



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,

As summer gives way to fall, many of us find ourselves settling back into familiar rhythms. School is back in session, calendars are beginning to fill, and the routines of a new season are taking shape. It's also a wonderful time to renew our rhythms of worship, prayer, and growing together in faith.

On August 30, we kicked off our fall worship series, *Manna and Mercy*, inspired by Daniel Erlander's illustrated paraphrase of the Bible—a resource that helped Christians in South Africa find healing, unity, and a renewed sense of call after apartheid.

At the heart of *Manna and Mercy* are two simple but profound themes: food sharing and forgiveness. These themes echo throughout the pages of Scripture—from the manna that sustained God's people in the wilderness, to Jesus feeding hungry crowds, welcoming outcasts to His table, and ultimately teaching us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," and, "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."

It is no accident that these themes stand at the center of the prayer Jesus gave to His disciples. They reveal something essential about the kind of world God is creating: one where no one goes hungry for bread, and no one is left outside the reach of grace. Erlander invites readers to see Scripture not as a collection of stories or rules, but as one grand story of God's grace and redemption.

As we make our way through the series, we'll be reminded that God is still present and active in our world today—still calling ordinary people to become (in Erlander's words) "Partner People," who participate in God's ongoing work of mending lives, communities, and creation itself. Whether you've spent a lifetime reading the Bible or you're just beginning to explore its story, I hope you'll join us this fall. I pray that we'll discover how God's story is also our story—and how each of us is invited to take our place in God's unfolding work of manna, mercy, and abundant grace.

Blessings and peace,

Jen

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Circle of Friends meets on Monday, September 14 at 7pm in the Church Library!

If you would like to join us or have any questions about our group, please call or Tammy Nash or the office at 410-833-5440. Our group raises money to help those in need.

We will be doing our Boscov's fundraiser again this year!

Save the Date: Wednesday, October 21st for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Sale!

You buy a Coupon for \$5, we get the \$5 and you get a 25% Shopping Pass to use all day on October 21st!!



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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



GAME NIGHT



Game night is always the second Friday in the month, so in September we will meet at **6:00pm on September 11th** in the Fellowship Hall. We don't always have a crowd, but we always have fun. Hope to see you there!

Family Game Night is a joint venture of the Rachel Bruehl Memorial Library and RUMC Family Ministries. Any questions contact the Brenda Soskin or Cara Norris.



Gift Card orders for September

Gift Cards and Shopping Cards orders will be taken on September 20th .

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.

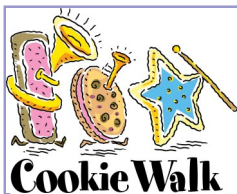
Food pantry immediate needs: 18 oz jars of Peanut Butter and boxes of Mac and Cheese.

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



JOY COOKIE WALK - Sunday, Sept 20, before & after church in the fellowship hall. Homemade cookies to start the school year off!

The cost is \$4.00/ dozen.

An Evening of Music, Fun and Fellowship!

Appearing again!! *Exit Strategy Band* will perform on **Friday, October 2, 2026**, at the Reisterstown United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The band includes two of RUMC's own, Rick Harris and Tom Osborne. The band will play from 7 to 9pm. The cost is \$10 per person and includes snacks and beverages. All proceeds benefit United Women in Faith mission projects. Tickets will be available at the door, and further information on advance tickets will be coming soon. Mark your calendar now as you don't want to miss this entertaining evening.

For more information contact Sherry Osborne.



As the cooler days of Autumn approach, the RUMC Book Club reaches for a book with intrigue and the remembrances of first love. Join us on September 16th at 7pm in the Library as we discuss *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall.



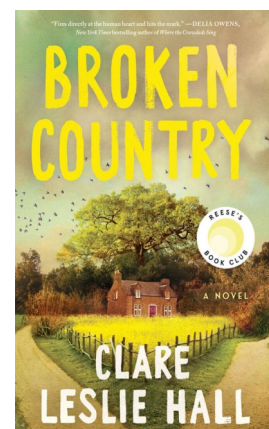
A love triangle unearths dangerous, deadly secrets from the past in this thrilling tale perfect for fans of *The Paper Palace* and *Where the Crawdads Sing*.

"The farmer is dead. He is dead, and all anyone wants to know is who killed him."

Beth and her gentle, kind husband Frank are happily married, but their relationship relies on the past staying buried. But when Beth's brother-in-law shoots a dog going after their sheep, Beth doesn't realize that the gunshot will alter the course of their lives. For the dog belonged to none other than Gabriel Wolfe, the man Beth loved as a teenager—the man who broke her heart years ago. Gabriel has returned to the village with his young son Leo, a boy who reminds Beth very much of her own son, who died in a tragic accident.

As Beth is pulled back into Gabriel's life, tensions around the village rise and dangerous secrets and jealousies from the past resurface, this time with deadly consequences. Beth is forced to make a choice between the woman she once was, and the woman she has become.

A sweeping love story with the pace and twists of a thriller, *Broken Country* is a novel of simmering the past and present to explore the far-reaching legacy of first love.



Book Club is open to all and whether you come for one book or a years worth, you are always welcome. Book Club is the third Thursday of each month except for December. September's date is the 17th at 7:00 in the library.

NEW OFFERINGS FROM THE LIBRARY

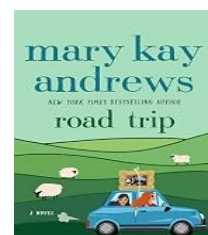
Summer is a busy time and there are so many activities! But for your quiet time you should drop over to the Rachel Bruehl Memorial Library and see some of the new offerings. Among the new items on the New Book shelf are:

Colson Whitehead's *Cool Machine*. The Pulitzer Prize winning author explores the life and relationships in 1980's Harlem.

Mary Kay Andrews has a faithful fan following. Visit and check out *Road Trip*. This book explores sibling relationships and the mysteries some family prefer to be kept secret.

Best selling author Lisa Scottoline brings us a "deeply felt and empowering thriller." *This Changes Everything* will lure you in.

These and many others are waiting for you on the New Book Shelf which is directly to the left of the door leading to the old sanctuary. And remember, if you have a request, please leave a note on the desk in the library.



DEMENTIA CARE *Series*

FREE COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AT
REISTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sept
20

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Strategies to Navigate Dementia Changes

When Goliath was terrorizing a village, it took a shepherd boy to slay him. A dementia diagnosis can feel like a formidable giant. Join Dr. Cate in discussing David's five stones and the giant called Dementia.

Oct
18

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Caregiver Resilience: Recognizing Your Strengths

Based on the latest research on Alzheimer's and related dementias, join Dr. Cate in an interactive workshop looking at the basics of the disease progression & what research is finding about caregiver resilience. Leave with a toolbox of strategies for building your resilience and caregiver savvy.

Nov
15

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Enduring Love Despite Dementia

Whether you are an adult child or a spouse, dementia caregiving can wreak havoc on your relationship. Join Dr. Cate in an interactive workshop applying the latest research in successful caregiving without losing your commitment. Learn the latest research on love and dementia as well as discovering more through Dr. Gary Chapman's classic, *Keeping Love Alive When Memory Fades*.

Dr. Cate, Dementia Coach, is a national speaker and trainer in dementia care from our community.



Free workbooks for attendees. Advanced registration required.

Please RSVP using the QR code or the following link:

<https://forms.gle/dwrehztv1c9BZ4nX9> or by calling 410.833.5440

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Family Ministries and Sunday School News



August was a fun-filled month! We had a great week of VBC at Emory Grove, and got to worship with our partners in that ministry, Horizon Church, the Sunday after VBC ended. Many returned to Emory Grove that evening for a picnic and service. We had a competitive game of Nine-Square on the lawn and visited the giant tree swing and ate ice cream after the service. It was a full week!

In Sunday School, the kids got to check off a few more of their chosen summer activities:

we built outdoor forts in the rain, got soaked during water day, and made our own ephemeral outdoor art.

There is no Sunday school over Labor Day Weekend (September 6) and we will return to “regularly scheduled programming” on Sunday, September 13. Every Sunday that there is children’s choir, the library is open for families who have kids in either choir

rehearsal or youth Sunday school, along with anyone who wants to stop to chat with us. We usually have some coffee, tea, a small spread of snacks, and always have a good time chatting and catching up. We always have a few toys (Legos, blocks, trains, etc.) for the younger kids too. We hope you stop by to say hello!

Families, mark your calendars for our Fall Festival, October 4, 4-7 pm, at the home of Amy and Randy Hart (see flier info). You do not want to miss this! We always have delicious food, lawn games, fall crafts, a campfire with s’mores, and best of all, **wagon rides with Mr. Randy!**

I am looking forward to seeing you in September! -

Cara

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with questions





October 4
4-7 pm

Wagon
rides

Pumpkins

RUMC Fall Festival Potluck

Bring a dish to share!

Last name begins A-Q: Side Dish

Last name begins R-Z: Dessert

Hot dogs, veggie dogs, drinks and fixings provided!

At the home of Amy & Randy Hart

16122 Trenton Road, Upperco



Games
& Crafts

Campfire

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HELP PLANT MOUNT OLIVE'S NEW RAIN GARDENS

Join Blue Water Baltimore for one
(or both!) community planting days.
All ages are welcome!

TOGETHER,
WE'LL INSTALL
1,000
NATIVE PLANTS
& SHRUBS!



THIS PROJECT WILL
CAPTURE & FILTER NEARLY



**29,000
GALLONS**

OF STORMWATER RUNOFF!



PLANTING DAYS

FRIDAY, SEPT 11 2026: 11am - 2pm
SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 2026: 9am - 12pm



MOUNT OLIVE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
5115 OLD COURT ROAD
RANDALLSTOWN, MD 21233

SCAN TO
REGISTER



FRIDAY 9/11



SATURDAY 9/12



TOOLS, GLOVES & GUIDANCE PROVIDED.
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER & WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES.

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

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

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

Betty Pulse
Sally Seal



OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Cherrywood-
Reisterstown
Kerrie Flanagan
Lorien Center—
Taneytown
Janet Porter
The Terraces at
Westminster
Ruth Whitlock

Charter Sr
Living at
Woodholme
Crossing
Thelma Mack
Brightview
Westminster Ridge
Marion Yohn

Three Month Calendar

SEPTEMBER

7	All day	LABOR DAY—Office & RUMNS Closed	
8	All Day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	6-9pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
12	All Day	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED	
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
28	All day	Church Conference Reports Due to the office	

OCTOBER

2	6-9pm	Exit Strategy Concert	Fellowship Hall
4	4-7pm	Fall Fest (Tentative)	Hart's Farm
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

NOVEMBER

1	All Day	All Saints Day	
3	All Day	Election Day	
7	3-4:30 pm	Church Conference	Hiss UMC
10	All Day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	All Day	Veterans Day	
13	6-9 pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
14	All Day	FOOD PANTRY CLOSED	
15	All Day	Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due	
	All Day	Newsletter Articles due	
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening	246 Conference Rm
24	All Day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
26	All Day	Thanksgiving Day	Office Closed
27	All Day	Office Closed for Thanksgiving Break	
29	All Day	First Sunday in Advent	

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am—12:00 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

9 am—Chancel Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room
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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**This QR Code will take you directly to our
on line giving screen for the church.**

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