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Family Promise[®] of Greater Roanoke

What better way than to start the new year with showing our Christian love celebrated during the Christmas season. It's our turn to share our church home with others in need January 7-14 so please sign up in the Gathering Area.

Families arrive just in time for dinner and spend their evenings and nights with us for the week. We share this opportunity with friends from Covenant Presbyterian, taking turns each night.

How would you like to help this time?

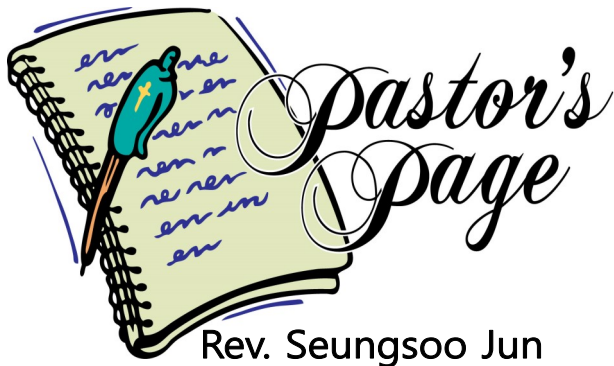
- ~ Provide a meal, host a meal, share time with the children playing or working on school work?
- ~ Spending one night here in the church with our families?

Please see Kathi Hufnagel 301-928-6853 or Steve Gross 540-798-2278 to learn more details about how you might help serve

Needed: Soup for Seniors

Please support the Soup for Seniors project. This program helps the Local Office on Aging as it strives to keep low-income senior adults in their homes and out of nursing centers by providing them food. Without this help, some must choose between buying their medications and buying food. Please consider donating soup, crackers, tuna and canned fruit. We, at RCUMC, will collect these food items in the Gathering Area bins for the month of January. And to celebrate, we will have our annual Souper Bowl competition on Sunday, February 4, after the 11 AM service.





Rev. Seungsoo Jun

Children in Worship

We love having our children in the worship service. Probably in one of my first services, I shared how much I love the sound of crying babies in worship. The sound of children shows how we are alive as a community of faith.

Personally, for my family Raleigh Court United Methodist Church is the first church where my children attended the service I was leading.

All of the other churches we attended had a separate Children's Worship. It was difficult for them to make this transition, especially for my wife, but I believe our boys are slowly learning how to sit still during worship. I also enjoy how much they absorb and learn from not only the sermon, but also from each aspect of the service.

As much as I see the benefit for children to be included in our worship service, I also see the downfall of not having a Children's Worship service. It might be difficult for the children in a family that doesn't have the background of growing up in a church to sit in a worship service. Plus we might miss an opportunity to share the basics of worship and Christianity through an age-appropriate discipleship opportunity.

In response to this matter, the Next Generation Committee decided to embark on a new endeavor. They will start a monthly Children's Worship Service during our 11:00 AM Traditional worship on the first Sunday of each month. It will be a time for the children's ministry team to provide an age-appropriate worship service, which will teach our children the basics of worshipping God. This new Children's Worship service will start on February 4th, 2018.

Please continue to pray for the new Children's Worship starting in 2018, and also keep all the leadership of our Next Generation Committee in your prayers. We will commit to finding ways to include our children in our faith journey. As we continue to reach out to the Next Generation, may the Spirit be with us.

RJ

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 4, 2018

RCUMC will once again hold our Souper Bowl challenge after the 11:00 AM service on Sunday, February 4, 2018. Individuals and groups may bring an entry of either soup or chili. Under consideration is the category of *best desserts* (possibly suggested by Thatcher Dickenson). More information to come.

Opportunity to Serve

Are you interested in participating in hands-on mission? If so, February 5-9 2018, come to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul to help with the Soup 4 Seniors drive. Both individuals and groups may volunteer. The church is located off Peter's Creek Rd. just inside the entrance to North Lakes. Please call **Aimee Lawson** at the Local Office on Aging (LOA) at 540-345-0451 or visit <http://www.loaa.org/services/critical-assistance/soup-for-seniors/> for more information.



It's Never Too Late To Start!

Let's take the Bishop's challenge to read the Bible in one year!

Use the bookmarks provided in the bulletin on the first Sunday each month to read the Bible in chronological order in 2018!

As you read through the Bible this year, you may come to some passages that are difficult to comprehend even with the footnotes in your translation. There are numerous resources in our church library such as commentaries for individual books, the Interpreter's Bible and overall resources for approaching scripture with the historical-critical method of interpretation. Any of these titles can be checked out by noting your name and the book title in the notebook on the desk.



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

All are welcome each week.

For Healing:

Helen Alba
Betty Blades
Sherry Benica
Jill Bridges
Sam Campbell
Bill Cox
Lois Cox
Jeff Gogel
Helen Gurley
Mary Lee Haldiman
Sallie Hall
Pat Horne
Ray Hornig
Mr. Johnson
Marcia Larson
Janice Longorth
Susie McMann

Pray With Us

Jamie Parsons
Greg Perdue
Charlotte Reynolds
Jim Reynolds
Georgia Seiler
Mary Claire Suggs
Bradley Tingler
Danielle Tolley
Eloise Twist
Emily Whitaker
Elsie White
Donna Williams
Betty Wolfe

And Also For:

Church 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
Urquhart Family
James D. Vaughan, Jr.—Recovery
All affected by recent hurricanes

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet at 10 am on **January 11th**

and **25th** 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.





Volunteers for January

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Acolytes	Meredith McGimsey Ali Coleman	Kelly Silva Emma Silva	Julia Vaughan Keira Realmuto	Bryce Tackett Emily Shockley
Altar Flowers	<i>spot available</i>	Bill and Carla Taylor	<i>spot available</i>	<i>spot available</i>
Children's Time	Sarah Stephens	John Pero	Cindy Hayth	Chris Landon
Facility Security				
Fellowship Time	<i>spot available</i>	<i>spot available</i>	<i>spot available</i>	<i>spot available</i>
Finance Office	Rob Vaughan Carla Taylor	Mark Seiler	Julie Wheeler	Steve Gross
Liturgists	Gary Conover	Emma Silva	David Tanner	Sandi Addison
Nursery	Becky Gee Matt Horne Kelly Silva Sarah Stephens	Michelle Adkins Will Adkins Angela Vaughan Julia Vaughan	Zac Hayden Sharon Hayden Chelsea McDaniel Meredith McGimsey	Janet Tanner Patsy Wingfield Melinda Yeatts Julia Vaughan
Healthcare Worship	Shelby and Bonnie Dickerson	Bonnie Clark Allison Coleman	Susan Loveman	Allison Sadler Peighton Miller
Transportation	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress
Ushers	Ken Arritt Kathy Arritt Rick Bowyer Whitney Smith Jeanne Whitaker Tommy Whitaker	Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Freeman Nester Jim Nicholas Steven Smith Andy Thornton	Greg Barrette Lisa Pence Larry Pence John Shockley Patsy Wingfield Susan Witt	Steve Gross Vivianne Harris Jason Murray 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

The Sunday Evening Fellowship

Sunday Evening Fellowship just completed the annual pecan sale. All the profits from this project will be given to missions (local, national, and international) that support women, children, and youth. The recipients will be decided at our February meeting. Thank each of you who bought these delicious pecans!!

Wednesday, December 13, SEF hosted the December celebration for the residents at the Hermitage. Debra LeBrun presented a beautiful Christmas solo hand bell concert. The event was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the Hermitage residents.

Our circle helped host the annual UMW Christmas Tea on Sunday afternoon, December 3, in the Fellowship Hall. Beth Macy, best-selling author, was the speaker. Her books' themes parallel UMW social initiatives. Ms. Macy presented overviews of her two books *Factory Man* and *Truevine*. *Factory Man* describes the impact of globalization on the citizens of Martinsville/Henry County who were employed in the furniture industries that were once headquartered in that area. *Truevine* tells the true story of two African American men with ties to the Roanoke area who were in the Ringling Brothers Circus sideshow in the first half of the twentieth century. These brothers were basically trafficked. Ms. Macy previewed her upcoming book which will be published in August, 2018. The book explores the opioid crisis that exists in our area of SW Virginia. Experiences of families impacted by this crisis will be related. The tea was well attended by church members and guests from our UMW district.

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting at 6:00 PM on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at a local restaurant. Please contact Janice Phillips(725-1358) for information. We welcome visitors.

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, January 9 at the church 10:30 AM. Program will be "The Sacred Space of Call." We will explore God's call during biblical ties and in our lives and to understand how United Methodist deaconesses and home missionaries are responding to God's call today. All women are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship, study, and prayer. We would like to thank all who contributed stamped Christmas cards for the Roanoke Prison Ministry. Jeanette Combs took over 60 stamped cards to the jail office. Also, thanks to all who contributed "pull tabs" from canned drinks. Jeanette took these to the Ronald McDonald House. This past year the Ronald McDonald House received over \$6,000 from these aluminum tabs. For more information, contact Bonnie Dickerson 540-774-1870 or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 3
UMW Day at General Assembly

Feb 24
District UMW Leadership Training at Cave Spring UMC. Specialized UMW leadership training will be provided.

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
<h1>January</h1>		
<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>1 <i>Genesis 1-3</i> Church Office Closed</p>
<p>Pray and ask Jesus Christ to guide you through each day of the New Year.</p>	<p>7 <i>Job 14-16</i> Family Promise Week Begins 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>8 <i>Job 17-20</i> Family Promise 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Next Generation Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Every morning when you wake up, thank God for His many blessings.</p>	<p>14 <i>Job 38-39</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Sunday Evening Fellowship</p>	<p>15 <i>Job 40-42</i> 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Praise God for this beautiful earth He created for us and for the different seasons that we can enjoy.</p>	<p>21 <i>Genesis 27-29</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>22 <i>Genesis 30-31</i> 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Ask God to guide you to a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, or younger person who needs an invitation to come to church with you.</p>	<p>28 <i>Genesis 46-47</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 8:30 AM Connection Corner Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>29 <i>Genesis 48-50</i> 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Genesis 4-7 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	3 Genesis 8-11	4 Job 1-5 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	5 Job 6-9 8:00 PM Youth Lock In 8:00 PM NA Meeting	6 Job 10-13
9 Job 21-2 Family Promise 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 10:30 AM Frances Allen Circle 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	10 Job 24-28 Family Promise 3:30 PM Zumbini 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	11 Job 29-31 Family Promise 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	12 Job 32-34 Family Promise 8:00 PM NA Meeting	13 Job 35-37 Family Promise
16 Genesis 12-15 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	17 Genesis 16-18 3:30 PM Zumbini 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	18 Genesis 19-21 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	19 Genesis 22-24 5:30 PM Winter Vacation Bible School 8:00 PM NA Meeting	20 Genesis 25-26 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 AM Winter Vacation Bible School
23 Genesis 32-34 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	24 Genesis 35-37 3:30 PM Zumbini 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	25 Genesis 38-40 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team	26 Genesis 41-42 8:00 PM NA Meeting	27 Genesis 43-45
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MUSIC NOTES

- Rehearsals for the **Chancel Choir**, for adult and teen singers, start on January 3rd.
- Our **Children's music** program for children in grades K-5 will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 10th as part of our MOSAIC program.
- **BELLievers**, our handbell choir for youth in grades 6-12, will resume rehearsals on January 7th.
- **JuBELLation**, our adult handbell choir, will have a bell polishing party on January 3rd at 6:30 and then resume regular rehearsals on January 10th.
- Our **First Light Worship Team** will continue rehearsing on Thursdays at 6:30 PM.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

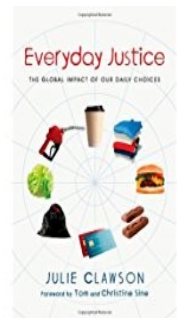
Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 Children's music rehearsals in the second floor music wing
6:45 - 7:45 JuBELLation in the Bell Room
7:30 - 9:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 First Light Worship Team in the sanctuary with Mark Moyer
Sundays 5:30 - 6:30 BELLievers in the Bell Room

All our groups welcome new members! If you are interested, please contact Debra LeBrun, [debra @rcumc.org](mailto:debra@rcumc.org).

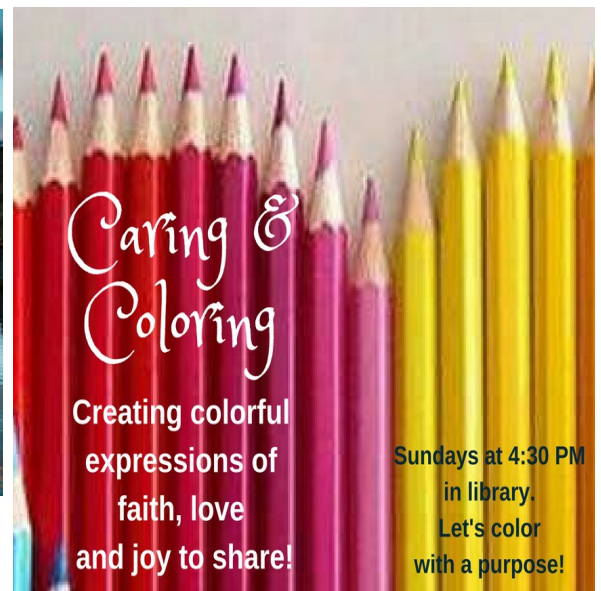
Healthy Choices in the Library

Leonard Sweet has authored a book that looks at the humor and playfulness of Jesus' life. He details a plan for an enriched life with stories from the Gospels in *The Jesus Prescription for a Healthy Life*. You can find this book in the church library on the Christian Living shelves.

How do our lifestyle choices affect our health and have an impact on others around the world? Julie Clawson reveals the answer in her book *Everyday Justice; The Global Impact of our Daily Choices*. As United Methodists, we are called to be sensitive to social justice issues. This book is located on the UMW shelves—2013 section. Please sign out all books in the notebook on the desk.



Please join us January 20th at 8am in the Fellowship Hall for a Men's Fellowship Breakfast. Josh Burton, Principal of Wasena Elementary will be our guest. He will give us an update on the school and a special project he would like us to take on as part of our mission to reach out to the community. We will also be discussing how to distribute the funds we raised with the Brunswick Stew.



NEXT GENERATION AT RCUMC

Winter Vacation Bible School



seven

exploring the seven days of creation

January 19 5:30-8:00 PM

January 20 9:00-1:30 PM

Ages 3-5th Grade

Bible Stories - Music - Crafts - Science - Games

Register online at www.rcumc.org

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!**



Youth will serve dinner for
Family Promise on
Sunday, January 7.


Jan 5th
from 8pm-7:30am
Fun, Games, & Snacks

YOUTH LOCKIN

"THE SLEEPLESS SLEEP OVER"

Sundays!

LEARN WITH US AT 9:40 AM WEEKLY

WHEN THE GAME IS OVER
IT ALL GOES
BACK IN THE

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 Sunday, January 14 at 9:40 AM in the Chrysalis Class.
John Shockley leads this series.
6 sessions

3:16

THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

ThreeSixteen.net

If 9/11 invokes feelings of terror, then 3:16 are the numbers of hope! Best-selling author Lucado leads you through a word-by-word study of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son. . . ." It's the passage that he calls the "Hope diamond" of Scripture. Join the Grace Class in the parlor each Sunday for this exciting, hope-filled series!

LIFESTYLES OF
Faithfulness
and the
**Pursuit of
Happiness**

Led by Gary Conover

Beginning
Sun, Jan 7
in Round
Table
9:40 AM

SOUL KEEPING

CARING for THE MOST IMPORTANT
PART of YOU

Join the Women's Class in the church library for this John Ortberg series. John says "The soul is the coolest, eeriest, most mysterious, evocative, crucial, sacred, eternal, life-directing, fragile, indestructible, controversial, expensive dimension of your existence.

A Living Faith in God -

The four lessons in this unit explore faith in action from the Book of Daniel. These lessons provide models for ways to actively engage in behaviors that demonstrate sincerity, obedience, boldness, and strength of faith. **Join the Saville-Friendship Class during January.**

Adult Bible Studies




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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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

	Dec 3	Dec 10	Dec 17	Dec 24
8:30 AM Worship	34	37	32	216 (11 AM Children's Pageant)
11:00 AM Worship	205	148	172	121 (8 PM Can- dlelight Commun- ion)
TOTAL	239	185	204	337
Giving	\$12,520	\$11,242	\$7,868	TBA

January Birthdays

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|------|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1/1 | Zach Bowyer | 1/15 | Matt Horne |
| | Roy Miller | | Becky Gee |
| | Allison Sadler | 1/16 | Emily Shockley |
| 1/5 | Peter Jun | 1/18 | Braelyn Handy |
| 1/6 | Charlie Dickenson | 1/19 | Louise Miller |
| 1/8 | Josh Crawford | 1/20 | Hazel Keller |
| 1/9 | Addison Horne | 1/21 | Karen Dale |
| | Janet Tanner | | Georgia Seiler |
| | Terri Urquhart | | Patsy Wingfield |
| 1/10 | Brenda Cress | 1/23 | Jesslynn Hayden |
| 1/11 | Oakley King | | Nolan Smith |
| | Elijah Tackett | 1/26 | Kristen Budd |
| 1/14 | Chris Landon | 1/27 | Caroline McGimsey |
| | Larry Pence | 1/28 | Mary Claire Suggs |
| | Bill Taylor | | Elsie White |

