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Thanksgiving Day

RALEIGH COURT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Table

A COMMUNITY MEAL OPEN TO ALL

6:30 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Time to get in shape!

THANKSGIVING DAY

Drumstick Dash 5k 2017

DRUMSTICK DASH

Register online at
drumstickdash.net.
Enter Raleigh Court
UMC as your group.
Meet at the church at
8:00 AM to carpool, or
meet us downtown.
Runners, walkers,
strollers, and dogs are
welcome!



Becoming Free

We will celebrate our Stewardship Sunday on November 19th. I hope you noticed that we are making some changes. We will still have a Stewardship Sunday Potluck, after the 11:00 am service, as a fellowship and collect pledge cards. However, we are turning away from the campaign mode, in our effort to 'meet the budget.'

It is true that we are in need to 'meet the budget.' As much as we are a living organism, we are also an organization. For an organization to 'function,' there is cost we need to meet for us to continue God's mission. Therefore, it was a common churches to present 'the budget for the next year and plea to the

practice of our congregation to commit and join the work of the church.' And this strategy worked in various ways.

As you might remember, I come from a culture where the church did not have Stewardship Sundays. We did, however, have individual campaigns, when the church needed to execute a specific project, but it will not occur unless the goal meets the minimum \$500,000 requirement. We talk, however, about our Christian mandate of to tithe.

Tithing is giving 10% of your income, to God FRIST. It is a proclamation saying, 'All I earn comes from God, and by offering 10% to God first, we announce that it is yours.' It's not because God needs our money, but strictly because God needs our heart. And I can concur with Dave Ramsey who says, "Tithing was created for our benefit." When we tithe, we become free from money. Tithing is a visual outcome of our commitment to our Lord. And when we see all the people of God announcing their devotion to God and God's mission compiled, we will be able to see how God works through everyone's commitments.

Therefore, I challenge you to be part of this journey of being free from money. For a person who hasn't tithed before, it will be a process. You will have to make baby steps. What if you increase your giving, 1% a year, in ten years you will be able to tithe. If you increase your annual giving to the average rate of growth, which might be 2-2.5% a year, you can shorten that process to 4-5 years. However, I like overachievers, who might start this year and see how God changes their life in a year.

I can share the joy of being a tither all my life, and I want to invite you to experience the joy that you can have. If you have more questions about tithing, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, we have a fabulous way to assist you in this process, as we are planning to offer 'Financial Peace University' this coming January. So let us know if you are interested!

'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.'

We would like to see how the collected commitment of our congregation can be used bring life into this world. I pray that we will have 'Big Dreams' of what God will do in this world, as we offer our hearts to God. As we come together, let us see how God uses our community of faith to transform the world.

RJ



20, 30, 40s Brunch

November 5th, 2017
9:40 AM - 10:40 AM
Fellowship Hall

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP, AS WE LAUNCH THE
VISION TO GROW YOUNG!



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RECIPES NEEDED!

We need your **best** recipes for
our new church cookbook by

NOVEMBER 5.

Please email your family favorites to Emily Nester at
emily@rcumc.org. Recipe
books will be printed and available for purchase before Christmas.



EXAM CRAM ALL THE STUDY AID THEY'LL NEED



College care packages will be sent
out the first week of December.

Please Contact Timothy Seigh if you
are interested in helping.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN

First Friday Friends!



Friday, November 3

11:00 AM

Destination:

Inn at Virginia Tech
Dutch treat luncheon

Meet at RCUMC.

We will go together!

RSVP to Steve Jamison

989-3502 or 330-0651

Sunday, Nov 5 12:30-2:30 pm

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

How to make the
holidays more enjoyable
when facing them
without a loved one.

GRIEF SHARE

Limited Enrollment, Call 540-774-3378



Volunteers for November

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Acolytes	Emily Shockley Bryce Tackett	Keira Realmuto Meredith McGimsey	Julia Vaughan Katherine Vaughan	Kelly Silva Emma Silva
Altar Flowers	Brian Handy	<i>spot available</i>	<i>spot available</i>	Cindy Hayth
Children's Time	Michelle Horne	Freeman Nester	Jacquie King	Sarah Pero
Facility Security	Tommy Whitaker	Doug Moore	John Shockley	Steve Gross
Fellowship Time	<i>spot available</i>	Linda Johnson	<i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	Kathi Hufnagel
Finance Office	Mark Seiler	Linda Wright	Julie Wheeler	Steve Gross
Liturgists	Judy Dickerson	Ellen McGimsey	Sandra Addison	Louise Miller
Nursery	Darlene Bongrazio Blake Bongrazio Brittney Roberts Katherine Vaughan	Allison Coleman Landon and Whitney Smith Ronnie St. Clair	Julie Realmuto Jim and Martha Nicholas Emma Silva	Whitney Miller John, Charlotte, and Emily Shockley
Healthcare Worship	Bonnie Clark Allison Coleman	Shelby and Bonnie Dickerson	Susan Loveman	Allison Sadler Meredith McG.
Tech Team 8:30	Charlie Hubbard Katherine Vaughan Rob Vaughan	Woojin Jun Patrick Vaughan Rob Vaughan	Joe Downing Charlie Hubbard Ben Realmuto	Steven McConchie Ben Realmuto Patrick Vaughan
Tech Team 11	Joe Downing Steven McConchie Andy Thornton	Jason Murray John Pero Frank Walkiewicz	Jason Murray John Pero Frank Walkiewicz	John Pero Katherine Vaughan Frank Walkiewicz
Transportation	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress
Ushers	Skip Carter Nancy Carter Carl Cress John Richardson Jeanne Whitaker Tommy Whitaker	Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Doug Moore Freeman Nester Andy Thornton Susan Witt	Greg Barrette Steve Gross Lisa Pence Larry Pence John Shockley Patsy Wingfield	Steve Gross Vivianne Harris Jason Murray Lindsay Murray Bill Taylor Carla 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

The Sunday Evening Fellowship

The SEF met on Sunday, October 15 in the church library for a program on climate justice, a priority issue for United Methodist Women. Fall plans were discussed:

- District Prayer Breakfast at Northview UMC on November 4
- Pecan Sale, our annual fundraiser to support mission giving
- Hermitage Birthday Party, hosting on Wednesday, December 13
- Christmas Tea, Sunday, December 3 in the Fellowship Hall. Beth Macy, best-selling author, will be speaking. ALL church members are invited to this event.

The November meeting will be at 6:30 PM in the church library on Sunday, November 12. The program will center around our Annual Thank Offering which is given once a year in gratefulness for all our many blessings; the offering supports United Methodist Women's mission work across the globe.

We welcome all women to join us. Contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358.

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet at the church Tuesday, November 7th at 10:30AM-12noon. Gladys Munsey will be presenting our Pledge for Mission Program and she will be the hostess. We are continuing to work on our fleece scarves/blankets for the Turning Point. We are also collecting new stamped Christmas Cards for Roanoke's Prison Ministry and welcome your donation of cards to this ministry. We will be taking these cards to the prison ministry office after Thanksgiving. All women are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bonnie Dickerson [540-774-1870](tel:540-774-1870) or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

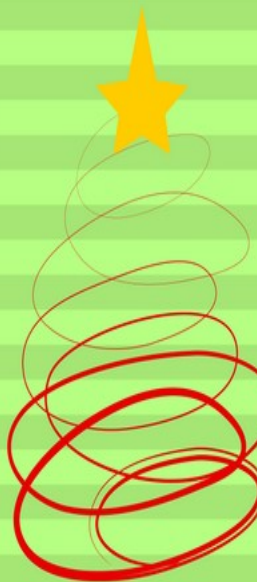
November 4 District UMW Prayer Breakfast
8:30 am, Northview UMC

December 3 UMW Tea
3:00 pm at RCUMC
All women of the church are welcome.
Beth Macy will be the speaker.



Feeling Crafty? Join Bonnie Clark for Craft Saturday!

Saturday, Nov 4
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
What are we making?
Cards for Christmas!
Process: Stamping, Coloring,
Creating!
Cost \$5 for supplies



Caring & Coloring

Creating colorful
expressions of
faith, love
and joy to share!

Sundays at 4:30 PM
in library.
Let's color
with a purpose!



Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
<p>Praise God for the many blessings He gives you each and every day.</p>	<div data-bbox="586 205 1479 384"> <h1>November</h1> </div> <div data-bbox="670 405 1393 569"> </div>	
<p>Begin each new day with a thankful heart, praising God for all of His blessings.</p>	<p>5 John 3-4 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Conn. Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays 12:30 PM Executive Council Meeting 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>6 John 5-6 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Charge Conference 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that Jesus will show you each day how to love others like He does.</p>	<p>12 John 19-21 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>13 Acts 1-3 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that God will comfort those who will be separated from loved ones on Thanksgiving Day.</p>	<p>19 Acts 16-17 Stewardship Sunday! 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>20 Acts 18-20 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that God will lead you to a life that loves Him with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength.</p>	<p>26 Romans 8-10 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Conn. Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 9:40 AM Eat and Greet 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>27 Romans 11-13 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Luke 19-20 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	2 Luke 21-22 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	3 Luke 23-24 7:00 PM Hymn Festival at Greene Memorial UMC 8:00 PM NA Meeting	4 John 1-2 8:30 AM UMW District Prayer Breakfast 1:00 PM Craft Saturday 7:00 PM Family Night: Hockey Game
7 John 7-8 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 10:30 AM Frances Allen Circle 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	8 John 9-10 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	9 John 11-12 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	10 John 13-15 8:00 PM NA Meeting	11 John 16-18
14 Acts 4-6 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	15 Acts 7-8 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	16 Acts 9-10 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	17 Acts 11-13 8:00 PM NA Meeting	18 Acts 14-15 11:00 AM Grandin Road Holiday Parade and Brunswick Stew Sale
21 Acts 21-23 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	22 Acts 24-26 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 6:45 PM JuBELLation	23 Acts 27-28 9:00 AM Drumstick Dash 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Community Meal	24 Romans 1-3 8:00 PM NA Meeting	25 Romans 4-7
28 Romans 14-16 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	29 1 Corinthians 1-4 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	30 1 Corinthians 5-8 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team		

MUSIC NOTES



Grandin Village Holiday Parade Saturday, November 18th – Our brass group will be playing Christmas Carols in the parade while riding on golf carts!

Music in November at the 11:00 Worship Service

November 5 - Chancel Choir, JuBELLation, ALL SAINTS DAY

November 12 - Chancel Choir, BELLievers

November 19 - Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Cherub Choir, Ringers for the Lord

THANKSGIVING/STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 26 - Chancel Choir

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Mark the Christmas Concert on your calendar now! It will be on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 PM. The Concert will feature all of our church's musical groups and is sure to fill you with the spirit of Christmas!



Greene Memorial UMC
Friday, November 3rd 7PM

Jason D. Payne, guest organist,
The Roanoke Chamber Brass, and a
Festival Choir

"Seasons" A celebration of hymns & anthems representing each season of the church year led by the combined choirs of United Methodist Churches throughout the Roanoke District and Surrounding Areas.

Members of our RCUMC choir will be participating.



Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 6:30 PM

Celebrate the first Sunday in Advent by helping to decorate our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. All ages are welcome. We will meet in the sanctuary and decorate our Chrismons tree, hang wreaths and garlands, and celebrate the coming of Advent as a church family with a short worship service of dedication of the greens. Our brass group will provide festive music.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Sunday Night Fellowship

6:30-7:30 PM
6th-12th Grade
Fellowship Hall

This time is used to fellowship and come together as a team to accomplish goals established by the members in attendance. A meal is provided, by the parents, during the meeting time on the 1st Sunday of every month. **See Tim Seigh for more information!**



Pray With Us

For Healing:

Betty Blades
Sherry Benica
Jill Bridges
Sam Campbell
Bill Cox
Lois Cox
Evan DiLauro
Lucinda Doherty
Jeff Gogel
Helen Gurley

Robin Haldiman
Mary Lee Haldiman
Sallie Hall
Jane Hill
Pat Horne
Marcia Larson
Janice Longorth
Brenda McDonough
Susie McMann
Jamie Parsons
Greg Perdue
Charlotte Reynolds
Jim Reynolds
Monty Sanders
Mary Claire Suggs
Bradley Tingler
Eloise Twist
David Urquhart
Elsie White
Betty Wolfe

Caleb
Michael
Tristan

Mary—Strength, Healing
All affected by recent hurricanes

And Also For:

Our visitors and newcomers
Mary Jane Jones—strength and hope
Keith—safety during deployment overseas
Suzanne Meredith—Healing, Strength
Debbie Norris
John Peake
Frances Trent—Comfort, Healing
James D. Vaughan, Jr.—Recovery
Sonia Willard

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

All are welcome each week.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet at 10 am **November 9** 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. Advanced 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.

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. — Deuteronomy 6:6-9

FAMILY NIGHT

Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey!



STAR WARS NIGHT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7:05 PM VS EVANSVILLE
BERGLUND CENTER

Sign up in the Gathering Area or RSVP to Tim or Emily to get a group rate of \$5/ticket.

All members are welcome

Grandin Road Holiday Parade

Saturday, November 18
11:00 AM

Watch the parade, pick up your Brunswick Stew, grab some baked goods, and share some fellowship with your church family! Bring a lawn chair and sit with us in front of the church.

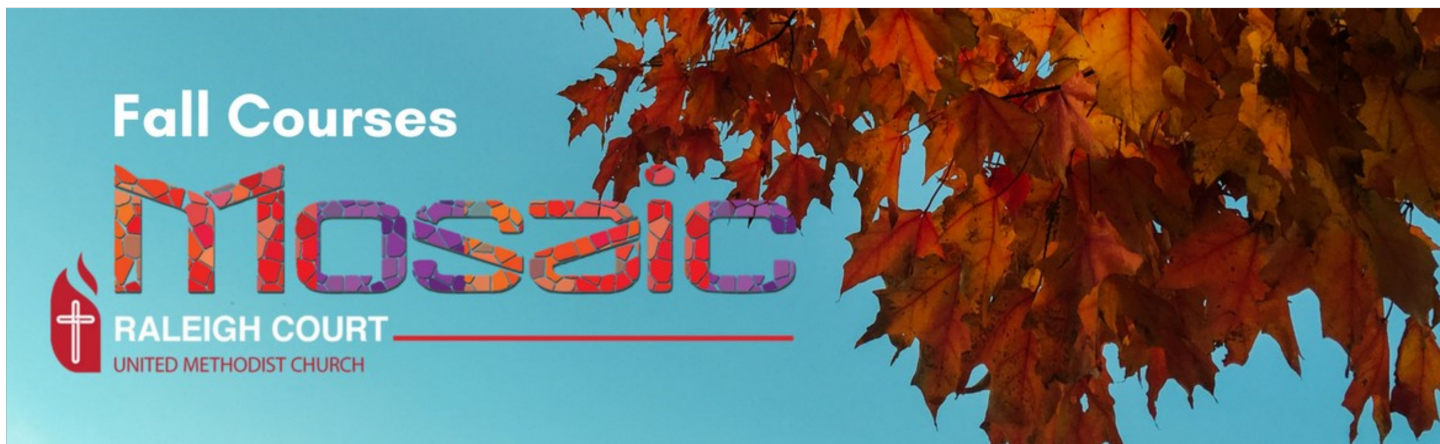


Adopt a Foot

We are half way to our goal of raising \$25,000 for the new playground. How can you help?

Adopt a foot! For \$10, you can sponsor one square foot of the playground. Please be sure to mark your donation with "Playground Square Foot."





Mosaic is Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. Dinner follows.

Join us as we begin a new season of Wednesdays together!

For Adults:

**WHEN THE GAME IS OVER
IT ALL GOES
BACK IN THE
BOX**
JOHN ORTBERG

In the game of life even the brightest prizes are temporary. John Ortberg helps us focus our hearts and lives on trophies that are truly worth winning because they last forever.

Beginning Wednesday, November 8 at 5:30 PM during our Mosaic time.
John Shockley leads this series.
Enjoy dinner with us after the gathering. 5 sessions.

"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them..."
— John 17:18

SENT
DELIVERING
THE GIFT OF HOPE
AT CHRISTMAS
JORGE ACEVEDO
with Jacob Armstrong, Rachel Phillips, Justin LaRosa & Loretta Rouse

Join us for a closer look
at our advent series:

**SENT
DELIVERING THE GIFT
OF HOPE AT CHRISTMAS**

led by Larry Dickenson
Beginning Wednesday,
November 8 5:30 PM

ADAM HAMILTON
Author of 17 Years, 200 Days, 100,000 Miles, 100,000 Miles, 100,000 Miles

THE CALL
THE LIFE AND MESSAGE OF
THE APOSTLE PAUL

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion. In this five-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

Join Rev. Gary Conover for this small group gathering beginning Wednesday, November 8 at 5:30 PM during our Mosaic time. Plan to stay for dinner each week as well.

THE STORY
THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY
OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30
Led by Stephanie Dickenson

For Youth:

Ages: 6th-12th Grade Lesson: Means of Grace

Meetings are held in the Jr. High Sunday school class room, 3rd floor

For Children:

Children in Kindergarten - 5th Grade have Music Time which includes a variety of choir and instrumental rehearsals. 2nd Floor Music Wing

Childcare is available for all other children in the 2nd floor Nursery Area.



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

November Birthdays

11/2	Lisa Pence	11/18	Gordon Thornton
11/4	Nancy Carter	11/21	Carolyn Cotton
11/4	Sharon Hayden	11/21	Kelly Gross
11/7	Becca McConchie	11/21	Lisa Silva
11/8	Curtis Shank	11/22	Cindy Hayth
11/9	Ray Hornig	11/24	Betty McGee
11/10	Sharon Hubbell	11/29	Norma Snidow
11/10	Vicke Marshall		
11/10	Ginny Mullen		
11/10	Jody Smith		
11/12	John DiLauro		
11/17	Steven LeBrun		
11/18	Laura Bacigalupo		
11/18	Ruth Spradlin		

	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
8:30 AM Worship	34	33	36	42	51
11:00 AM Worship	130	156	115	179	112
TOTAL	164	189	151	221	163
Giving	\$4,676	\$8,070	\$4,589	\$8,735	\$4,538

*Happy
Birthday!*