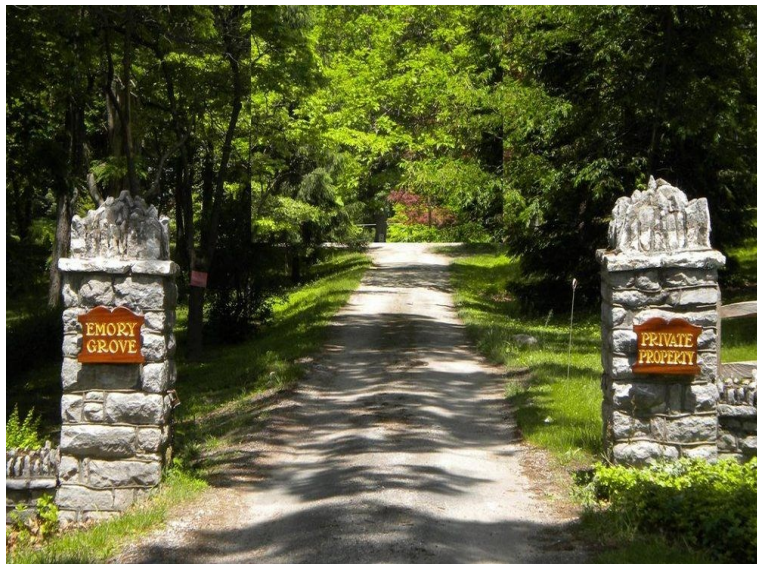
Pray for Vacation Bible Celebration

VBC begins August 3. We ask that you pray for all of the kids and volunteers who will be coming together for the week. It is always full of fun and surprises and new friendships, as well as the usual challenges and hiccups that come with running a ministry for over 130 kids and 60 volunteers. Then, join us on Sunday, August 9 as we worship and reflect upon our week with our friends from Horizon Church, as well as all of the families who participated in VBC.

If you were in worship on July 19, you'll know that we talked about waiting in the Message for Young Disciples, and how hard it can be. Be sure to ask the kids if the jar of water (with some food coloring) we have has evaporated yet or if they are still...waiting. Checking on it is a good reminder for us to pray that God stick near while we wait for what is to come.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Cara





Save the Date:

***Sunday August 9 – Emory Grove Picnic and
Worship Service***

5 pm Potluck Picnic (chicken and drinks provided)

Games on the Lawn

at Emory Grove

2 Waugh Avenue, Reisterstown

**If your last name begins with A-H,
please bring a dessert**

**If your last name begins with I-Z,
please bring a side dish**



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;
Benjamin Dapper; Steve Diehl; Sandy Engle;
Megan Evans; Jacque Eyler; Doug Finley;
Ryan Gardner; Sondra Hadden; Mary Hanlon;
Jerry Hilton; Mike Hockstad; Debbie Johnson;
Lisa Johnson; Denny Johnson; Eddie Jones;
Rita Jones; Roger Lipp; Tyler Llewellyn;
John LeCroix; Celia Diniz Luiz; Alfred Luginger;
Pat MacLeer; Vikki McAdory; Becky McClure;
Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz; Dottie Payne;
Les Schafferman; Marge Shaw; Rebecca Sloan;
Sean Staley; Melanie Stierhoff; Mary Telchi;

Jenna Thornton; Dave Weinstein; Lynn Whitter;
Mike Wright; Ann; Christa; Cindy; Deb; Gail;
Jim; Karen; Ken; Makenna; Marilyn; Nicholas;
Rachel; Shannon; Ellie

*Our prayers and condolences go out to
Pat Dinsmore, on the passing of her son
Tom on July 12th.*

*Cards may be sent to Pat at:
203 Sunnyking Dr
Reisterstown, MD 21136*

*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

Davy 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

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

Kevin Kobosko, Alice Seohnlein's grandson, serving in the Navy

Steven Lee, Carol Lee's son—has retired after 32 years of service in the military

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	Gerry Lewis
Ann Clayton	Christy Newcomer
Lorna Dix	Betty Pulse
Ginger Gelwicks	Sally Seal
Velvia & Howard Goodrich	
Shirley Krause	

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

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

Three Month Calendar

AUGUST

3-7	9-12	Vacation Bible Camp	Emory Grove
9	10am	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
10-16	All week	Robine, vacation, Bonnie & Pat cover the office	
11	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
14	6-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
16	All day	Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles due	
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening	246 Conference Rm
25	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER

7	All day	LABOR DAY—Office & RUMNS Closed	
8	All Day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	6-9pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
20	All day	Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles due	
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening	246 Conference Rm
22	All Day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

OCTOBER

2	6-9pm	Exit Strategy Concert	Fellowship Hall
9	6-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
12	All Day	Columbus Day	
13	All Day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
18	All day	Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles due	
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening	246 Conference Rm
27	All Day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

August Dates to remember:

3-7	9am-noon	Vacation Bible Camp	Emory Grove
9	5-8pm	Emory Grove Po Luck Dinner & Worship Service	

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am—1:00 pm

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 pm — Sisterhood, 246 Conference Room (Aug.-June)
7 pm — Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC
7:30 pm — Refuge Dharma, 308

WEDNESDAYS

10 am to noon— Library Committee
2:30 pm — SAIL After School Program (School Year)
6:00 pm — Joyful Noise Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm — Men’s Fellowship, 308

THURSDAYS

3-7 pm — Artist Music, 308
6:30-8 pm — Adult Choir, choir room (End of Aug. ~ May)

FRIDAYS

2-6pm— “Thrive” After school Program for FMS (School Year)

3-7 pm — Artist Music, 308

7 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 pm — Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC

LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH

10 pm — Cristos Iglesias Prayer Service, NSC

EVERY SUNDAY

Noon — Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC
11:15 am —12:15 pm: Youth Sunday School—308 Bldg.
11:15 am — 12:00 pm: Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
2-3:30 pm: Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May) 308 Bldg.

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

1st Wed.— UMinFAITH (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

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We have several ways to join us virtually, including 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.

YouTube Account! Google: "reisterstown umc maryland" We have archived our sermons and any music videos! The link is also available on our website – www.RUMCweb.org.



YouTube account for our services if you miss one, you can pull it up at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzltzPeTDuFxeJv_EJpgjgQ