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Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show October 22nd 5:30 pm

The money raised will support the Playground Project



Please contact Emily Nester if you are interested in participating in the talent show

KNOW YOUR
LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, FOR THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD
NEIGHBOR

Sunday, Oct 8 or 15

This is a chance to meet others who worship with us and live near you. Watch for your invitation in the mail! Didn't get one? Please contact Terri at terriu@rcumc.org.



Biblical Stewardship

I listen to 91.3 Spirit FM while I drive in the Roanoke area. When I turned on the radio, they were going through their annual fundraising drive. As I am amazed to see them start so early, I also caution that people in our church will see our Stewardship Sunday in the same way.

When we think about 'stewardship,' many consider it a responsibility as members to contribute to funding that will help the church to operate. I do agree with the principle of us being responsible for the community of believers. However, I am certain that Biblical Stewardship goes beyond this.

Biblical Stewardship is our commitment to be faithful to our call as a follower. God called us to 'Love God and to Love others.' Through our commitment, we are renewing our call to love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength' (Mark 12:30-31).

1. Heart: Our commitment to living under the Biblical teaching of tithing is our commitment to be free of materialism. Jesus said we cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24). Tithing is the best antidote to be financially free.
2. Soul: Our commitment of our time with God, through worship and prayer is an essential part of our stewardship. Without a relationship with our Lord, all we seem to carry becomes a heavy burden. However, we remember that Jesus promises that his yoke is not heavy. (Matthew 11:30).
3. Mind: Stewardship means to fix our eyes onto our Lord, as we carry out the call. We are offering our lives, as a living sacrifice. We are not to be conformed to the world, but rather see how God renews our mind (Romans 12:1-2).
4. Strength: Our time to serve others and serve God's Kingdom is the final part of Biblical Stewardship. Not only is it a reflection of our love of others (Mark 12:31), but also it is a visual representation of us being faithful to the call to bless others (Genesis 12:3).

So, do not see Stewardship Sunday, on November 19th, 2017, as an attempt for our church to raise funds for the next year. It should be our renewed commitment, being offered as a thanksgiving to our Lord, to continue our journey as called people in this world. Reach Out Challenge 2017 is one expression. Our financial commitment to our Lord is another part of it. But most importantly offering our heart is the most important stewardship God asks from us.

RJ





Our Church uses a membership database called Breeze. Now, we will transition to using this database as our online directory. We could use updated pictures for most of you. Please send a picture of you and/or your family to the church office. We will print out new directories soon for those who prefer hard copies.

To look up a church member's information click on the Directory link at www.rcumc.org. We also have a church app for your phone which has a link to the directory. The username and password are below.

User name: directory

Password: 1706rcumc

RECIPES NEEDED!

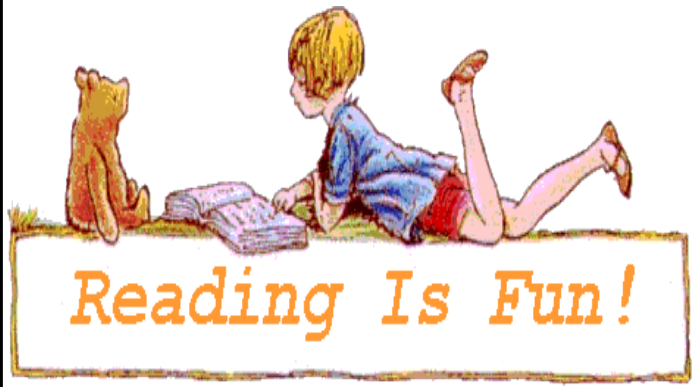


We need your **best** recipes for our new church cookbook. Please email your family favorites to Emily Nester at emily@rcumc.org. Recipe books will be

printed and available for purchase before Christmas.

Children's Library

Don't forget to check out a book from the Children's Library when you come to Sunday School. There are lots of fun choices and it's so convenient. It's a great time of year to settle down with a good book as a family.



Kroger Community Rewards Program

Every year, you must **re-enroll** your Kroger card with the name of our church for us to receive benefits. All you have to do is check your online Kroger account at www.kroger.com/communityrewards and **click on Re-enroll** to enroll your Kroger Plus card and **link it to the church's account (#83711)**. You can also re-enroll by calling 866-221-4141.

Never enrolled before? Follow the same steps above to enroll for the first time. Each time you shop, the church will automatically earn rewards based on your purchases (fuel, alcohol and tobacco are excluded). Our church has been receiving **more than \$700 per quarter**. Let's try to get over \$1,000! It's so simple and only takes a few minutes!





Volunteers for October

	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Acolytes	Kelly Silva Emma Silva	Katherine Vaughn Julia Vaughan	Meredith McGimsey Emily Shockley	Reid Donihe Luke Barrette	Evan Gross Bryce Tackett
Altar Flowers	Carl Cress	Heather Batty	Daphne Huffman	Sue McCoy	Steve Jamison
Children's Time	George Dickenson	John Pero	Emily Nester	Kathy Arritt	Martha Nicholas
Facility Security	Mark Seiler	Greg Huffman		Ken Arritt	
Fellowship Time	Georgia Seiler				
Finance Office	Mark Seiler	Julie Wheeler	Steve Gross	Linda Wright	Rob Vaughan
Liturgists	Rich McGimsey	Jay Inge	Sandra Addison	Sue McCoy	Judy Dickerson
Nursery	Matt Horne Ellen McGimsey Meredith McG. Janice Phillips	Allison Coleman Joanna Coleman Becky Gee	Sidney Handy Brian Handy Angela Vaughan Julie Vaughan	Bonnie Clark Katie Coleman Julie Realmuto Keira Realmuto Vickie Marshall	Sharon Hayden Zac Hayden Patsy Wingfield Keira Realmuto
Healthcare Worship	Shelby & Bonnie Dickerson		Allison Coleman	Susan Loveman	
Tech Team 8:30	Joe Downing Charlie Hubbard Woojin Jun	Joe Downing Katherine & Rob Vaughan	Christine & Charlie Hubbard Rob Vaughan	Christine & Charlie Hubbard Katherine Vaughan	Katherine, Patrick & Rob Vaughan
Tech Team 11	Steven McC John Pero Frank W	Jason Murray Patrick Vaughan Frank Walkiewicz	Woojin Jun Andy Thornton Frank Walkiewicz	Joe Downing John Pero Frank W	Joe Downing Jason Murray Frank W
Transportation	n/a	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress
Ushers	Anthony B Tim McConchie Mark Seiler Brad Stephens Sarah Stephens Patsy Wingfield	Jake & John DiL Daphne & Greg Huffman Trace King Steven Smith David Tanner	Kathy & Ken Arritt Bonnie Dickerson Shelby Dickerson Jay Inge Sherrie & Dennie Denison	Vivianne Harris Roy Miller Shelby & Bonnie Dickerson Julie Wheeler Mitch Wheeler	Rick Bowyer Teresa Bowyer David Davis

*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

We will meet on Sunday evening, October 8 at 6:30 PM in the church library. The program for the meeting will be Climate Justice. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012 states: "All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use it and abuse it." As part of our social justice education it is vital for United Methodist Women to affirm care for our world and understand how our abuse devalues the earth and its people. Members will also discuss our annual pecan sale, the Christmas Tea and the December Birthday Celebration at the Hermitage. We welcome new women! Please contact Janice Phillips (725-1358) for information.

Reading Program



Beth Macy

The 2018 books should be available for check-out in early November. In the meantime, we can always read some of the past year's books as well as catch-up on reading magazines. The books will not be reviewed at the Christmas Tea this year. Beth Macy will be our speaker. However, a book talk on the new books can be arranged for your group meeting if desired.

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, October 3rd at 10:30AM-12noon. Hostess are Becky Gee and Betty McGee. Jeanette Combs will present the program on World Thank from the UMW Program book. We will also be working on our mission project for the Turning Point. All women are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bonnie Dickerson [540-774-1870](tel:540-774-1870) or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net

UNITED METHODIST MEN

LIVING OUR FAITH



Dinner program featuring Al Soltis and Greg Otey
Tues, Oct 24, 2017
6:00 PM Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Men


Our Men's theme for the year is "Living Our Faith". What do we do and how do we live our lives that leads others to Christ? Greg Otey and Al Soltis have compelling testimonies that demonstrate living their faith. Please join the men Tuesday October 24th in Fellowship Hall at 6pm for a time to get to know each other a little better, have dinner and hear an inspiring message from Greg and Al.

UPCOMING EVENTS

United Methodist Women Calendar

- Oct 1 District UMW Annual Meeting
3:00 PM, Blacksburg UMC
- Oct 27-28 Virginia Conference
UMW Annual Meeting
Trinity UMC, Richmond, VA
- November 4 District UMW Prayer Breakfast
8:30 am, Northview UMC

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
Praise God for this beautiful earth He created for us and for the different seasons we all enjoy.	1 Malachi 1-4 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM Pumpkin Patch 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship Family Promise Week	2 Matthew 1-4 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry Family Promise Week
Pray that as you spend time talking to God, you will learn to love Him more and more.	8 Matthew 15-17 Mission Moment: Congregations in Action 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Conn. Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM Know Your Neighbors Dinners 5:30 PM BELLievers Family Promise Week Ends	9 Matthew 18-19 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry
Pray that God will guide, protect, and lead each of our church staff members every day as they serve Him at RCUMC.	15 Mark 1-3 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 UMW Sunday Evening Fellowship 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	16 Mark 4-5 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry
Ask God to forgive you for any sins that have kept you from having a deeper relationship with Him.	22 Mark 15-16 Scouts Popcorn Sale 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship & Baptism 12:15 PM Mission Meeting 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship	23 Luke 1 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry
Praise God for the many blessings He gives you each and every day.	29 Luke 12-13 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Conn. 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	30 Luke 14-16 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Matthew 5-6 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00 AM Nominations Committee Meeting 10:30 AM Frances Allen Circle 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting Family Promise Week	4 Matthew 7-8 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir Family Promise Week	5 Matthew 9-10 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team Family Promise Week	6 Matthew 11-12 8:00 PM NA Meeting Family Promise Week	7 Matthew 13-14 8:00 AM UMM Renovation Alliance 8:00 AM District Lay Servant Training 8:00 AM District Safe Sanctuaries Training 11:00 AM Big Lick Train Tug Family Promise Week
10 Matthew 20-21 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00 AM Nominations Committee Meeting 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	11 Matthew 22-23 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	12 Matthew 24-25 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	13 Matthew 26 8:00 PM NA Meeting	14 Mathew 27-28
17 Mark 6-7 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:00 AM Nominations Committee Meeting 5:30 PM SPRC meeting 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	18 Mark 8-9 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	19 Mark 10-11 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	20 Mark 12-13 8:00 PM NA Meeting	21 Mark 14
24 Luke 2-3 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 6:00 PM UMM Dinner Program 8:00 PM NA Meeting	25 Luke 4-5 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:30 PM Open Table 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	26 Luke 6-7 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM NA Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	27 Luke 8-9 8:00 PM NA Meeting VA Conference UMW Annual Meeting—Richmond, VA	28 Luke 10-11
31 Luke 17-18 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting				

MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC IN WORSHIP



October 1 - Chancel Choir
October 8 - Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Ringers for the Lord
October 15 - Chancel Choir, JuBELLation, Cherub Choir
October 22 - Chancel Choir and BELLievers
October 29 - No Choir

The Story Behind the Song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

This story is from the book *Why God, Why?* by Dr. Peramangalam Job. Dr. Job (1945-2012) was an internationally known evangelist. He has been called the "Billy Graham of India," preaching in 129 countries, sometimes to crowds of 500,000 people. He also became a global voice for persecuted Christians in Muslim and Communist nations. The story below speaks of faithfulness in the face of severe persecution, persecution which Dr. Job himself faced. Hindu militants in India failed in an attempt on Job's life in 1999, but in June of that year they killed his 21-year old son, Michael, by running him down with a car near the medical school where he was studying to become a doctor. Job died of a heart attack in August of 2012 while on a preaching mission in Hungary.

About 150 years ago, there was a great revival in Wales, England. As a result of this, many missionaries came from England to northeast India to spread the Gospel. The region was known as Assam and comprised hundreds of tribes. The tribal communities were quite primitive and aggressive. The tribesmen were also called head-hunters because of a social custom which required the male members of the community to collect as many heads as possible. A man's strength and ability to protect his wife was assessed by the number of heads he had collected. Therefore, a youth of marriageable age would try and collect as many heads as possible and hang them on the walls of his house. The more heads a man had, the more eligible he was considered. Into this hostile and aggressive community, came a group of Welsh missionaries spreading the message of love, peace, and hope of Jesus Christ. Naturally, they were not welcomed. One Welsh missionary finally succeeded in converting a man, his wife, and two children. This man's faith proved contagious and many villagers began to accept Christianity. Angry, the village chief summoned all the villagers. He then called the family who had first converted to renounce their faith in public or face execution. Moved by the Holy Spirit, the man sang his reply, "I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back." Enraged at the refusal of the man, the chief ordered his archers to arrow down the two children. As both boys lay twitching on the floor, the chief asked, "Will you deny your faith? You have lost both your children. You will lose your wife too." But the man replied, again singing, "Though none go with me, still I will follow. No turning back." The chief was beside himself with fury and ordered the man's wife to be arrowed down. In a moment she joined her two children in death. Now the chief asked for the last time, "I will give you one more opportunity to deny your faith and live." In the face of death the man sang, "The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back. No turning back." He was shot dead like the rest of his family.

But with their deaths, a miracle took place. The chief who had ordered the killings was moved by the faith of the man. He wondered, "Why should this man, his wife and two children die for a Man who lived in a far-away land on another continent some 2,000 years ago? There must be some supernatural power behind the family, and I too want that supernatural power." In a spontaneous confession of faith, he declared, "I too belong to Jesus Christ!" When the crowd heard this from the mouth of their chief, the whole village accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

**I have decided to follow Jesus (3x)
No turning back, no turning back
Though none go with me, still I will follow (3x)
No turning back, no turning back
The world behind me, the cross before me (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.**

The Chancel Choir will sing this song on October 8th at the 11:00 worship service. I hope that you are able to worship with us that morning as we share this powerful song of faith!

Debra LeBrun

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!**



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

All are welcome each week.

RALEIGH COURT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Table

A COMMUNITY MEAL OPEN TO ALL

6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet at 10 am **October 12th & 26th**

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](tel:5403420545) 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 Fun This Fall

**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 \$10 per person. (Children 2 & under-free.) Rain Date: Sunday, October 15.



FAMILY NIGHT
Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs Hockey!



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

All members are welcome

Playground Update

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

1. 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."
2. We need your best recipes for our new church cookbook. Please email your family favorites to Emily Nester at emily@rcumc.org. Recipe books will be printed and available for purchase before Christmas.
3. Share your talent! We'll have a Talent Show and Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, October 22 at 5:30 pm.





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

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

For Adults:



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



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.



Learn from combination of Chris Landon's training from Conscious Discipline; Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) and Active Parenting. 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.

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.*

October Birthdays

- 10-1 Clara Downing
- 10-1 Mason Wheeler
- 10-2 Izzy Crawford
- 10-3 Robert Reid
- 10-4 Judy Dickerson
- 10-4 Will Urquhart
- 10-6 Tim McConchie
- 10-6 Martha Nicholas
- 10-7 Bailey Marshall
- 10-7 Bob Mullen Jr
- 10-8 Judy Gearing
- 10-9 Julia Batty
- 10-9 Sharyn Conover
- 10-9 Emma Silva
- 10-10 Liam Roberts
- 10-15 Beth Magee
- 10-16 Ruth Hodges-Hornig
- 10-19 Monty Sanders
- 10-20 Brenda Jamison
- 10-20 Patricia Johnson
- 10-21 Joanna Coleman
- 10-21 Melinda Yeatts
- 10-25 Kelly Silva
- 10-27 Ellen McGimsey
- 10-27 Benjamin Realmuto
- 10-27 Beverly Stanfill
- 10-28 Trace King
- 10-29 Rebecca Talbot
- 10-30 Harriette Mullins
- 10-31 Angela Crawford



	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
8:30 AM Worship	49	48	34	40
11:00 AM Worship	118	182	164	147
TOTAL	167	230	198	187
Giving	\$8204	\$7127	\$3518	\$6123