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Raleigh Court United Methodist Church is now offering more opportunities for worship!



First Light
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

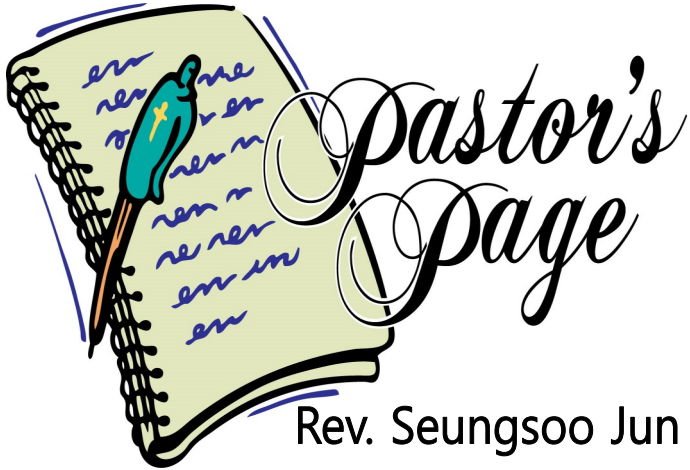
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NOW EVERY SUNDAY @ 8:30 AM!

The First Light Contemporary Worship service will now be offered every Sunday morning at 8:30 in the sanctuary. Now you have the opportunity for contemporary worship at 8:30 or traditional worship at 11:00 every Sunday. The worship team (formerly known as the praise band) has been reorganized in order to be able to offer contemporary music every Sunday.

We are constantly searching for vocalist, instrumentalist and technology savvy individuals. If you feel that you have a talent to offer please contact Mark Moyer at MarkM@rcumc.org.

As always, *the most important* musical group in our church is the congregation. We would love to have you join us as we worship together singing and praising God.



First Fruit to God

"You shall bring the very first of the first fruits of your soil into the house of the Lord your God" (Exodus 34:26)

A couple of months ago, I was fixated by the wonders of woodworking. It started with a question, "would it be possible to refurbish some furniture in the parsonage?" Then my interest developed into a decision to start a woodworking workshop in the basement of the parsonage.

After several Youtube tutorials and various visits around the local pawnshops, I was able to acquire the basic tools to build. I started by building a workbench and couple of sawhorses for my tools.

Around that time, Terri told me that she was searching for a coffee stand for our new Connection Corner. The Connection Corner is located at the entrance of the fellowship hall, with a Keurig coffee maker, for members to enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship. It is not that I have re-discovered my calling as Terri suggested, I am being faithful to my true call; to be more like Jesus. I thought it would be a very good idea to offer my first fruit of woodworking to God.

When I grew up, my parents taught me several tips to keep God's command; bringing our first to God. We will normally cut our hair on Saturday evenings, so we will be able to present our new haircut to God, on Sunday morning. It was the same with any new clothes we bought, except pajamas. When they gave us an allowance, they taught us to tithe and present our offering to God,



before using the money for anything else. When we had our children their first outings, other than medical checkups, were coming to church. Therefore it was appropriate to offer my first project to God, for the Connection Corner. It might not be my best, but it is my first.

If you attend the First Light service, our contemporary worship service, you might have heard the news that we are transitioning into a weekly service. It has been three years since we have started this new way of worship. Last year, we extended this worship to bi-weekly service. We have noticed that we were able to attract new members, who were more comfortable with a semi-contemporary setting, first thing in the morning. However, only having the worship two times a month, limited and sometimes confused the new members.

In 2015, during the charge conference, our District Superintendent recommended that we plan and prepare to make a transition to a weekly First Light service. For the past two years, we have gradually made the changes to implement this plan. And we are excited to share the news that our First light service will be held on a weekly basis, starting this month, July 2017.

Through our weekly First Light service, we pray that we will be able to reach out to a new group of people. For us to fulfill this mission, we will need your prayers. Also, in your prayer, if you sense God's calling to dedicate yourself for this new launch, please do not hesitate to call me or Rev. Mark Moyer, our First Light worship leader. I pray that this transition will help us to experience how to give our first to God, as we grow into the vision to "Love God, Love Others, for the transformation of the World" together. May God continue to lead us in this endeavor.

In Christ,

RJ



Join us each Monday as we gather together specifically to pray.

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.



Volunteers for July

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Acolytes	Katherine Vaughan Julia Vaughan	Luke Barrette Reid Donihe	Kelly Silva Emma Silva	Meredith McGimsey	Jake DiLauro Evan Gross
Altar Flowers	Jim and Martha Nicholas	Jim and Martha Nicholas	Dennie & Sherrie Denison	Woori Kwon	
Children's Time	Michelle Horne	Ellen McGimsey	John Pero	George Dickenson	Cindy Hayth
Early Greeters		Luci Wright	King Family		DiLauro Family
Facility Security	Tommy Whitaker	Doug Moore	John Shockley	Steve Gross	
Fellowship Time	Linda Johnson	Jacque King	Georgia Seiler	Woori Kwon	
Finance Office	Steve Gross	Linda Wright	Rob Vaughan	Mark Seiler	Julie Wheeler
Late Greeters	Hayden Family		Realmuto Family	Arritt Family	Huffman Family
Liturgists	Steven Smith	Steph Dickenson	Rick Bowyer	Judy Gearing	Monty Sanders
Nursery	Matt Horne Ellen McGimsey Meredith McGimsey Janice Phillips	Jim Nicholas Martha Nicholas Emma Silva Sarah Stephens	Sidney Handy Brian Handy Angela Vaughan Julia Vaughan	Michelle Adkins William Adkins Katie Coleman Caroline McGimsey	Sharon Hayden Zac Hayden Keira Realmuto Ronnie St. Clair
Nursery Ushers		Michelle Adkins	Daphne Huffman	Bonnie Dickerson	
Raleigh Ct Healthcare Volunteers	Bonnie & Shelby Dickerson				Susan Loveman
Transportation	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress	Carl Cress
Ushers	Nancy Carter Skip Carter Carl Cress John Richardson Jeanne Whitaker Tommy Whitaker	Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Freeman Nester Doug Moore Andy Thornton Susan Witt	Greg Barrette John Shockley Stephen Smith	Steve Gross Vicke Marshall Jason Murray Lindsay Murray	Rick Bowyer Teresa Bowyer Connie Davis David Davis John Pero Rob Vaughan

We  our volunteers!

Thank You!

United Methodist Women

RCUMC Circles

Sunday Evening Fellowship

SEF met for dinner on Sunday, June 11, for a relaxing evening of fellowship. Our women provided UMCOR health kits for annual conference. Under Luci Wright's leadership we are presently organizing personal hygiene kits for Days for Girls, an international UMW service project. These will be taken to Mission Encounter the end of July. There will be no SEF meeting in July.

All members are encouraged to attend the Know Your Neighbor small group dinners on Sunday, July 9, 2017 (or an alternate date according to each group. Our next SEF meeting will be in August. All women are invited to attend our monthly Sunday evening meetings.

Contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358 for information.

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will resume meetings in September.



Questions or more information contact any of the circle members or Bonnie Dickerson
[540-774-1870](tel:540-774-1870)
or 309-0141.

Reading Program



Summer is a great time to catch up on your reading and select something to complete your reading plan before the August deadline. Be sure to enjoy Response and New World Outlook as well. Both magazines will keep you current as to issues and outreach in the United Methodist Church.



United Methodist Women Calendar

July 28-30 Mission Encounter 2017
Bon Air UMC, Richmond, VA

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
	<h1>July 2017</h1>	
<p>Praise the Lord for the freedom we have in America to worship Him without restriction or persecution.</p>	<p><i>2 Psalms 96-102</i></p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>3 Psalms 103-105</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Louise Jamison's Memorial Service 6:30 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that God will protect all of our church staff this summer as they travel on their vacations.</p>	<p><i>9 Psalms 120-132</i></p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>10 Psalms 133-139</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that God will guide you to help those in need - the hungry, the homeless, the grieving, the sick, and those who do not know Jesus personally.</p>	<p><i>16 Proverbs 10-12</i></p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School</p>	<p><i>17 Proverbs 13-15</i></p> <p>Phyllis Wampler's Memorial Service 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 6:30 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Praise God for the warm days of summer, for the beautiful sunshine, and for the enjoyment of His wonderful creation.</p>	<p><i>23 Proverbs 30-31</i></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 Eat and Greet</p>	<p><i>24 Ecclesiastes 1-4</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Begin each day with a thankful heart, and pray that God will lead you to those who need His love the most.</p>	<p><i>30 Isaiah 9-12</i></p> <p>8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 9:40 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Youth serve @RAM House 5:00 PM IHN Week</p>	<p><i>31 Isaiah 13-17</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM IHN Week 6:30 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Psalms-90-95
4 Psalms 106-107 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	5 Psalms 108-114 7:00 AM Scrambled	6 Psalms 115-118 12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	7 Psalms 119: 1-88 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	8 Psalms 119:89- 176
11 Psalms 140-145 7:00 AM Youth Trip to Kings Dominion 5:30 PM Executive Council Meeting 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	12 Psalms 146-150 7:30 PM Summer Choir Rehearsal	13 Proverbs 1-3 12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	14 Proverbs 4-6 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	15 Proverbs 7-9
18 Proverbs 16-18 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	19 Proverbs 19-21 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School Columns Deadline	20 Proverbs 22-23 7:00 AM Scrambled 12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	21 Proverbs 24- 26 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	22 Proverbs 27- 29
25 Ecclesiastes 5-8 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	26 Ecclesiastes 9-12 6:30 PM Open Table	27 Song of Solomon 1-8 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl 12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	28 Isaiah 1-4 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	29 Isaiah 5-8



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

Vacation Bible School

July 16-20

5:30-8:00 pm

3 years old—5th Grade

Register online at www.rcumc.org.

Speak to Julie Realmuto if you would like to volunteer!



This year we are raising money for the new playground.

Please feel free to contribute to this project by bringing your financial donation to the church during the week of VBS.

Youth Events

Kings Dominion Trip

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 am - 11:00 pm

Leave the church at 7 am, arrive at Kings Dominion at 11:00 am. Cost includes park admission and dinner. Youth should bring money for their lunch and any snacks or other items they would like to purchase. They should also bring sunscreen (or a jacket, depending on weather), a change of clothes and a towel, and comfortable shoes. (Rain Date: July 13) Cost: \$40/person. RSVP to Angela Vaughan.

Youth Hike

Sunday, July 23

After Worship

Pack your own lunch. After worship we'll eat lunch together then head to Debra's house to go on one of her favorite hikes. Dress appropriately and bring water!

Reminder!

Next Generation Committee Meeting

Monday, August 7 5:30 PM

It's Never Too Late To Start!

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

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.

Children's Library

Don't forget to check out a book from the Children's Library when you come to Sunday School. There are lots of fun choices and it's so convenient. During the summer when schedules are lighter, it's a great time to settle down with a good book as a family.



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group will meet **Thursday, July 27th** 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.

MUSIC NOTES

Summer
CHOIR



All Adults and Teens welcome, even if you can't sing with the choir regularly!

The Chancel choir takes a break for the summer, but we will have a summer choir for one Sunday each month. This will give our regular choir members a chance to keep the dust off their vocal chords, and it will provide an opportunity for anyone else who enjoys singing to join us for these one-time commitments. We don't wear robes in the summer, just come as you are.

Wednesday, July 12 – Rehearsal 7:30 – 8:15; Sunday, July 16 – Sing for Worship

Wednesday, August 2 – Rehearsal 7:30 – 8:15; Sunday, Aug 6 – Sing for Worship



Music Camp

MUSIC ADVENTURE CAMP

August 7-11, 9:00 AM—12 Noon

Singing ~ Instruments ~ Handbells ~ Chimes ~ Fun

If your child is 5 years old through 6th grade and they like music, sign up now for our Music Camp that will be happening on August 7-11 in the mornings, 9AM-12 Noon. This will be an exciting week of exploring music! There will be singing, percussion instruments, choirchimes and handbells, traditional and contemporary Christian music, and lots of fun music games. The week ends with a short musical concert by the children.

Cost is \$50 per child.

Register online at www.rcumc.org

We had a great time last year so sign up now and spread the word!

SUMMER HANDBELL CLASS



If you want to learn to ring, or you already have some ringing experience and want to work on improving your skills, or you are an experienced ringer who doesn't want to get rusty over the summer,

Come to our HANDBELL CLASS!

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, August 2, 9 and 16

Even if you can't make all the sessions you are welcome to come when you can. We will not be preparing a piece for performance. We will have fun working on ringing technique, improving our confidence as ringers, and improving our music reading skills.

The Raleigh Court UMC congregation has been in partnership with the Congregations In Action (CIA) for several years. This group of churches in the Grandin Road and South West Roanoke city area meet together and plan ways to help needy children in 4 city elementary schools: Wasena, Virginia Heights, Grandin Court and Fishburn Park. We provide food for these children on the weekends, and we provide school supplies. We also help with school supplies for the Community Outreach Program (COP) that meets after school at Trinity UMC in Old Southwest. School supplies will be a bargain in July and August. Watch for specials. We are asked to provide the following by August 15:

- Loose leaf paper wide and college ruled
- Pencils
- glue sticks, lots of glue sticks, (but no bottled glue)
- Crayons
- dry-erase markers
- large pink erasers eraser tops for pencils
- bookbags (but no lunch boxes)
- scissors with rounded tips
- wide-ruled marble covered composition books (not spiral notebooks)
- Pencil pouches that fit in a 3-ring binder (they have the metal eyelets and are canvas)
- Scotch Tape rolls
- Pocket folders (these sometimes have brads in the center, but those not needed plain 2 pocket folders are cheaper)



As you bring them to church, please put them in the bins in the gathering area. Thank you so much for your continued support.



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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.*

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
8:30 AM Worship	40	n/a	53	n/a
Sunday Groups	67	n/a	42	41
11:00 AM Worship	145	135	115	137
Giving	\$8,999	\$2,313	\$6,939	

July Birthdays

- July 1 Jim Nicholas
- July 5 Tim Marshall
- July 6 Judy Thornton
- July 7 Matthew Pero
- July 11 Keith Foley
- July 11 Beth Watts
- July 12 Bonnie Clark
- July 13 Keira Realmuto
- July 14 LaDonna Foley
- July 15 Gypsy Dix
- July 15 Hank Marshall
- July 16 Jeanne Counihan
- July 19 I.J. Parsons
- July 19 Luci Wright
- July 20 Ken Arritt
- July 23 Max Hayden
- July 25 Evan Gross
- July 25 Jackie Hall
- July 26 RJ Jun
- July 27 Stew Hubbell
- July 29 Emily Nester
- July 29 Mitch Wheeler
- July 30 Sylvan Marion
- July 31 Milt Marks

