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Ben-Hur comes to the big screen at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church! Bring family and friends to our showings: Friday, March 10 at 11:00AM or 6:30 PM



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Go to www.rcumc.org and click "Online Services"

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Week 1 - March 5th

Encounter with the Carpenter

Week 2 - March 12th

Encounter with Christ who Understands

Week 3 - March 19th

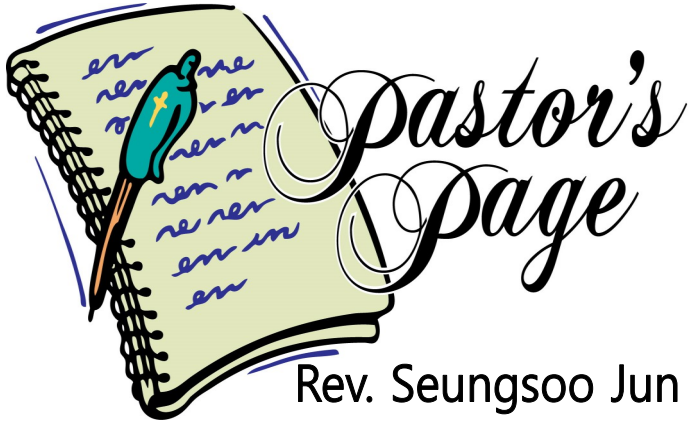
Encounter with Christ who Suffered

Week 4 - March 26th

Encounter with People who are Transformed

Week 5 - April 2nd

Encounter with the Forgiving Grace



When God called Moses up to the mountain top, Exodus 24 16b says, "For six days the cloud covered the mountains, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud."

What does six days mean to us?

In many Bible stories, I see that six days represents a time of preparation for God's will to be done.

In Genesis, we see how God created the world in six days and rested on the last. We can easily see the Sabbath as a time to rest, but we forget that God prepared and created the world to start a relationship with God's people on the seventh day.

In the story of Jericho, the Israelites were to circle the city of Jericho for six days. They might have thought to themselves, 'What in the world are we doing?' Without knowing that God was preparing them to see God's hand tumble down the walls of Jericho. The six days were to prepare the heart of the Israelites to witness God's hands working actively in their lives.

What if we see the season of Lent in the same way? We are to prepare our hearts for the greatest miracle of history; the resurrected Lord to come into our lives. What if we consider the six Sundays of Lent as the time to prepare our hearts to witness God's working hand in our lives? What if we invite family or friends to come and join our worship service, either in person or via our online service, and pray for God's hand to intervene in their lives? What would happen when our church is filled with stories of God's hand actively working in our lives? **Wouldn't that be Good News being alive?**



Thank You!

Volunteers for March

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Acolytes	Bryce Tackett	Julia Vaughan Keira Realmuto	Katherine Vaughan Emily Shockley	Jake DiLauro Evan Gross
Altar Flowers	available	Will & Terri Urquhart	Steve Jamison	Elsie White
Children's Time	John Pero	Michelle Horne	George Dickenson	Cindy Hayth
Early Greeters	Sign up with Vicke!	Luci Wright	King Family	Sign up with Vicke!
Facility Security	Tim McConchie	Tim McConchie	Tim McConchie	Tim McConchie
Fellowship Time	Bob & Patsy Wingfield	Becky Gee	Kathy Arritt	Cindy Hayth
Finance Office	Mark Seiler	Julie Wheeler	Steve Gross	Linda Wright
Late Greeters	Hayden Family	Sign up with Vicke!	Realmuto Family	Arritt Family
Liturgists	Andy Thiornton	Alli Coleman	Rich McGimsey	Chris Landon
Nursery	Joanna & Alli Coleman Vicke Marshall Beth Watts	Kathy Arritt Michelle & Will Adkins Keira Realmuto	Shockley Family Janet Tanner	Caroline McGimsey Whitney & Landon Smith, Katie Coleman
Nursery Ushers	Linda Johnson	Michelle Adkins	Joanna Coleman	Bonnie Dickerson
Transportation	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress
Ushers	Carl Cress John Richardson Luci Wright	Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Doug Moore Freeman Nester Andy Thornton Susan Witt	Greg Barrette John Shockley Steven Smith	Keith Foley LaDonna Foley Steve Gross Vicke Marshall Jason Murray Lindsay Murray

Camp Registration is OPEN! Summer Camp registration is open. The 2017 theme is "Driven by Love" and they are excited to celebrate 60 years of Alta Mons this summer. Check out www.altamons.org/summer-camp Week 1: June 25-30; Week 2: July 2-7; Week 3: July 9-14; Week 4: July 16-21



Paul Bunyan Day at Camp Alta Mons - Saturday, March 18

Come out to help clean up Alta Mons for the busy summer season! It is Saturday, March 18 from 9:00-3:00. Free lunch provided for all volunteers. Bring work gloves, chain saws, rakes, etc. This is a family friendly event to help Alta Mons. Call 540-268-2409

Looking for summer staff. These are paid positions for a 6 week commitment. Check it out at www.altamons.org

KNOW YOUR

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

NEIGHBOR

Next Know Your Neighbor dinner on April 2!

Details to come.



Psalm 145:18

Prayer Ministry has new opportunities!

Read below to learn how each week will have a different focus. *Please make plans to join us!*

1st Monday of the month: Reverend Jun will lead prayer for spiritual revival and God's guidance for our church. (A different small group will be invited to attend each first Monday.)

2nd Monday of the month: Prayer for spiritual renewal and renewal of faith will be prayed for each church member by name.

3rd Monday of the month: Walking prayers thru our church or a neighborhood prayer walk.

4th Monday of the month: Prayer for healing, special needs, grieving, and for our church, community and our world.

5th Monday of the month: May, July, October 2017. Form of prayer to be decided.

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.



We Collect Used Stamps

THANK you for the Box Tops for COP. We do collect them from the basket in the Gathering Area and deliver them. COP is very grateful for your donations.

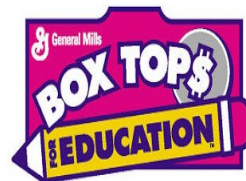


Please continue bringing your used stamps to church. Trim stamps 1/4 inch around the edge.

You can place them in the basket in the gathering area or give to Becky Gee.

The proceeds are used to help fund UMCOR.

Please put them in the basket on the lower shelves in the gathering area.



United Methodist Women

RCUMC Circles

Sunday Evening Fellowship met in the church library on February 12, 2017, at 6:30 PM. We voted to give the following organizations the profits we earned from our fall pecan sale: Bethany Hall, COP, Henry Fork, and UMW Mission Giving. Each of these is aligned with the purpose of UMW Mission work which is to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. Each group will receive \$250. We sincerely thank each person who purchased pecans and helped make this mission giving possible.

In March SEF will prepare a meal for the COP program.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 12, at 6:30 PM at the home of Louise Miller. Our program will be the annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial observance. One hundred percent of the offerings will go directly to partners engaged in programs and advocacy that benefit women and children's health. ALL women are encouraged to give to this vitally important ministry.

Also for our Spiritual Life Retreat in April, UMW will be collecting Wal-Mart gift cards in any denomination for the medical supply needs of Alta Mons Camp and Retreat Center.

Any woman is welcome to join our fellowship. Contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358.

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, March 7 at the church starting at 10:30am. Jackie Hall will be doing the program: Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

We will be taking a special Mission donation for Maternal Health and Childcare at this meeting. Gladys Munsey and Jackie will be providing refreshments and Gladys will be doing devotions.

Come join us as we work to put our faith, hope, and love into action to ensure the health and well-being of women and children. For more information contact Bonnie, Becky G., Gladys, or any of our circle members. All women are welcome.

Reading Program

In addition to reading the wide variety of books in the UMW reading program, Response magazine helps to keep us informed as to what UM women are doing across the country. The February, 2017 issue has an article about a UM woman who went to Standing Rock and what she learned from that experience. There's also an article on the arrest and subsequent death of Sandra Bland as well as several articles on racial justice. We have a long history of fighting for racial justice from the 1880's and we are still called to honor all people as brothers and sisters in Christ. Check out a magazine from the library and see how UMW is in touch with critical issues facing us today.



United Methodist Women Calendar

March 25 - UMW Executive Board 10:00 AM at RCUMC

April 8 - District Spiritual Life Retreat - Crockett Springs UMC/Alta Mons 9:00 AM Registration, \$10 lunch



March 2017



Keep reading! Take the Bishop's challenge to read the Bible in one year. Follow along on this calendar. It's never too late to begin!

During this season of Lent, pray that God's Holy Spirit will guide you to a closer relationship with our loving Lord.

5 Deuteronomy 17-20
 8:30 AM First Light Worship
 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 9:40 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:15 PM BELLievers
 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring

6 Deuteronomy 21-23
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Praise Band
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Pray that Jesus will show you each day how to love others like He did when He walked this earth.

12 Joshua 5-8
 8:45 Breakfast
 9:40 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:15PM BELLievers
 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring

13 Joshua 9-11
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Praise Band
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Ask God to forgive you when you do things in your life that do not honor Him.

19 Judges 3-5
 8:30 AM First Light Worship
 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 9:40 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:15PM BELLievers
 1:30 PM Youth Praise Band
 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring

20 Judges 6-7
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Praise Band
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Pray this week for those in your family or for your friends who do not know Jesus personally, and ask God to use you to show them His undying love.

26 Ruth 1-4
 8:30 AM Next Gen Meeting
 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 9:40 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 12:15PM BELLievers
 12:15 PM Newcomers Greet & Eat
 1:30 PM Youth Praise Band
 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring

27 1 Samuel 1-3
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Praise Band
 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer Group
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Follow along with Bible reading on this calendar! Add your name to the gathering area list of daily readers.</p>	<p>1 Deuteronomy 5-7</p> <p>7:00 AM Scrambled 6:30 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>2 Deuteronomy 8-10</p> <p>6:00 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 Deuteronomy 11-13</p> <p>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>4 Deuteronomy 14-16</p>
<p>Deuteronomy 24-27</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's 7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's 10:30 AM Frances Allen Circle 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>8 Deuteronomy 28-29</p> <p>5:30 PM Mosaic 6:30 PM JuBELLation 6:30 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 Deuteronomy 30-31</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 Deuteronomy 32-34</p> <p>11:00 AM Ben-Hur Movie 6:30 PM Ben-Hur Movie 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>11 Joshua 1-4</p>
<p>14 Joshua 12-15</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's 7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>15 Joshua 16-18</p> <p>Columns Deadline 7:00 AM Scrambled 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:30 PM Scouts 6:30 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 Joshua 19-21</p> <p>6:00 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 Joshua 22-24</p> <p>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>18 Judges 1-2</p> <p>9:00 AM Paul Bunyan Day at Camp Alta Mons</p>
<p>21 Judges 8-9</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's 7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>22 Judges 10-12</p> <p>5:30 PM Mosaic 6:30 PM Scouts 6:30 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 Judges 13-15</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 Judges 16-18</p>	<p>25 Judges 19-21</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM UMW Executive Meeting 9:00 AM Crafting with Bonnie Clark</p>
<p>28 1 Samuel 4-8</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Oak Grove Famous Anthony's 7:00 AM Youth Breakfast at Emily's 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>29 1 Samuel 9-12</p> <p>7:00 AM Scrambled 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:30 PM Scouts 6:30 PM Open Table 6:30 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 1 Samuel 13-14</p> <p>6:00 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>31 1 Samuel 15-17</p> <p>8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous</p>	



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

A Journey Through Lent



Get your passports and take a journey through Lent! Every child will receive a Lenten Passport. Present this passport each Sunday of Lent and at all special Lenten services and events (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc.) to receive a stamp. Who will take the longest journey and have the most stamps at the end ?!

Youth Events

Mission Day

Saturday, March 18

Meet at the church at 10:00 am for a small mission project. Afterwards, we'll have lunch and then a movie marathon!

Ben Hur Bible Study

During Lent, our church will have a study series based on the movie Ben Hur. The Youth will participate in the study on Wednesday nights during Mosaic. All Youth should attend the screening of Ben Hur at the church on Friday, March 10 at 6:30 PM. There will be popcorn and baked goods for sale. Bring money and help support our new playground!

Candy Donations Needed

Please bring donations of individually wrapped candy to the church for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 15.



**Next Generation Committee Meeting
March 26 8:30 AM**



**Saturday, April 8
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

We will host a yard sale in Fellowship and Memorial Hall. Please bring your donations of furniture and goods to the church by Friday, April 7 or call the church office for pick-up. (No donations of clothes, please.) Tables will be available on the front lawn for \$10 if you would like to sell your own items. All proceeds will benefit the Children's and Youth Ministries.

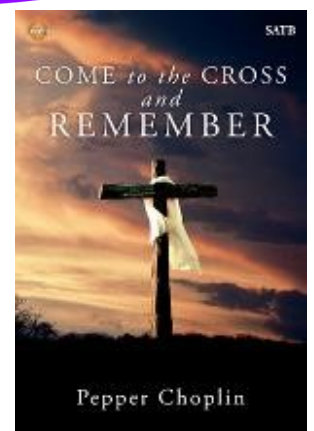


MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC IN WORSHIP FOR MARCH

- March 1 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service, Chancel Choir
- March 5 8:30 AM - Youth Praise Band, 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir
- March 12 11:00 AM - Children's Choir, Ringers for the Lord, and JuBELLation
- March 19 8:30 AM - First Light Praise Band, 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir
- March 26 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir has already started practicing for their Good Friday cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember" by Pepper Choplin. We will be singing this cantata accompanied by orchestra for the Good Friday service on April 14 at 7:00 PM. This is a beautiful new musical work with a poignant text that expresses the meaning of the events and lessons we remember during Holy Week. If you would like to sing with the choir or play in the orchestra for this special musical service, please contact Debra LeBrun, debra@rcumc.org.



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!



Feeling Crafty?

Join Bonnie Clark as she hosts our first **Craft Saturday!**

Saturday, March 25 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

What are we making? 3 Easter cards to keep & share
Process: Stamping, Coloring, Creating!
Cost \$5 for supplies - Sign up in Gathering Area



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

will meet **Thursday, MARCH 9th and 23rd** at 10 am 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.



Wednesdays at 5:30 PM - Dinner at 6:30 PM
Our current Wednesday evening adult options include The Story, What On Earth Am I Here For? and Financial Peace University along with handbells and choir!

Ben-Hur is a new option coming soon!

March Menu		
Activities for children and youth also!	March 8	Sloppy Joes
Nursery provided.	March 15	Turkey
	March 22	Fried Chicken
	March 29	Hot Dogs



March 12

Meet for Breakfast

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:45 to 9:45 am for coffee and good eats! This month's breakfast is **March 12**. There will be sausage gravy, egg casseroles, ham biscuits, and muffins! Then on the other Sundays, we will have coffee and fellowship time at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



First Light

Did you know that we have a casual worship service? It is called First Light and we meet on the first and the third Sunday of every month at 8:30 AM.

Hope you will join us March 5 & 19!

Job Openings at RCUMC

We need a great
new person to
join the team



Please share our new job openings with anyone you know who may be interested.

The new First Light Worship Leader will help us to strengthen this service and expand it to every week. The Director of Youth Ministries position will fill in the gap created by Emily Nester's request to change from working full-time to working part-time after the birth of her new baby.

Both positions will be part of the church staff and will work closely with the Senior Pastor, Director of Music Ministries, and other staff and volunteer leaders to develop these two very important ministries of our church. Please submit resumes to Sarah Stephens at saraholstephens@gmail.com.

Contemporary Worship Leader

Our "First Light" service is a growing, vital, contemporary worship service that seeks to transform people into fully committed followers of Christ. The Contemporary Worship Leader will envision and organize this service, including planning and directing the adult and youth Praise Band musicians. This person will have the organizational, communication, experience, and musical abilities required to successfully manage a weekly congregational worship service. This person should possess a strong faith in Christ and a clear calling to contemporary worship leading and directing.

Director of Youth Ministries

The Director of Youth Ministries will be an enthusiastic Christian with a passion for working with young people and a strong ability to direct and delegate a corps of volunteers. This person will have the organizational and communication skills, education (minimum: Bachelor's degree), and experience required to work successfully with church leadership, the youth ministry, and church members. Furthermore, s/he will be able to develop, implement, and oversee the youth program for grades 6-12 in support of the ministry of CUMC.

More information can be found at www.rcumc.org/jobopening.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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

	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19
Worship	216	172	213
Sunday Groups	55	67	82
Wed. Groups	2/8 54	2/15 70	2/22 68
Giving	\$8764	\$6598	\$5314

March Birthdays

3/2	Katie Coleman	3/22	Louise Jamison
3/3	Hannah Bryan	3/22	Vincent Snowadsky
3/3	Hunter Bryan	3/24	Anthony Bacigalupo
3/5	Ronnie St. Clair	3/24	Susan Harbert
3/5	Parker Talbot	3/25	Andy Fallon
3/6	Robert Harrell	3/27	Amy Moore
3/8	Jane Hill	3/28	Patrick Vaughan
3/13	Betty Wolfe	3/30	Korinna Cress
3/15	Zach Whitaker	3/30	Linda Sanders
3/16	Angela Vaughan	3/30	Charlotte Shockley
3/21	Darlene Bongrazio	3/30	Celia Smith

*Happy
 Birthday!*