

# The Messenger

*We enter to worship. We depart to serve.*



**Pastor:**

Rev Charles Stacy  
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## Anniversaries for June & July 2011

Waldeck,	
John & Mary Beth	6/01
Boggs, Ed & Jeanie	6/06
Brady, Rick & Angela	6/15
Sommerville,	
Stan & Terry	6/17
Holtlander,	
Richard & Carol	6/24
Breeden, Mike & Susie	6/25
Wright, Steve & Shelly	6/30
Lee, Rich & Sharon	7/07
Michnya,	
Ryan & Heather	7/24
Hart, Roger & Jan Hart	7/30



**ONE COMBINED SUNDAY - July 31**

Mission Celebration Sunday at 10 am. Fellowship time to follow with finger foods and snacks.

**PARADE FLOAT - June 3**

RUMC will once again sponsor a float in the Remington Fireman's Parade. If anyone is interested in helping decorate the float for the parade, we will be working on it the morning of Friday, June 3, at 9 a.m. Questions? Contact Christa Mullins at 540.439.9075.

**RUMM DISTRIBUTE WATER**

Once again the RUMM will be sponsoring the handing out of water along the Remington Parade route. If you would like to be part of this ministry, just show up at the church on Friday, June 3, to assist.

**RUMM CLEAN-UP DAY - June 11, 8 a.m. until ???**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE - June 15 through 19**

**Remington United Methodist CHURCH PICNIC - June 26, 4 pm**

More information to follow via the church bulletin and web site.

**PIANIST NEEDED for RUMC by AUGUST 1**

Pianist is needed for 11 a.m. service & Tue evening choir rehearsals. This is a paid position (with substitute available). Will work with Music/Choir Director, Kaye Rich (540.439.8298, or the church office, 540.439.2579) Organist ability preferred, but not required.) Start date by August 1.

**WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE TICKETS - August 26 & 27**

If you're interested in attending the conference, contact Jeanie Boggs.

**IN THE NARTHEX...**

Items of interest now to be found in the narthex:

- Mission Trip: ReCreation Mission to Haysi, VA
- Kits for Annual Conference (Christa Mullins)
- Homeless Bags given out at Conference (Christa Mullins)
- New Members Class Sign-Up Sheets
- 4 Cans 4 Conference

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## Jun/Jul Birthdays



Helm, Connie	6/02
Meriweather, Logan	6/03
McGlothlin, Casey	6/05
Barlow, Aaron	6/07
Briggs, Ira	6/07
Winn, Sara	6/09
Grimes, Dwaine	6/13
Andes, Lorie	6/15
Lilly, Maia	6/15
Rich, Kaye	6/19
Rockefeller, Brian	6/20
Pazienza, Haley	6/21
Mullins, Ella Rose	6/21
Barlow, Jeannie	6/22
Nestor, Alice	6/22
Ameson, Mary	6/24
Breeden, Mike	6/24
Wehrle, Richard	6/24
Breeden, Zachary	6/26
Stanley, Harvey	6/27
Atkinson, Sandy	6/28
Arneson, Kurt	6/30
Robertson, Scott	7/01
Rockefeller, Jennifer	7/01
Bates, Quinn Lynn	7/03
Jones, Gayle	7/05
Chartier, MJ	7/07
Mullins, Ethan	7/07
Pierce, Beau	7/07
Blackmer, Ginny	7/08
Parker, Steve	7/11
Holtlander, Richard	7/13
Briggs, Robin	7/14
Miller, Christen	7/14
Brady, Angela	7/15
Rachocki, Heather	7/15
Hart, Jan	7/20
McGlothlin, Brandon	7/21
Johnson, Theresa	7/21
Gallagher, Chris	7/25
Arnold, Angel	7/27
Breeden, Susie	7/27
Dulaney (Neill) Pat	7/27
Hoover, Patti	7/30

# God, Why Do You Let Us Hurt?

*“So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. His wife said to him, “... Curse God and die!” Job 2:7-9, NIV*

Have you ever wondered why there is so much suffering in the world? Since God is a God of love and gentleness, how can He stand by while people hurt each other? How can our loving God allow the devastation of earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters?

Perhaps you’ve wondered how you can trust God with your life when He lets such terrible things happen. Is God trustworthy? Does He really care?

Imagine for a minute that you are Job. You have everything anybody could desire. Besides that, you are a moral and just man. People respect you and are awed by your success.

You are in town one day, visiting with friends, when you hear a knock at the door. A messenger rushes in to tell you that you have been robbed of all your oxen and donkeys (your sports cars and bank account), and all your servants have been killed.

While this messenger is still speaking, another one runs up. He tearfully describes how fire has just fallen from heaven and destroyed your sheep and your shepherds (your cattle ranch estate).

As you sink weakly into a chair, your head spinning in disbelief, two more messengers arrive. One tells you that your camels (your fleet of motor homes) have been stolen. The other messenger, however, has the worst news of all – all of your children have been killed in a tornado!

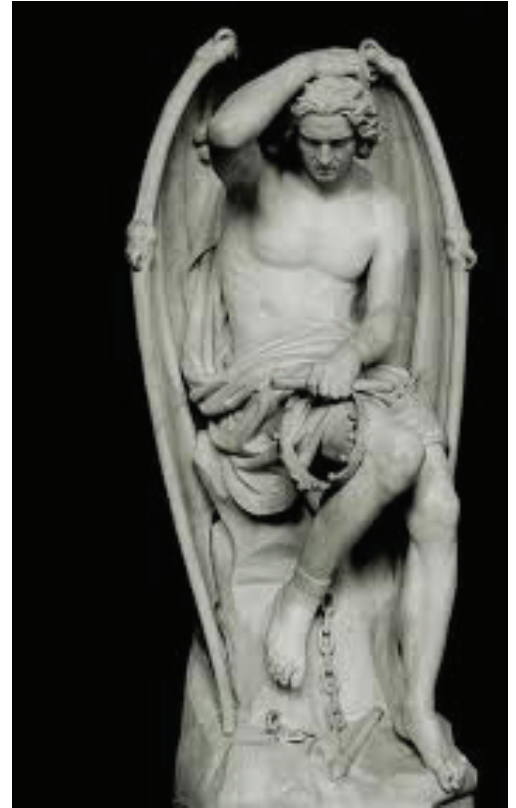
You wonder why God is doing this to you. While you wonder, you break out with large, painful pimples all over your body - not a speck of skin is unaffected. As the days pass, while you are trying to settle where you can live and bury your dead children, the pimples open into large, weeping sores. Whatever is God doing to you? Can you trust Him?

Read the story of Job and answer three questions: first, who blessed Job with such great wealth and a wonderful family? Yes, God did! Second, who took everything away? Yes, Satan. Now one final question. Who got all the blame from Job’s wife and friends? You’ll find the answers in his wife’s words, found in Job 2-9.

Do we, like Job’s wife, sometimes blame God for the heartache that Satan causes? God is not responsible for the suffering in this world. He wants to bring the suffering to an end. But Satan wants to test us. He wants to try to make us hate God. Since Satan can’t ever go back to heaven, he doesn’t want us to go either. He wants us to hate God.

Don’t let that sly serpent, Satan, con you. Put the blame for disaster on Satan’s shoulders - not God’s - and let 2011 be the year you love God even more.

From “Out of This World” by Nancy Beck Irland and Peter Beck



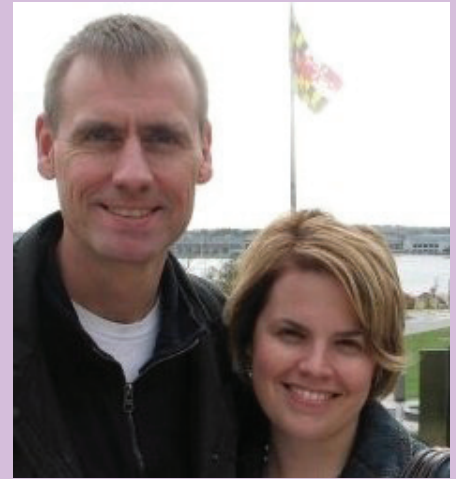
# From the Pastor's Desk...

Why do we as pastors and laity gather together each year at an event known as Annual Conference?

It is an old tradition dating back to 1784 with the Christmas Conference in Baltimore where Rev. Asbury was officially declared the first bishop of the Methodists in America. It has become a tradition for Methodists to gather each year to debate, pray, sing, preach, and yes, vote on important matters.

As the clergy and laity gather together, I ask that you pray for your fellow Methodists as we carry on this wonderful tradition.

*Peace,  
Charles*



## Girl Scout Troop 4870

Although May didn't hold many events for our troop, the big event for the year was held - CAMPING! We spent two days at a Girl Scout camp in Stafford taking hikes, preparing meals and learning about nature. Due to the rain, we had many indoor activities, but the troop had a great time regardless of the weather. Several scouts presented the colors for the Remington Town Council meeting as well.

The last activity for May will be to work on the Pet Care badge at Rady Park with lots of other scouts in our area.

June will wind down this scouting year. The first event for June will be the Remington Fireman's Parade. The scouts enjoy creating a theme based on important aspects of scouting. Our final event for June will be our year-end picnic at Crockett Park. We will have a bridging ceremony for our Brownies to move up to Juniors.

Next year will be an exciting year because all the scouts will be Juniors and therefore allow us to work on many of the same badges. Thank you for sharing this year of scouting with us. We will be back in September with more adventures to share!

*Lisa Pence and Lori Queen*

## 4 Cans 4 Conference

One of the missions this year at Annual Conference is to help fill the Virginia Food Banks. Each Pastor/Delegate/Church/Group is requested to bring "4 Cans 4 Conference."

Items needed: a can of meat/fish; a can of veggies/fruit; a can of soup/stew; a can with pop top, with any contents of your choosing. Other items that will be accepted: powdered milk and/or drinks, pasta/spaghetti, hot and cold cereals, sugar, flour, sauces, etc.

Please do not send glass jars, old or unlabeled cans, home canned items, any items with alcohol or tobacco products, previously opened or partially used items, perishables (fresh fruit/veggies, as they are supplies by the USDA), soft drinks, punctured or bent cans, or novelty items. The goal is to receive 10,000 cans from each of the 2,500 members — which will be approximately five tons of food.

Please help with this worthy mission. Annual Conference is 16-19 June. Please bring your donations no later than 12 June to place in the narthex.

# Ella's Turning One



When I arrived at UVA June 18, I wasn't surprised to see my mom, sister, and Christa, but was blown away that Charles met me at the hospital! God is Great! My family (including Christa) never left my side; in fact, Christa went above and beyond what a friend has ever done for us. She kept people informed, she prayed, she was by my side when I was coded CODE BLUE and rushed into the ER to deliver. I asked her to pray and I told my husband that I loved him.

Christa didn't hesitate to call Holly Stacy at 3:30 am, and Holly and Charles sat together and prayed for us. As I was rushed into the delivery room, there was a bunch of chaos and yelling when I heard Jesus. He said, "Be calm; she will be OK." I was at peace. Three minutes later, I had Baby Ella at 1 lb 10 oz, 13 inches long. My life changed the day Ella arrived. I moved to another city alone, learned how to care for a NICU baby, took up residence at the Ronald McDonald house, and the list goes on...

From the very beginning, I knew that we were prayed for. I felt you all along. June and July I had a visitor almost every day, and the month of August, at least three times a week. It's hard to express the intensity of seeing your daughter being poked and probed and making crying faces and no sound coming out.

The roller coaster experience of caring for a Micro Preemie is daunting; the machines going off, watching your baby stop breathing in your arms and not being able to protect her, seeing other mothers in there, and their babies not being so lucky. Somehow you made me better. When I was at my worst, I felt you even more with the out pouring of your love. Some knew me well, some not so much.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart - for who you became to me and what you have done for me and my family. So, thank you for the prayers, visitors, money, crib, baby shower, gas card, letters, clothes, listening to me, making dinner for Scott - not once, but twice - and the list goes on and on and on.

We celebrate Ella turning one on June 21st. My hope and prayers are I hope everyone gets to experience you all. The love you have for one another is tremendous; the giving, the support, and the outreach. And God spoke in John 13:34-35 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

## My Song to Ella by Martina McBride

In my daughter's eyes I am a hero  
I am strong and wise and I know no fear  
But the truth is plain to see  
She was sent to rescue me  
I see who I wanna be  
In my daughter's eyes

In my daughter's eyes everyone is equal  
Darkness turns to light and the  
world is at peace  
This miracle God gave to me  
gives me strength when I am weak  
I find reason to believe  
In my daughter's eyes

And when she wraps her hand  
around my finger  
It puts a smile in my heart  
Everything becomes a little clearer  
I realize what life is all about

It's hangin' on when your heart  
has had enough  
It's giving more when you feel like giving up  
I've seen the light  
It's in my daughter's eyes

In my daughter's eyes I can see the future  
A reflection of who I am and what will be  
Though she'll grow and someday leave  
Maybe raise a family  
When I'm gone I hope you see how happy  
she made me  
For I'll be there  
In my daughter's eyes

God bless,

Scott, Maureen and Ella Mullins



# Music Notes

By Kaye Rich

## ***And Can It Be That I Should Gain?***

Not many hymns begin with a question as does this one. However, it is not an expression of doubt, but of wonder and awe. How can it be that the shedding of Jesus' blood 1900 years ago is relevant to me today? How was it possible for the Son of God to have died for me? Why should our Lord empty Himself of all His divine glory and become a man in order to save "Adam's helpless race"?

There is considerable evidence that this hymn was written by Charles Wesley soon after his own conversion. Charles Wesley's crisis experience occurred on May 20, 1738. He had been sick in body as well as in spirit. It seemed that God spoke to him through a vision. According to his journal, this confrontation took place after reading the bible for some time.

The following is his account: "At midnight I gave myself up to Christ: assured I was safe, sleeping or waking. I had continued experience of His power to overcome all temptation, and confessed, with joy and surprise, that He was able to do exceedingly abundantly for me, above what I can ask or think." (Cliff Barrows)

This is a new hymn that we will be singing in the future. As the choir learns it, we will sing it as an Introit several times before adding it as one of our regular hymns.

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## **Where did Half the Choir Go?**

Does it seem strange, a little disrespectful even, that after the anthem in the 11 o'clock service, the choir seems to shrink by sometimes half their number?

I thought it would be helpful to explain. First of all, at least four or five individuals have already been to the early service, singing or playing in the Praise Band. Some occasionally have early Sunday commitments. And also some of us come to the early service because we like to take communion, or because we just want to know the early service worshippers, who we don't get a chance to see except on 5th Sundays.

So when you see some of us leaving, don't think we're trying to boycott the sermon – we've already heard it.

*-Evelyn Olinger*

## **Eagle Scout Awarded to Myrick Rachocki**

Myrick Rachocki recently obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. On December 18, 2010, he completed his Eagle project\*, a Sustainable Pond located at Verdun. The Sustainable pond will be used for educational purposes along with the sustainable garden as the way of the future. His Eagle date was recognized March 24, 2011, and his court of honor was Sunday, May 15, 2011.

Myrick has applied and been accepted to several colleges, now it's decision time. His field of study for college will be Environmental sciences, looking toward forestry.

Myrick is the son of David and Roxane Rachocki, long time members of RUMC. Many of us remember Myrick as a mischievous active youngster. We are proud of all your accomplishments, Myrick!

\*See a photo of Myrick's project in the church's narthex!

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## **Master Greeter Tip**

### **Attitudes that Turn Visitors Away**

Visitors are only temporary, so I won't bother to meet them." Yes, many visitors are only temporary. However, that does not mean that your influence on them is temporary. Nor does it mean they will not help your church. The truth is: your visitors are your biggest advertisers. In the next week they will tell 5-10 people of their experience in your church. They will either promote you or punish you depending on how you have met them. If you have met them with openness and love, it can impress them for a lifetime and they will say good things about you. Their presence may be temporary but your love can go forth in them for a many years.

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## **ARCHER'S FLOWERS**



Ashton Archer of Archer's Flowers will place flowers on the altar for you for only \$30. Flowers are delivered on Saturday, and you can make your check out to "RUMC."

Please don't forget to contact Linda McClanahan, Church Administrative Assistant, at 540.439.2579 by Wednesday if you want an announcement placed in Sunday's bulletin.

# Judging Others



Matthew 7:1-5: “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye,’ when a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

I suppose it could be considered a natural human impulse to judge another person’s actions or personality. I think if all of us would be honest, on our first meeting with someone we sub-consciously note how that individual does or does not measure up to our standards in one way or another. More often than not, we form a first impression of that person even before we hear them speak. Most often we form an opinion solely based on how they are dressed, what kind of car they drive, the color of their skin, their nationality, what school they attended, or what neighborhood they live in, just to name a few categories of criteria. However, the bible is very clear about our “judgments” of other people; calling it sin! The teachings of Jesus were always very pure and honest, wholesome and edifying, and food for the soul. That is why all of his actions were above reproach and His lessons of life offered priceless guidelines for you and me to follow. Any time we have a question about personal behavior or proper spiritual etiquette, we only have to look in His word.

One such beautiful lesson is found in John 8:1-11. Jesus was out in the community when a band of holier-than-thou dogooders came to him dragging a woman who had been caught in adultery. They demanded instant justice; a stoning of the woman. It is interesting that the lynch mob conveniently did not bring the other participant in the “adulterous act” in which they had supposedly caught the woman. Jesus could instantly see into their biased sinful heart, and He surprisingly proposed an order in which the stoning could begin. Verse 7: “He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.” The bible tells us that beginning at the oldest, each one dropped their stones and walked away. They were convicted by Christ’s words and their consciences.

Why is it that our society is quick to demand justice without ever considering that offering forgiveness would be much better for all parties? Churches are split, homes are destroyed, friendships are devastated, and many individual family members are at odds with each other because we are quick to judge and hesitant to offer an understanding heart. Why is it that we demand perfection in everyone else, while we ourselves expect to get by with just the bare minimum? We look at folks and we immediately determine that they are too fat, too thin, too old, too young, too tall, too short, too bold, too shy, too quiet, too talkative, too rich, too poor, and finally, we determine that they are just not perfect like us!

When we make these judgments, we have offended the

God of the universe who created each and person unique and special. There are no unimportant people, and when we degrade anyone, we have degraded God. The problem is that we look at folks as they may be and not as they could be. Would you say that you are perfect in every way, or would you say, “Well, I am not perfect, but I am better than so-and-so?” Whether or not you have ever said this, if you have thought it, you were guilty of judging another. God said such judgments are wrong! We should look on our fellow man as equal and deserving of our respect and kindness. Why do you think that God commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves, if it was not important?

Romans 14:4, asks us this sobering question: “Who are you to judge another man’s servant. To his own master, he stands or falls.”

We should never condemn anybody. Jesus Christ, who had more right than anyone else to pass judgment on folks chose not to do that, instead, He offered forgiveness and a better way of life for people. That is what we all need. Our own sins will condemn us so we do not need anyone else to condemn us. We need a Savior who will forgive us and that is exactly what Christ does. In the story of the woman caught in adultery, after her accusers had left, Jesus asked her, “Woman, where are your accusers? Does no one condemn you? She said, ‘No man Lord.’ And Jesus said unto her, ‘Neither do I condemn you: go and sin no more.’” (John 8:10-11)

In closing, friends, it is easy to sit in the grandstand of life and pass judgment on our neighbors and friends, with: “They should be doing this or that or I would do this or that!” We all would like to think that we would always choose perfectly or that we would always make the right decisions. Truth is that we do not have a clue of how we would handle a certain situation unless we have been in those shoes. When we ridicule or put down a person for how they are handling a situation, we bring condemnation on ourselves. More correctly, we should come along beside them, offering forgiveness and words of encouragement, and showing love and kindness.


Right now, you know of someone who is struggling with some kind of issue. It may be marital problems, it could be financial, they may have rebellious kids, they may have an addiction of some kind, or they may be simply struggling with some personal sin. Ask yourself this question, “Do they need a judge, or do they need a savior?” Then ask this second important question, “What can I do to be a source of help?” If you have any love and compassion in your heart at all, you will not condemn these people, but you will pray for them, love them, offer forgiveness, and you will be a source of help. Remember this when you are tempted to judge others; God is not through working on them or you!

“God, who began a good work in you, will continue it until it is finished.” Philippians 1:6.

“Father Lord, please forgive us when we wrongfully pass judgment on anyone else. Help us to be mindful that when we do this, we are living outside of your will for us. Lord, lead us to forgive others, love them, pray for them, and help them without being judgmental. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.”

In His Service,  
James Harrison

# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Remington Parade Water Distribution	4
5 MYF 4-5:30pm Scouts Bridging Ceremony 2pm	6 Scouts 1180 Band Practice 6:45	7 Choir Practice 7:15pm Scouts 3-5 Scouts 7-8:30	8 Admin Council Mtg 7pm	9 Band Practice 6:45 Girl Scouts	10 Last Day of School	11 Lace Guild 9-3pm, RUMM Clean-Up Day
12 MYF 4-5:30pm	13 Band Practice 6:45pm RUMM 7-8:30pm	14 Choir Practice 7:15pm	15 Annual Conference	16 Annual Conference Girl Scouts Mission Mtg 7pm	17 Annual Conference	18 Annual Conference
19 MYF 4-5:30pm FATHER'S DAY	20 Scouts Band Practice 6:45	21 Choir Practice 7:15pm Scouts 3-5 Scouts 7-8:30	22	23 Band Practice 6:45pm Scouts Mission Mtg 7pm	24	25
26 CHURCH PICNIC 4pm-???	27 RUMW	28 Choir Practice 7:15pm	29	30		

Check out [www.remingtonchurch.org](http://www.remingtonchurch.org) for worship opportunities and the calendar of events/meetings available to you! **And**, per Christa Mullins, RUMC has a Facebook page! If you're on Facebook and want to be added as a "friend," do a search for Remington United Methodist Church and friend RUMC!

# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <b>MYF</b>	4 4th of JULY!	5	6	7	8	9
10 MYF 4-5:30pm	11 Scouts 1180-Mount RUMM (Charles & Charlie)	12 Choir Practice 7:15pm Scouts-Pence 3-5 Scouts-Kuhler 7-8:30pm	13 Admin Council	14 Girl Scouts Mission Mtg 7pm Bible Study 10am Bible Study 7pm	15	16 <b>RUM - Clean-Up Day</b>
17 SPRC 7pm MYF 4-5:30pm	18 Vacation Bible School (VBS)	19 No Choir VBS	20 VBS	21 VBS	22 VBS Picnic	23
24 —	25 RUMW - Dinner Out	26 No Choir	27	28 Mission Mtg 7pm	29	30
31 <b>COMBINED SERVICE 10am</b>						

# Caring Food Network

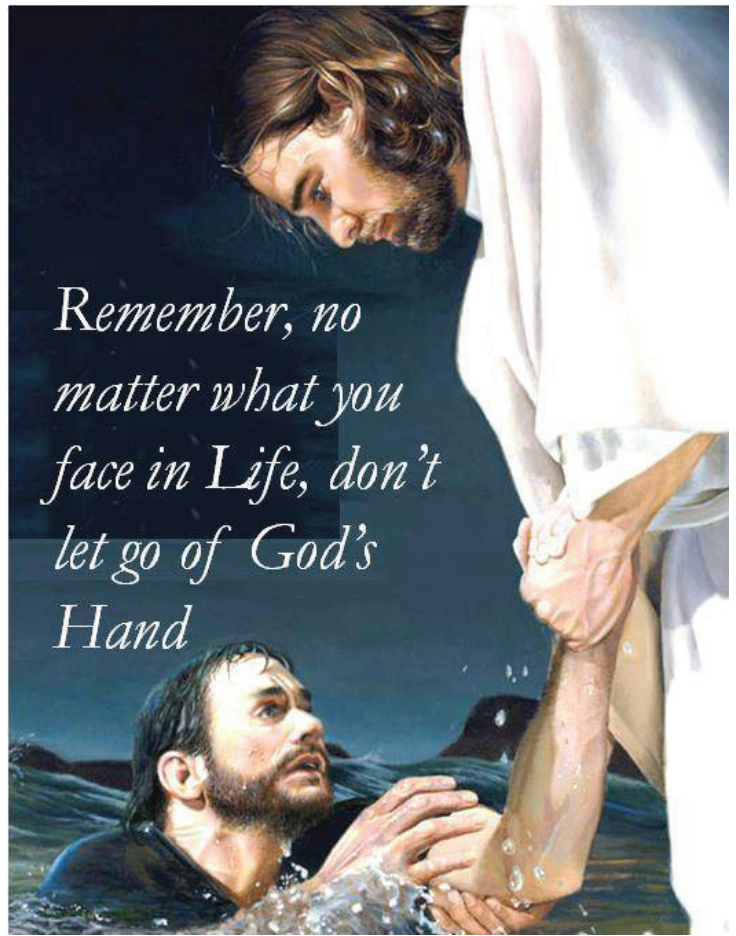


Helping hands are needed! Sign up to assist in a food network that will focus on supplying meals to those who are homebound, sick, or who care for newborn babies.

The more people involved in the Caring Food Network (CFN), the easier - as no one person will always supply meals.

**Contact Jeanne Boggs**

Or, sign up on the form that is located in the narthex.



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*Remington United Methodist Church shares God's love with all people to reach and transform a hungry world.*