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Rally WEEKEND 2017

Save the Date:
SEPTEMBER 8-10

Rally weekend 2017 (#rallywkn17) will be here soon. Friday, September 8 we begin with our Kickoff Party. This is a community wide event. We will be raising funds to support our brothers and sisters in Houston who have been in the wake of a tragedy. Please invite your friends, come out and show your support. We are all part of the body of Christ and each part can serve in its own way. (See page 3 for weekend schedule.)

Brigadier General Lapthe C. Flora will be our guest speaker for both 8:30 and 11:00 services on Sunday, September 10th. He will be sharing his story of how Raleigh Court UMC members deeply impacted his life. **You won't want to miss this!**

For more information visit www.rcumc.org/rallywkn2017





'Transforming the World' Reach Out Challenge 2017

Our calling, as people of God, is to be a blessing to the world. In Genesis 12:1-3, God calls Abraham to reveal God's promise for the world. 'I will bless you so that you can be a blessing to the world.'

That has been a thrust for the church to engage in mission works overseas. I am a product of the enthusiasm of the church carrying out God's mission to all corners of the world. However, during that process, we have misunderstood the definition of 'world.'

We confine the meaning of the world to 'overseas mission' or 'reaching out to under privileged communities.' However, by limiting the world to this definition, we limit the scope of mission.

God called us to live a missional life; wherever we go, whatever we do, we should be a blessing to others. Through our love, we pray that the light of Jesus will shine through us, and point them to see God's presence in their lives. So the definition of the 'world' has to be redefined.

The definition of the 'world' encompasses both the world outside and the world inside. Yes, we still need to reach out beyond our borders and to the places that are in need. However, we also need to see the world within.

We need to see that we need to be a blessing to our community. The question to ask is 'Am I becoming a blessing to the people around me?' and 'Is our church becoming a blessing to this community.' We can become a blessing through loving and serving others and we are doing it together for the kingdom.

This can happen in many ways. A Christian in the workplace carrying out his/her job in the kingdom perspective can be a blessing to the world. A person who volunteers for the community can be a blessing to the world. A person who serves in the choir can be a blessing to God's people coming to worship, which ultimately is a blessing to the world. A person who is aware of the need for others praying and reaching out can be a blessing to the world. A person sharing the Gospel with others can become a blessing to the other person's world.

So we are calling all God's people for a challenge. On Rally Weekend, we will start a '**Reach Out Challenge 2017**.' We want to see how our members can reach out to the world, our life, and community to become a blessing. We will ask you to log your service hours with a goal of dedicating 2017 hours of service, blessing the world. Your time serving our church, community or any relief efforts can be offered. We pray that we will be able to collect more than 2017 total hours by November 19th, Stewardship Sunday. It will be a sign that our responsibility, as stewards, is not limited to money, but goes beyond.

So are you up for this challenge?

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Rally Weekend Schedule

5:30 PM Friday 9/8

Kick off Party on the lawn


8:30 AM Sunday 9/10

1st Light Worship

9:40 AM Sunday 9/10 Mission

Fair & Fellowship with
light breakfast

11:00 AM Worship followed
by Potluck Luncheon



**God Invites us to be part
of God's Mission**

Mission Fair & Fellowship

Date: September 10th, 2017

Time: 9:40 am - 10:40 am

Where: Memorial Hall



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Invite a
Friend

Movie Night: Friday, Sept 15 7:00 PM

Mosaic Study Begins Wed, Sept 13

Sermon Series Sept 17 - Oct 1

In Response to Hurricane Harvey

United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) Cleaning Kits (Flood Buckets) will be collected from our local churches beginning Tuesday, September 5 at three locations in the Roanoke District. Find the location convenient to you and follow their specific instructions. Please adhere to UMCOR guidelines on contents and assembly found at: www.umcor.org.

ALL kits for this shipment must be delivered to one of these locations by 10 AM on Monday, September 18th.





Volunteers for September

	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Acolytes	Allison Coleman	Katherine Vaughan Julia Vaughan	Keira Realmuto Meredith McGimsey	Bryce Tackett Jake DiLauro
Altar Flowers	Jeanette Combs		Judy & Bill Gearing	
Children's Time	Jacquie King	Chris Landon	Becca McConchie	Steph Dickenson
Facility Security	Tommy Whitaker	Doug Moore	John Shockley	Steve Gross
Fellowship Time	Kathy Arritt	Rally Day	Sharon Alexie	Rachel Downing
Finance Office	Julie Wheeler	Steve Gross	Linda Wright	Rob Vaughan
Liturgists	Jacquie King	Janice Phillips	Larry Dickenson	Katherine Vaughan
Nursery	Julie Realmuto Charlotte Shockley Emily Shockley John Shockley	Kathy Arritt Julie Barrette Emma Silva	Sidney Handy Brian Handy Ronnie St. Clair Julia Vaughan	Meredith McGimsey Freeman Nester Jim Nicholas Martha Nicholas
Nursery Usher	Bonnie Clark	Michelle Adkins	Daphne Huffman	Bonnie Dickerson
Healthcare Worship	Allison Sadler	Shelby and Bonnie Dickerson	Allison Sadler Peighton Miller	
Tech Team 8:30	Rob Vaughan Woojin Jun Charlie Hubbard	Joe Downing	Rob Vaughan	
Tech Team 11	Andy Thornton Frank Walkiewicz Patrick Vaughan	Rob Vaughan Frank Walkiewicz	Frank Walkiewicz	Frank Walkiewicz
Transportation	Tommy Whitaker	John Pero		Carl Cress
Ushers	Nancy Carter Skip Carter John Richardson	Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Nester Freeman Andy Thornton Susan Witt	Greg Barrette Lisa Jones-Pence Larry Pence Stephen Smith	Steve Gross Lindsay Murray Carla Taylor Bill Taylor

*Do you want to volunteer for something but aren't sure how?
Just ask Terri (terriu@rcumc.org) and she will connect
you with the right people to show you the ropes!*



United Methodist Women

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Sunday Evening Fellowship

met in the church library on August 13, 2017, at 6:30 PM. Following the sharing of summer highlights, members discussed our group's fall plans. The two BIG events for SEF will our annual fall pecan sale and the Christmas Tea. We sincerely hope our church members will support our mission work by purchasing at least one bag of Georgia pecans for holiday baking. On Sunday, December 3, 2017, the Christmas Tea will be held. Author Beth Macy will be the speaker.

Louise Miller gave a synopsis of her class from the Conference School of Christian Mission held in Richmond the end of July. Within the United Methodist Church are three missionary conferences: Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, The Alaska United Methodist Conference, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Louise reported on their histories and the work being done to meet the unique needs of the people who reside within each of these conferences.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 17, 2017, at the home of Lisa Pence at 6 PM. The movie, "The Queen of Katwe", will be viewed to help us better understand the challenges of daily life in a slum in Africa where much of the mission work of United Methodist Women occurs.

United Methodist Women Calendar

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| Sept 15-16 | Young Women's Event
Camp Overlook Harrisonburg
District |
| Oct 1 | District UMW Annual Meeting
3:00 PM Blacksburg UMC |
| Oct 27-28 | Virginia Conference
UMW Annual Meeting
Trinity UMC, Richmond, VA |


Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, September 5 at 10:30AM at the home of Norma Sisson. The program will be from the UMW Program Book titled: Refreshing Ourselves For Mission. We will hear the stories of the women who accompanied Jesus and to follow their example by following Jesus for the renewing and restoring of our souls so we may engage in acts of justice and mercy. Refreshments by Nora and devotions by Becky Gee. For more information contact Bonnie Dickerson [540-774-1870](tel:540-774-1870) or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net

HOE-DOWN@HERMITAGE

Everyone is invited to Hermitage Roanoke on Saturday, Sept. 16 10a.m.-1pm, to enjoy live music, watch square dancers and enjoy a wonderful meal. THIS IS THE FALL MONEY RAISER FOR THIS YEAR by the Hermitage Community Guild! Buy your tickets for lunch from Louise Miller, our Hermitage Guild Representative! A lunch ticket is \$7.00 for EITHER Bar-B-Que OR Hot dog with all the trimmings (slaw and chili, onions, relish, etc), watermelon salad, baked beans and a drink. Children get a hot dog, chips and a drink for \$3.00. Dessert will be available for \$2.50—an apple turnover with vanilla ice cream!

The Hermitage Community Guild is raising funds to refurbish the fountain area in the rotunda so the residents can go outside and really still be in the building. We are so fortunate to have a United Methodist Senior retirement facility right here in Roanoke—so let's support it!!

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
		
<p>Thank God for all those who work daily to make this a great nation and pray that God will lead people without jobs to steady employment.</p>	<p>3 Ezekiel 16-17</p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>4 Ezekiel 18-20</p> <p>Labor Day - Office Closed 6:30 PM 1st Lt Worship Team 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry with Executive Council</p>
<p>Ask Jesus to help you be His hands and feet in this world that desperately needs His transformation.</p>	<p>10 Ezekiel 34-36 RALLY SUNDAY!</p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Mission Fair & Fellowship 11:00 AM Traditional Worship</p>	<p>11 Ezekiel 37-39</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that God will guide and protect all missionaries throughout the world as they spread the word of Christ.</p>	<p>17 Daniel 7-9</p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>18 Daniel 10-12</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that God will guide you to help those in need - the hungry, the homeless, the grieving, the sick, and those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus.</p>	<p>24 Obadiah-Jonah 4</p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Greet and Eat 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>25 Micah 1-7</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ezekiel 9-12 8:00 PM NA Meeting	2 Ezekiel 13-15
5 Ezekiel 21-22 10:30 AM Frances Allen Circle 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	6 Ezekiel 23-24 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	7 Ezekiel 25-27 12:00 PM NA Meeting	8 Ezekiel 28-30 5:30 PM Rally Weekend Kick-off Party! 8:00 PM NA Meeting	9 Ezekiel 31-33
12 Ezekiel 40-42 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	13 Ezekiel 43-45 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	14 Ezekiel 46-48 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Lt Worship Team	15 Daniel 1-3 8:00 PM NA Meeting 7:00 PM The Shack Movie Showing	16 Daniel 4-6 9:00 AM Craft Saturday-Card Making with Bonnie Clark
19 Hosea 1-7 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:30 PM Executive Council Meeting 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	20 Hosea 8-14 Columns Deadline 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	21 Joel 1-3 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Lt Worship Team	22 Amos 1-5 3:00 PM Private Event - Mem Hall 8:00 PM NA Meeting	23 Amos 6-9 9:00 AM Next Generation Vision Planning
26 Nahum 1-3 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	27 Habakkuk- Zephaniah 3 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Open Table 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	28 Haggai 1-2 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Lt Worship Team	29 Zechariah 1-7 8:00 PM NA Meeting	30 Zechariah 8- 14

MUSIC NOTES



Join a Choir or Instrumental Group

Exciting things are always happening in our church's music ministry and there are many opportunities for participating. All our groups are open to anyone who is interested. There are no auditions and you don't need to be a member of the church. Contact **Debra LeBrun** if you are interested in getting involved in our music ministry.

Email: debra@rcumc.org Phone: 344-6011, ext. 103

Chancel Choir – This group plays an important role as worship leaders each Sunday at our 11:00 worship service. We practice on Wednesdays at 7:45 – 9:15 and the group is open to adults and teens. We need new members and we welcome all, even those who have never sung in a choir before! Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, September 6**



Children's Choir – The Children's Choir is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We sing in church about once a month, perform in the Christmas Concert and do a Children's Musical in May. We learn about singing, reading music, and our faith. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00-6:30 as part of our MOSAIC program. Rehearsals will begin on **Sept. 13**. We also have a Cherub Choir that meets on Sunday mornings as part of the preschool Sunday school time.



JuBELLation – This is our adult handbell choir. This group plays about once a month in church, in the Christmas Concert, and for other special events. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays at 6:45 – 7:45. Rehearsals will begin on **September 6** We have openings for new members.

Ringers For The Lord – This handbell choir is for children in 3rd through 5th grade. We play in church about once a month and for the Christmas Concert. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00, as part of our MOSAIC program and will begin on **Sept. 13**. New members are always welcome.

BELLievers – This handbell choir is for youth in grades 6 through 12. We play in church about once a month and in the Christmas Concert. Rehearsals will begin on **Sept 17**. We will meet at 5:30 PM before Youth fellowship time.

Instrumental Ensembles - These groups play for church and special events periodically and rehearsals are scheduled as needed. They are intergenerational groups with musicians from middle school age through adult. We have a brass group and recorder ensemble and get together other instrumental groups as needed. Please let Debra know if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts.

First Light Worship Team - For our 8:30 AM worship service we are always looking for people interested in singing or playing an instrument with our worship team. Members of the Worship Team do not need to participate every week. Mark schedules the team on a week by week basis, based on team members' availability. If you are interested, please contact **Mark Moyer at markm@rcumc.org**.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Wednesdays beginning
Sept 13; 5:30 PM
Sundays beginning Sept
17 ;6:30 PM
**See Tim Seigh for
more information!**



Join us each Monday at 7PM
in the parlor as we gather
together specifically to pray.

Our Executive Council is
specifically encouraged to attend the
1st Monday of each month, by all are
welcome each week.

RALEIGH COURT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Table

A COMMUNITY MEAL OPEN TO ALL

6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer
Shawl
Knitting
Group will
meet
at 10 am
**September
14th and**

28th at the church. All are welcome to join
us as we knit and crochet.

Don't know how to knit?

We can teach you.

For more information or questions,
please contact

Carolyn Cotton at 772-4825 or
email her at cbcotton@cox.net.

Beginner's Yoga

All are welcome to attend the Beginner's Yoga
Class on Tuesday evenings at 5:45 in the Fellowship
Hall. Extra yoga mats and props are available. Ad-
vanced notice of attendance is not necessary.

The rate is \$10.00 per class or a class card may be
purchased for a discounted rate of \$36.00 for four
classes (to be used within two months).

Gift certificates are available.

For more information, call
Rebecca Talbot, Certified
Integral Yoga Instructor,
(540) 342-0545 or join the
Facebook Group,
Roanoke Hatha Yoga.





These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Special Sunday School Dates

- Sunday, September 3 Free Play Day—Come ready to play outside!
- Sunday, September 10 Back-to-Sunday-School Party

Family Fun This Fall

Rally Weekend Worship

- Friday, September 8 We'll have a time of prayer, worship and music on the front lawn! Dinner will be provided. 5:30 PM
- Sunday, September 10 Rally Day worship 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM with Mission Fair & Fellowship for Youth, pot-luck luncheon for all to follow.



Starting Wednesday, September 13

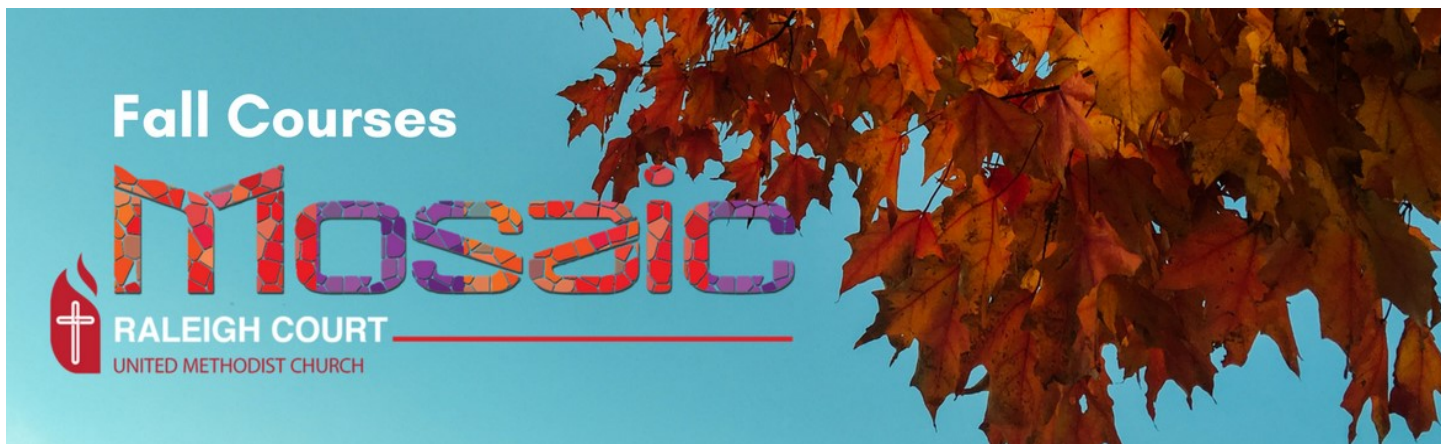
Join us for Mosaic EVERY Wednesday night at 5:30 pm. Children will have choir rehearsals. Youth will have a Bible lesson or an activity.

Dinner provided at 6:30 pm. There are several classes for adults to choose from!

Join us at Jeter Farm Sunday, October 1

Everyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon at the pumpkin patch! We'll carpool after church to Jeter Farm. Pack your lunch or buy it at the farm. Admission is \$8 per person. (Children 2 & under-free.) Rain Date: Sunday, October 15.





Mosaic begins Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30 PM. Dinner follows.
Join us as we begin a new season of Wednesdays together!



An 8-week discussion led by Pastor RJ on basic Christianity.



Learn from combination of Chris' training from Conscious Discipline; Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) and Active Parenting. She has 15 years experience training parents! 8 weeks.



Here's a new approach! Follow along and learn about the bible in a story format with Steph Dickenson.



John Shockley leads us through this deeper look into who God is and how He loves. 8 weeks.

Sign up on our website at rcumc.org, on the sheet in the gathering area or email the office at rcumc@rcumc.org.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



September Birthdays

*We renew our vows
to uphold Christ's
holy church by
our prayers,
our presence, our gifts, our
service and our witness.*

- 9-1 Ivan Moore
- 9-1 Jason Murray
- 9-1 Sarah Stephens
- 9-2 Craig Hoelzer
- 9-2 Lindsay Murray
- 9-7 Donna Williams
- 9-7 Bruce Wright
- 9-8 Hannah Gross
- 9-8 Charles Hubbard
- 9-8 Brittany McMann
- 9-9 Bonnie Dickerson
- 9-9 Jessica Welfare
- 9-10 Mark Realmuto
- 9-11 Woojin Jun
- 9-12 Jordyn Jones
- 9-14 Mary Lee Haldiman
- 9-14 Don Sartelle
- 9-15 Shane Foley
- 9-17 Thatcher Dickenson
- 9-20 Ron Johnson
- 9-21 Aidan Moorefield
- 9-21 John Pero
- 9-21 Susan Witt
- 9-23 Margaret Coles
- 9-26 Bryce Tackett
- 9-27 David Tanner
- 9-28 Mildred Bryson
- 9-29 Brittany Roberts



	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
8:30 AM Worship	28	51	45	47
11:00 AM Worship	134	134	151	140
Giving	\$7525	\$6121		