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Christmas at RCUMC

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 3
6:30 PM

Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 10
6:00 PM

Annual Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 17
4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24
11:00 AM "All Are Welcome Pageant"
8:00 PM Candlelight Communion



HANGING OF THE GREENS

**Dec. 3rd
6:30 PM
Decorate, Sing
Carols, Worship
and Welcome
Advent**



Rev. Seungsoo Jun

Gathering Around the Table

I shared how I believe that 70% of Jesus' ministry revolved around the table. Of course, the 70% is not an accurate number, but he sure spent most of his time eating and engaging with the people. People regularly invited Jesus to these meals, and sometimes, he even initiated a banquet, once by saying, "Zacchaeus, hurry down, for I must stay at your house today" (Luke 19:5). The table was

a sacred area where people not only shared their meal with one another but also shared their life. We also see how Jesus revealed himself to the disciples, on the road to Emmaus, during their meal.

When I first came to Raleigh Court United Methodist Church, I shared the culture shock of not having a meal after Sunday worship. I mentioned how I come from a church culture where we served lunch after every Sunday worship. I still am open to anyone who would like to share a Sunday meal with my family and me. We can go to Wendy's or Moe's Southwest Grill, where we can take advantage of the children eating free on Sundays.

The reason why I am sharing my thoughts about meals is because of the numbers of meals we are hosting at our church. In 2015, we had around four meals together throughout the year: Rally Day, Stewardship Sunday, Souper Bowl Sunday, and one other Sunday. Now we have approximately 45 meals year round. This includes our Mosaic and Open Table meals, and the Sundays we serve meals. These are only counting the meals we serve at church. If we add gatherings outside the church, like Know Your Neighbors, the rate skyrockets.

I wanted to thank everyone, who is behind the scenes making this all possible; people who prepare the meal, help clean up, and also the ones who organize these gatherings. Through your dedication, we see how God is working in our family of faith and making a transformation. I would also like to encourage our members to be a community of faith that invites others to the table, so that we can share our lives together. Remember what Jesus said, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). Through our gatherings, we will see Jesus among us.

RJ

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.

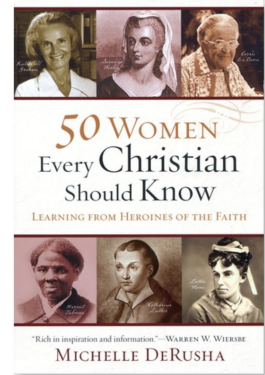


Never enrolled before? Follow the same steps above to enroll for the first time. Each time you shop, the church will automatically earn rewards based on your purchases (fuel, alcohol and tobacco are excluded). Our church has been receiving **more than \$700 per quarter**. Let's try to get over \$1,000!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

Famous People

If you like to read biographies, be sure to check out that section in our church library. It's along the wall next to the finance office. There are biblical figures as well as books about other famous people.

On the UMW shelf, one of the new titles in the 2018 reading program is **50 Women Every Christian Should Know**. You'll find women you know such as Fanny Crosby, Susanna Wesley, Corrie Ten Boom along with some important but less familiar women like Julian of Norwich. Be sure to check out any titles you take in the notebook on the desk.



Pray With Us

For Healing:
 Helen Alba
 Betty Blades
 Sherry Benica
 Jill Bridges
 Sam Campbell
 Bill Cox
 Lois Cox
 Evan DiLauro
 Jeff Gogel
 Helen Gurley
 Mary Lee Haldiman
 Sallie Hall
 Pat Horne
 Ray Hornig
 Marcia Larson
 Janice Longorth

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

All are welcome each week.

Susie McMann
 Jamie Parsons
 Greg Perdue
 Chris Pratt
 Charlotte Reynolds
 Jim Reynolds
 Georgia Seiler
 Mary Claire Suggs
 Bradley Tingler
 Eloise Twist
 Rob Vaughan
 Elsie White
 Betty Wolfe

ployment overseas
 Suzanne Meredith—
 Healing, Strength
 Debbie Norris
 John Peake
 Frances Trent—Comfort,
 Healing
 Urquhart Family
 James D. Vaughan, Jr.—
 Recovery
 Sonia Willard
 All affected by recent hurricanes

And Also For:
 Church visitors and newcomers
 Mary Jane Jones—strength and hope
 Keith—safety during de-

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.



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet at 10 am

December 14 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.



Volunteers for December

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Acolytes	Alli Coleman Evan Gross	Bryce Tackett Emily Shockley	Reid Donihe Luke Barrette	TBA	Katherine Vaughan Julia Vaughan
Altar Flowers	Angela Vaughan	Steph Dickenson	Debbie Reid	<i>spot available</i>	<i>spot available</i>
Children's Time	Ellen McGimsey	Emily Nester	Steph Dickenson	<i>none</i>	George Dickenson
Facility Security	Mark Seiler	Greg Huffman	Ken Arritt	Tim McConchie	TBA
Fellowship Time	Kathy Arritt	Chris Landon	Linda Johnson	Judy Thornton	The Handys
Finance Office	Rob Vaughan	Mark Seiler	Julie Wheeler	Steve Gross	Rob Vaughan
Liturgists	Judy Dickerson	Katherine V.	Kelly Silva	Evan Gross	Danny Gee
Nursery	Vicke Marshall Janice Phillips Keira Realmuto Melinda Yeatts	Kathy Arritt Julie Barrette Bonnie Clark Emma Silva	Brian Handy Sidney Handy Matt Horne Julia Vaughan	Katie Coleman Jim Nicholas Martha Nicholas Beth Watts	Caroline McGimsey Ellen McGimsey Meredith McG. Ronnie St. Clair
Healthcare Worship	Shelby and Bonnie Dickerson	Susan Loveman	Cindy Hayth Bryce Tackett	Charlotte Shockley	TBA
Transportation	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	TBA
Ushers	Skip Carter Nancy Carter Carl Cress John Richardson Jeanne Whitaker Tommy Whitaker	Stew Hubbell Daphne Huffman Greg Huffman Shannon Miller Ed Smith David Tanner	Kathy Arritt Ken Arritt Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Bonnie Dickerson Shelby Dickerson	Vivianne Harris Tim McConchie Jim Nicholas Debbie Reid Robert Reid David Tanner	Rick Bowyer Teresa Bowyer David Davis Mark Seiler Whitney Smith Brad Stephens Patsy Wingfield

*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

Frances Allen Circle

Sunday Evening Fellowship met in the church library on November 12 for the annual Thank Program when members are asked to donate

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, December 5 for breakfast/brunch at 9:30 AM at the IHOP, Lakeside Plaza, Salem. All women are welcome to join us. Bring your stamped Christmas cards for the Prison Ministry now or to the UMW Christmas Tea. Meet at the church for carpooling to IHOP at 9 AM. For more information. For more information contact Bonnie Dickerson [540-774-1870](tel:540-774-1870) or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net

to the world-wide UMW mission projects in gratitude for all that each of us has been given. As we celebrate the holidays, each of us is reminded to share our resources to help alleviate the struggles of others. Our mission giving **pecan sales** were discussed.

Upcoming Event: Hermitage December Birthday Celebration on December 13.

The next regular meeting will be January 14, 2018. Contact Janice Phillips for more information. Visitors are always welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 13** Hermitage December Birthday Celebration
- Feb 1** UMW Day at General Assembly
- Feb 24** District UMW Leadership Training at Cave Spring UMC. Specialized UMW leadership training will be provided.

All Women are cordially invited!
 Sunday, Dec 3, 3PM
 Guest Speaker: Beth Macy
 RCUMC Fellowship Hall

Christmas UMW TEA



Sunday, December 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 Chrismos 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.

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
<h1 style="color: red; text-shadow: 2px 2px 4px black;">December</h1>		
<p>Pray that as you experience this season of Advent, the birth of our Savior is again revealed to you as God's greatest gift.</p>	<p>3 <i>1 Cor. 15-16</i> 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 12:15 PM Brass Rehearsal 3:00 PM UMW Christmas Tea 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Hanging of the Greens</p>	<p>4 <i>2 Cor. 1-4</i> 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that God will lead you to someone who needs some Christmas love and cheer, especially someone who is lonely or in need.</p>	<p>10 <i>Ephesians 4-6</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:15 PM Brass Rehearsal 2:00 PM Girl Scouts 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:00 PM Christmas Caroling</p>	<p>11 <i>Philippians 1-4</i> 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with the love that came to earth when Jesus Christ was born.</p>	<p>17 <i>Titus-Philemon</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM Christmas Concert</p>	<p>18 <i>Hebrews 1-6</i> 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Thank God for His devoted and undying love and for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>24 <i>1 John 1-5</i> 8:30 AM Conn. Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Children's Pageant Worship Service 8:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service</p>	<p>25 <i>2 John-Jude</i> Christmas Day Church Office Closed</p>
<p>As a new year approaches, ask God to cleanse your heart and soul of any sin that may hinder your relationship with Him.</p>	<p>31 <i>Revelation 20-22</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 PM Youth RAM House</p>	

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 Cor. 9-11 8:00 PM NA Meeting	2 1 Cor. 12-14
5 2 Cor. 5-9 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:30 AM Frances Allen Circle at IHOP 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	6 2 Cor. 10-13 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	7 Galatians 1-3 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	8 Galatians 4-6 5:45 PM Pajama Movie Night 8:00 PM NA Meeting	9 Ephesians 1-3
12 Colossians 1-4 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:30 PM Executive Council 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	13 1 Thess. 1-5 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	14 2 Thess. 1-3 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	15 1 Timothy 1-6 11:30 AM Christmas Luncheon and Concert 4:30 PM Youth Movie Night 8:00 PM NA Meeting	16 2 Timothy 1-4 3:00 PM Christmas Concert Rehearsal
19 Hebrews 7-10 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	20 Hebrews 11-13 5:30 PM Children's Pageant Rehearsal 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	21 James 15 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	22 1 Peter 1-5 5:30 PM Blue Christmas Service 8:00 PM NA Meeting	23 2 Peter 1-3
26 Revelation 1-3 Church Office Closed 8:00 PM NA Meeting	27 Revelation 4-8	28 Revelation 9-12 6:30 PM College Student Dinner 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	29 Revelation 13-16 8:00 PM NA Meeting	30 Revelation 17-19

MUSIC NOTES



*The RCUMC Annual
Christmas Concert*

Dec. 17

4:00 PM

Admission is free!

Invite your friends!

Featuring our Chancel Choir, children's choirs, handbell choirs, and instruments. The chancel choir will be premiering a new anthem composed by Debra LeBrun. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

A flyer for a Christmas luncheon and concert. The background is a deep red with a subtle pattern. On the left, there is a golden treble clef and a golden bell. On the right, there is a golden musical note and a golden bell. A golden ribbon winds across the bottom. The text is in white and red. The word "Creative" is written in a small, light font in the background.

Christmas Luncheon and Concert
featuring the Brandon Belles
and Brandon Balladeers
Friday, Dec. 15 11:30 AM
Enjoy Christmas music sung by the choirs
of Brandon Oaks followed by a delicious lunch.
A \$8 donation is suggested for the lunch.
Raleigh Court United Methodist Church
1706 Grandin Rd SW
www.rcumc.org

YOU ARE INVITED

"All Are Welcome" Pageant Service

December 24th at 11:00 AM



Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year our traditional Christmas pageant led by the children's choir will take place during the 11:00 service that morning. All the children who are present in the congregation will be invited to actively participate in the pageant as angels or shepherds. This is always a memorable celebration of Jesus' birth, so spread the word!

NEXT GENERATION AT RCUMC

Pajama Movie Night

Friday, December 8

5:45 PM

DINNER, COOKIES, CHRISTMAS MOVIE, AND FUN!
BIRTH - 5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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STAR THE LAST JEDI WARS

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

IMAX IN BLACKSBURG

Meet at Church at 4:15 PM. Bring money for dinner.

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!**

collegeministry

Care Packages were mailed to all of our college students at the end of November, just in time for final exam cram time! On Thursday, December 28th, there will be a dinner held to honor the college age members who are in town. Please contact Tim for more details. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been knitting scarves for our college age students over the past few months. On Sunday, December 31st we will present these scarves to our students. During the traditional service we will ask our college age students to come forward and receive their scarf, then RJ will pray over the students.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NEWS CORNER

The Executive Council met on Sunday, November 5. We began, as always, with prayer and worship. We continued our discussion of Adam Hamilton's book, *Leading Beyond the Walls*.

We discussed and accepted reports from the following committees by the committee chair.

Executive Council—Sue McCoy; Congregational Care—Judy Thornton; Next Generation—Julie Realmuto; Trustees—Danny Gee; Finance—John DiLauro; Missions—Judy Dickerson; Small Groups—Larry Dickenson; Staff/Pastor Parish Relations—Sarah Stephens; United Methodist Men—Rich McGimsey; United Methodist Women—Becky Gee; Worship—Patsy Wingfield; Pastor's Report—Seungsoo Jun; Approval of Minutes—Will Adkins.

Committee Announcements:

Debbie Reid has joined worship as new First Light representative
Patsy Wingfield was approved as Worship Committee leader
Carla Taylor approved as new Financial Secretary
Rob Vaughan will continue to serve on the Finance Committee

We have many wonderful things happening at Raleigh Court and abroad! The next Executive Council Meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:30. Questions, comments, email Will Adkins (adkinw@gmail.com).



Worship at Raleigh Court Healthcare Center

When I heard that the Raleigh Court Rehab was going to have access to our weekly worship, I was more than interested. I was thrilled. What a treasure for folks to be able to worship with us from wherever they are!!! The residents certainly seem to enjoy themselves.

Most guests worshipping with us are senior citizens. They seem to especially love the music and prayers, and listen intently to the sermons.

Thanks to a great tech team, Raleigh Court residents can feel welcomed to Raleigh Court UMC by watching the live stream right there in the nursing home.

Volunteering alongside other RCUMC members is a treasure. Bonnie Clark and Caroline McGimsey have played a role in this ministry as well. Caroline says, "I think it's cool that we do it!" Bonnie said, "It is a nice offering. I wish we had more participation, but with consistency it will come."

We have folks come every week, some intermittently, and there seems to always be a new face! Thanks to Terri for always having 'the basket' ready with copies of hymns and the ROKU remote. It truly is a wonderful ministry and I am honored to represent RCUMC.

Allison Sadler

Are you interested in occasionally worshipping with our neighbors across the street at Raleigh Court Healthcare Center? Talk to Terri Urquhart today to find out how you can serve!




Mosaic is for everyone!
 Wednesdays at 5:30 PM.
 Dinner follows.

For Adults:

Wednesdays are wonderful at RCUMC!



New Classes beginning Wednesday, January 10, 2018

- Financial Peace
- If You Want to Walk on Water...
- Grief Share and
- The Story continues





IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT


Beginning Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 PM

Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace UNIVERSITY**



Coming to RCUMC Jan 10, 2018
 Sign up today: rcumc@rcumc.org



THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

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



It hurts to lose someone. Find help at **GRIEF SHARE**

Beginning Wednesday, January 10 @ 5:30 PM
 Call 774-3378 to join.
 Childcare provided.



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:

Kindergarten - 5th Grade
 Choir and instrumental rehearsals in the 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.*

	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
8:30 AM Worship	41	39	34	43
11:00 AM Worship	155	160	179	128
TOTAL	196	199	213	171
Giving	\$11,815	\$9,426	\$8,095	\$3,333

December Birthdays

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| 12/2 | David Pero | 12/13 | Ann Barton |
| 12/2 | Linda Wright | 12/14 | Julie Barrette |
| 12/4 | Bill Gearing | 12/16 | Al Barton |
| 12/4 | Gladys Munsey | 12/16 | David Wright |
| 12/4 | James Shockley | 12/17 | Meredith McGimsey |
| 12/5 | Caraline Tackett | 12/17 | Andrew Watts |
| 12/6 | Meredith McDowell | 12/19 | Betty Blades |
| 12/7 | Sharon Alexie | 12/22 | Skip Carter |
| 12/7 | Larry Dickenson | 12/26 | Dalia Downing |
| 12/8 | Susie McMann | 12/27 | Michelle Adkins |
| 12/9 | Teresa Bowyer | 12/28 | Christopher Nicholas |
| 12/9 | Whitney Huffman | | |
| 12/10 | Ella Harig | | |
| 12/11 | Sarah McConchie | | |

