

The Messenger

Remington United Methodist Church

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MARCH 2010

Important Dates in MARCH

Mar. 1 Finance Meeting
Mar. 3 Lenten Soup Supper & Service
Mar. 8 RUMM
Mar. 10 Lenten Soup Supper and Service
Mar. 11 Mission and Outreach meeting
Mar. 14 Girls Scout Sunday
Mar. 14 Daylight Savings time starts
Mar. 15 Admin Council Meeting
Mar. 17 Lenten Soup Supper and Service
Mar. 18-21 Men's Emmaus Walk
Mar. 20 Easter Egg Hunt - First day of Spring
Mar. 24 Lenten Soup Supper and Service
Mar. 25 DIV Dinner
Mar. 26 Mulch Delivered to RUMC
Mar. 27 Mulch Delivered to customers
Mar. 28 **PALM SUNDAY**
Mar. 30 First day of Passover
Mar. 31 Lenten Soup Supper and Service

PALM SUNDAY MAR.28



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

What does spiritual formation mean to you? What does it mean to be spiritual? This idea or concept has been on the back of my mind for many years. I gravitate to books on spirituality. I enjoy television shows which explore spirituality from many different perspectives. And yet, I still seem to struggle to understand this concept. During Lent we are going to look at this concept. I will be preaching a sermon series on the seven deadly sins to understand our dark nature. We will also look at ideas of nurturing the Christian faith during the Lenten talks. After Easter I hope to focus more on aspects of spiritual formation. My hope is that we will begin to understand how to grow closer to God and one another through this year. May God bless us as we continue to grow in our faith.

*Peace,
Charles*

Poem on Christian Pride

Oh, Lord, it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way.
I can't wait to get to church on Sunday, to show others how perfectly I pray.

When I walk the streets of Remington, people look at me and know I am the best.
How could it be any other way, especially when they see the cross upon my chest.

Oh Lord, forgive me for saying it, for surely it must be quite bad.
But these others I worship with, as a group are really quite sad.

Their sins are ever before them, and ohhhhhhhhhhh, what sins they are.
Why, were it not for me in this building, the cause of Christ would never go far.

I keep the gossips from talking, the drunkards from getting too loose.
I make sure there is no dust on the pews, and keep the men's group from
Getting uncouth.

To know me is to love me, I am God's second in command.
Just do as I say in this church, and all will go as I plan.

I guess you could say I am self-righteous, defensive, insecure, a sham.
But why look deeply within, I am content the way that I am.

Oh, Lord, it's hard to be humble, when you perfectly follow God's every decree.
Oh, how perfect this world would look if only people would be just like me.

And now, I must close out this poem. May God bless you every day.
And if by chance we should meet in heaven, please don't stand in my way.

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Why the poem? I preached it last Sunday on the theme of Pride. It speaks to me about the struggles I have gone through to find a truer understanding of God's grace. I also hope it challenges all of us to rid ourselves of masks and defenses we put up to compensate for insecurities and hurts. In place of those defenses, may we find genuine trust and love that comes from God and from one another.

- Charles Stacy

ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Next Meeting Date: March 15th 7pm

REMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 13 JANUARY 2010

Members present: Jim Helm; John Dertzbaugh, Tom Wolfrom, Jan Hart, Joan Andes, Alex Fedorov, Pastor Charles Stacy, Peggy Simmons, Mary Beth Waldeck, John Waldeck, Lorie Andes and Linda McClanahan.

Meeting was called to order by chair Peggy Simmons at 7:05pm.

Pastor Charles opened the meeting with devotional from Matthew 5:6 "What is the Importance of Justice?" God offered new life to all there is no justice without forgiveness.

See attached for detailed Pastors report.

December minutes were approved as read.

Financial Report:

Alex Fedorov reported the year ended in good shape. During December we missed one Sunday due to snow, and it actually was one of the best offering months of the year. We did however fall short of the proposed budget by \$38,871.91 – but all the bills were paid. Actual spending was \$28,640 less than expected or projected.

Alex also reported he paid an extra \$2000 in interest toward the loan payment, this was money donated by The RUM Women's group.

Total Monthly Income	\$17,448.36
Total Monthly Expenses	\$19,095.10
Balance forwarded	< 1,646.74>

Approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- Refinancing of loan – Alex is continuing to talk with PNC and Oak View Banks regarding our loan. This would extend the balloon mortgage by 5 yrs; we'd have a locked in interest rate; and We would be financing a smaller amount however the interest rate would be higher.
- Financial Treasurer – Linda Butler will be training a back-up for her position
- Toner cartridges cost less than expected, suggested admin call rep for maintenance on the copier

NEW BUSINESS

Greater Love a southern gospel group has requested use of our facility to hold a free will concert on 2 May 2010. They would like to receive at least \$500 in love offering as they travel as a group in A bus bringing all their own equipment. The group would like to have \$200 guaranteed, in case love Offering is low, asked if we can hold the concert outside. If I'm unable to have the \$200 waived the RUMM have agreed to pay the money.

- Cross & Flame Award: Karen Moran has requested permission to present Carol Holtslander with The Cross and Flame Award for her work with the Scouts and bringing them to attend our church. If the permission is granted the award will be presented on 14 February 2010, which is Boy Scout Sunday.
- Council Meeting for March has been scheduled for Monday 15 March – due to Lenten Soup Meals On Wednesdays.
- Sagging Wall in office area tabled until Ed Bogg's can tell Trustee's what is needed for repairs Jan Hart would like at least 2 other estimates. Pending
- Doors on the lower level are old and in poor condition, so much so they are leaking air, causing the Hallways to remain cool. Turned over to Trustees.

COMMITTEES:

Worship Committee reported there will be a Shrove (Fat) Tuesday pancake supper on 16 February 5-7, being held by the MYF.

Also there will be an Ash Wednesday service on 17 February at 7:30pm following the Lenten soup meal at 6:00pm.

RUMM:

> Tom Wolfrom reported the events held in December, the Christmas caroling, angel tree, and bon fire were all very successful.

> The RUMM threw out a challenge to the congregation: The current Epiphany Team is collecting money toward their prison ministry – the RUMM will match all contributions up to \$300.

> February 20 Freewill Chili Dinner 5-7pm

> RUMM & RUMW will hold a joint meeting on 25 January to discuss upcoming joint events for the year.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm

Respectfully submitted

Linda McClanahan
Recording Secretary

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

AS OF: January 31, 2010

A New Year Begins: Just as we wiped the slate clean for 2009, and started a fresh financial year, Mother Nature dealt us an unexpected blow and sent us a major snowstorm at the end of January. Unfortunately, because the 5th Sunday church service had to be cancelled for safety reasons, funds critical to the operation of the church were therefore not received. Fortunately, RUMC has several accounts outside of the budget account that carry a positive balance. So I was able to temporarily transfer enough funds to the budget account to cover the checks that I had issued to meet the January payroll for our staff employees. The funds will have to be returned next week, so I am counting on everyone to restore their offering and add it to their regular offering in February. Please keep this in mind.

Importance of 5th Sunday Contributions: Some people may think that the 5th Sunday service that occurs four times a year is somehow a windfall, or bonus, as far as the RUMC budget is concerned. Nothing could be further from the truth. When we approve the annual budget at the Charge Conference each year, the weekly financial needs are based on that budget total, minus other church income, divided by 52 weeks. So that means that each and every week has exactly the same weight and importance as any other Sunday. The Finance Committee and the Administrative Council worked hard to keep the 2010 Budget from increasing. Salaries were retained at 2009 levels and other budget items were cut. So, although our apportionments to the Virginia United Methodist Conference did increase some, we were able to keep our weekly needs steady at \$3,769. Unfortunately, whenever we fall short of that total, which we often do, we must rely on other sources of income to meet our needs. Usually that falls on the Capital Campaign Fund to pick up the cost of our monthly mortgage payment, thus slowing down the repayment of the principal on the renovation loan.

Final Christmas Wreath Sale Profit: An additional \$390.00 in profit was added to the \$446.88 reported last month, which resulted in a total of \$836.88 raised for Missions and Outreach.

Behind the Numbers: Clearly the loss of the 5th Sunday offering had a serious impact on contributions received in the first month of 2010. That and some other weekly shortfalls in January have put us into a difficult position as we begin the new year. Furthermore, although we started the year with a positive balance in the checkbook of \$1,672 it was not nearly as strong as last year when we started the year with \$6,960 in the bank. We certainly have a challenging year ahead of us and we definitely need your support as much as ever. Thank you.

<u>Treasurer's Report as of end of January 2010</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Programmed Expenses:	\$17,617	\$17,617
Actual Expenses:	\$16,144	\$16,144
	(\$1,473)	(\$1,473)
12/31/09 Balance Carryover:	\$1,672	
Contributions Needed:	\$18,845	\$18,845
Contributions Received:	\$11,370	\$11,370
Over/(Short):	(\$7,475)	(\$7,475)
Capital Campaign Collections:	\$1,637	\$1,637
Mortgage Status:	\$353,928 (opening balance)	
	\$806 (principal paid)	
	\$353,122 (new balance)	

Alex Fedorov
Treasurer RUMC

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT LENT

WHERE DID LENT GET ITS NAME?

The word "Lent" originally meant "Springtime" because the church season always fell at that time of year. The name came to apply to it as well. Even after the word "Lent" was no longer used for Spring, it was still used by the church to describe the season before Easter.

WHY DOES LENT LAST FOR 40 DAYS?

The early church celebrated Lent only for a few days before Easter. Over the centuries, the length of the season grew until it was several weeks long. In the seventh century, the church set the period of Lent at forty days (excluding Sundays) in order to remind people of the duration of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness.

WHY NOT COUNT SUNDAYS?

Sunday is always a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Even during Lent, Sunday is a little "EASTER".

HOW DID THE TRADITIONS OF "GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT" GET STARTED?

Lent began as a time of purification and preparation. In the early church, baptism was only performed on Easter Sunday. An entire year's worth of converts to the faith would be baptized and brought into the church on that day. Lent was the time before Easter in which these converts would fast and pray, preparing themselves to be member of Christ's church. Over the centuries, the church began to baptize and confirm people on days other than Easter Sunday. Lent was no longer a time of preparation for these events but it remained as special time of prayer and fasting. After the Reformation, the discipline of fasting became unpopular. Thus, as a way of preserving Lent as a time of self-sacrifice, the church leaders encouraged people to give up something during Lent that they enjoyed.

HOW DID MARDI GRAS AND ASH WEDNESDAY RELATE TO LENT?

Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday") is the last day before Lent. Since Lent was traditionally a time of fasting, the day before it began was always a feast day.

People had to use up eggs, butter, and other perishables that would not last through the Lenten season, and Fat Tuesday was celebrated with many traditional and tasty baked goods. The next day, Ash Wednesday was the official beginning of Lent. After prayer, people would have their foreheads marked with ashes as a sign of their repentance and humility.

HOW IS THE DATE OF EASTER DETERMINED?

According to a decision of the Council of Nicaea in the fourth century, Easter falls on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). In practice, this means that Easter can never be earlier than March 22nd or later than April 25th.

WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?

Christians commemorate Jesus' Last Supper when he broke bread and gave the cup to his disciples, initiating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The word Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment. At the Last Supper, Jesus said "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

WHAT IS A TENEBRAE SERVICE?

Following Communion on Holy Thursday or on Good Friday evening, a service of Tenebrae or "Darkness" recalls Jesus' suffering as candles are extinguished one by one.

WHAT DOES LENT MEAN FOR US TODAY?

Lent is the church season in which we prepare for Easter Sunday. It is a special time of prayer and reflection, of confession, and self-sacrifice. It is a time to remember the temptation, the suffering, and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Most of all, it is a time to ready ourselves for the humble thankfulness and sheer joy of Easter morning

LENTEN SCHEDULE Soup Supper and Service – Wednesdays, 6pm

Mar. 3	Justice	Mary Beth Waldeck
Mar. 10	Forgiveness and Healing	Steve Parker
Mar. 17	Hospitality	Lorie Andes
Mar. 24	Home Economics	Holly Stacy
Mar. 31	Sabbath Rest	Anne Bryant

EASTER SCHEDULE

Mar. 20	Easter Egg Hunt	2:30pm
Mar. 29	Palm Sunday	8:30 and 11am
Apr. 2	Good Friday Service	7:30pm
Apr. 4	Easter Sunday	8:30 and 11am

Contact Linda McClanahan or Jeanne Boggs with any questions or if you would like to supply soup, bread or other supplies for the suppers. 540-439-2579

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS Rich Kaiser of Stained Glass Works in Culpeper has provided a range of prices for installing stained glass designs in other windows of the church. This is the company that recently repaired and restored the sanctuary windows. The prices are firm until Sep 10, 2010. Several individuals and families have inquired about adding additional memorial windows in the sanctuary. The windows can be done one a time but I believe the designs chosen should be somewhat complementary with each other. This would be a huge undertaking and the expenses would have to come entirely from individual/family donations. Should you wish to consider this addition to the church sanctuary please contact the Church Historian, Gale Mullikin.

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

ACOLYTES - Any child age 8 and up who would like to acolyte please see Jeanne Barlow or Lorie Andes to be trained and added to the schedule. Any adult who would like to help with this ministry, please contact Lorie Andes.



BRING YOU BASKETS AND COME JOIN THE FUN OF AN EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday March 20 2:00-3:30pm

HELP WANTED

Nursery help is always needed for both services This is scheduled on a rotating basis. The more people we have to help the better. If you'd like to help with nursery during the 8:30am service, please contact Christa Mullins. If you would like to help with nursery during the 11am service, please contact Joan Andes.

YOUTH GOUP (MYF – METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

Meetings are held the 1ST, 3RD, and 5TH Sunday OF EACH MONTH at 4-5:30PM in the Social hall.
All youth from 6th thru 12th grade welcome.

RUMC WOMEN'S GROUP

- **RUMW meets on the 4th Monday evening of each month at 7PM at various places.**
- **Women of Faith Tickets:** Anyone interested in going to the Women of Faith Conference this year, please let Jeanne Boggs know. Jeanne currently has 4 tickets available for the conference to be held on Aug. 27-28, 2010.

Unexpected Joy

~In the Garden

Here is the account of how this beautiful hymn was written—from the hymn-writer C. Austin Miles himself:

One day in April, 1912, I was seated in the dark room, where I kept my photographic equipment and organ. I drew my Bible toward me; it opened at my favorite chapter, John 20--whether by chance or inspiration let each reader decide. That meeting of Jesus and Mary had lost none of its power and charm.

As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life, when she knelt before her Lord, and cried, Rabboni!

My hands were resting on the Bible while I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. it was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in, and hurried away.

John, in flowing robe, appeared, looking at the tomb; then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John.

As they departed, Mary reappeared; leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing, so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched and looking into His face cried, Rabboni!

I awakened in sunlight, gripping the Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music.

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,

While the dew is still on the roses;

And the voice I hear,

falling on my ear,

The Son of God discloses.

CHORUS:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,

And He tells me I am His own;

And the joy we share as we tarry there,

None other has ever known.

(2) He speaks, and the sound of His voice

Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,

And the melody that He have to me

Within my heart is ringing.

(Chorus)

(3) I'd stay in the garden with Him

Though the night around me be falling,

But He bids me go;

through the voice of woe,

His voice to me is calling.

(Chorus)

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - takes place on Tuesday nights at 7:15pm in the sanctuary. If you would like to join us please come, or call Kaye Rich at 439-8298.

PRAISE BAND PRACTICE - has been changed to 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each Month as of January 2009. Contact Kaye Rich at 439-8298 with questions.

BIBLE STUDIES AND PRAYER GROUPS

Moms-In-Touch Prayer Group Formed for M. M. Pierce Elementary

For mothers who want to join together and pray for the children and staff of M. M. Pierce Elementary School.

They will meet on Thursdays, 1:15pm to 2:15pm starting Sept. 4th at the home of Sharon Hunt in Remington. For more information, please contact Sharon at 540-439-1034 or jesseandsharonhunt@verizon.net

CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN EMAIL GROUP

RUMC has a church email group that is used to communicate prayer requests, reminders and other important church related information. If you would like to be added to the church email group, please send an email to Jeanne Boggs at jkjones@us.ibm.com and put "Add to RUMC Email group" in the subject line.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

New Bible Study - Pastor Charles is teaching a new bible study on "The Seven Deadly Sins" beginning Jan. 31 and lasting till March 21.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY -Thursdays, 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

A Thursday night Bible Study began in early Jan. The study is "A Woman's Heart" by Beth Moore and will discover the parallel of the Tabernacle building and your life as a chosen vessel of God. Please contact Jeanne Boggs if you wish to attend.

A morning Bible Study is ongoing at the home of Heather Michnya's home on Wednesdays. Contact Heather at 540-439-8435.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Save your CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS.

Please donate your labels from Campbell's Products, V8 juices, Franco-American Gravies, Spaghetti O's and Pastas, Pepperidge Farm Breads, Cookies, and snacks. **There is a basket in the Narthex or put the labels in Pat Neill's mailbox.** The proceeds will benefit the church.

OLD INKJET CARTRIDGES AND OLD CELL PHONES

PLEASE consider donating all your old Ink Jet cartridges and old cell phones for recycling. Just drop them in the box located in the Narthex. Proceeds will Benefit the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Carol Holtslander** . On Scout Sunday at the 11am service Carol received the Cross and Flame Award for her devotion to RUMC AND THE SCOUTS.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Goes to **Linda McClanahan, Wally and Kaye Rich, John and Jan Dertzbaugh and Aaron Barlow** for their support of the Epiphany Ministry at Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center. Let us continue to pray for the young men whose lives they touched. Pastor Charles.

The Flower chart in the narthex still has plenty of open dates.

Remember those you love with a flower arrangement for the altar. Memorial flowers are also a special way to remember those you love. Just sign up for your preferred date order flowers from Archer Flowers in Remington. For more information see page 17 of this Newsletter



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Relay For Life Spaghetti Dinner/Dance, 50/50 raffle and Silent Auction

event has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 21, 2010. Dinner served 1:00-3:00 at the Remington Lions Club, 11326 James Madison Highway (US 29, just north of Route 28 intersection); Silent Auction closes at 3:30pm.

Dance with DJ, David "Tank" Bowman. Cost \$10.00 single, \$20.00 couple, \$30.00 family.

All proceeds will benefit the 2010 **Fauquier Relay For Life** event. We invite you to come out and support this afternoon of fun event.

Contact person Terry (540) 439-3529 email tlc22712@aol.com.

MEET..... ROBERT WALDEN RICH (WALLY)



Wally & Kaye Rich

WERE WHERE YOU BORN AND RAISED? Charlottesville - raised in Remington, VA.

FAMILY: Mother going on 91 years old in Richmond. A sister in Walworth, NY. Three children and three grandchildren.

SCHOOLS YOU ATTENDED? Remington Elementary, Cedar Lee High, Fauquier High School, Phiffer College, Lord Fairfax, and Germanna Community Colleges.

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN AT RUMC? Since Birth almost. Joined the church in 1958.

JOBS YOU HAVE HELD AT RUMC: Assist. Admin. Council for years, Admin. Chair eight + years. Worship and PPR, Choir, Men's Group; Building Committee Chair and member, and anything else to help.

OCCUPATIONS YOU HAVE HAD: Missile Maintenance Spec. in USAF 1966-1970. All jobs upon my return were construction related. Draftsman, Purchase. Agent, Project, Mgmt., Sales, Estimating and hands on in the field when needed. Worked at Free State Glass/Old Castle for 11+ years as Prod. Manager, Shipping Mgr. Sales, Shop Super, Truck Driver, etc.

YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS: Love to hunt, fish and anything to do with History. Study the Civil War and look for relics. Love my family especially my wife and grandkids.

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Volunteer Fire and Rescue here in Remington for 22 years. Was on the Town Council in Remington longer than I wanted to. Always have been a leader of sorts but have found it easier to organize and just help. Never been flashy. Certified Lay Speaker and the Epiphany ministry which is a wonderful thing.

YOUR PHILOSOPHY FOR YOUR LIFE: I'm low profile but "Do all that you can, for all that you can, for as long as you can". John Wesley said something to this effect and I thought it was really good.

TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOU: Remington my entire life except for about 5 ½ years spent in Texas, Illinois, Missouri and Middletown, VA. Raised on a dairy farm till 8th grade. Joined Fire Department at 16 - voted Best All Around as a senior at Fauquier High School and Band Member of the Year as a Senior. Really found God on my Emmaus Walk. Between me and Kaye we have three super kids and three grandkids. Not much else of worth. Not a very flashy person. Try to set examples for those around me but fall short sometimes.

AMEN!

If you would like to submit a Questionnaire, please go to the church website www.remingtonchurch.org and you can fill out a questionnaire and then print it out. Send it to Gale Mullikin at jgm62@verizon.net or leave it in my mailbox at church. If you don't have a computer there are copies available in the church narthex or the church office.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED THE
PENNIES FROM HEAVEN JARS
LOCATED AT EACH DOOR OF THE CHURCH**
*Your loose change can help many different ministries within the church.
Thank you for your generosity.*

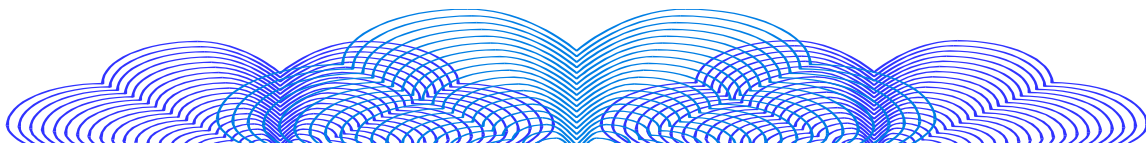


THERE ARE EASTER CARDS IN THE NARTHEX

The RUM Women have Easter Cards
for review in the Narthex.
Please stop and take a look through them.
They are free to everyone.
A FREEWILL OFFERING would be appreciated.
All proceeds will be used by RUMW
To help in various areas.

***The Piedmont Lace Guild of Virginia
Is looking for young people between the ages of 11 and 16
To form a Young Lacemakers group with meetings beginning in the spring of 2010.***

For more information please go to www.piedmontlace.org



The Men of RUMC / March 2010

The Men of RUMC

The monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, February 8 was postponed due to the snow and ice. This was to be a combined planning meeting between the Men and the Women. The meeting date was changed to Monday, February 22. The Men provided a dinner of chili with corn muffins for this meeting and the Women provided the dessert. The upcoming events of 2010 that both groups work on together were reviewed and discussed.

Upkeep and Maintenance of our Church

The Men are planning a cleanup day on Saturday, April 17 all are invited to help. Landscaping and grounds work are in the plans. More details to follow and will be announced in bulletin.

Recent Events Update

On Friday, January 15, The Men held a bonfire in the church gravel parking lot. The weather was good, no wind with mild temperatures. There was a big turn out of over forty people for this event. There were hot dogs and marshmallows to roast on sticks over the flames and there was hot chocolate to drink to warm you up. Everyone had a great time!

On Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, The Men were greeting at both services and presented all of the women and girls of all ages with a red carnation and wished them all a Happy Valentine's Day!

On Saturday February 20, The Men hosted a freewill chili dinner in the fellowship hall. There were two chili flavors to choose from, a sweet Cincinnati or a spicy Cajun Texas chili. There was plenty of corn bread muffins, rice, chopped onions, sour cream and cheese to make your chili special. The Women of the church provided the desserts. The turnout was large, it looked like everyone was ready to get out of the house for the evening, and all enjoyed the meal!

Up Coming Events

MULCH SALE!! Watch for the flyer and order form and don't forget your neighbors and friends, remember everyone needs mulch! (Limited free delivery area!)

Monday, March 8, 2010 / The Men will be meeting in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm for dinner with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend; we would like to invite all Men of our church! If you would like to contact someone about our group or activities please contact Thomas Wolfrom at 439-8198 or e-mail your request to **UCRthomaswolfrom@aol.com**.

Thursday, March 25, 2010 / The Men and Women will be combining their efforts to provide a meal and feed the group known as Digging in Virginia (DIV). This meal will be served at Germanna Community College in Culpeper. **Please plan to help out with this event, sign up at church!**

Friday, March 26, 2010 / The Men will be unloading the mulch from the tractor trailers in the church parking lot and will begin delivering on this day.

Saturday, March 27, 2010 / The Men will be delivering the mulch until it is all gone!



Remington United Methodist Church Spring Mulch Sale 2010



Free delivery to your door if you order 15 bags or more!
Delivery dates: Weekend of 26 - 28 March 2010.
(If needed, order delivery will continue the following weekend.)

Less than 15 bags orders should be picked up by 3 p.m., 27 March 2010 at
RUMC , Bowen and Center Streets, Remington, VA.

All orders must be prepaid and mailed no later than Saturday, 20 March 2010.
Late orders will be returned.

**If you think 15 bags are too many, ask a neighbor to join you and place a
combined order!**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
RUMC Men's Group Missions

Please make checks payable to Remington United Methodist Men's Group.
 Return orders to: RUMC Mulch Order, 11205 Cardinal Dr., Remington, VA 22734.
 Questions: Call Jan or John at 540-439-6495 or email at riverjanjohn@me.com

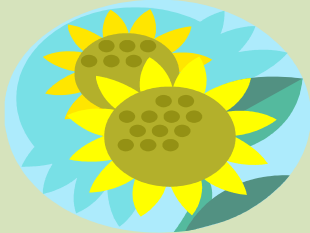
Type Mulch	# Bags	Cost	Amount
Central Hardwood Bark – Shredded 2 cu ft Bag High quality shredded bark, long lasting – Covers 10-12 sq ft @ 2-3 in. deep	_____ X	\$3.25 =	
Rappahannock Pine Mini-Nugget – Medium Grade 3 cu ft bag Decorative chips, good for weed control – Covers 15-18 sq ft, 2-3 in. deep	_____ X	\$3.75 =	
Virginia Pine Bark & Fines – Fine Grade 2 cu ft bag Improved water retention, protects plant roots – Covers 10-12 sq ft, 2-3 in deep	_____ X	\$3.25 =	
Silver Dollar Pine Bark Nugget – Large Grade 3 cu ft bag Decorative pine chunks, nice look, long lasting – Covers 15-18 sq ft, 2-3 in. deep	_____ X	\$3.75 =	
NEW THIS YEAR!! BLACK MULCH – Shredded 2 cu ft Bag High quality shredded bark died black - Covers 10-12 sq ft @ 2-3 in. deep	_____ X	\$3.25 =	
Super Fine Soil Conditioner Composted pine and hardwood mix with soil or top dressing – Covers 10 sq ft, 1 in. deep	_____ X	\$3.00 =	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		=	\$ _____

Name _____

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REMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER



The snow and cold will soon be gone. Now is the time to be ready for the warm planting days of spring. Don't wait for the local nursery's to open, order your spring plants and bulbs from the comfort of home and have them delivered right to your door. In a time when everyone is going green, be the first in your neighborhood to go multicolor.

This is a fundraiser to support the ongoing work and ministry of our church and for every dollar spent the church will receive fifty cents.

The plants and bulbs are from one of the nations top growers and all come with a 100% satisfaction guarantee. (Replacement, exchange or refund, your choice)

The dates for ordering are from February 21 to April 4 and the plants and bulbs will begin to ship in March.

To place an order all we need is your e-mail address, first and last name. This will get you added to our Flower Power contacts list and you will receive an email with a link to access our fundraiser page. Then you can order directly from your computer and RUMC will receive credit for your order.

Or

Check your mailbox at RUMC for a fundraising order kit so that you can take orders from your friends, family and co-workers, also additional kits are available in the narthex.

Any other questions please contact:

Jo Ann Wolfrom at 540-439-8198 or via e-mail: **ThomasandJoAnn@gmail.com**

ALTAR FLOWERS



Ashton Archer of Archer's Flowers in Remington will place flowers on the altar for \$30.00. He will not only deliver them on Saturday, but you can also make your check out to RUMC, so you get the tax benefit, the church pays Ashton, who doesn't have to charge tax and everybody benefits.

If you would like to place your own flowers as a Memorial, or in honor of someone either within your family or in the church, please take advantage of Ashton's services.

YOU ARE ALSO WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN FLOWERS To place on the altar. If they are not too tall, you can place them in front of the cross. If they are taller than the cross, please place them on either side of the cross or on one of the tables in front. Don't forget to let Linda McClanahan know by Wednesday if you want the announcement placed in Sunday's bulletin. Call the church office at 439-2579.

*** You can sign up for an Altar Flower Date on the Chart in the Narthex.**

CELEBRATIONS

(to add special dates., please contact church office 439-2579)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar.3 Travis Moran
 Mar. 5 James Briggs, Nyssa Briggs, Rick Lane
 Mar. 6 Stuart Robeson
 Mar. 7 Mary Holtlander
 Mar. 8 Justin Sommerville
 Mar. 12 Mattie Bateman
 Mar. 13 Dale Ann Williams
 Mar. 14 Jeb Bateman
 Mar. 15 Wesley McGlothlin, James Meadows
 Mar. 16 Joshua Boggs
 Mar. 18 Shawn Reber
 Mar. 20 Jim Helm
 Mar. 21 Debbie Stanley
 Mar. 22 Skeet Ashby
 Mar. 28 Shelby Meriwether

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar. 18 Steve and Karen Parker
 Mar. 19 Tom & Karen Moran
 Mar. 22 Mark & Gitte Tessier
 Mar. 23 Dave & Kim Bowrin, Glenn & Lisa Paziienza
 Mar. 28 James and Robin Briggs

CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!!

SPECIAL ADDITIONS

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU:

To the wonderful people at RUMC: on Thursday January 21, I had to have bypass surgery on my heart after having a heart attach earlier in the week. This past couple of weeks have been so much easier for Jo Ann and myself due to the help and outpouring of love from the members of RUMC. I am now at home recovering and my outlook is good. Thank you to everyone who has called, visited, prepared a meal, or has said a prayer. Your love and concern is heartfelt. Can't wait to see everyone on Sunday!!! **Thomas and Jo Ann Wolfrom**

* **We are happy to report that Miss Nell Leazer is now back at home.**

* **Skeet Ashby is now residing in Culpeper Heath and Rehab Center in Culpeper.**

The Epiphany Team Thanks You:

A big thank you to the congregation and committees who helped support our Epiphany Prison Weekend, at Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center , which took place 13-15 February. With your help, RUMC raised \$1,075 toward the weekend expenses which usually run us about \$4500-\$5000. Once again the weekend was awesome. We ministered to 24 new young men over the three days and 13 "old timers" each day.

Yes this is a maximum security facility, and **yes** the young men committed a crime or they wouldn't be there, but when you talk with them or watch them play silly games you can still see the "little boy lost". The thing we have to remember is these are still children and just maybe the seeds we plant on these weekends will take root and help them grow into better people. Some of these young men have never heard of Jesus Christ, some can quote the bible to you, but all have made mistakes. What we try to convey to them is God's love and forgiveness, such a simple statement, but hard to accept, even for those of us on the "outside."

We pray we reach them with God's love. Normally, in preparation we "team" for a month prior to the weekend. Due to the weather conditions we only met once and at times the weekend happening was questionable. Fortunately, enough of us had participated in the weekends previously so we knew what was expected of us. With God in control we made it through the weekend and didn't lose a team member. If you think you'd like to become a part of this ministry see one of the team members listed below. It's a life altering experience – one that stays with you

The Epiphany Team, Wally and Kaye Rich, John and Jan Dertzbaugh, Aaron Barlow and Linda McClanahan appreciate your generosity, prayers and support.

**On February 14th RUMC received New members Andy Lloyd and Sara Sentz.
We welcome them into the RUMC church family.**

MEETING DATES AT RUMC

Group	Day	Time	Location
Youth Group	Sundays	6pm	Social Hall
Worship Comm.	1 st Sunday of month	9:45am	Church Office
Praise Band	2 nd and 4 th Thursdays	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Adult Choir	Tuesdays	7:15pm	Sanctuary
RUM Women	4 th Monday of month	7:00pm	various locations
RUM Men	2 nd Monday of month	6:30pm	Social Hall
Adult Choir	Tuesday	7:15pm	Sanctuary
Bible Study	Wednesdays	6:30pm	Social Hall
Admin Council	2 nd Wednesdays	7:00pm	Social Hall
Craft Night	3 rd Friday of Month	7:00pm	Social Hall
WNO	1 st Saturday of Month	7:00pm	Social Hall

Dear Reader(s),

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the Monthly Newsletter, please contact the church office:

Telephone: (540) 439-2579
Mail: RUMC, P.O. Box 86, Remington, VA 22734
E-Mail: AdminAssistant@RemingtonChurch.org
Or Website: www.RemingtonChurch.org

It is our intention to keep you, as members, informed of the current happenings at RUMC. We hope you enjoy the articles and information enclosed. We welcome your comments and feedback.

*To submit information to the **MESSENGER**, Please forward information to the **MESSENGER Editor Gale Mullikin via church mailbox or email Gale at: jgm62@verizon.net***
- The Staff at RUMC