



RALEIGH COURT
UNITED METHODIST

Columns

Love is in the air!

Let's start February with a fun Parents Night "Out". While we keep your children, we will treat you to dinner and a movie at the church. This is for couples and singles, church friends and community friends. Bring your group, let us cook, clean and enjoy time with your children while you relax. If you would like to volunteer to help us with this family night, please contact Eric at eric@rcumc.org or 344-6011 x4.

In March we will offer a marriage enrichment opportunity. The sessions include:

- Pink & Blue: Not Wrong, Just Different
- Hollywood or Holy Word
- 80:20 Ratio
- Not Communication but Mutual Understanding
- My Response is My Responsibility
- Stay the Course

Sign up today for both of these at rcumc.org/sign-up-center

SPECIAL EVENT
FRIDAY FEB. 8, 5:30PM-8PM

Parents Night "Out"



Parents - We invite you to stay and enjoy dinner and a movie on us while we take care of the kids.

Register at rcumc.org - Sign Up Center

Entertaining & Enlightening Marriage Study

Women need love and men need respect. Let's take a closer look at how we can make it a win/win for both of you!

Beginning on Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30 PM. Free dinner follows each week.
Register at rcumc.org/sign-up-center





Loving God (2) Corporate Worship

We are a community of faith called to 'Love God, Love others, for the Transformation of the world.' To be faithful of our call, we are focusing our hearts to be 'idiots for our Lord.' We believe worship is a spiritual discipline helping us understand who we are and how we can live according to God's call. For the next couple of months, I'll be writing about worship, praying that it will help our understanding of worship. Please let me know your thoughts and feedback about worship!

In the self-directed spirituality era where even Christians identify to 'I'm spiritual but not religious,' we see how church attendance is rapidly declining. According to Barna Research, only 35% of adult

Christians said they expressed their faith by attending a church service in the past seven days. Thom Rainer describes how church attendance behavior changed in the past couple of decades. Thirty years ago a regular church attendee would have been a person who attends three church services a week. Twenty years ago, a regular church attendee would have been a person who attends one church service a week. In the last decade it chanced to participate in worship once a month, and now it will be attending a worship service once every quarter.

There are many reasons why the frequency of worship declined, but the reality is astounding. I am not saying that we should cut all our extra activities to attend worship at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church,

but I want to challenge our spirituality to see how intentional we are to worship our Lord.

Christianity is not a solitary religion.

We need to have a balance between having healthy personal worship and public worship. By focusing heavily on public worship, by no means are we disparaging the power of private worship. At the same time, we also have to understand that our personal

worship cannot substitute the impact we have by worshipping our Lord corporately, in public worship. I want to share a couple of reasons why corporate worship is a vital part of our journey of restoring Christ's image in our lives.

1 - *Awakened by God's Revelation* -

There was a college student who came and shared his story. He grew up in a family that taught him the beauty of personal devotions. Every morning, he would wake up and attend his heart to God's Word and how he should live as God's child. He shared how there will always be a question that lingers in his heart, to fully understand God's will, in his devotions. He continued to share that all those questions were answered through our Sunday worship. God reveals God's will, more clearly, when we come to God together in worship. John Wesley describes worship as an act of "looking upward and looking inward, in hearkening to the voice of God, and pouring out their hearts before him." When we pour our hearts to God in worship, God answers our prayers and thoughts in surprising ways.

- (1) *What is Worship?*
- (2) *Why Corporate Worship?*
- (3) *How do we worship?*
- (4) *Worship in the Wesleyan Tradition - Pattern of Worship*
- (5) *Worship vs. Service*
- (6) *FAQ*

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Lay Leader
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Watch our services when you cannot attend!

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

Check out our Facebook page! (Sunday services are posted each week on our website.)

To receive the "Columns" by email or to sign up for our email newsletter "The Weekly Good News", just send a note to us at rcumc@rcumc.org

Prayer requests can be shared directly with our Prayer Ministry Team by emailing to prayers@rcumc.org.

The church office is open Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm.



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Mission Corner



Family Promise[®] of Greater Roanoke

OUR NEXT HOST WEEK IS FEB 10-17.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE & HOST DINNER FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. WE ALSO NEED PEOPLE TO SHARE TIME WITH THE FAMILIES AND BE AN OVERNIGHT HOST.

PLEASE SIGN UP THE IN GATHERING AREA OR CONTACT KATHI HUFNAGEL 301-928-6853 OR STEVE GROSS 540-798-2278 TO LEARN MORE DETAILS ABOUT HOW YOU MIGHT HELP SERVE.

TO VOLUNTEER SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN THE GATHERING AREA OF OUR CHURCH



Worship & Support Groups

**Coming
Soon**

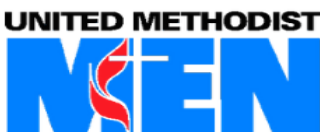


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The **Pink** Grocery carts at the church entrances are for collecting "Food Pantry" items in February.

Our Food Pantry needs:

- Spaghetti - Pasta
- Meat Sauce (Ragu, etc.)
- Bagged Rice, Dried Beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter



Celebrate Recovery
A CHRIST-CENTERED Recovery Program

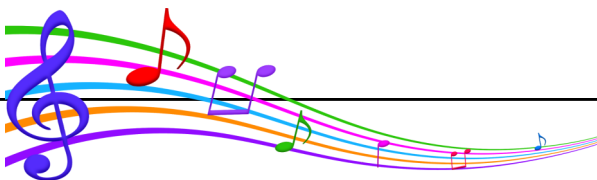




Would you like to volunteer for something, but aren't sure how? Just ask Terri!(terriu@rcumc.org) She will connect you with the right people to show you the ropes!

Thank you!

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Altar Flowers	Seungsoo Jun	Janice Phillips	Judy Gearing	Becky Howlett
Finance	Steve Gross	Carla Taylor	Rob Vaughan	Mark Seiler
Nursery	Blake Bongrazio Darlene Bongrazio Brittany Roberts-Emery Katherine Vaughan	Charlotte Shockley John Shockley Emma Silva Janet Tanner	Peighton Miller Whitney Miller Andreea O'Keef Paul O'Keef	Kathy Arritt Allison Coleman Joanna Coleman Janice Phillips
Healthcare Worship	Allison Sadler	Bonnie Dickerson Shelby Dickerson	Frank Dieter Mary Dieter	Dalia Downing Rachel Downing
Liturgist	Sarah Stephens	Patsy Wingfield	Louise Miller	Sue McCoy
Transport	Bill Taylor	Bill Gearing	Mat Talbot	
Ushers	Kathy Arritt Ken Arritt Rick Bowyer Jason Murray Jim Nicholas Mark Seiler	Linda Bartlett Dennie Denison Sherrie Denison Stew Hubbell Steve Smith Andy Thornton	Greg Barrette Daphne Huffman Greg Huffman David Tanner Bill Taylor Carla Taylor	Carl Cress Bonnie Dickerson Shelby Dickerson Vivianne Harris Tim McConchie John Richardson



We Are Going To Carnegie Hall!

Our Chancel Choir has received the honor of being invited to sing in a concert at Carnegie Hall with composer Mark Hayes on December 2, 2019! This is exciting news for our choir and our church!! We have 18 singers who plan on participating. You can show your appreciation for our wonderful choir by supporting our trip with a donation. We want to make sure that all of our members who want to attend are able to do so. You can either make a check payable to the church or donate online. Write in the memo line 'Carnegie Hall Trip'. When donating online select "Music Program" for the Fund.

For more Information and to Support our fundraising efforts for this trip please visit www.rcumc.org/chancel-choir. Thank you to all who have already shown their support!

Looking for knitters and crocheters!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to add to our group.

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet January 10th and 24th at 10:00 AM in the church library. All women are invited to join us as we knit and crochet. Don't know how? We can teach you!

For more information or questions, please contact Becky Gee at 989-6581 or email her at dwgrdg@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.

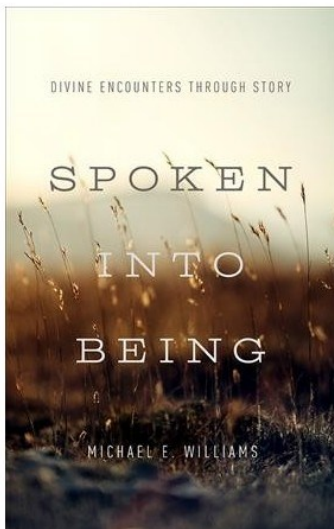
The rate is \$10.00 per class or a class card may be purchased for a discounted rate of \$36.00 for four classes (to be used within two months).

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.



UMW Reading Program



Michael Williams explores the power of storytelling in our spiritual lives. Just as in Biblical times, stories can help us to capture Holy encounters and make them more real. Explore how this can be a part of your life by checking out this book from the 2019 UMW shelf.



United Methodist Women

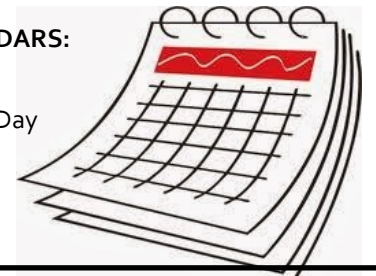
All women are United Methodist Women.

Ask Becky Gee about our three circles!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

January 31
General Assembly Day
Bon Air UMC
Richmond, VA



Sunday Evening Fellowship

Sunday Evening Fellowship was unable to meet in January due to the inclement weather. Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 10 at 6:30 PM in the church library. We will plan the UMW Sunday program which will be in March. We will make our yearly pledges to UMW as well as review the fall pecan sales. Our group will also discuss the Kids Soar dinner which we will host in February. ALL women are welcome at our meetings. Contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358.

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet at the church Tues. Feb. 5 at 10:30am. Program : Women Investing in Shalom. Hostess is Gladys Munsey. All women are invited to join us for refreshments, Bible study, and fellowship. For more information or questions contact Bonnie Dickerson 540-309-0141 or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net

Weekly Prayer Focus	The Lord's Day	Monday
	<h1 style="color: red;">February 2019</h1>	
<p>Ask God to help you be faithful in your financial commitment to His work at RCUMC.</p>	<p>3 <i>Isaiah 32-33; Mark 8</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday Bible Fellowships 11:00 AM Children's Worship 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>4 <i>Isaiah 34-36; Mark 9:1-29</i> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray for strength and protection for all of our military men and women who serve our nation throughout the world.</p>	<p>10 <i>Genesis 31-32; Romans 11:1-18</i> Family Promise Week 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday Bible Fellowships 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting 4:30 PM Caring & Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM UMW Sunday Evening Fellowship 6:30 PM Youth G.L.O.W. Fellowship</p>	<p>11 <i>Isaiah 50-52; Mark 12:28-44</i> Family Promise Week 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Spend quiet time in prayer with your loving Lord Jesus each and every day.</p>	<p>17 <i>Exodus 1-3; Mark 15:1-25</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday Bible Fellowships 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM BELLievers Rehearsal 12:00 PM Private Event 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring 6:30 PM Youth G.L.O.W. Fellowship</p>	<p>18 <i>Exodus 4-6; Mark 15:26-47</i> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>
<p>Pray that all of our RCUMC youth, college age young people, and young adults seek God daily and acknowledge His love in their lives.</p>	<p>24 <i>Exodus 19-20; 1 Thessalonians 5</i> 8:30 AM First Light Worship 9:00 AM Connection Corner Coffee 9:40 AM Sunday Bible Fellowships 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM Caring and Coloring 5:30 PM BELLievers 6:30 PM Youth G.L.O.W. Fellowship</p>	<p>25 <i>Exodus 21-22; 2 Thessalonians 1</i> 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry</p>

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Isaiah 28-29; Mark 7:1-13</i> 8:00 NA Meeting	2 <i>Isaiah 30-31; Mark 7:14-37</i>
	5 <i>Isaiah 37-38; Mark 9:30-50</i> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	6 <i>Isaiah 39-40; Mark 10:1-31</i> 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	7 <i>Isaiah 41-42; Mark 10:32-52</i> 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting	8 <i>Isaiah 43-44; Mark 11:1-18</i> 10:00 AM Friday Friends 5:30 PM Parents Night "Out" 8:00 PM NA Meeting	9 <i>Isaiah 45-46; Mark 11:19-33</i>
	12 <i>Isaiah 53-55; Mark 13:1-20</i> Family Promise Week 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	13 <i>Isaiah 56-58; Mark 13:21-37</i> Family Promise Week 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	14 <i>Isaiah 59-61; Mark 14:1-26</i> Family Promise Week 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting	15 <i>Isaiah 62-64; Mark 14:27-53</i> Family Promise Week 8:00 PM NA Meeting	16 <i>Isaiah 65-66; Mark 14:54-72</i>
	19 <i>Exodus 7-8; Mark 16</i> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	20 <i>Isaiah 5-6; Mark 2</i> 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21 <i>Exodus 9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1</i> 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting	22 <i>Exodus 14-15; 1 Thessalonians 3</i> 8:00 PM NA Meeting	23 <i>Exodus 16-18; 1 Thessalonians 4</i>
	26 <i>Exodus 23-24; 2 Thessalonians 2</i> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 5:45 PM Yoga Class 8:00 PM NA Meeting	27 <i>Exodus 25-26; 2 Thessalonians 3</i> 5:30 PM Mosaic 6:45 PM JuBELLation 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	28 <i>Exodus 27-28; Philemon</i> 7:00 AM Downtown Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM 1st Light Worship Team 6:30 PM Women's AA Meeting		



Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on January 2nd.

BELLievers, our handbell choir for youth in grades 6-12, will resume rehearsals on January 6th.

The **Children's music** program for grades K-5 and **JuBELLation**, our adult handbell choir, will resume rehearsals on January 9th.

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 in being part of our Music Ministry, please contact Debra LeBrun, debra@rcumc.org.

The Music Ministry of our church spread a lot of Christmas spirit in December:

- The Chancel Choir and JuBELLation, our adult handbell choir, performed at the Festival of St. Lucia Concert at St. Andrew's Catholic Church along with singers from other churches. A special treat this year was that some of our children participated as St. Lucy girls and sang a solo on one of the anthems.
- Our youth handbell choir, BELLievers, shared some joy with the residents of Cave Spring Place, playing some pieces on the handbells and then singing some favorite carols with them. They were thrilled!
- Our entire Music Ministry presented an awesome Christmas Concert that was well attended by both church members and people from the community. Over 60 people performed in the concert!
- Our children presented a beautiful pageant on Christmas Eve.
- The First Light Worship Team filled our early service each Sunday with updated versions of many familiar carols and also provided music for our early Christmas Eve service, which also featured an original song written by TC Perkins in collaboration with Debra LeBrun.
- The Friday Friends enjoyed a special program of Christmas music presented by the Brandon Belles and Balladeers from Brandon Oaks, which included a delicious lunch.
- Our Brass Group performed in the Grandin Village Holiday parade and provided some festive music for the Hanging of the Greens.
- Our worship services were filled with wonderful music of the season provided by choirs and instrumentalists.

Throughout the Advent Season there was music all around here at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church. Thank you to everyone who participates in our music ministry and thanks to all of our church members who support the music ministry and make this all possible. We shared the joy and spirit of Christmas with many people both here in our church and beyond our doors!!

NEXT GENERATION AT RCUMC

2019

RCUMC NEXT GEN
**February
Events**

**G.L.O.W.
MINISTRY**

Mosaic

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

Join us for a small group gathering for all generations and meal that follows.

**KIDS
G.L.O.W.
MINISTRY**

Parent's Night Out

February 8th, 5:30pm - 8pm

A different spin on Parent's Night Out. We will still offer dinner, games, crafts, and a movie for the kids but we would like to invite the parents to stay "IN" and have your own dinner and a movie. Showing "Fireproof" a movie about the work that it takes to stay married.

**YOUTH
G.L.O.W.**

Youth Fellowship

Sundays @ 6:30 PM

This is a time where youth can gather together to grow as a community and in their own personal faith! We start with games, then share a relevant topic, and close with small groups. We have a meal every third Sunday.

Roanoke District Retreat

March 1 - 3

(Leave 5pm Fri. and Return 12pm Sun.)

"For Such a Time as This"

Wesley Foundation at VT - Host Site

Fieldstone UMC - Lodging Site

Watch Facebook Events for more info.

Cost: \$20 per student

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**G.L.O.W.
MINISTRY**

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56 HOUSEHOLDS ENROLLED

New Code: TF920

Current
Studies

Sundays!

LEARN WITH US AT 9:40 AM WEEKLY

Room 102 - Our Women's Bible Study is beginning "Final Words" by Adam Hamilton on Feb 10

Room 104 - "Why?" by Adam Hamilton

Room 307 - "He Chose The Nails: What God Did To Win Your Heart" by Max Lucado

Room 304 - "Beatitudes from the BackSide" by J.E. Kallas

Angelus Chapel - God's World and God's People is the focus of our small group meeting in the Angelus Chapel

Each of these studies are open to all! Please join one that interests you!

Weekday BIBLE STUDIES

Downtown Bible Study Breakfast



Every other Thursday at 7 AM
"Scrambled" Downtown in the Market
Building - All are welcome!
Questions? Terri 540-344-6011 x2

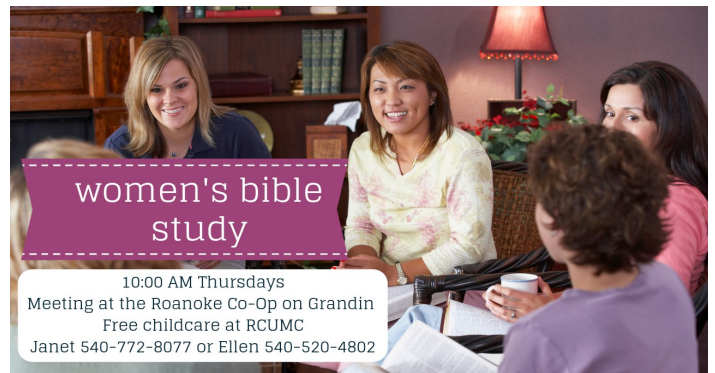


Questions? Call Rich
at 540-520-4803

Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study Breakfast

FAMOUS ANTHONY'S SW PLAZA

7:00 AM EVERY TUESDAY



women's bible study

10:00 AM Thursdays
Meeting at the Roanoke Co-Op on Grandin
Free childcare at RCUMC
Janet 540-772-8077 or Ellen 540-520-4802

2019 BIBLE CHALLENGE

RALEIGH COURT
BY BISHOP SHARMA LEWIS

let's read . . .

For 2019, the Bible Challenge will be a blended style of reading: a mixture of Old Testament readings and New Testament each day. In this new year, challenge yourself to study the Bible and strengthen your faith in the process. Watch our bulletins and Weekly Good News to take the challenge.



February Birthdays

Suzanne	Meredith	02/03
Clara	Jeffery	02/03
Susan	Loveman	02/03
Mia	Harig	02/03
James	Burnett	02/05
Cathryn	Bryan	02/05
Zachary	Hayden	02/08
Kathi	Hufnagel	02/08
Greg	Huffman	02/10
Woori	Kwon	02/11
Judith Ann	Bair	02/14
Walter	Harris	02/14
Eric	Olsen-Gordon	02/14
Bettye Carolyn	Via	02/16
Bradley	Lester	02/17
Jacquie	King	02/18
Kate	Harrell	02/18
Katherine	Vaughan	02/18
Titus	Counihan	02/18
Richard	Bongrazio	02/23
Matthew	Talbot	02/23
Shannon	Miller	02/23
Katie	Snyder	02/23
Cameron	Snyder	02/23
Cat	Conover	02/25

	Jan 6	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27
8:30 AM Worship	56	26	42	53
11:00 AM Worship	136	snow	126	145
TOTAL including on-line & healthcare	204	52	187	205
Giving	\$8970	\$58	\$9349	



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



Our relationship with God grows and deepens as we spend time with Him in prayer. We participate in corporate prayer with others during worship but spending time with God in private prayer brings us even closer to Him. It is easier to hear His voice in a quiet and private place. At RCUMC, there is a place for members to come and spend time talking to our Lord. The Prayer Corner is located in the

church parlor on the first floor. Anyone is welcome at any time that the church is open during the week and on Sundays. You may kneel at the table or sit in a chair. There are pamphlets and scripture cards and a Bible available for use to guide your time of prayer. Please come and spend some quiet time with God.

Do you receive our
Weekly Good News on
Thursdays
and
Pastor's E-note on
Saturdays?

If not, check you spam mailbox.
Also add rcumc@rcumc.org
and pastor@rcumc.org
to your contact list.

#getconnected #rcumc #email

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2 - Encouraged by the word and presence - When we come to worship together, we are encouraged by each other, but also through the presence of God in our gathering. When we have worshipers filling up our Sanctuary, there is an exhilarating power of the presence. We see how we are not alone in this journey. We see opportunities to reach out and share our struggles, but also find ways to care for others. We experience how God grows us together in God's worship. When we come together, we see how 'Corporate worship leads to corporate discipleship.'

As I am sharing the importance of corporate worship, I do not want to do one thing; instill the guilt of God in our hearts. That was how we perceived worship. We felt guilty when we missed a Sunday. The church contributed to this phenomenon by teaching that God will not do good to people who did not do good to God. Coming to worship is not to validate our salvation, but it is the best way to help us to live out our salvation. When we come together, we will hear God's will clearly, continuing to grow with one another, and reach out to the world together.

In Christ,
Seungsoo 'RJ' Jun
pastor@rcumc.org

An invitation card for "Friday Friends!" featuring a bouquet of yellow and orange flowers in a glass vase on the right side. The text on the card is as follows:

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN
Friday Friends!
Friday, February 8
Meet at our church at 10:00 AM
Tour and Lunch at the Taubman Museum!
Our overview tour will begin at 10:30 with a box lunch to follow in the Atrium. RSVP by Friday, February 1st.
Cost: Guided tour and box lunch \$15.00 per person.
Please RSVP to Terri (344-6011) or Steve (989-3502).

A Facebook post for "Monday Moment" featuring a video of Pastor Seungsoo 'RJ' Jun. The text on the post is as follows:

Monday Moment
*Love God. Love others
for the Transformation
of the World!*
Follow Monday Moment
each week on Facebook!

The Raleigh Court United Methodist Church logo is located in the bottom left corner of the post, with the website address www.rcumc.org below it.