



Columns

Highlights:

Hanging of the Greens
Dec 1; 6:00 PM Dinner,
Decorate, Sing, Worship
and Welcome Advent

UMW Tea - Dec 8 at 3 PM

Pajama Movie Night
Dec 13; 5:30—8:30 PM
Dinner, Cookies, Movie—
children through 5th grade;
registration required

Christmas Concert
Dec 15 at 4:00 PM

The Longest Night Blue
Christmas Service—Dec 21
@ 7 PM at St. Elizabeth's
Episcopal

Shopping List:
Wreath from Youth
Ministries
Poinsettia in honor or
memory of a someone
Special

Wesley Covenant Prayer:

I am not my own
I am not for myself,
Not for the world
But for my God.
(repeat)



JOIN US!

**ADVENT DEVOTION BOOK
PICK UP COPIES FOR YOURSELF
AND TO SHARE**

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM *ALL ARE WELCOME PAGEANT*
8:00 PM CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS DAY
**BEGIN THIS HOLY DAY WITH OUR
SHORT ON-LINE VIDEO DEVOTION**

Churches on Grandin Rd. Present

The Longest Night

Blue Christmas Service



Date: December 21st, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: St. Elizabeth's Episcopal

2339 Grandin Rd SW, Roanoke, VA 24015

Christ Lutheran Church
Heights Community Church
Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

Raleigh Court United Methodist Church
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

Pastor Seungsoo Jun
pastor@rcumc.org
(540) 556-1188
Good News", just send a note to us at rcumc@rcumc.org

Larry Dickenson
Lay Leader
Larry@rcumc.org

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

Watch our services when you cannot attend!

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

The church office hours vary although our staff works full time. Please call ahead to gain access to the building.

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



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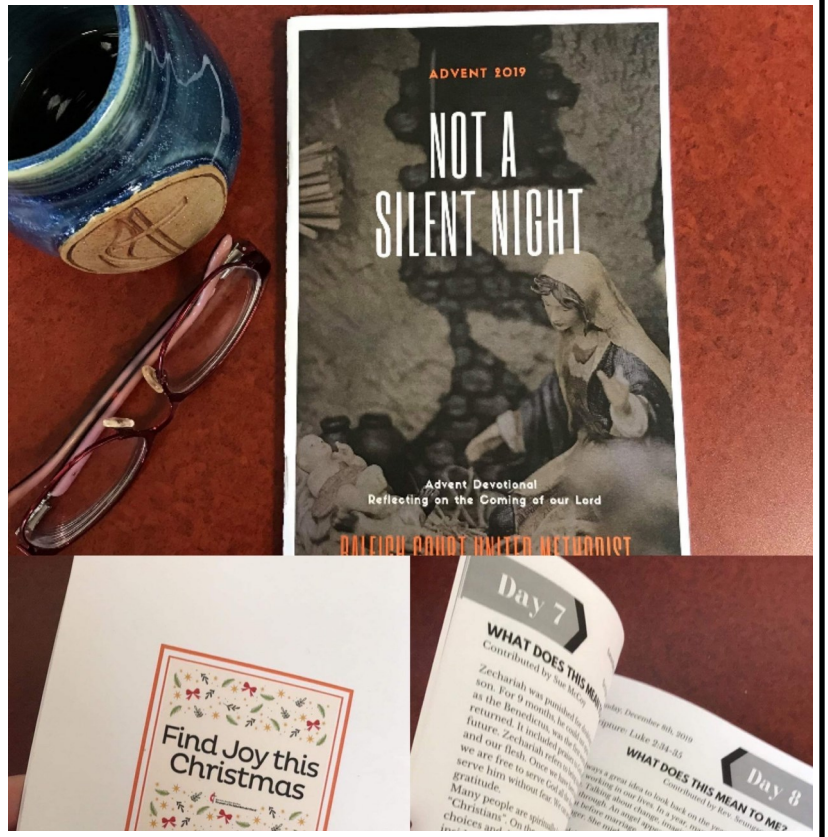
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Advent Devotional

Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for our King to come. We wanted to provide a tool for everyone to read Scripture together, and share our faith with one another. Many members of our church joined in writing this Advent Devotional, aligned with the Advent sermon series and customized for our church. You will find 25 days of devotions, written by our members, for our members.

We have printed 300 copies of this devotional for us but also for us to use this booklet to invite our loved ones, in this journey. Our Advent devotional will be available for pick up, free of charge, at church. Donations to offset the cost of printing will help us continue this effort to invite others to our journey to prepare our hearts for the coming of our King. The readings start on December 1st. If you can't come to pick up the devotional, please contact the church office, so we can coordinate delivery.



2019 DECEMBER ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

Sunday Small Groups

Gathering at 9:40 AM Sundays

- The Good Book - *The Story of God, The Story of Us*
- Grace Class - *A History of Israel*
- Women's Bible Study - *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*
- Round Table - *Ephesians*
- Saville-Friendship - *God*
- Sunday Fellowship Lounge - *Daily Devotion*
- Motherwise - *Wisdom for Mothers*

Mosaic Small Groups

Gathering at 5:30 PM Wednesdays

- Joy
- GriefShare
- Not A Silent Night
- Love Like That

Coming in January

- Financial Peace
- Discovery
- Unafraid
- GriefShare

Weekday Small Groups

- Men's Bible Study Breakfast - Tuesdays 7 AM
- Women's Bible Study - Thursdays 10:30 AM
- Downtown Bible Study Breakfast - Every other Thursday 7 AM

More info:
Steph
Dickenson
540-529-2771

Would you like more details on any of our small group classes or gatherings?
Contact Terri Urquhart 344-6011 x2 or Steph Dickenson 529-2771 for information.



The poster features a background image of a woman in a white dress standing on a wooden pier overlooking a lake with trees in autumn. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

GRIEF SHARE

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

One Session
Wed, Jan 8, 2020 @5:30 PM
Contact Sharon: 540-774-3378



RALEIGH COURT
UNITED METHODIST

Thank you December volunteers.



A special thank you to our consistent First Light Volunteer Technology Team. **Philip Parr**—Soundboard **Brad Shannon**—ProPresenter or Video Cameras **Rodney Blissett**—ProPresenter. These men handle the technology nearly every Sunday beginning at 7:30 AM.

We appreciate their dedication to this ministry!

Usher Team					
Roles	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 29
Usher	Arritt, Ken	Bartlett, Linda	Barrette, Greg	Cress, Carl	Bowyer, Teresa
	Arritt, Kathy	Denison, Sherrie	Huffman, Daphne	Dickerson, Bonnie	Bowyer, Rick
	Carter, Nancy	Denison, Dennie	Tanner, David	Harris, Vivianne	Denison, Sherrie
	Murray, Jason	Hubbell, Stew	Taylor, Carla	McConchie, Tim	Denison, Dennie
		Smith, E. Stephen	Taylor, Bill	Richardson, John	Murray, Lindsay
Usher Captain	Nicholas, Jim	Thornton III, Andy	Huffman, Greg	Dickerson, Shelby	Seiler, Mark
Technology Team					
Soundboard	McConchie, Steven	Vaughan Jr, Rob	Pero, John	Murray, Jason	Counihan, Titus
Video Camera	Walkiewicz, Frank	Walkiewicz, Frank	Realmuto, Ben	Walkiewicz, Frank	Downing, Joe
					Emery, Forrest
ProPresenter	Urquhart, Will	Vaughan, Katherine	Jun, Woojin	Hubbard, Charles	Downing, Dalia
Worship Assistants					
Liturgist	Sanders, Monty	McGimsey, Ellen	Dickerson, Judy	McCoy, Sue	Dickenson, Larry
PreWorship Announcer	Sanders, Monty	Jeffery, Hal	Jeffery, Hal	Jeffery, Hal	Jeffery, Hal
Children's Time		Dickenson, Steph	Horne, Matt		Anderson, Eric
Acolyte	Downing, Dalia	Handy, Braelyn	Vaughan, Julia	Vaughan, Katherine	Handy, Braelyn
	Gross, Evan	Silva, Kelly			Jun, Peter
Altar Flowers	Hayth, Cindy	Vaughan, Angela	Butler, Emily	Loveman, Susan	White, Elsie
			Poff, Sharon		
Altar Guild	Huffman, Daphne	St. Clair, Ronnie	St. Clair, Ronnie	St. Clair, Ronnie	St. Clair, Ronnie
	St. Clair, Ronnie	Vaughan, Angela	Vaughan, Angela	Vaughan, Angela	Vaughan, Angela
Prayer Leader	Jun, RJ				
Communion Assistant	McGimsey Jr, Rich				
	Pero, Sarah				
	Urquhart, Terri				
	Wright, Luci				
Nursery Team					
Nursery Helper	Anderson, Heather	Handy, Sidney	Counihan, Veronica	Batty, Heather	Anderson, Heather
	Anderson, Eric	Handy, Brian	Dickenson, George	Batty, Emma	Anderson, Eric
		Miller, Whitney	Downing, Rachel	O'Keef, Andreea	Silva, Emma
		Miller, Peighton	McGimsey, Ellen	O'Keef, Paul	Wingfield, Patsy
Outreach Team					
RC Healthcare Vol	Downing, Rachel	Downing, Rachel	Dieter, Mary	Sadler, Allison	Dickerson, Shelby
			Dieter, Frank		Dickerson, Bonnie
Transportation	Taylor, Bill	Gearing, Bill	Talbot, Mat	Thornton III, Andy	Cress, Carl
Others					
Counter	Talbot, Parker	Gross, Steve	Vaughan Jr, Rob	Seiler, Mark	Taylor, Carla
Lock-Up	McConchie, Tim	McConchie, Tim	McConchie, Tim	McConchie, Tim	McConchie, Tim

United Methodist Women



Reading Program

In his book, *Storming the Wall*, Todd Miller notes that climate change is a huge factor in pushing people to immigrate and this stresses governments around the world. The militarization of borders, corporations cashing in on the process and environmental justice movements are all intertwined with each other. Read this fascinating and timely book in the church library on the 2020 UMW

All women are United Methodist Women.
Ask Becky Gee about our circles!
dwgrdg@cox.net 540-989-6581

Sunday Evening Fellowship

Sunday Evening Fellowship met in the church library at 6:30 PM on November 10 for our annual Thank Offering program which was presented by Louise Miller. Our group is completing the annual sale of pecans which is our major avenue for raising revenue to contribute to our purpose of helping women, children and youth; our members sincerely appreciate each person who bought a bag of these pecans. On December 5 our fellowship will host the monthly birthday celebration for the residents of The Hermitage. On Sunday, December 8, our group will host the annual Christmas Tea in the Fellowship Hall at 3 pm. The speaker will be Candace Hess, the Director of Kids Soar. ALL women are invited to come

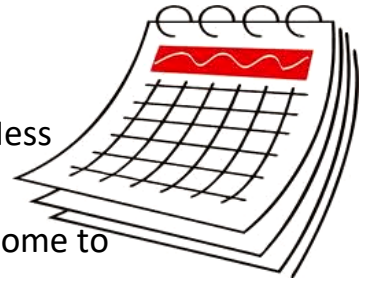
Dec 8 3:00 PM

UMW Annual Tea

Speaker: Candace Hess
from Kid's S.O.A.R.

All women are welcome to
attend!

Save The Date!



and enjoy refreshments and hear Candace tell us about this vital reading enrichment program housed at Trinity United Methodist Church and its impact on the children and families served. All women are welcome to attend our meetings. Please contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358 for information.

Frances Allen Circle

The Frances Allen Circle will meet Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 9:30am for Breakfast/Brunch at I-Hop Lakeside Plaza on 201 VA-419, Salem. All women are invited to join us. For more information contact Bonnie Dickerson 540-309-0141 or s3b4dkrsn@verizon.net

Start a
Good Morning
with one of our weekday bible studies!

7:00 AM Tuesday: Men's Breakfast Bible Fellowship
Famous Anthony's SW Plaza

7:00 AM Thursday: Downtown Breakfast Bible Fellowship
Scrambled - All welcome

10:30 AM Thursday: Women's Breakfast Bible Fellowship
2315 Avenel Avenue

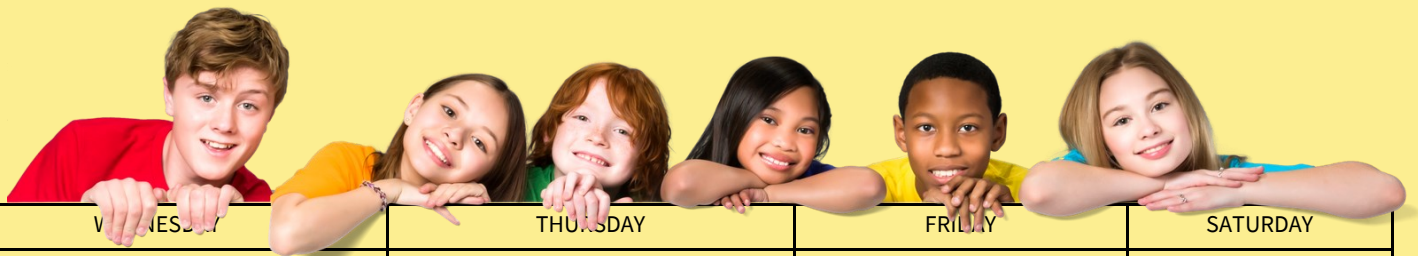
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Weekly Good News on
Thursdays
and
Pastor's E-note on
Saturdays?

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Also add rcumc@rcumc.org
and pastor@rcumc.org
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DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
<p>1 First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Bible Fellowship Groups 9:40 am Children's Worship 11:00 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Girl Scouts Troop 1060 1:30 pm Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm Hanging of the Greens 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>Pray that as you experience this season of Advent, that the birth of our Savior is again revealed to you as God's greatest gift.</i></p>	<p>3 Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Frances Allen Circle 10:30 am Yoga 5:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm</p>	
<p>8 First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Bible Fellowship Groups 9:40 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am United Methodist Women Christmas Tea 3:00 pm Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm BELLievers Rehearsal 5:30 pm UMW Sunday Evening Fellowship 6:30 pm Youth G.L.O.W. Fellowship 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>Pray that God will lead you to someone who needs some Christmas love and cheer, especially someone who is lonely or in need.</i></p>	<p>10 Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Yoga 5:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm</p>	
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<p>22 FAMILY PROMISE HOST First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Bible Fellowship Groups 9:40 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm</p>	<p>23 Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>Spend quiet time with the Lord Jesus each day this week and reflect on His willing sacrifice to die for you and for me.</i></p>	<p>24 Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Yoga 5:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm</p>	
<p>29 First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Bible Fellowship Groups 9:40 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Girl Scouts Troop 170 5:00 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>As a New Year approaches, ask God to cleanse your heart and soul of any sin that may hinder your relationship with Him.</i></p>	<p>31 Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Yoga 5:45 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm</p>	



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 2nd and 3rd Grade Handbells 5:00 pm Mosaic 5:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm JuBELLation 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 am First Light Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Girl Scouts Troop 170 5:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 8:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>18 FAMILY PROMISE HOST Virginia Society for Clinical Social Work 12:00 pm Mosaic 5:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm JuBELLation 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19 FAMILY PROMISE HOST Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 am First Light Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 FAMILY PROMISE HOST Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 8:00 pm</p>	<p>21 FAMILY PROMISE HOST Oxford House 12:00 pm</p>
<p>25 Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm JuBELLation 6:45 pm</p>	<p>26 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am First Light Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27 Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 8:00 pm</p>	<p>28</p>

MUSIC NOTES

Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 15 4:00 PM

Enjoy Christmas music by the children, youth, and adults of the church. The Chancel Choir will sing some selections from their Carnegie Hall concert including "Magnificat" by Mark Hayes.

Singing, Handbells, Instruments

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM "All Are Welcome Pageant" led by our Children's Choir

All children present will be invited to participate as shepherds and angels.

8:00 PM Candlelight Communion led by our Chancel Choir

REACHING OUT AT CHRISTMASTIME - On December 10th at 7:00 PM the children's choir and BELLievers will perform a program of Christmas music for the residents at Brandon Oaks.

Music for 11:00 Worship in December

December 1 - Ronnie St. Clair, Organist

December 8 - Chancel Choir and JuBELLation

December 15 - Chancel Choir

December 22 - Chancel Choir

NEXT GENERATION AT RCUMC

2019 RCUMC NEXT GEN December Events

KIDS G.L.O.W. MINISTRY **Pajama Movie Night!!!**
 Friday, December 13th 5:30pm-8:30pm
 You must register for this event!
www.rcumc.org/sign-up-center/
 Join us for dinner, cookies, crafts and a movie!

YOUTH G.L.O.W. **Youth Christmas Party**
 Friday, Dec. 20th 7pm
 At the Bongrazio Home
 Dinner Provided!!!
 (Bring your favorite snack to share)
 Also bring an inexpensive gift to exchange.

Next Gen. Christmas Caroling
 Sunday, December 22nd 4pm

All are welcome to join the Next Gen. Ministry as they carol to various church members throughout the community.

Upcoming Next Gen. Events

- Dec. 1 - Hanging of the Greens 6:30pm (Youth)
- Dec. 8 - Sunday Fellowship 6:30pm (Youth)
- Dec. 13 - Pajama Movie Night 5:30pm (Kids)
- Dec. 15 - Christmas Concert 4:00pm (Kids & Youth)
- Dec. 15 - Help w/ Family Promise (Youth)
- Dec. 20 - Christmas Party @ The Bongrazio's (Youth)
- Dec. 22 - Christmas Caroling 4:00pm (Kids & Youth)
- Dec. 24 - Family Christmas Eve Service 4pm (Kids)
- Dec. 29 - RAM House 11:30am (Youth)



Pajama Movie Night

Friday, December 13th
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Register at www.rumc.org

DINNER, COOKIES, CHRISTMAS MOVIE, AND FUN!
 BIRTH - 5TH-GRADE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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continue to pray & Support

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Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

Beginning January 8

It hurts to lose someone.
 Find help at

GRIEF SHARE



Beginning Wednesday,
 January 22 @ 5:30 PM
 Call 774-3378 to join.
 Childcare provided.

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A CONTINUING
 JOURNEY

Discovery

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE
 A FOLLOWER

Beginning January 8
 5:30 PM

Led by Pastor RJ



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**LET GO
 OF FEAR.**

UNAFRAID

LIVING WITH COURAGE
 AND HOPE IN UNCERTAIN
 TIMES

WEDNESDAYS
 BEGINNING JANUARY 8



Mosaic
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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I love to
 knit and crochet!
 or would love to learn!

The Prayer Shawl Knitting friends
 would love to have you join
 their fun gatherings!

Join them Thursdays
 @10:00 AM in the church library.
 Call for exact dates of gatherings.
 All are welcome!

In 2018 this group provided
 13 prayer shawls, 4 baby blankets,
 and 7 scarves for our church family.

Info? Becky at 540-989-6581
 or dwgrdg@cox.net

Dec 5 &
 Dec 19




DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL Peace
 UNIVERSITY

Questions:
 Mark Seiler 540-525-5306
 Will Adkins 757-293-8173

Starting Wednesday Jan 8, 2020
 9 week course 5:30 PM FREE dinner each week!



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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Children's Library—On the 2nd floor in the children's Sunday School area, the books are arranged topically for anyone to check out. There is no sign out sheet---just return books to the basket on top of the shelf. There are Bible stories, devotionals, holiday titles, etc. All parents and teachers are welcome to use this resource.


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.



SOUP FOR SENIORS

During the month of January, we will be collecting canned soup for seniors that will be distributed by the Roanoke LOA organization. Each time that you go to the store in the next few weeks, just add a couple of cans of soup to your grocery list and bring them to church to be placed in the grocery carts at each door.



December 15th thru 22nd @
Covenant Presbyterian Church on Deyerle Rd.
• prepare & host dinner for families
• share time with families
• stay overnight

Questions? Kathi Hufnagel 301-928-6853 or Steve Gross 540-798-2278

SIGN UP ON LINE OR IN THE GATHERING AREA

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

- Bring your canned soup, crackers, or canned food all through January
- Bring your homemade soup, stew or chili on **Feb. 2nd** for Soup-er Bowl Meal
- Stay after church on the 2nd and enjoy the soup and vote on your favorite



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December Birthdays

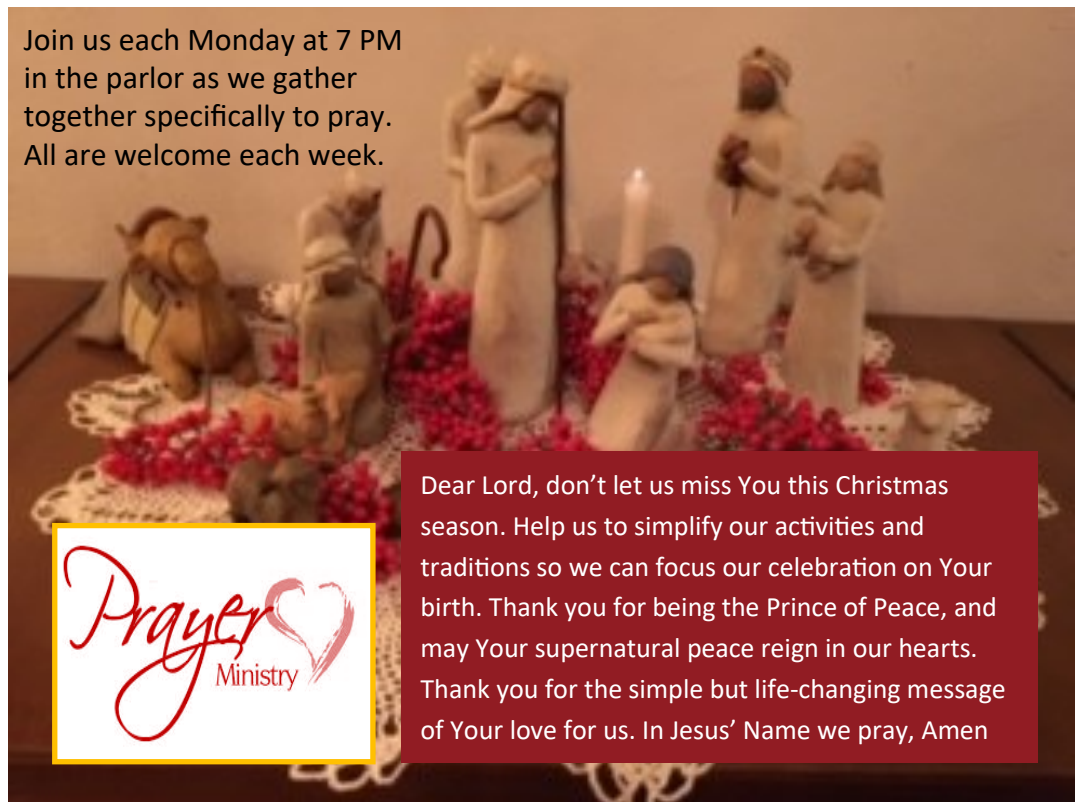
Charlie	Lyon	1-Dec
David	Pero	2-Dec
Bill	Gearing	4-Dec
Gladys	Munsey	4-Dec
James	Shockley	4-Dec
Caraline	Tackett	5-Dec
Meredith	McDowell	6-Dec
Sharon	Alexie	7-Dec
Larry	Dickenson	7-Dec
Susie	McMann	8-Dec
Teresa	Bowyer	9-Dec
Linda	Dickey	10-Dec
Ella	Harig	10-Dec
Phyllis	Burgher	11-Dec
Sarah	McConchie	11-Dec
Ann	Barton	13-Dec
Julie	Barrette	14-Dec
Alton	Barton Jr.	16-Dec
Aimee	Harrell	16-Dec
David	Wright	16-Dec
Meredith	McGimsey	17-Dec
Andrew	Watts	17-Dec
Christina	Harrell	18-Dec
Emily	Butler	19-Dec
Bill	Howlett	19-Dec
Skip	Carter	22-Dec
Dalia	Downing	26-Dec
Mary	Evens	26-Dec
Michelle	Adkins	27-Dec
Christopher	Nicholas	28-Dec
Kelly	Cliff	29-Dec
Brittany	Wooden	30-Dec



RCUMC
explore!

2-Session Class
for newcomers
Starting on December 1
Details: Luci @ 540-772-1470

Explore class is a gathering to share how God has been and continues to work through our faith community. We would like to share the story of God working through our congregation and hear your story. Hopefully, we will see how these two stories become 'our one story.'



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

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank you for being the Prince of Peace, and may Your supernatural peace reign in our hearts. Thank you for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen

Prayer Ministry