

Calendar For This Week

The Lord's Day - January 1

9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
9:40 AM Sunday Small Groups
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Monday - January 2

7:00 PM Intercessory Prayers
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday - January 3

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast
10:30 AM Frances Allen Circle
5:45 PM Yoga Class
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday - January 4

7:00 AM Downtown Breakfast at Scrambled

Thursday - January 5

Friday - January 6

8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - January 7

The Lord's Day - January 8

8:45 AM Breakfast Club
9:40 AM Sunday Small Groups
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
12:15 PM Next Generation Committee Meeting
12:15 PM BELLievers
4:30 PM Caring and Coloring



This Week's Prayer List



Pray for healing for:

Betty Blades	Martha Nicholas
Sam Campbell	William Penn
Debbie Cooper	Jamie Parsons
Jeff Gogel	Charlotte Reynolds
Becky Howlett	Mary Claire Suggs
Bobbie Haskell	Danielle Tolley
Pat Horne	Will Urquhart
Louise Jamison	Elsie White
Janice Longworth	Jackson
Dana Murphy	Michael

Please also pray for these needs:

Mary Jane Jones - Strength, Hope
Jack Loveman - Safety while deployed
Suzanne Meredith - Healing, Strength
Linda and Monty Sanders - Sympathy
Frances Trent - Comfort, Healing

In Our Service Today

Acolytes: tbd
Children's Time: Cindy Hayth
Facility Security: Rick Bowyer
Fellowship Time: Louise Miller
Financial & SS Secretary: Rob Vaughan
Early Greeters: Luci Wright
Late Greeters: Hayden Family
Liturgist: Luci Wright
Nursery: LaDonna Foley, Kathy Arritt
Nursery Usher: You? See Vicke Marshall to sign up!
Technology Team:
Soundboard - Andy Thornton
ProPresenter - Frank Walkiewicz
Video Cameras - Charlie Hubbard
Transportation: tbd
Ushers: Tommy Whitaker, John Richardson, Luci Wright, Jeanne Whitaker,

Today's flowers are given in honor of Rev. Roy Miller on his 80th birthday by his family.



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January 1, 2017



WESLEY'S

COVENANT SERVICE



Worship Times:

8:30 AM First Light Contemporary Service (1st & 3rd Sundays)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (weekly)

Rev. Seungsoo Jun, *Pastor*

Rev. Roy Miller, *Minister of Visitation*

Debra LeBrun, *Director of Music Ministries*

Emily Nester, *Director of Family Ministry*

Terri Urquhart, *Director of Administration and Small Groups*

Cat Conover, *Nursery Director*

Rhonda Burton, *Church Accountant*

Prayer Focus for Week:
Praise the Lord Jesus today
for giving all of us hope in His
undying love all year long.

Raleigh Court United Methodist Church

January 1, 2017 11:00 AM

Gathering and Welcoming of First-Time Guests
Community Announcements, Prayer for our Time of Worship

Prelude "Carol For the New Year" Alfred Fedak

***Call to Worship¹** Luci Wright, Liturgist

Leader: Shout to the Lord your praises!

People: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

Leader: For God's might and power are established in the universe!

People: God's transforming love beckons us.

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

People: Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home. Amen.

Singing of Our Favorite Hymns *(feel free to suggest your favorite hymns during this time)*

Children's Time Cindy Hayth

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH 94**

***Offertory Prayer** Luci Wright, Liturgist

***Scripture Lesson** John 15:1-8 Pew Bible NT page 109

Covenant Renewal

The Proclamation

Leader:

Dearly loved brothers and sisters, the Christian life is a life found in Christ, redeemed from sin, and consecrated to God. We are those who have entered into this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of Jesus Christ. He is the Mediator of this covenant. He sealed it with His own blood so it would last forever. On one side of this covenant stands God, who promises to give us new life in Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. Every day God proves His goodness and grace to us, showing us that His promise still stands firm. On the other side, we stand as those who promise to no longer live life for ourselves but instead only to live for Jesus Christ because He has loved us and given His life for us. There are times in our lives when it is important for us to remember and reaffirm our promises and vows. In this same way, we come today to renew our covenant with God. Many generations have done this before us. Today we make the covenant our own, renewing with both joy and sincerity the covenant that binds us all to God.

On-Going Opportunities for Fellowship and Faith

- Sundays 4:30 PM *Caring and Coloring*

An opportunity to learn, relax and spread some joy. See **Cindy Hayth** for details.

- Mondays 7:00 PM *Intercessory Prayer*

See **Judy Dickerson** or **Sarah Pero** for details.

- Tuesdays 7:00 AM *Men's Bible Study Breakfast*

at Famous Anthony's Oak Grove location. All men are welcome! See David Tanner for details.

- Wednesdays 7:00 AM *Downtown Bible Study*

(every other week) at Scrambled. **Jan 4, Jan 18**
See **Terri Urquhart** for details.

- Wednesdays 5:30 PM *Mosaic*

- **New Adult Options!**
- **Financial Peace** - See info in other column
- **The Story** - A new way to learn about the Bible following along with a DVD presentation and discussion time. See **John Shockley** for details.
- **Children's & Youth's** activities too!

- Wednesdays 6:30 PM - *Dinner for all!*

Fellowship Hall
See **Beth Watts** for details.

* Thursdays 10:00 AM *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

(Every other week) Knitting and Crocheting;
See **Carolyn Cotton** for details. Jan 12, Jan 26

Watch for more opportunities to come!



Interested in Learning More About Raleigh Court United Methodist Church?

If you are new around here, we'd like to formally welcome you to RCUMC! We are thrilled to have you here at our worship service! If you should see God's direction is for you to join RCUMC as a member, please contact Rev. Jun (540-556-1188) or the church office (540-344-6011) for more info. We will have an informal meeting to get to know you better, and share our heritage. Once more, welcome to Raleigh Court United Methodist!

We offer a two-session newcomer's class every two months, for anyone wishing to learn more about or become a member of RCUMC. Next classes February 5 & 12.

Explore Class Fellowship, Church & God's Plan

Learn more about FPU
<https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/preview/>

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

Starting January 11, 2017
See Will Adkins or Mark Seiler
for Details

Holy Communion

Leader:

The Almighty God searches and knows you, even the thoughts of your heart.

People:

O God, You know that we have made this covenant today in sincerity, without deceit or reluctance. If you find anything false in us, guide us and help us to set it right. And now, glory be to You, God the Father. From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my God and Father. Glory be to You, God the Son. You have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood. From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit. By Your almighty power, You have turned my heart from sin to God. From this day forward I shall look upon You as my Comforter and Guide. O mighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant. You are mine and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant that I have made here on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Dismissal with Blessing

Leader:

May our God, who establishes covenant relationship with those who seek to enter the Kingdom, be with you always. May Jesus Christ, who seals the new covenant with his blood on the cross, bring you peace. May the Holy Spirit guide your life both now and forever. Go in peace to serve the Lord!

People:

Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“I Surrender All”

UMH 354

*Charge and Benediction

Please be seated to reflect upon God's message for you today as the postlude is played.

If you need to exit, please do so quietly so that others may continue their worship.

Postlude

“In Thee is Gladness”

J.S. Bach

¹ <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4498/worship-connection-january-1-2017>

Worship Helps:

Bold = Congregation

*Stand, as you are able.

TFWS: The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)

Wireless Listening Aids and large print bulletins are available, ask an usher for assistance.

There is a **rocking chair** available in the back of the sanctuary and in the balcony for parents and children to use during worship.

If you are visiting, please fill out one of the blue **Connection Cards** found in the pews and put it in the offering plate.

The Confession

Leader:

We are those who seek to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, but sometimes we fall short. Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and submitting our hearts so that we do not deceive ourselves and cut ourselves away from God.

Let us pray:

People:

Father God, You have set forth the way of life through your Son Jesus Christ, whom You love dearly. We shamefully confess that we have been slow to learn of Him and have been reluctant to follow Him. You have spoken and called to us but we have not listened. You have revealed Your beauty to us, but we have been blind. You have stretched out Your hands to us through our friends, but we have passed by them. We have accepted Your gifts and offered little thanks. We are unworthy of Your unchanging love.

Leader:

We now confess to your our sins. Please forgive us for the poverty of our worship... for the selfishness of our prayers... for our inconsistency and unbelief... for the ways we neglect fellowship and Your grace... for our hesitation to tell others about Christ... for the ways we deceive others...

People:

Forgive us for when we waste time and when we misuse the gifts you have given us. Forgive us for when we have made excuses for the wrong things we have done and when we have purposefully avoided responsibility.

Leader:

Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good and that we have not been ready to carry our cross. Forgive us that we have not allowed Your love to work through us to help others and that we have not made their suffering our own. Forgive us for those times when instead of working for unity we made it hard for others to live with us because of our lack of forgiveness, inconsiderate judgement, and quick criticism.

People:

Forgive us for when we have not tried to reconcile with others and when we have been slow to seek redemption.

Leader:

Forgive us also for these sins that we silently confess to you now.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Leader:

God, the Father of all mercies, is faithful to cleanse us from our sins and restore us to Christ's image. Praise and glory be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

The Invitation

Leader:

Let us gathered here before the Lord now in covenant commit ourselves to Christ as his servants. Let us give ourselves to Him so that we may fully belong to Him. Jesus Christ has left us with many services to be done. Some of these services are easy and honorable, but some are difficult and disgraceful. Some line up with our desires and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we please both Christ and ourselves, but then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Jesus Christ, we offer You this prayer:

People:

Let me be Your servant. Let me follow Your commands. I will no longer follow my own desires. I give myself completely to Your will.

Leader:

The power and strength to live as true servants is given to us in Christ. We accept the place and work that He gives us, acknowledging that He alone will be our reward.

People:

I am not my own. I am Yours alone. Make me into what You will. Rank me with those You will. Put me to use for You. Put me to suffering for You. Let me be employed for You. Let me be laid aside for You. Let me be lifted high for You. Let me be brought low for You. Let me be full or let me be empty. Let me have all things or let me have nothing. With a willing heart, I freely give everything to Your pleasure and disposal.

Leader:

Christ is Savior to those who are His true servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. To be His servant is to consent fully to His will. Christ accepts nothing less. Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing. Now confirm this truth in holy covenant. Make it a reality in your life in these four ways:

First, set apart time in your day, more than once, to be spent alone with the Lord. Seek to perceive God's special care for you and gracious acceptance of you. Carefully think through the words of this covenant and its conditions. Examine your heart, even if you have freely given your life to Christ. Name the sins in your life. Reflect on whether you are willing to choose Christ's holy laws and strict commands. Be sure you are clear in all of these so you do not lie to God!

Second, uphold a serious spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant. Do not trust in your own strength and power but rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength. In this way, He will empower you to keep your promise.

Fourth, be determined to be faithful. You have given your heart and life to God. You have opened your mouth to dedicate yourself to the Lord. With God's power, never go back to your former way of living. And last, be prepared to renew your covenant with God. Fall on your knees. Lift your hands. Open your hearts.

The Covenant Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray together:

People:

My righteous God, for the sake of Your son Jesus Christ, see me now as I fall down before You. Forgive my unfaithfulness when I have not done your will. You promise mercy if I turn to You with my whole heart.

Leader:

God requires that you rid yourself of every idol in your life.

People:

From the bottom of my heart, I here and now renounce every idol in my life, covenanting with You that I will not commit any known sin. By turning against Your will I have turned my love toward the world. In Your power I will watch for any temptation that will lead me away from You.

Leader:

Through Jesus Christ, God offers to be your God again, if you allow Him to be.

People:

Before all heaven and earth, I here and now acknowledge You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as my Lord and God. I vow to give all of myself, body and soul, to be Your servant and to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

Leader:

Jesus Christ is the only way and means to God. God has given us Jesus as the way and means to salvation.

People:

Jesus, I here and now accept You and the only new and living Way. I join myself in covenant with You. I come to You hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to wash the feet of Your servants. With all my power, I accept You as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own unworthiness, and vow that You are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom and take You for my only guide. I renounce my own will and take Your will as my law.

Leader:

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

People:

Jesus, I here and now make this covenant with You and accept whatever comes in life. Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death will separate me from You.

Leader:

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

People:

I here and now willingly take on Your yoke and burden. All Your laws are holy, just, and good. I accept them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising I will strive to order my whole life around your direction. I will not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

Reading Schedule

- ☐ Monday: Question #1 - Matthew 7: 1-5
- ☐ Tuesday: Question #2 - Proverbs 11: 3
- ☐ Wednesday: Question #3 - Philippians 4: 8-9
- ☐ Thursday: Question #4 - Matthew 25: 14-30
- ☐ Friday: Question #5 - Romans 12: 3



RCUMC Young Adult and College Lunch Party

Please join us after church on January 8, 2017, and enjoy a delicious lunch together. We will celebrate

the coming of a new year and catch up on what's been going on with everyone. RJ is especially eager to see each of you and share some time with you. We will meet in Memorial Hall at 12:15PM. Please come and enjoy!! For more information or questions, call or text John and Sarah Pero (520-1194) or give RJ a call (556-1188).

Happy 80th Birthday to our own Rev. Roy Miller, TODAY, January 1, 2017! Please join us after the service for cake and punch in the Gathering Area and help us celebrate this milestone!

Soup for Seniors

As you plan ahead for the new year, please plan to 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. Most who receive the soup, crackers, and other food items from this project also receive Meals-On-Wheels through the LOA. Without this help, some must choose between buying their medications and buying food. Unfortunately, due to federal budget cuts, LOA has had to cut back on its service to these individuals and has a growing waiting list. 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.



We'll celebrate the end of the Soup for Seniors drive with a "Souper" lunch after the 11 am service on Sunday, February 5th. Form your championship team and field your best recipe, and let's have a "soup-off!" The "fans" will vote on the winner.

More details to follow or contact Judy Dickerson for more information.



FRUITS of the SPIRIT

Winter Vacation Bible School

Friday, January 27 5:30-8:00 pm
Saturday, January 28 9:30 am-1:00 pm
3 years old—5th Grade
Dinner and Lunch provided

Join us for stories, crafts, experiments, music, and fun as we explore the FRUITS of the SPIRIT! Free for everyone! Speak to Emily Nester to volunteer for this event.



EVERYONE please join us every Wednesday beginning January 11

Join the fun! Each week, we meet at 5:30 pm. Children attend choir and bell choir rehearsals. Youth have a Bible lesson and/or activity. Adults may choose between studies. Dinner follows at 6:30.

Mandatory Training for all Children's and Youth Volunteers
Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 pm
OR
Sunday, January 22 after worship

This training is required for all volunteers who work in any way with the children or youth in our church, including Vacation Bible School, nursery, teaching Sunday school, chaperoning trips, and special events. Our training reviews the church Safe Sanctuaries policies and other information that you will find helpful as you work with our children and youth. You **MUST** complete this training before volunteering again in any capacity. Please speak to Emily Nester if you have any questions. More training sessions will be offered in February and later in 2017.

January 2017

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1 Genesis 1-3	2 Genesis 4-7	3 Genesis 8-11	4 Genesis 12-15	5 Genesis 16-18	6 Genesis 19-21	7 Genesis 22-24
8 Genesis 25-26	9 Genesis 27-29	10 Genesis 30-31	11 Genesis 32-34	12 Genesis 35-37	13 Genesis 38-40	14 Genesis 41-42
15 Genesis 43-45	16 Genesis 46-47	17 Genesis 48-50	18 Exodus 1-3	19 Exodus 4-6	20 Exodus 7-9	21 Exodus 10-12
22 Exodus 13-15	23 Exodus 16-18	24 Exodus 19-21	25 Exodus 22-24	26 Exodus 25-27	27 Exodus 28-29	28 Exodus 30-32
29 Exodus 33-35	30 Exodus 36-38	31 Exodus 39-40				