



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,

At youth group this past Sunday, one of our teens shared an idea about how to make worship more interactive—something that she said would help her generation engage God's Word more effectively. While the thought of change puts many of us on edge, nurturing mature disciples of *all* ages is the church's primary task. Over the centuries, even what we call "traditional worship" has changed—most often to adapt to the needs of emerging generations.

While we currently don't have any permanent changes in mind, our lay leaders and youth and children's ministers have been diving deeper into the concept of intergenerational worship. Intergenerational worship is something we already practice at RUMC to some degree. Our children, youth, and adults can often be found singing side-by-side, leading liturgy together, and having active conversations. However, there are also times when each generation remains comfortably in its own lane. This latter phenomenon is what's called *multigenerational* worship. True intergenerational communities are communities where people of different ages build mutual relationships, share leadership, learn from one another, and leave changed by those encounters. They celebrate and nurture God's work in the life of every member.

On October 18, we will break temporarily from our *Manna and Mercy* series to explore what it might look like to embrace a fully intergenerational worship experience. Led by our lay leaders on what is traditionally Laity Sunday, this service will celebrate God's creativity and joy, welcome people of all ages as full participants and co-learners, and ask the question, "How can we become more like Jesus by being together?" It may not be polished, but it will be real. It might even be a little bit messy!

I hope you'll join us on October 18 for our "messy" church service, and celebrate the gift of being the Body of Christ, together!

Blessings and peace,
Jen

P.S. I wanted to share this note we received from Jamee Espinoza, the Community School Facilitator at Franklin Middle School.

Dear Pastor Jen & RUMC Family,

I am so thankful to all of you who contributed time, money, resources, and more to help our students at Franklin Middle have an incredible Back to School—complete with all the school supplies they could need! Your generosity and giving spirit are a blessing to all, and we are so lucky to be recipients! Thank you again!

Jamee Espinoza, Franklin Middle School

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Circle of friends 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 from Circle of Friends for \$5, we get the \$5 and you get a 25%
Shopping Pass to use all day on October 21st!!
Contact a Circle of Friends Member of Tammy Nash for more information



Believe it or not our church's 250th Anniversary is just four short months away!!!
 Reisterstown United Methodist Church will celebrate its 250th anniversary on
February 7, 2027
 (February 6 is the actual day, but February 7 is the closest Sunday)
 with a special worship service and reception.

Planning has begun and there will be a part that you will play in all of this.

We want your memories and your stories. Be on the lookout for a letter and questionnaire from the anniversary committee and please take the time to answer some of the questions. We also want you to feel free to pass along this information to people who were once part of RUMC but may have moved or are no longer part of the church community.

For more information, contact Pat Botelle



Gift Card orders for October

Gift Cards and Shopping Cards orders will be taken on October 18th .

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

Please buy and use RUMW Gift Cards. Thank you.

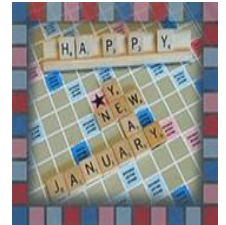
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Game Night in October is on Friday, October 9, at 6:00 in the Fellowship



Hall. We will be Halloweening so come in and enjoy the fun and food! Sloppy Joes will be on the menu! Always a favorite!

Last month was a different take on our usual game night... while the other table played other games, one table set up trivial pursuit and it ended with two teams of 5 each battling out for Best Purveyor of Useless Info! Great fun and fellowship!



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

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.

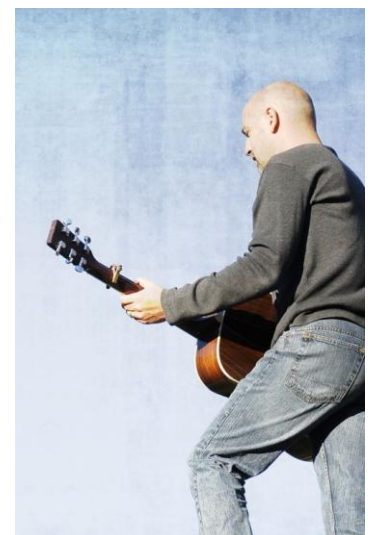
PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE ANY CHURCH DOORS OR THE FOOD PANTRY



An Evening of Music, Fun and Fellowship!

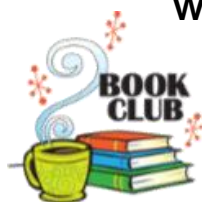
Appearing again!! *Exit Strategy Band* will perform on **Friday, October 2, 2026**, at the Reisterstown United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The band includes two of RUMC's own, Rick Harris and Tom Osborne. The band will play from 7 to 9pm. The cost is \$10 per person and includes snacks and beverages. 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.



RUMC Book Club will be changing its date for October only.

We will be meeting on October 22, at 7:00 pm in the Rachel Bruehl Memorial Library.



The RUMC Book club selection is *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. *The Housemaid* is a 2022 psychological thriller. Set on Long Island, the novel follows a young maid for a wealthy family with dark secrets. Sounds like a perfect choice for October/Halloween book clubs.

The novel was a commercial success and was adapted into a film in 2025, with Sydney Sweeney and Amanda Seyfried in leading roles.

Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house from top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor.

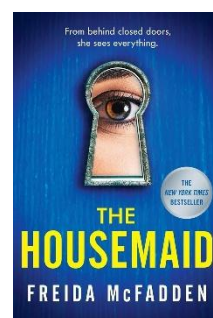
I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. The walk-in closet, the fancy car, the perfect husband.

I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out ... and by the time I realize my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late.

But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am.

They don't know what I'm capable of ...

This book was so mainstream that if you read it and want to join in for a discussion, you are welcome. Once again a date change! October 22 at 7:00.!!!



From the Library



A new school year ushers in cooler weather and several new and old faces from the RUMC nursery school. We were so pleased they came to visit this week and checked out books, many for their first time. Thank you teachers for bringing them down! Many new books, several from the Best Sellers list, are available in the Rachel Bruehl Memorial Library. New titles from James Balducci, James Patterson, Colleen Hoover and more. The new titles are on designated shelves to the left of the door to the old Chapel.

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



It's Fall Festival time again! Everyone is invited to the home of Amy and Randy Hart on Sunday, October 4, 4-7 pm for our Fall Festival!

Hot dogs, veggie dogs, fixings, and drinks will be provided.

We will have pumpkins to decorate, music next to the fire pit, outdoor games, and a tractor ride for the kids (and young at heart).



The Harts live at 16122 Trenton Road, Upperco.

Bring a dish to share!

(Last name A-Q bring a side dish; last name R-Z bring a dessert).

In Sunday School this month, we are spending most of our time in Genesis, learning about Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Lot.

Note that there will not be Sunday School on October 18 because we will be having a very interactive worship service for all ages.

The kids will get the chance to move around to different stations and try out a hands-on activity throughout the service.

Since the beginning of the school year, Cara has returned to visiting the preschool classes for *God's Wild Wonders*. In September we talked all about seeds and got to extract the seeds from spicebush berries, sunflower heads, and milkweed pods!

In October we're bringing back a favorite activity from last fall: pumpkin hunting!



Please contact Cara Norris at
410-833-5440 ext. 106 or
rumcfamilyministires1777@gmail.com
if you have any questions about
Sunday School or Family Ministries.





**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

Music Ministry extends a warm welcome to our new and returning choir members: Mark Norris, Caleb Porter, and Jessie Jebaraj! We also welcome Liz Livermore, Scott Forbes, and Caleb Porter to handbell choir!



Music Ministry

2026-27 Season



**Rehearsals resume Sunday,
September 13**

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

Inquiries:
rumcoffice1777@gmail.com

Chancel Singers
Sundays 9 AM
Thursdays 7 PM

Children's Choir
Sundays 11:30 AM

**Joyful Noise
Handbell Ringers**
Thursdays 5:30 PM



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; Lois Burton; Jean Chambers; Benjamin Dapper; 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; Ellie; 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

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

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

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

Three Month Calendar

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	
	2-4 pm	Advent Party	Fellowship Hall

DECEMBER

6	All day	Second Sunday in Advent	
8	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
11	6-9pm	Game Night	Fellowship Hall
13	All day	Third Sunday in Advent	
14	All day	Newsletter Articles Due (NOTE EARLY DATE)	
20	All day	Fourth Sunday in Advent	
	All day	Gift Card & Shopping Cards Orders Due	
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure Screening	246 Conference Room
22	All day	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
24	All day	Christmas Eve	
	11 am	Christmas Eve Family Service	
	12 pm	Office Closed	
	8 pm	Christmas Eve Traditional Service	
25	All Day	Christmas Day	
25-Jan4		Offices and RUMNS Closed for Christmas Break	

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

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)
7:00 pm — Men's Fellowship, 308

THURSDAYS

3-7 pm — Artist Music, 308
5:30-7 pm — Joyful Noise Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7-8:30 pm — Adult Choir, choir room (End of Aug.-May)

FRIDAYS

2-6pm—“Thrive” After school for FMS (Sch. Yr)
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 Rm
2-3:30 pm: Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May)308

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

1st Wed.— UMWinFAITH (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 Rm
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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to our online 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_EJpgj9Q

