

Raymond UMC

Church Newsletter of Upcoming Events, Reminders and Happenings

Micah 6:8

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
(NRSV)

This fall we have started our journey through scriptures utilizing the Narrative Lectionary as our guide to center ourselves in the Word of God. Throughout this journey we can ask questions together because as with any journey it is important to ask clarifying questions for direction – and we can do this in prayer. Throughout this journey we can open our hearts and minds to the stories of God in our text and in our community. We can learn from the steps and mis-steps of our ancestors of the faith and the stories passed down to us in our tradition. I encourage you to be in prayer for our journey. As we proclaimed in our recent sermon series on the 5 Practices of Fruitful Living (based on a book by UMC Bishop Robert Schnase) – we must be intentional about accepting the Loving God, returning the love of God and being intentional in our faith development. This is how we grow as fruitful disciples of Jesus Christ who long to step out in Risk Taking Mission and Service and grow in our Extravagant Giving. The scripture stories throughout the fall and into Advent will continue to plant seeds of spiritual understanding and hope for our community as we share this journey together. How are you growing this fall? Will you join a Bible Study, a Sunday School class or the Choir? Will you serve at one of our outreach opportunities? Are you opening your Bible throughout the week and praying for opportunities to Be Blessed to Be a Blessing (Genesis 12:1-9)? Whatever stage of life you may be in – this can be a season of growth and peace as we strive together, as followers of Jesus Christ, to “do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.” Church – know that you are loved and that God is at work in us and around us and through us.

In Christ's Peace – Pastor Sara

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Fall Bible Study: Please join us for our fall Bible Study on the Book of Philippians! We will be prayerfully studying this letter to the church of Philippi so that we can be encouraged and be encouragers to “advance the gospel” (1:12), to proclaim Christ in every possible way (1:18), and to be imitators of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God and for the love of all neighbors. This call to imitation compels us to new or renewed awareness of the joy of serving God in community - which is discipleship! Join us on Tuesdays beginning September 25th at 9:30 a.m. or at 7:00 p.m. for a time of study, prayers and fellowship. All are invited! Bring your Bibles!

Upcoming Scripture Texts

October 7 – World Communion Sunday – Narrative Lectionary (NL) Text – Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-7 The Ten Commandments

October 14 - Chris Eirich Preaches

October 21 – Narrative Lectionary (NL) Text – 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27, 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9 Nathan and King David

October 28 – NL Text – 1 Kings 3:4-28 – Solomon’s Wisdom

November 4 – All Saints’ Day – NL Text 2 Kings 5:1-15a – Elisha Heals Naaman

November 11 – Micah 1:3-5, 5:2-5a, 6:6-8 – Mercy, Justice, and Peace

November 18 – NL Texts – Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4 – God’s Plan for Peace

Thanksgiving is November 22 – *Stay Tuned for information about our Raymond Community Thanksgiving Service*

November 25 – Christ the King Sunday, NL Text – Jeremiah 1:3-10; 7:1-11 – Jeremiah’s Call

Youth Group

Our new Youth Group will be meeting the 2nd Sunday of each month from 5pm-7pm through May 2019 usually at the church unless otherwise announced. Due to a scheduling conflict with a church event happening on our Oct. 14th gathering, we are combining our gathering with the Hayride/Bonfire at Keckley’s on Bear Swamp Rd. The next regular gathering will be Sunday Nov. 11th. All students in grades 5 through 12 are welcome to attend and bring a friend or 2. We provide a meal and fun activities for all to enjoy. Any questions, contact Karla Wygle, kwygle@gamil.com or Pastor Sara, pastorsaramcswords@gmail.com

Missions Schedule

October Dates:

Missions Meeting – Monday, October 1st @ 6:30 p.m.
 Community Lunch – Tuesday, October 9th @ noon
 Christ's Pantry – Thursday, October 18th @ 6 p.m.

November Dates:

Missions Meeting – Monday, November 5th @ 6:30 p.m.
 Community Lunch – Tuesday, November 13th @ noon
 Christ's Pantry – Thursday, November 15th @ 6 p.m.

Community Lunch

Come join us for our Community Lunch. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at noon for lunch, fellowship, and entertainment. Bring a friend and as always there is no charge.

Christ's Pantry

Christ's Pantry is the third Thursday of each month from 6 – 7 p.m. We help neighbors by providing food and personal needs items and also serve a hot meal. Thank you to all that donate your time and/or items to Christ's Pantry it is very much appreciated. We gratefully accept food and personal needs donations. Here are a few items we are most in need of: canned tuna, canned green beans, tissues, laundry detergent. If you would like to help out with an upcoming Christ's Pantry please see Heather Holland for additional information.

Christ's Pantry Thanksgiving Give

For November Christ's Pantry we be giving each family extra groceries for Thanksgiving. If you would like to help we will be passing out grocery bags (with a shopping list attached) before/after service starting Sunday, October 14. All you need to do is buy the items listed and bring back your filled bag by Sunday, November 11th. You may also use your own bag and fill with the following items: 1 box instant mashed potatoes, 1 can/jar chicken or turkey gravy, 2 boxes of stuffing, 2 cans of fruit, 2 cans of vegetables, 1 can of cranberries, 2 boxes jello, and one package of cookies. Thank you for your consideration and please know these items are much appreciated by our neighbors that visit the pantry.

Sign up: To receive announcements, the newsletter in full color or reminders about church calendar items.

Go to: www.raymondumc.net or Sign up via email or text



Men's Group

Come bring a friend, neighbor or anyone else that might enjoy laughter and learning. This meeting is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 7 pm in the church basement. Come rain, shine, snow or hail!

Trunk or Treat

Where? Raymond UMC Parking Lot

When? Wednesday, October 31st from 6 – 8 p.m.

Who? Children from our church family, their family, friends, and neighbors, community members,

etc. with their parents, grandparents, or other adult.

What? Congregation - Decorate your trunks and bring the whole family to this fun opportunity to serve the families of our community! Plan to arrive between 5:00 and 5:45 pm. Park your car on the side (East) parking lot and use this time before the children arrive to decorate your vehicle and/or put the finishing touches on your costume. Keep in mind we have lots of toddlers that visit us so nothing scary. Children will trick or treat at the cars getting candy and other goodies (make sure to bring enough candy/goodies for 100 children). Refreshments will be served in the church so families can take a break, recharge, and warm up (if it's cold out).

We hope to see you there!

Safe Sanctuary

As required, Faith Development update our church's Safe Sanctuary Policy. Most of the policy only changed in rewording. There was one addition that is new. It has been included on the next page. The full updated policy can be found on the church website.

Calendar of Events

Kids Club: October 4 & November 1 @ 3:45-6:00

Hayride/Weenie Roast: October 14
Keckly's on Bear Swamp 4:00-6:30

Trunk or Treat: October 31st from 6:00-8:00

Youth Group: November 11 @ 5:00-7:00

Women's Circle: October 15 & November 19 @ 7:00

Men's Prayer Group: Alternate Thursdays @ 7:00

Hospitality

Hello everyone and May God Bless you all. Hospitality will be helping once again with trunk or treat on Wed. October 31st. Heather will be letting us know the time, so look in this newsletter or watch the bulletin. We will have donut holes, hot chocolate, and hot cider to warm you up. And don't forget to think of a way to decorate your trunk and pass out candy. There will be no meeting in Oct. or Nov. as this is a slow time for Hospitality, unless Pastor Sara has something that needs our attention.

Our dip challenge in July was a hit and many have asked for recipes not just from our top 3 but from all. You can find these on last 2 pages of this newsletter. Enjoy!

Our Mission Statement:

Helping our neighbors meet Christ. Renewing our passion for Christ. Loving beyond our walls in the name of Christ.

Below you will find the last page of our recently updated Safe Sanctuary Policy. We believe it is important all persons in our congregation follow these guidelines even if you do not work with kids, youth or vulnerable adults. Any questions please see Pastor Sara or Linda Paver

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

1. Church staff, leaders, and volunteers should receive training in the proper use of social media and electronic communication.
2. Safe use and appropriate behavior of social media and electronic communication should be taught to children, youth, and vulnerable adults.
3. Personal social media and electronic communication should be used appropriately. Anything you post via the internet is permanent. It remains accessible forever – even if you delete it.
4. Apply discretion when using social media and electronic communication. Do not post any information that is a breach of confidentiality. For example, requests for prayer or communications about health issues may only be posted with permission.
5. Using social media or electronic media to give personal opinions may be misconstrued as making a statement on behalf of the church.
6. The following are steps for protecting the privacy, identity and Christian dignity of children, youth, and vulnerable adults:
 - a. The respect and dignity of every person depicted in an electronic image should be strongly considered.
 - b. Electronic images of children, youth, or vulnerable adults should not be posted on any form of social media and electronic communications without written consent of parents or legal guardians.
 - c. Personal information such as names, addresses, or phone numbers of children, youth, or vulnerable adults should not be posted on social media and electronic communications without written consent of parents or legal guardians.
 - d. Only designated representatives should post photos on official church social media and electronic communications.
 - e. Social media groups associated with children, youth, or vulnerable adults should be private groups. These groups should be reviewed annually to remove access to those no longer active in the group.
 - f. When communicating with children, youth or vulnerable adults on social media and electronic communication copy another adult (ideally a parent or legal guardian). Rarely, if ever, should a “direct message” be sent to children or other vulnerable persons.
 - g. Social media and electronic communication is not an appropriate forum for counseling.
 - h. Creation, viewing, or distribution of sexually suggestive or pornographic images is prohibited and may be illegal. Unlawful or inappropriate postings should be reported to the appropriate persons or authorities.
 - i. Cyberbullying should not be tolerated on church social media sites or condoned in any forum. Church leaders should be prepared to identify cyberbullying and intervene.

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Hospitality Dip Challenge Recipes

Cherry Cheesecake Dip from Sue Harmon 1st place

8 oz. of cream cheese softened
1/2 jar of marshmallow fluff (jar is 7.5oz.)
8oz. cool whip thawed
14.5oz can cherry pie filling
graham crackers to dip
chocolate bar to shave on top (optional)

Mix cream cheese and marshmallow fluff well
Fold in cool whip and mix well
put into 2qt. dish or pie plate
top with pie filling
add shaved candy if using

Queso Dip from Jean Thornton 2nd place

2 cans of rotel (undrained)
32 oz. of Velveeta cheese cubed
melt slowly on stove until combined and melted
or put all in crock pot and turn on high for about 1hr.
Once cheese is melted and you can stir and combine, turn to warm
Serve with Tortilla chips

Ranch Chicken Dip #3 Linda Paver

2-8oz. packages of cream cheese (softened)
3.5oz can of chicken (drained)
1c of shredded cheddar cheese
1 package of dry ranch dressing mix
Mix all together and refrigerate
Can be used with crackers or vegetables just make sure to use sturdy dippers

Fruit Salsa with Homemade Cinnamon Tortilla Chips #4 Karla Wygle

For Salsa:

2 pints Chopped Strawberries
1-2 Chopped Granny Smith Apples
4-6 Chopped Kiwis
1 Orange

4 Tbsp. Packed Brown Sugar
4 Tbsp. Apple Jelly (Melted)

Mix together Strawberries, Apples and Kiwis, add jelly and brown sugar and mix well. Squeeze juice from orange into mixture. Stir and refrigerate.

For Cinnamon Chips:

Baked- Take flour tortillas, spray with cooking spray, sprinkle with mixture of cinnamon and sugar, cut into wedges and bake (350 degrees until golden brown and crisp)

Deep Fry- Cut flour tortillas into wedges, deep fry until golden brown, drain on paper towel then sprinkle with mixture of cinnamon and sugar while still hot.

The following are in no particular order

Salsa and Tortillas Rosalie Phelps

Go to Rural King and buy a package of Mrs. Wages Salsa mix
Follow directions on package! That easy, I like it.

French Dressing or dip for veggies Becky Ratcliff

1c catsup
3/4c vinegar
1and a 1/2 c sugar
1tsp. mustard
1tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. of garlic and onion powder
2tsp. salt
1c oil (salad olive or canola)
Mix all in blender until well blended

Larry Marshall's Best (Dill Dip)

1c sour cream
1/2 c Mayonnaise
Tbsp. dried minced onion
2 tsp. parsley
1tsp. dried dill weed
1 tsp. garlic salt

Mix all together and refrigerate for use.

Larry Marshall's Best Chip Dip Ever!

2-8oz. packages of cream cheese (softened)
One medium Sweet onion grated
3Tbbs. Chopped fresh chives
1 cherry tomato for garnish

Put softened cream cheese in a mixing bowl
Grate the onion over it so onion and all the juices go in with cream cheese
Mix onion into cheese well
Add chives and mix well
Refrigerate overnight to let flavors mix and bloom.
To serve set dip out to get to room temperature
garnish with tomato and a few chopped chives. Enjoy with chips or whatever you wish
3 Tblsp. Chopped fresh chives
