

**Our Church Matters**

Our Mission: Growing Together in Christ
Through Worship, Fellowship, Witness and Service

Our *Stories That Stretch Us* series continues this month with more excellent preachers, who will be coming to share their favorite “stretching” stories. I hope you’ll join us in person or tune in online as much as you can, so you don’t miss a thing! Also, please keep all of the children, youth and volunteers for this year’s Vacation Bible School in your prayers as they share the story of God’s love August 7-11 at Emory Grove. As kids and teachers prepare to return to school at the end of this month or in early September, we also want to bless them as they enter a new school year. Join us for worship on Sunday, August 27, so that we can send you into the new year with our prayers!

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August 6 & 20 - Rev. Dr. Bill Brown

The Rev. Dr. Bill Brown is an Ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church and has served rural, city, and suburban churches in his 32 years of ministry. He is currently the Director of Innovative Evangelism for the Baltimore-Washington Conference and is responsible for equipping our Conference to start new churches and work with congregations in need of renewal and revitalization. His passion includes helping local churches discern and implement their next faithful step. He has a Master’s of Divinity from Wesley Theological, a Doctor of Ministry focused in Organizational Leadership from Drew University, is an Associate Certified Coach with the International Coach Federation, and is currently pursuing a ThD in Missional Leadership and Theology. Bill is married to Michelle, who grounds and humbles him; they have a daughter, Torie, who amazes and impresses him every day. When not at work or studying, you may find Bill reading and running.

**August 13 - Rev. Melaina Trice**

Rev. Melaina Trice is a Philadelphia native who graduated from Palmer Theological Seminary/Eastern University in 2011 with a Master of Divinity. She served as a Children & Youth Director for over 12 years at St. Luke UMC (Bryn Mawr, PA) and Ashton UMC (Ashton, MD). She is currently the Pastor of Worship and Communication at Glen Mar UMC and has been serving there



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since July 2020. She was recently ordained as a Full Member Elder at Annual Conference 2023. The kingdom of God and “Jesus is Lord” are the foundation of her theology. She believes that everyone bears the image of God, are beloved and invited to the banquet table of God, and are free to accept God’s love and be love by removing barriers to the inclusivity of God’s kingdom especially for the poor, marginalized, and oppressed.

She is married to Shelton Trice and have two children, Israel (11 years old) and Logan (6 years old). She loves fine arts including music, dance, visual arts, and theater, and motion pictures. Having no musical talent, she enjoys various genres of music including hip-hop, gospel, pop, CCM, R&B, rock, jazz, and little country. She also loves the art of standup /comedy.

August 27 - Rev. Ian Collier

The Rev. Ian Collier serves as the Associate Pastor of Wesley Freedom UMC in Eldersburg where he oversees Adult Discipleship and Communications. Pastor Ian’s ministry focus is on helping persons to interpret, understand, and apply the scriptures and the history & theology of the Church. He is engaged to Dr. Kristina Cronise, a resident physician in the pediatrics department at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. Pastor Ian graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Theology & Philosophy and from Duke University Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree.



September 3 - Rev. Dick Harden

Many of you know Pastor Dick. He was the associate pastor at RUMC from 2000 to 2011. After twelve years at Pleasant Grove UMC, he re-retired June 30, 2023, and will be the Visiting Pastor at RUMC. Pastor Dick is in his second career.

For twenty-eight years he was employed in the military-industrial complex, and in 1998 he was ordained an Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. His passion is for the homeless and for addicted people. He has been sharing the word of the living Christ at the Westminster Rescue Mission since 2011.



Dick’s beloved wife of sixty years, Ann, died in January 2022. His adult children, Dave and Amy, as well as their spouses, continue to love and support Dick in his many life-enriching activities.

2023 VBC at Emory Grove 8/7/23 – 8/11/23

Ages 4 - High School

Join us for a FREE week of outdoor fun, snacks, games and the best summer friends around!

VBC is a one-week, half-day, camp-like adventure for anyone ages 4+. It's also our shorthand way of saying "Vacation Bible Celebration." At VBC, learning about God, ourselves and each other is fun!

Scan the QR code to the right - Once capacity is reached, we'll switch over to a wait list.



When

8/7/23 – 8/11/23
9am-Noon

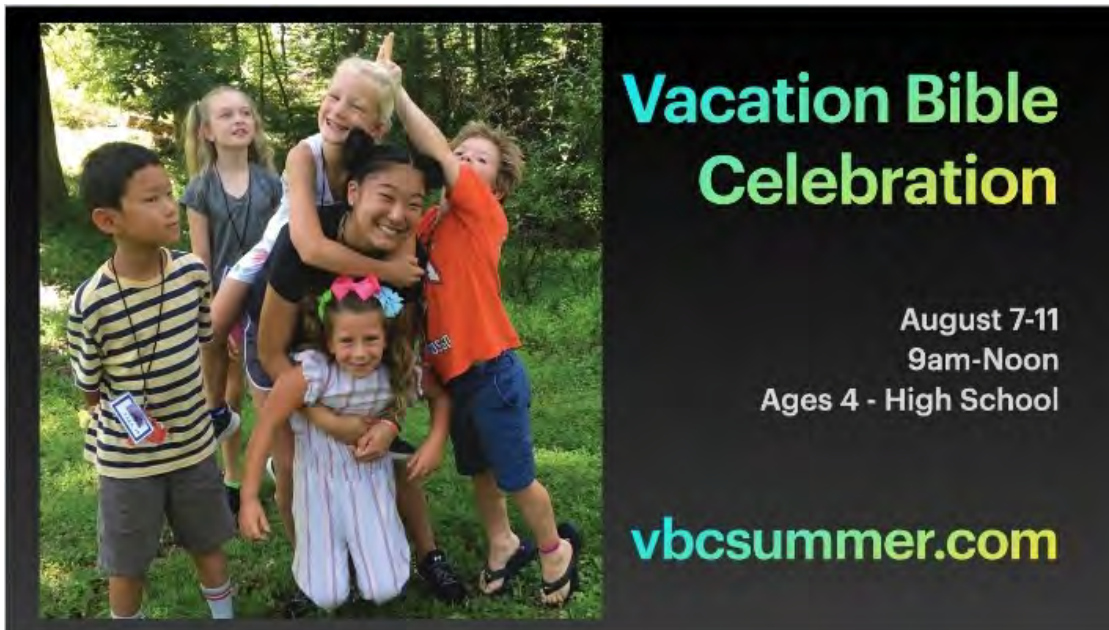
Where

Emory Grove
102 Waugh Ave.
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Contact

Leslie , Coordinator
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This year's VBC @Emory Grove is hosted by Horizon Church and Reisterstown United Methodist Church. We're so excited to have you join the fun!



REGISTER
for
VBS





Nursery School News

The Nursery School is currently enrolling for our fall school year program. We still have a few openings in our fours programs. There is a waiting list for the 2's & 3's programs. Contact Lani Hoffmann for an enrollment packet and to set up a classroom visit. www.RUMNS234@gmail.com or 443-996-9375.

We are delighted to be seeing our program grow over the past few years, especially coming back from COVID. During those years we had a number of changes to regulations, as well as a new inspector come on board. Our regulations have gotten tighter and we are being held to a higher standard. One of our regulations, with regards to the space we use can be found in COMAR 13A.16.01-.17

We operate to the letter under COMAR. According to our Licensing Specialist, we are to treat anyone in the area who is not on our Staff form and fingerprinted/background checked through the Office of Child Care as an independent contractor. Thus:

"(2) Unless documentation is on file at the facility that an independent contractor performing a service at the facility has successfully passed federal and State criminal background checks and a review of child abuse and neglect records, remain within sight and sound of the contractor whenever the contractor is in an area of the facility where children are present."

While we know this is an inconvenience, we are committed to the safety and security of our children, and seek to treat everyone equally while following these laws. For that reason, the space we use is locked during the hours we have children in care and anyone in the space who is not approved with Childcare needs to be accompanied by a staff member.

We continue to meet these standards with another perfect inspection this past year and thank all of you for your support and continued patience, and we promise to continue to make the church and community proud of Reisterstown United Methodist Nursery School.

Kirstyn Hutchinson, RUMNS Director

FOOD PANTRY HOURS: The Food Pantry is only open on Saturday mornings from 8:30-11 am. No one is allowed in the Food Pantry. Volunteers will bring all the food out to the parking lot for clients. There will be no WaWa food available, however, Panera IS available, WaWa is NOT.



At this time we are NOT accepting donations of clothing or household items.

Food pantry immediate needs: 18 oz jars of Peanut Butter and boxes of Mac and Cheese.

Drop off: Saturday mornings between 8:30am-11 am. Also, Sundays in the fellowship hall bin.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS OUTSIDE ANY CHURCH DOORS OR THE FOOD PANTRY

The August Gift Card order date is August 20th. The profits we make on the sale of cards is used to support the many outreach programs that we donate money to. Please purchase gift and shoppers cards from RUMW. Gift cards are a wonderful gift to give and to receive. There are many stores to choose from and many on-line shopping. If you use Amazon gift cards, you can also give money to RUMC and support RUMW at the same time. You can purchase gift cards for your groceries, gasoline, home projects and appliances. Pick up an order form at the Welcome Center to begin your gift giving and personal shopping. Gift Cards just aren't just for Christmas. Back to college and school students can purchase what they need and for the giver that is a great gift. Check us out



and purchase our Gift Cards. Thank you for your support. Need a gift card in a hurry, call Judy Wright. We have a few extra cards on hand.

August gift card orders due on August 20th.
(410) 833-5440—RUMCOffice1777@gmail.com

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION

A Sunday school class for students entering K-6th grade in the fall. Younger children are welcome with an adult.

SUNDAYS JULY 2- AUGUST 27
Children dismissed to class after
Message for Young Disciples
(THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON
JUNE 25 OR SEPTEMBER 3)



This summer we will be celebrating God's Creation outside along the Franklin Trails (wooded area below church parking lot). Children should dress to be outside and get dirty! Please register with QR code or on printed registration.

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 27



We will send our students, faculty, and staff back to the school with a special prayer blessing on Sunday, August 27.

Bring your backpacks!



Pray for Our Students



We are STILL in need of a Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator. If interested or for more information, please contact Kelly Fairhurst, 443-864-8787.

From the Shelves



Book Club selection for August: Jacqueline in Paris by Ann Mah
From the bestselling author of The Lost Vintage, a rare and dazzling portrait of Jacqueline Bouvier's college year abroad in postwar Paris, an intimate and electrifying story of love and betrayal, and the coming-of-age of an American icon - before the world knew her as Jackie.

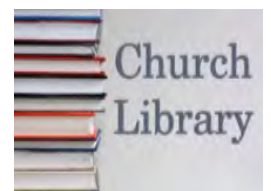


In September 1949 Jacqueline Bouvier arrives in postwar Paris to begin her junior year abroad. She's twenty years old, socially poised but financially precarious, and all too aware of her mother's expectations that she make a brilliant match. Before relenting to family pressure, she has one year to herself far away from sleepy Vassar College and the rigid social circles of New York, a year to explore and absorb the luminous beauty of the City of Light. Jacqueline is immediately catapulted into an intoxicating new world of champagne and châteaux, art and avant-garde theater, cafés and jazz clubs. She strikes up a romance with a talented young writer who shares her love of literature and passion for culture – even though her mother would think him most unsuitable.

But beneath the glitter and rush, France is a fragile place still haunted by the Occupation. Jacqueline lives in a rambling apartment with a widowed countess and her daughters, all of whom suffered as part of the French Resistance just a few years before. In the aftermath of World War II, Paris has become a nest of spies, and suspicion, deception, and betrayal lurk around every corner. Jacqueline is stunned to watch the rise of communism – anathema in America, but an active movement in France – never guessing she is witnessing the beginning of the political environment that will shape the rest of her life—and that of her future husband.

Evocative, sensitive, and rich in historic detail, *Jacqueline in Paris* portrays the origin story of an American icon. Ann Mah brilliantly imagines the intellectual and aesthetic awakening of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, and illuminates how France would prove to be her one true love, and one of the greatest influences on her life.

Join us as we discuss this book on August 16th at 11 am in the Library or August 17th at 7 pm in the Library.



Prayer List— PLEASE PRAY FOR RUMC FAMILY, FRIENDS, & NEIGHBORS

Ongoing Prayers for Healing from Cancer

Taylor Angus; Frank Banz; Jacob Barford;
Beth Bolin; Bruce Bond; Marilyn Brathwaite;
Renee Brooksbank; Charles Burton;
Jean Chambers; Benjamin Dapper; Steve Diehl;
Sandy Engle; Megan Evans; Jacque Eyler;
Ryan Gardner; Sondra Hadden; Mary Hanlon;
Jason Harris; Mike Hockstad; Debbie Johnson;
Lisa Johnson; Denny Johnson; Eddie Jones;
Rita Jones; Diane Kanemoto; Roger Lipp; Tyler
Llewellyn; Alfred Luginger; Pat MacLeer;
Vikki McAdory; Tina Meeks; Ronald Metz;
Don Mills; Aaliyah Parker; Darlene Parlette;

Dottie Payne; Molly Ruppert; Les Schafferman;
Marge Shaw; Rebecca Sloan; Sean Staley; Mel-
nie Stierhoff; Mary Telchi; Jenna Thornton;
Patty G. Walsh; Dave Weinstein; Lynn Whitter;
Mike Wright; Cindy; Ann; Deb; Jim; Ken;
Makenna; Nicholas; Rachel; Shannon.

LOVED ONES SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Davey Brickman, Ruth Withlock's granddaughter's husband—National Guard back home from overseas
Eldridge Brown, Jr., Serving in the Army
Joshua Coleman, Rosemary Dragunas' nephew—United States Air Force, deployed to Qatar, SW Asia
Michael Edmondson, Friend of the Tambaoan's, US Marines
Christian Evans, Thelma Mack's nephew, serving in the US Army stationed in Texas
Lindley Garcia, Carol Judkin's friend — USMC not currently deployed
Elizabeth Haines Greenway, Army Staff Sgt., Marion Yohn's granddaughter—deployed to Poland
Jeremy Hadden, Pat Dinsmore's grandson, Air Force, stationed at Edwards AFB in California
Luke Hoyman, Lynn Owings Grand daughter's husband, serving in the Air Force, stationed at Andrews Air Force Base
Steven Lee, Carol & Danny Lee's son—has been promoted to Command Master Chief, has served in the US Navy for 25+ years and is stationed in Virginia Beach VA
Fred Linborn, Friend of the Tambaoan family—serving in the Army
Vance Listwan, Son of Rachel & Mark Utterback—serving in the Air Force, stateside in Texas
Dennis Mack, Thelma Mack's nephew—serving in the Army is stationed in North Carolina
Allen Messinger, Ruth Whitlock's grandson — Serving in the Army at Fort Bragg, NC
Isaac Shroll, Tracy Tambaoan's cousin—serving in the Army

OUR MEMBERS IN SENIOR COMMUNITIES

Birch Manor Nursing Home	Lorien Center—Taneytown
Kay Shaeffer	Monte Hatcher
Carroll Lutheran Village	Janet Porter
Nancy Welsh	Lorien—Harmony Hall in
Cherrywood-Reisterstown	Columbia
Kerrie Flanagan	Jeanne Knight
Tom Thawley	
Golden Crest—Hampstead	
Doris Matthews	

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

Barb Bonicker	Shirley Krause
Ann Clayton	Gerry Lewis
Lorna & Gordon Dix	Thelma Mack
Ginger Gelwicks	Jean Moss
Velvia & Howard	Christie
Goodrich	Newcomer
Mary Jane	Betty Pulse
Huffman	Gil Seal
Barbara Kehne	Judith Wetzel

Please note that names will be updated after 30 days (date in parenthesis is the first date in bulletin). To be kept on the prayer list longer, please contact the church office. Those battling cancer will be kept on the prayer list—names only. Please inform the office of any changes or updates.



**CELEBRATING ALL OF OUR
Under 25 AND Over 70 MEMBERS
August Birthdays**

Bennett Eschliman

8/2

1615 Brimfield Cir
Eldersburg, MD 21784-5940

Dave Kehne

8/15

4637 Water Tank Rd
Manchester, MD 21102-1507

Richard Harris

8/22

5928 Glen Falls Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-4512

Pete Caltrider

8/3

35 S Lake Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Norman Yuille

8/16

21 Jacob Lee Ct
Reisterstown, MD 21136-1316

Terry Williams

8/22

22 Birch Bark Ct
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Robert Priest

8/3

1044 Green Hill Farm Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136-5133

Mary Lewis

8/18

4404 Silverbrook Ln Apt E102
Owings Mills, MD 21117-6827

Mark Smith

8/24

202 Northway Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Sarah Smith

8/4

8 Waugh Ave
Reisterstown, MD 21136-3808

Cathy Ritter

8/19

369 Shields River Rd E
Livingston, MT 59047-9376

Will Stewart

8/25

4514 North Woods Trl
Hampstead, MD 21074-2354

Paige Osborne

8/7

3738 Black Rock Rd
Upperco, MD 21155

Nancy Taylor

8/19

115 Sacred Heart Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Kitty Oursler

8/26

16039 Trenton Rd
Upperco, MD 21155

Alice Caltrider

8/10

34 S Lake Way
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Rick Bagwell

8/22

1825 Vincenza Dr Apt D
Sykesville, MD 21784-5976

Amelie Eschliman

8/31

1615 Brimfield Cir
Eldersburg, MD 21784-5940

Ben Morrison

8/14

224 Walgrove Rd
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Charlotte Braxton

8/22

15 Berrymans Ln
Reisterstown, MD 21136-1933



Three Month Calendar

AUGUST

7-11	9-noon	Vacation Bible School at	Emory Grove
8	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
20	9:30-10 am	Blood pres. Screening	246 Conference Rm
	All day	Gift Card & Shopping Card orders due	
	All day	Newsletter Articles due	
22	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER

4	All day	Labor Day—Office Closed	
12	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
17	9:30-10 am	Blood pres. Screening	246 Conference Rm
	All day	Newsletter Articles due	
		Gift Card & Shopping Card orders due	
		Small Groups begin	
26	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall

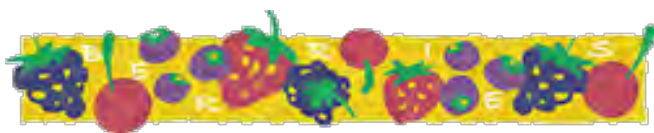
OCTOBER

9	All day	COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	
10	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
15	9:30-10 am	Blood pres. Screening	246 Conference Rm
	All day	Newsletter Articles due	
		Gift Card & Shopping Card orders due	
24	8-4	Mission of Mercy	Fellowship Hall
27	10 am	Blessing of the Backpacks in service	Sanctuary



Entire RUMC Calendar is available on the church website and is updated frequently—check it out: www.rumcweb.org

Food Pantry—Open Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 11 am—In person inside still to be determined. For donations—Let the volunteer know you are dropping off, not picking up. If you can pop your trunk from inside your car, place the donation in your trunk. If you cannot open from inside your car, put in your back seat—Volunteers will take it out of your car for you.



MONDAYS

10 am to 12 pm — AA, 308
3 to 7 pm—Artist Music, 308
7 to 8:30 pm— AA, 308

TUESDAYS

7am—4pm: Mission of Mercy (2nd and 4th Tues.)
10:30 am – Staff Meeting
3-9— Artist Music, 308
7:00 pm—Sisterhood, 246 Conference Room (Aug.-June)
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC
7:30 pm—Refuge Dharma, 308

WEDNESDAYS

10 am to noon – Library Committee
8:30 am –3:00 pm—Infants & Toddlers, 308
2:30 pm - Junction After School Program
6:30 pm — NA, Fellowship Hall
7 to 9 pm—Adult Choir, choir room (End of Aug. ~ May)
7:00 pm—Men's Fellowship, 308

THURSDAYS

8:30 am—1:30 pm – Infants & Toddlers, 308
3-7 pm—Artist Music, 308
7 to 9 pm—Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAYS

8:30 am—1:30 pm – Infants & Toddlers, 308
3-7 pm—Artist Music, 308
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Band Rehearsal, NSC

SATURDAYS

6 am—Cristos Iglesia—Prayer and Cleaning NSC
8:30 to 11:00 am—Food Pantry Open
9:30 to 11:30 am—AA , 308
11-5—Artist Music, 308
4 pm—Cristos Iglesia Band Rehearsal, NSC
7:00 pm—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC

LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH

10 pm—Cristos Iglesias Prayer Service, NSC

MOST SUNDAYS

11:30 to 12:30 – Joyful Noise Handbell Rehearsal (End of Aug. thru May)

EVERY SUNDAY

Noon—Cristos Iglesias Service, NSC
6 to 8 pm—Youth Group (End of Aug. thru May)

EVERY THURSDAY (End of Aug. thru May) Choir Rehearsals

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

1st Thurs.— UMW (7 pm) Library
2nd Mon.— Circle of Friends, Library (No meeting Dec.)
2nd Tues.— Even months— Finance (6:30 pm) Library
2nd Tues.— Odd months — Trustees (6:30 pm) Library
3rd Sun.— Newsletter Deadline and Gift Card orders Due
3rd Mon.— Missions (7 pm), 246 Conference Room
3rd Tues.— SPRC (7 pm) Library
4th Mon.—JOY Circle (11:00 am) Parlor (no meetings in the Summer)
4th Tues.—Church Council (6:30 pm) Library



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Mix at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



Bible Quiz



The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



Answer: B (See Revelation 2-3.)

Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

Small Groups Coming This Fall!

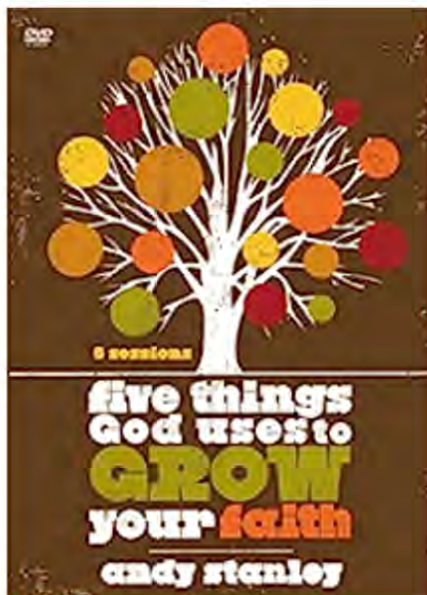
Join us for one of our upcoming groups to learn, grow, and connect with others at RUMC!

Financial planning

Join Mike & Karen Stebner for a series on the basics of personal finance which will empower you to make sound financial plans & reach your financial & generosity goals!



Beginning September 17.
Groups will meet for one hour after worship.
Childcare and snacks provided!!!
Contact the office to sign up.



Growing our Faith

Does an image of someone you know jump to mind when you hear the phrase "unshakeable faith"? Ever wonder how someone gets to that place of reliable confidence; that God is always there? Pastor Jen will lead a conversation on how God grows our faith through all that we encounter in our lives.

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PLACE
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**This QR Code will take you directly to our
on line giving screen for the church.**

We are gathering for Sunday morning worship at 10 am in the sanctuary and online.

We now have several ways to join us virtually, including Zoom, Facebook Live, and a livestream that appears at the bottom of our worship page: <http://rumcweb.org/event/2021-05-23-1000-am-service/> This is the easiest way to view the service and also provides the highest quality viewing experience - especially for those with low internet speeds.

We also have YouTube account - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzltzPeTDuFxeJv_EJpgjgQ for our services if you miss one, you can pull it up at this link.

ZOOM Link for Sunday Morning Worship

Topic: Sunday Worship

Time: 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86822778412?pwd=THZCN0pkZXIsWG1DVWN5Sis0T1VNQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412 | Passcode: 271199

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) | Meeting ID: 868 2277 8412

