# 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,Dear RUMC Family,

The month of November begins with All Saints' Day and winds down with Christ the King Sunday and the book of Revelation—before starting a new year all over again with the season of Advent. In these few weeks, we blitz through a whole lot of the biblical story and even more theology, making me always wish there was time to dive deeper. I'll miss our *Manna and Mercy* series, but I'm grateful for the lessons it's taught us, including a lesson about eternal life.

When I was growing up and first being exposed to Christianity beyond my Catholic upbringing, some of my friends started talking to me about "being saved." They explained to me that if I wanted eternal life—if I wanted to go to heaven when I die—then I needed to embrace Jesus as my Savior. If I did that, then the answer to that question would be settled.

But when we look at Scripture, we find a very different narrative about eternal life—and life in general. Our *Manna and Mercy* study of the Torah reminded us that God is a God who loves life and gives commandments that are intended to help us flourish. "Choose life," God urges, as the Hebrews are about to enter the Promised Land. It's a reminder that the lessons God taught them in the wilderness—about manna and Sabbath, righteousness and mercy—are the ways to joy and peace, both for them and for their society.

Jesus speaks a lot about life, too—challenging his disciples to "lose their life in order to save it" (Mark 8:35). He embodies God's ways of manna and mercy and invites his followers to embrace it, too. But Jesus knows that embracing that kind of life, when we are addicted to a way of life that looks much different (much like the pyramid society of Pharaoh's Egypt), is going to feel a lot like dying. However, it's only when we let go of our addictions to power and wealth and the status quo that we'll discover the true life that is God's dream.

This is what Jesus meant when he told his disciples that he came "that we may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). For Jesus, eternal life is not some future reward; it's new life *now* that death cannot take away. Jesus' invitation to follow is an invitation "to live life *in the direction of* life" (Alan Storey, *Manna and Mercy: A Journey from Genesis to Revelation*, "Eternal Life"). I hope you will join us this November as we hear this invitation throughout God's story—from the resurrection to Revelation and everywhere in between.

Life and peace,
Jen

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# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

## Family Service | 11:00 am

*A dramatic celebration for all ages, with joyful carols, a Christmas message, and a family-friendly take on candlelight Christmas Eve*

## Traditional Service | 8:00 pm

*An uplifting celebration of the Savior's birth with candle lighting and music led by organ, handbells, and RUMC's Chancel Choir*

**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**



## GAME NIGHT






Game night is always the second Friday in the month, HOWEVER, November Game Night is canceled due to Holly Fair set-up and the Fair happening the next day. We will meet in December—stay tuned. 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 November/December for Christmas Delivery**
**Gift Cards and Shopping Cards orders will be taken from**
**November 15th through December 13th.**
**Please order early if you want them for Christmas .**
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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## RUMC Book Club reaches for a book with intrigue




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. November's date is the 19th at 7:00 in the library.

**If you haven't visited the library lately, drop on by.** The crew has been shopping and shelving some of the day's best-sellers.

Hitting the shelves this week are:

- *A Season of Secrets* (Christmas) by Fern Michaels
- *The Munich Affair* by James Patterson
- *The French Illusion* by John Grisham
- *Return to the Shack* (this is a sequel to the best-seller, The Shack, by Wm. Paul Young)
- *An Alaskan Christmas Market* by Debbie Macomber
- *Christmas Stocking Murders* by Denzil Meyrick

New books are either inside the library on the shelf marked "New" to the left of the door to the old sanctuary or on the bookcase in the main hallway. If you have any request, let one of the staff know.



**Rada Cutlery and Kitchen Gadgets are on sale now.**
These products make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers: knife sets, ice cream scoops, spatulas and dip mixes are just some of the fun items you can pick up now. Orders can be placed online and shipped directly to you. Smaller orders can be placed with Lani Hoffmann and shipped to the church. There are brochures and order forms on the Welcome Table. Please return the brochures when you are done. Online ordering can be done at www.radafundraising.com - Look for the Reisterstown Women of Faith fundraiser. Use the code SHIPDEAL at check out to get $5 off shipping. Questions? contact Lani Hoffmann

# DEMENTIA CARE *Series*

## FREE COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AT REISTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20th and October 18th sessions were a success!
Here is the link to the YouTube recording of the session if you missed it:
[2026 RUMC Dementia Care Workshop - YouTube]

*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**

REISTERSTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | 246 MAIN STREET | REISTERSTOWN, MD 21136

## Family Ministries and Sunday School News




### ADVENT PARTY

I hope to see you at our **Advent Party on Sunday, November 29, 2-4 pm** in the fellowship hall. We will be making Chrismons, which are ornaments that remind us of Jesus Christ's birth and life. We will hang the Chrismons on our sanctuary tree, sing carols led by Dan and Amelie Eschliman, then enjoy some cookies with a special visitor and hand out books provided by the RUMC library! This event is open to all, so invite your friends!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School kids are learning all about the journey of Abraham and Sarah and their descendants. Even though their story is ancient, this story of family is full of emotions and situations that we can all relate to – family squabbles, surprise and joy, hardship, learning to live with our neighbors, and more. Then, starting November 29, we'll switch gears to Advent and awaiting the coming of Baby Jesus.

### NO GAME NIGHT IN NOVEMBER!

There is no Game Night in November, but we will be back on Friday, December 11, 6-9 pm.

### VACATION BIBLE CELEBRATION DATES SET FOR 2027

VBC at Emory Grove has been set for **July 19-23, 2027**.

Registration will open early in the year, so be sure to mark it on your calendars!

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

Cara

410-833-5440 or rumcfamilyministires1777@gmail.com with questions

# Advent Party
# Sunday, November 29, 2-4 pm

***RUMC Fellowship Hall***

***246 Main Street***

*We will make Chrismons (ornaments that are Christ symbols) for the church and home. We'll hang them on our sanctuary tree and sing carols.*





*End the afternoon with a special visitor, a gift from our library, and Christmas cookies!*

Questions? Cara Norris 443-804-3792
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*The Holly Fair bake table is looking for donations. We are looking for items such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, breads, cakes, pies, pumpkin rolls, etc. The items would need to be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday, November 13th.*
*Please contact Kim McManus (jklr-mcmanus@comcast.net or 410-812-1822) if you can help.*

**It's Holly Fair Time! It takes many hands to make this event a success.**
We are seeking helpers for set up on **Thursday November 12 starting at 5:30 pm.** We will be moving toys, setting up tables and chairs, and hanging signs. **On Saturday, November 14th at 4:00 pm** we have to put it all back again! Please contact Lani Hoffmann if you can help.



## 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; 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; 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

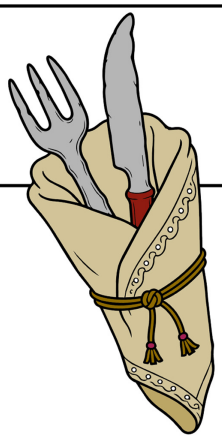
## Our Members in Senior Communities

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



# For the Young and Young at Heart

## Puzzle!



### A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14 is a Bible story about a special dinner. Below is a poem about that story.

**Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.**

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| then / men | rest / quest |
| true / you | began / ran |
| late / ate | faces / spaces |
| lunch / bunch | done / ton |

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____ .
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____ —five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They'd need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____ —five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

## Bread Painting



When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.

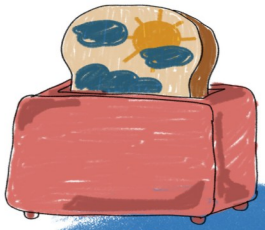
**What you need:**

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean, food-safe brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter, optional




**What you do:**

1. Set out one small cup for each color you want to use.
2. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk into each cup.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and stir until the color is bright.
4. Using a clean, food-safe brush, gently paint a picture or design on the bread. Be careful not to soak the bread.
5. When you're finished painting, toast the bread. Add a little butter, if desired, and enjoy!



**Reminder:** Ask an adult for help when using a toaster or toaster oven.

"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35, NIV

# Three Month Calendar

**NOVEMBER**

| | | | |
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| 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 | Holly Fair Set-up | |
| **14** | All Day | **FOOD PANTRY CLOSED** | |
| | 9-3 | Holly Fair | Fellowship Hall & Classrooms |
| 15 | 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 | Christmas Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due | |
| 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 | |
| | All Day | Christmas Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due | |

**DECEMBER**

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| 6 | All Day | Second Sunday in Advent | |
| | All Day | Christmas Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due | |
| 13 | All Day | Third Sunday in Advent | |
| | All Day | FINAL DAY TO ORDER Gift Card & Shopping Cards Orders for Christmas | |
| | All Day | Newsletter Articles Due | |
| | 9:30 am | Blood Pressure Screening | 246 Conference Room |
| 20 | All Day | Fourth Sunday in Advent | |
| 24 | All Day | Christmas Eve | |
| | 11:00 am | Christmas Eve Family Service | |
| | 12:00 pm | Office Closes | |
| | 8:00 pm | Christmas Eve Traditional Service | |
| 25 | All Day | Christmas Day | |
| 25-Jan. 4th | | Office and RUMNS Closed for Christmas Vacation | |
| 27 | 10:00 | Sunday Worship | |
| 31 | All Day | New Years Eve | |

**JANUARY**

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| 1 | All Day | New Years Day | |
| 5 | All Day | Office and RUMNS reopen | |
| 6 | All Day | Epiphany | |
| 12 | All Day | Mission of Mercy | Fellowship Hall |
| 17 | All Day | Gift Card & Shopping Cards Order Due | |
| | All Day | Newsletter Articles due | |
| | 9:30 am | Blood Pressure Screening | 246 Conference Rm |
| 18 | All Day | MLK Day—Office and RUMNS Closed | |
| 24 | All Day | Mission of Mercy | Fellowship Hall |

**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 Iglesia 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
7-8:30 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 Iglesia Band Rehearsal, NSC

**SATURDAYS**
6 am — Cristos Iglesia—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 Iglesia Service, NSC

**LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH**
10 pm — Cristos Iglesia Prayer Service, NSC

**EVERY SUNDAY**
9 am—Chancel Singers Rehearsal, Choir Room
Noon — Cristos Iglesia 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_EJp9j9Q