

Raymond UMC

Church Newsletter of Upcoming Events, Reminders and Happenings

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

I am so grateful for our first few months together and I am so excited for what the future holds for RUMC. You are a church that overflows with welcoming love for all people. In October we will be spending time with Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi. The book of Philippians includes direction and encouragement that I would love for us to pray over and engage as a faith community that is seeking to help others, renew their faith, and intentional working to overflow with love beyond our walls.

The greeting for this scripture passage is powerful and relevant to our interactions as church family. In the passage below (which we walked through together in worship on 9.17.17) I have underlined the words, phrases that we can reflect and pray over – but as you read the Holy Spirit may bring other aspects of this scripture to light as well! Please read Paul's words:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And *this is my prayer: that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight* ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. (Philippians 1:2-11)

Let this be our constant prayer – may we joyfully pray for one another, may we share the gospel, confident in the work Christ is doing among us. May we long for others with the compassion of Christ and may God grant an overflow of love so that all may know Jesus through our words and actions.

As always please call, text, email or message me if I can serve you in anyway. I look forward to worshipping, growing and serving alongside you all.

Peace and Blessings in Jesus Christ our Savior!

Pastor Sara

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Our Mission Statement:

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

Missions Schedule**October Dates:**

Missions Meeting – Monday, October 2nd @ 6 p.m.
 Community & Senior Lunch – Tuesday, October 10th @ noon
 Christ's Pantry – Thursday, October 19th @ 6 p.m.

November Dates:

Missions Meeting – Monday, November 6th @ 6 p.m.
 Community & Senior Lunch – Tuesday, November 14th @ noon
 Christ's Pantry – Thursday, November 16th @ 6 p.m.

Community & Senior Lunch

Come join us for our Community & Senior 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.

Trunk or Treat

Where: Raymond UMC Parking Lot
When: Tuesday, 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 in 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!

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 tomato soup, jelly/jam, toothbrushes, and mouthwash. 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 15. All you need to do is buy the items listed and bring back your filled bag by Sunday, November 12th. 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.

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."

- First Peter 4:8



Kids Club

The 2017-2018 Kids Club begins on Thursday, October 12 (note date change) @ 3:40 followed by a family dinner @ 5:30. This is open to any children in grades K-4, so if you know of children other than Raymond Elementary kids, information/registration forms can be found on the podium @ the back of the church. October's Bible Hero will be "Noah," and the November 2nd Hero will be "David and Goliath." We are thankful for all of those persons who have willingly volunteered to help us this year. Please see Vickie Ash or Linda Paver if you have questions or if you are interested in helping in any way.

New Women's Group

Our 1st organizational meeting was held on Thursday, September 14. The only decisions made were: 1) to meet monthly; 2) to meet as one group.

The following were all of the ideas from our brainstorming session. **Purpose/Focus:** devotional, Bible Studies, book studies, fellowship, service... **Meeting Times:** Saturday AM w/breakfast, Sunday after church, weeknights (Monday & Thursday mentioned)... **Activities/Missions/Ministries:** Bible Studies; prayer pillows/squares; support Pastor Sara w/group ministries; UMCOR kits (health, school, flood buckets, etc.); regular kitchen cleaning/organizing; welcome to new persons...loaf of bread; funeral dinners w/Pam & Deanna; ice cream socials & other community dinners (spaghetti, chicken & noodles, etc); women's retreat (spiritual, crafty, pampering like massages & nails, etc); Halloween costumes for Christ's Pantry; instruments & vocals for kids; Valentine's Day dinner; Mother's Day dinner or tea; Father's Day dinner or event...**Additional Suggestions:** Women's Group and monthly Bible Study on the same night w/one hour for each.

This group is open to **ALL** women of the church, community other than church, family, and/or friends. Our goal is to make this a new ministry of our church following our **Mission Statement**.... *Helping our neighbors meet Christ. Renewing our passion for Christ. Loving beyond our walls in the name of Christ.*

Our 2nd organizational meeting will be Thursday, October 5 @ 7:00 PM Please talk to Pam Marshall or Linda Paver if you are interested in being a part of this group and unable to attend. The November meeting is **TBA**. Please check the Sunday bulletin, website, or texts/emails for further info.

Faith Development Calendar Dates:

Kids Club: Thursday, October 12; Thursday, November 2 @ 3:30 – 6:15 @ the church

New Women's Group: Thursday, October 5; November 9 @ TBA @ 7:00 @ the church

Sunshine Girls: meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month @ 6:30 @ Helena Anderson's

Men's Share Group: alternate Thursdays @ 7:00 @ the church

Faith Development Team: Tuesday, October 3; Tuesday, November 7 @ 7:00 PM @ the church

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