

Columns

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Celebrate Easter 2017 at RCUMC

Maundy Thursday - April 13th
Foot Washing Service - 6:30 PM

Good Friday Cantata - April 14th 7:00 PM
"Come to the Cross and Remember"
by Pepper Choplin
presented by the Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Good Saturday - April 15th
Cross Exhibition - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 AM

Easter Service - Sunday, April 16th 11:00 AM
with choirs, brass, and handbells



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April 15, 9 AM - 2 PM

A Prayer Walk and Cross Exhibition

Travel through our cross exhibit and experience the story of the last hours of Jesus' journey to the cross through scripture and prayer.

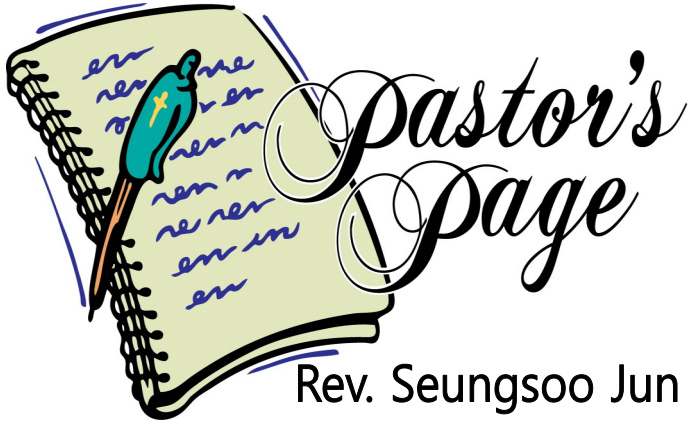
Bring in your cross to share in our exhibit. Crosses should be brought to the church by April 9th and can be left in the office or in the gathering area. Please label your cross so we know who it belongs to and leave any special instructions we need to know. Crosses can be picked up after the Easter service.

A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER

*the Beauty
of the
Cross*



CROSS EXHIBITION



Exciting!



Last Sunday, we were shooting a promotional video about our Easter activities with Matt and Addison Horne. Despite recovering from strep throat and flu, both of them did a great job. By the time we were finishing up the shoot, we asked Addison to say 'Share this video', however we

needed her to say it with more energy. Matt whispered to her saying, 'you need to do it with more excitement,' and she shouted out, 'Exciting!!!'

As I was editing the video, I couldn't cut out that scene. It sounded to me as if we were challenged by God to ask ourselves, 'Are we really excited?'

Christ's death and resurrection is one of the most exciting stories of history. Not only because of the supernatural aspect of the story, but because of the lives transformed by that story. The story of God's covenant being fulfilled, through Christ suffering, is not only remembered through Easter, but it is also renewed every day. The hope and resurrection exemplified by Jesus are the reason we find our purpose in God. Christ became the bridge between God and the world. Through that bridge, we can start an exciting journey; we are invited to be part of God's mission to the world.

Are we excited about this journey? Are we excited to see how God will use our lives, and the life of this church to further God's mission to this world? Are we excited that God's hand will work in lives of those who need to see the encounter? Are we excited to know that when we pray, we are preparing for an encounter, on behalf of that person? The story of Easter becomes really exciting when it is lived out in our lives. So, let's get excited to live out the promise. And don't forget, 'Share this video!' Share and invite in many other ways also.

Thank You!

Volunteers for April

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Acolytes	Caroline McGimsey Meredith McGimsey	Alli Coleman	Kelly Silvia Sarah Pero	HK Kim Laura Bacigalupo	Reid Donihe Luke Barrette
Altar Flowers	Linda Sanders	Lindsay Murray	Helen Alba	David Tanner	
Children's Time	Sarah Pero	Freeman Nester	Emily Nester	Sarah Stephens	Jacque King
Early Greeters	Dickenson Family	Shockley Family	Thornton Family	Gees & Dales	Huffman Family
Facility Security	Greg Huffman	Greg Huffman			
Fellowship Time	Lindsay & Jason Murray	Mary Lee Haldiman	Freeman Nester	Brad & Sarah Stephens	
Finance Office	Rob Vaughan	Mark Seiler	Julie Wheeler	Steve Gross	Linda Wright
Late Greeters	DiLauro Family	Gross Family			
Liturgists	Sarah Stephens	Roy Miller	Sandra Addison	UMW Sunday	Katherine Vaughan
Nursery	Matt Horne Ellen McGimsey Angela Vaughan Julia Vaughan	LaDonna Foley Julie Realmuto Keira Realmuto Melinda Yeatts	Janice Phillips Emma Silva Katherine Vaughan Beth Watts	Bonnie Clark Chelsea Ruby Kelly Silva Meredith McGimsey	Darlene Bongrazio Alli Coleman Brittany Roberts Ronnie St. Clair
Nursery Ushers	Georgia Seiler	Cindy Hayth	Joanna Coleman	Bonnie Dickerson	
Technology Team	Charlie Hubbard Jason Murray John Pero Frank Walkiewicz	Steven LeBrun will arrange to have you trained to help here!	Send Steven an email to request to be part of the team!	Steven @Lebruns.com	
Transportation	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress
Ushers	Anthony Bacigalupo Tim McConchie Mark Seiler Brad Stephens Patsy Wingfield Bob Wingfield	Jake DiLauro John DiLauro Stew Hubbell Greg Huffman Trace King David Tanner	Kathy Arritt Ken Arritt John Coleman Shelby Dickerson Jay Inge	Roy Miller Debbie Reid Robert Reid Julie Wheeler Mitch Wheeler	Rick Bowyer Teresa Bowyer Connie Davis David Davis John Pero Rob Vaughan

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



We are called to pray for each other and bear each other's burdens. The Prayer Ministry is offering the congregation the opportunity to have a prayer partner to pray for specifically. If you would like to participate, sign the list in the Gathering Area. You will be notified of your partner.



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.

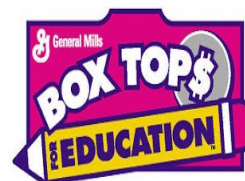


Please continue bringing your used stamps to church. Trim stamps 1/4 inch around the edge.

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 on March 12, 2017, at 6:30 PM in the church library. Our program centered around the annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. The program highlighted health care needs of women in the United States and across the globe. Health care for women and children has been at the heart of United Methodist Women's missions since the founding of our organization. Our foremothers made the deliberate choice to act to save women's lives. Today United Methodist Women continue to support and advocate for health and family needs of women and children throughout the world. Our call to Prayer and Self-Denial offerings will support partners that offer programs for the health of mothers and their children.

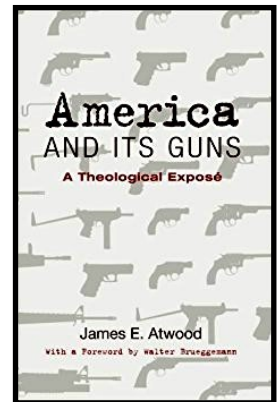
On Wednesday, March 15, our group provided the dinner meal for the children and staff at COP. Our fellowship is presently collecting Wal-Mart gift cards for Camp Alta Mons. The cards will be used by the staff to purchase medical supplies for the more than five hundred campers who participate in the varied programs offered at Alta Mons. On Saturday, April 8, several of our members will attend the District UMW Spiritual Retreat at Camp Alta Mons. Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting at Jersey Lily's Restaurant. We will gather at 6 PM Sunday, April 9, for a time of fellowship and dining. All women are welcome. ***Any woman is welcome to join our fellowship. Contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358.***

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, April 4 at 10:30AM at the church. Jackie Hall will be doing the program on Call to Prayer. Elsie White and Joyce Baldwin are hostesses. Becky Gee, Devotions. All women are welcome to join us for any of our programs and fellowship. For more information contact any circle member or Bonnie Dickerson s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net or 774-1870

Reading Program

We are surrounded by violence in our culture in which guns play a significant role. Rev. James Atwood, a retired Presbyterian minister and avid hunter, addresses this issue in his compelling book America and Its Guns: A Theological Expose. He examines both the culture of the gun empire and how the faith community should respond. This is a powerful book looking at a timely subject that we all need to read and formulate for ourselves how to best respond to gun violence in our nation. There are 3 copies in our church library that may be checked out.





United Methodist Women Calendar

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

April 29 - 30 Conference Spiritual Life Retreat
4H Center, Front Royal, VA

April 23 - United Methodist Women Sunday

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
	<h1 style="color: #00AEEF;">April 2017</h1>	
<p>Praise God for this beautiful earth He created for us and for the different seasons we all enjoy.</p>	<p>2 ¹ Samuel 21 - 24</p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:15 PM BELLievers 4:00 PM Caring & Coloring 5:00 PM Wilson Wedding</p>	<p>3 ¹ Samuel 25 - 27</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>
<p>Thank our Lord Jesus Christ for riding into Jerusalem, knowing that he would suffer greatly and then die for us all.</p>	<p>9 ² Samuel 19 - 21</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:45 Breakfast 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring</p>	<p>10 ² Samuel 19 - 21</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Youth Dinner at Mac & Bob's & Living Cross Program at College Lutheran Church 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>
<p>Praise God for giving us the hope of salvation through the death and resurrection of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>16 ¹ Kings 10 - 11</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship</p>	<p>17 ¹ Kings 12 - 14</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>
<p>Thank God daily for the blessings of Christ's sacrificial love, for family, friends, and provision.</p>	<p>23 ² Kings 6 - 8</p> <p>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</p>	<p>24 ² Kings 9 - 11</p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Next Gen Meeting 6:30 PM Praise Band 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>
<p>Pray that God will continue to transform your heart to love Him above all else in your life and to love others as He does.</p>	<p>30 ¹ Chronicles 1 - 2</p> <p>9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Youth Serving at RAM House</p>	<p>2:00 PM Youth Praise Band Rehearsal 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring</p>

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Follow along with Bible reading on this calendar! Add your name to the gathering area list of daily readers.				1 1 Samuel 18 - 20 Mother's of Multiples Sale 5:00 PM Wilson Wedding Rehearsal
4 1 Samuel 28 - 31 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	5 2 Samuel 1 - 3 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:30 PM JuBELLation 6:30 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	6 2 Samuel 4 - 7 6:00 PM Brass Rehearsal	7 2 Samuel 8 - 12 Yard Sale Set-Up 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	8 2 Samuel 13 - 15 8:00 AM Yard Sale
11 2 Samuel 22 - 24 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	12 1 Kings 1 - 2 7:00 AM Scrambled 5:00 PM Children's Rehearsal 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:30 PM Scouts 6:30 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	13 1 Kings 3 - 5 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Brass Rehearsal 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Footwashing Service	14 1 Kings 6 - 7 7:00 PM Good Friday Cantata 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Columns Deadline	15 1 Kings 8 - 9 9:00 AM The Beauty of the Cross Prayer Walk & Cross Exhibition 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt 4:00 PM Easter Rehearsal
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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 ?!

Living Cross Stations

Mon., April 10

Meet at the church at 5:10 pm. We'll go to dinner (bring money for your meal) at Mac and Bob's then go to College Lutheran Church for a Holy Week presentation.

Youth Events

Youth Sunday Planning

We'll spend our Mosaic time on April 12 and April 26 planning for Youth Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt Sat., April 15

Meet at the Dickenson's house at 8:30am so that we can set up and hide Easter Eggs for the kids!

RAM House

Sunday, April 30

It's time for our 5th Sunday volunteer opportunity at the RAM House. We'll leave worship following the Children's Time. Bring lunch money .

Candy Donations Needed

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

Reminder!

Next Generation Committee Meeting

Monday, April 24 - 5:30 PM



MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC IN WORSHIP FOR APRIL

- April 2 8:30 AM - Youth Praise Band, 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir
- April 9 11:00 AM - PALM SUNDAY BELLievers, Chancel Choir, First Light Praise Band
- April 14 7:00 PM - GOOD FRIDAY Cantata by Chancel Choir and Orchestra
- April 16 11:00 AM - EASTER Children's Choir, Cherub Choir, Chancel Choir, Ringers for the Lord, JuBELLation, and RCUMC Brass
- April 23 11:00 AM - UMW Sunday
- April 30 11:00 AM - Chancel Choir

RCUMC Coffeehouse

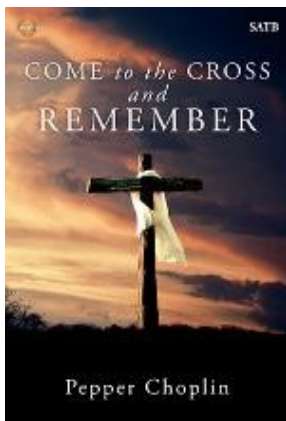
Saturday, April 29, 7:30-9:30 PM



Exceptional American Celtic Music

We always have a great time when Second Wynde plays at our church! Admission and Coffee are free, but donations will be accepted and other refreshments will be for sale!

Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy a fun evening out with you!



The Chancel Choir will present the cantata "Come to the Cross and Remember" on Good Friday, April 14th at 7:00 PM accompanied by orchestra. Experience Christ's journey to the cross through narration, symbols, and music. Don't miss this powerful and inspiring worship experience!



Meet for Breakfast

April 9
Join us!

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 **April 9**. 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. (Easter Sunday we will participate in the 11:00 traditional worship.)

Hope you will join us April 2!

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.

Contact Emily to help on April 7 and 8.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet **Thursday, APRIL 13th and 27th** at 10 am at the church. All are

welcome to join us as we knit and crochet. We have been making shawls, lap blankets and baby blankets. Now we are doing scarves which will be donated to the homeless.

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, Discovery, and Ben-Hur along with handbells and choir!

Activities for children and youth also! Nursery provided.

April Menu

April 5	Ravioli
April 12	Salad Bar
April 19	Spring Break
April 26	BBQ

Executive Council News Corner

Congregational Care Committee:

Prayer Group: has prayed for each member of the congregation by name.

They held a Prayer Ministry Planning Meeting on Jan.23 & discussed some changes in format/focus of Monday evening prayer.

The Missions Committee:

Mission Moment during Sunday morning worship March 26 highlighting Rescue Mission-speaker Steve Gross.

The Next Generation Committee

Trustees approved a scale drawing of new playground proposal.

Summer VBS July 23-27 changed to July 16th-20th.

Emily has taken over in the nursery, & the youth position has been posted by staff parish.

Emily will continue full time until the arrival of her baby.

Children - April 15th Easter Egg Hunt

Youth - March 18th in church mission & movie afternoon

Small Groups Committee

Small group neighborhood dinners being organized by Terri Urquhart.

Next one scheduled for April 2.

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC)

Interviewing candidates for First Light Worship Leader & Director of Youth Ministry

The Trustees

Replaced water cooler on second floor; Phone system worked on & programmed

Repaired & painted Memorial Hall outside entrance door

Gutters cleaned & inspected; debris picked up on roof, inspected & made minor repairs.

Renting office space to Virginia United Methodist Housing Development Corporation for Larry Dickenson who has been named President. Service work done on church van

Repaired & replaced lights/fixtures in Fellowship Hall, kitchen, Memorial Hall & Angelus Chapel.

Installed light over steps going into sanctuary from second floor landing.

UMM and UMW:

On January 24th JT Clark spoke at our Men's dinner.

March 24th, 8am - Fellowship Breakfast. Local principals from our neighborhood elementary schools involved in CIA to speak.

April 29th will do repairs on a house for a family in need through Renovation Alliance.

Jay Inge has volunteered to be the UMM Liaison for our scouting program.

The UMW of Raleigh Court UMC had an executive committee meeting to set budget for 2017. We increased our pledge for 2017 to \$1400 for Mission Giving (goes to District, Conference & National UMW for our 200+ projects nationally & internationally).

Questions, comments, email Will Adkins(adkinw@gmail.com).

Our church family continues to do wonderful work at RCUMC and abroad! Here are a few highlights.

The Next Executive Council meeting is on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:30 PM.



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

	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26
Worship	186	189	221	196
Sunday Groups	90	67	89	78
Wed. Groups	Ash Wed	3/8 66	3/15 65	3/22 55
Giving	\$7,426	\$7,370	\$13,740	\$6,560

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Joyce Baldwin
- 4/2 Amber Cress
- 4/3 Reid Arritt
- 4/3 Doug Moore
- 4/3 Lynn Donihe
- 4/4 Jeanette Combs
- 4/4 Sherrie Denison
- 4/5 Sam Crawford
- 4/6 Anne Burnett
- 4/9 Aaron Olsen-Gordon
- 4/9 Mark Seiler
- 4/10 Sandra Addison
- 4/12 Becky Ellis
- 4/12 Sarah Justis
- 4/13 Lily Crawford
- 4/15 Maddox Handy
- 4/17 Kate Horne
- 4/20 Sarah Pero
- 4/23 Liam Hayden
- 4/24 Kathleen Adkins
- 4/25 Liam Harrell
- 4/26 Peighton Miller
- 4/26 Randy McCoy
- 4/28 Andy Thornton
- 4/30 Marcia Larson
- 4/30 Andrew Pence

*Happy
 Birthday!*