

The Messenger

Remington United Methodist Church
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December 2010

Coming up in December

Dec. 2 First day of Hanukkah
Dec. 2 SPRC 2010-2011 members
Dec. 5 Parsonage Open House 2-5pm
Dec. 6 Finance meeting
Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec. 8 Admin Council Meeting 7pm
Dec. 12 Remington Firehouse Breakfast with Santa 8am-11am
Dec. 12 Children's Christmas Program 6pm
Dec. 13 RUMM Christmas dinner
Dec. 13 RUMW Christmas gathering
Dec. 17 Caroling and Hay Ride 6pm-8:30pm
Dec. 18 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Robert Ashby 2-5pm
Dec. 19 Christmas Cantata - 10am service/Luncheon to follow
Dec. 21 First day of Winter
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

A blessed Christmas to all.



From the Pastor's Desk . . .

*“Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,
we do not lose heart.”*

2 Cor. 4:1

I hope and pray we will take seriously the call to missions. It is a responsibility we all share as baptized members of Christ's holy church. What does it mean to be involved in missions? What are we supposed to do? Must we carry Bibles everywhere and encourage dedications to Jesus? Do we really have to sell all we have and give it to the poor? Questions like these both inspire and discourage appropriate attitudes to missions.

An appropriate understanding of missions begins with your heart. How would you define your walk with Christ and where do you feel called to serve. The former defines our spirituality; the latter our practice. Before going anywhere it is important that you pray and seek God's will for your life. Defining one's spirituality is an ongoing process of growth and understanding. We should not take this matter lightly. Part of growth is getting out of our routines and sharing God's love with others. The practice of missions can take many forms: building homes, feeding the homeless, preaching and teaching, tutoring, etc.

Missions, is an outgrowth of our dedication to Christ and the ministry of his love. May God bless us as we continue seeking his will for our lives.

Peace,
Charles

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

AS OF: October 31, 2010

October Budget Status: I wish I had a better financial assessment to report for last month, but October proved to be rather weak month once again. We came in short of our weekly goal of \$3,769 in all five of the Sundays in October, and although we were close on the first and third Sunday, the other three were significantly below RUMC needs. No cavalry arrived at the last minute, like last month, so meeting all required expenses was a challenge. Furthermore, several quarterly and annual bills come due in October, like payroll taxes, trash collection, copier maintenance charges, music and video licensing fees, and pest control, all of which needed to be paid. I am glad to report that all of these payments were made, but we will need a good showing in November to get back into the black. I did have to use the Capital Campaign Fund to pay the whole mortgage again in October. I do hope and pray, that with the holiday season approaching, your usual generosity will come through to allow RUMC to have a strong finish to year 2010.

<u>Treasurer's Report as of end of October 2010</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Programmed Expenses:	\$17,505	\$176,390
Actual Expenses:	\$15,296	\$150,088
	(\$2,209)	(\$26,302)
9/30/10 Balance Carryover:	(\$587)	
Contributions Needed:	\$18,845	\$165,836
Contributions Received:	\$13,268	\$131,222
Over/(Short):	(\$5,577)	(\$34,614)
Capital Campaign Collections:	\$1,840	\$30,675
Mortgage Status:	\$345,288 (opening balance)	
	\$371 (principal paid)	
	\$344,917 (new balance)	

Alex Fedorov
Treasurer RUMC

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION



THE "MOMS IN TOUCH" PRAYER GROUP....

Will once again be meeting every Tuesday to pray for the students and Faculty of M.M. Pierce School. Meetings will begin at 10am and will start the first Tuesday after Labor Day (Sept 7th)

If you are interesting in participating, please contact Sharon Hunt for location and details
Sharon can be contacted at 540-439-1034 or email Sharon at jesseandsharonhunt@verizon.net.

Administrative Council - Meeting Minute from 13 October 2010

Members present: Peggy Simmons, Jan Hart, Pastor Charles Stacy, Joan Andes, Karen Fedorov, Alex Fedorov, Tom Wolfrom, Linda Butler, Jim Helm, Anne Bryant and Linda McClanahan
Meeting was called to order by chair Peggy Simmons at 7:00pm.

Pastor Charles opened the meeting with devotions from Psalms 128.

Pastor Charles reported his 360 evaluation had been completed.
See attached for detailed report.

Minutes from last month accepted as presented.

Anne Bryant has been appointed Chairman of the Missions committee, Pastor Charles asked the Council to recognize her as such so that she will now become part of the Admin Council. Approved

Financial Report:

Alex Fedorov reported September started out very slow but saw an increase by month's end. The RUM Women donated \$2000 toward the budget. Alex reported we're approximately \$28,000 behind projected budget but all bills are being paid.

Alex reported all mortgage payment was paid out of the Capital Campaign fund, which dropped the account to \$4958. No extra interest payment was made in Sept.

Report was accepted as presented.

Old Business:

- Olan Mills Church Directory – pending additional information from representative. Trying to schedule a make up session. Pending. Also we've not received snap shots for activity pages.
- Lock on closet doors in office and on stage. Linda McClanahan will talk with The scout troop about removing their items from the stage closet. Linda Butler will make arrangements with Ronnie Meadows about installing locks.
- Roger Hart will repair RUMW storage cabinet

New Business and Committee Reports:

- Debbie Melton from M. M. Pierce Elementary School would like to help RUMC with any food fund drives as part of their community action . Accepted by Council
- Inquiry from an auction house in Chicago wanting to hold Art Auction – NO
- Greater Love Gospel Group contacted church wanting to hold another concert Declined. We had very low attendance and the church made no money
- Security for office – Linda Butler is donating a safe, which will be bolted to Floor in the office closet. The safe will have a drop slot which counters can drop money bag into on Sundays that Linda's not here. Also any checks that come in during the week. Closet will also have lock installed on door?
- Lock on Office Door – Joan to contact Fire Marshall for inspection and his decision of whether or not it's feasible. Pending.
- New phone system – Comcast now installed – with a monthly savings of approximately \$30.

Committees:

Trustees:

Evelyn Olinger reported we had received an appraisal from Pat Nelson regarding our current AC situation. Pat has recommended replacing the 2 units in the sanctuary and wait on the fellowship hall side. Pending

RUMM:

- > Tom Wolfrom reported the BBQ dinner grossed \$704 – net will be between \$400-\$500.
- > The Remington Fall Festival, which the RUMM and RUMW combined together made \$834 – with half going to each group.
- > The RUMM donated \$500 to the Epiphany Prison Ministry
- > November 20, 2010 there will be another BBQ dinner.
- > Caroling and Hay Ride scheduled for 17 December

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda McClanahan Recording Secretary

Information from the RUMC Trustees

CONCERNING THE NEW AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

Replacing our existing, worn-out sanctuary air conditioning systems has been a painstaking undertaking because we, the Trustees, while ever mindful of our financial restraints, also wanted to be sure that we made the right decision for the church in the long run.

We currently have 4 different A/C systems: 2 for the sanctuary, 1 for the fellowship hall and 1 for the new addition (offices) There never has been A/C for the Sunday School rooms, and because of the issues of ductwork, asbestos, the only way to air condition the lower half of the fellowship hall would be to install 2 ductless systems (essentially fancy wall A/C units) We asked local HVAC installer Pat Nelson to assess our overall A/C issues – (to examine 3 of the 4 systems - since the office system is new) , and make a recommendation as to what he would advise.

First of all he indicated that the system serving the fellowship hall is working fine.

He indicated that we do need to replace the 2 systems for the sanctuary.

And lastly, if we want A/C in the Sunday School rooms, 2 ductless systems should be installed at a price of \$9,900.

Immediately we decided *NOT* to add the A/C for the Sunday School rooms since the lack of A/C on that lower level has never presented a problem, and also because we are trying to minimize the financial burden to the church at this time.

With that information, we also received 3 other bids for addressing the sanctuary A/C issue.

Mr. Nelson's bid was neither the lowest nor the highest, but after careful consideration, personal recommendations, and taking into consideration that he is a local businessman, who will be available readily, if needed, for emergencies, we recommended accepting his bid, the Finance Committee agreed, and the Administrative Council voted unanimously to accept.

Now...how to pay for this:

The bid is \$14,300, assuming that he will not have to replace the lines currently in the walls. He will test these lines, of course, and if they are faulty, then replacing the lines will cost us an additional \$1,600, AND the lines will have to run outside the building unless we want to tear down walls. We're keeping our fingers crossed that the lines are okay, because nobody wants to see lines run on the outside of the building.

The Finance Committee recommended using the Hedinger CD (about \$11,000) and trying to raise the rest. This CD has been here for at least 40-50 years, and none of us really wants to use it if we don't have to – it's our only unrestricted, emergency source of money, and somehow we have managed all these years to get by without touching it.

We need to come up with half of the bid - \$7,150 before the end of the year so that the equipment can be bought before the January price increases.

Installation will take place in March – giving us 4 months to see how much we can raise by donations, fund raisers, etc.

Already, we have promised donations of almost half, and I feel sure we can raise the rest without touching this CD.

Here's what you need to do if you can help: Make out your check to RUMC, mark it for "Building Fund -A/C" and either place in offering, give to me or give to Linda Butler.

One other thing: The sanctuary systems were not really that old, but unfortunately we have hastened their demise by having so many people adjusting the temps, and so Mr. Nelson strongly recommends and we agree that we are installing programmable, locked thermostats. I know this is not going to be popular, but we have to do everything we can to lengthen the life of the units. Thank you for your patience, and please feel free to ask questions.

Evelyn Meadows Olinger
Chair, Trustees



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS - FROM THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW COMMITTEE

If your family is considering purchasing a stained glass window in memory or honor of a loved one, please know that you do not have to purchase the whole window. Stained Glass Works will display the designs chosen in the narthex when they are completed as well as a few extra complimentary windows as samples and families can purchase individual panes. Once all of the panes are purchased he will meet with the families involved to design their window. Mr. Kaiser does intend to have a central pattern, probably at the top arch, for all the new windows for conformity. There's still time to be included in this project if your family would like to see a memorial or honorarium to loved ones.

Linda Butler, Chairperson

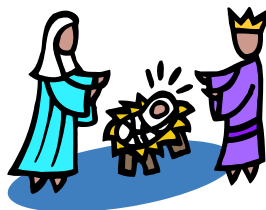
PICTURE REQUEST

The church is still looking for anyone who has snap shots of church events. If you do please email them to the church. Many of our pictures were stored on the laptop computer that was stolen. We hope to replace them if possible. Also, please start taking pictures of all events we conduct because we need to preserve our church history.

You may email your pictures to the adminassistant@remingtonchurch.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**The Children's Ministry will present a Christmas Pageant
on
Sunday December 12th 6pm
There will be a Potluck Dinner to follow in the Fellowship Hall.
Please bring a dish to share.**



There will be Caroling and Hayrides on December 17th.

The RUM Men will be hosting a Christmas caroling hayride through the streets of Remington. We would like to invite the youth of all ages to come out and make a joyful noise in celebration of our savior's birth. We will make two trips with the wagon this year.

Come out and enjoy the fun of sharing in the Christmas Spirit with all of the Remington community.

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- ❖ 6:15PM: load up the hay wagon
- ❖ 6:30 to 7:15PM: Caroling and hayride (trip 1)
- ❖ 7:15PM to 8:30: Caroling and hayride (trip 2)

STARTING IN JANUARY THE CHILDREN OF RUMC WILL BEGIN A FOOD DRIVE

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR PANTRY AND COLLECT FOOD CANS FOR DONATION
YOUR DONATION CAN BE LEFT IN THE NARTHEX.**



YOUTH GROUP (MYF – METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

The Youth group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 4pm – 5:30pm in the Social Hall.

THERE IS AN ANGEL TREE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH.

This is an opportunity to buy gifts for needy children in our county. These gifts are the only ones these children will receive. Please help make a child happy on Christmas morning.



The Women of RUMC meet on the last Monday of each month 7pm at various locations
Please contact the church office for location each month.

All women of the church are welcome.



**The RUM Women’s group will be selling beautiful
One of a kind Pewter
Ornaments for Christmas**

Everyone will want one to grace their tree this Christmas and for Christmases to come.

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Also for sale – Advent Calendars created by the RUM Ladies. Cost: \$10 each

Please be sure to contact Robin Briggs, Gayle Jones or Linda McClanahan to purchase yours.

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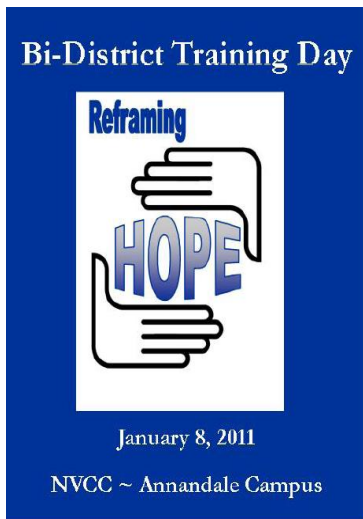
Baby food drive sponsored by the Prince William Hospital Pediatric Unit.

Prince William Hospital and the rescue departments of Manassas and Prince William County raised 14,731 food items for SERVE in Manassas. I noticed that the baby supply section was very much in need of help. I will be bringing a baby box for donations. Things like baby food of all stages, rice cereal, formulas, etc are greatly needed.

We will be collecting for the next couple of weeks. Leave your baby food donations in the Narthex.

Please help our littlest of angels. Thank you.

Jeanie Barlow



Bi-District Training Day – January 8, 2011

It's not too early to register!

The keynote speaker will be Carol Howard Merritt, pastor of Western Presbyterian Church, an intergenerational congregation in Washington, D.C. Western's deep commitment to serving the poor in the city has helped to initiate programs like Miriam's Kitchen, a social service program for the homeless which provides a hot, nutritious breakfast for over 200 men and women; Project Create, which teaches art to children in transitional housing; and HIPS which stands for Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive.

Carol is the author of *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*, which was published by The Alban Institute in September 2007. The Tribal Church is one that cares for young adults, understands their context, makes room for their beliefs, and supports their search for faith, meaning, and love. Carol's newest book, *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation* is now available.

October 15 - December 18 Online registration will be open with credit card payment, or mail in with a check. Registration is **NOT** completed until all workshops are chosen and your payment is received in the bi-district office.

Don't delay, register soon!

\$30 for 3 workshops and a box lunch if registered on or before 12/18

\$60 for on-site registration on January 8, 2011

January 8, 2011 On-site registration opens. Registration is \$60 at the door, and the number of workshops available will be limited. Please register during the October 15-December 18 time frame!

If you would like to carpool, Anne Bryant has room for five or six adults.

Please contact her to save your seat – bryantal@comcast.net.

Let the Traveling Begin!

The season of Advent begins November 28th; it is a time of *hopeful anticipation* of the coming of Christ. It is also when Charles will begin a sermon series with an emphasis on missions. I am in a time of “hopeful anticipation” regarding our mission focus for the 2011 year. I am thrilled to be working with Charles and the mission team this year to spotlight our Christian imperative: to be Jesus’ hands and feet in our world. That’s why during the 2011 year, we’re all hitting the road! Are you ready to travel?

On January 2nd, during our yearly covenant service, Charles is going to ask each of us to make a further commitment to mission work for the 2011 church year. Each person will receive a **PASSPORT TO MISSION SERVICE**, full of exciting and fun activities to take part in. The commitment will be easy. Are you willing to serve others and share Christ by giving at least 10 hours of your time this coming year? Whether you’re six or sixty, there will be trips for you to take.

Would you like to start out slow? How about making a kit for conference in June? Or making a Christmas shoebox in November for a child somewhere in the world? Maybe you’ll become a prayer warrior for the other mission work being carried out by the Remington UMC family this year.

Perhaps you’re ready to venture into Remington? We will be partnering with The Remington (Special Needs) Home and Blue Ridge Christian Home. There will be planned activities for you to join and other opportunities of service for the folks that live in these two care facilities. Possibly you’ll take the opportunity to work with the UMW or UMM as they serve others and share Christ or even make the commitment to membership with one of them.



Are you ready for adventure? There will be great fun throughout the state of Virginia. How does gleaning an apple orchard sound? Or working with prisoners to bring them to Christ? Maybe you’ll work with and for children at the Henry Fork Center or sort clothes, stock shelves, or visit with the at-risk population at Rising Hope Mission Church. Can you rebuild a house? Or would you rather plant flowers? There will be a wonderful opportunity to join the Rockefeller’s ReCreation trip as they revitalize someone’s home and their spirit. Embarking now...take a trip around the world!

We will be traveling to Africa, South America, Western Europe and more with our world mission opportunities. The children will travel the world with Heifer International, providing hope in the form of livestock and education to people living in despair and poverty. Join them! Our youth will focus on Africa by providing bed nets to families in hopes to eliminate unnecessary deaths from malaria. Finally, travel with Mary Beth Waldeck as she continues her clinic work in Haiti or help to support a United Methodist missionary.

In January, each person will receive a “Passport to Mission Service” and each family will receive a “Travel Guide” to take on the journey (for further guidance and information). When you participate in one of the mission opportunities, your passport will be stamped. Throughout the year, there will be several occasions to share with the family where you’ve been traveling and how you’ve served others and shared Christ. Let the travels begin! Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to be a “tour guide” on one of the projects – (540) 764-2817 or bryantal@comcast.net.

Your sister in Christ,
Anne Bryant





CHRISTMAS CANTATA

will be held
Sunday, December 19th
at 10am

The Cantata is entitled
“*And Glory Shone Around*”
by Lloyd Larson and Douglas Wagner



With a blending of new melodies and familiar Christmas carols, this is a work that recalls the dark days of anguish for ancient Israel, only to give way to the dawning of a new day of light and love when Christ was born. Through the scripturally based narration and music, singers and listeners are once again invited to the humble birthplace of the Savior. The glory of God's radiance that permeates this story is surpassed only by the light of the Christ Child as He once again comes to inhabit the darkest corners of our living.

Light and life to all He brings. Glory to the newborn King!

Songs: Who Is This King of Glory?
Savior of the Nations, Come,
Blessed Are You
A Stable in Bethlehem
Gloria! To God Sing Gloria!
No Candle Was There
Love's Perfect Light
The Glory of the Lord

*Also with narration between music. There will be one service and a luncheon to follow.

Please come to enjoy the most beautiful music of the Christmas Season.



ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice for the Cantata will be held from 7:15 - 7:40pm. Regular choir practice will continue on, ending at 8:15pm.
Kaye Rich 540-439-8298 KRICH5466@gmail.com

Praise Band practice - held at 7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each Month.
Contact Kaye Rich with questions at 439-8298

RUMC Men's Group - December 2010

Monday, November 8 / The monthly meeting of the group was held. Members in attendance were as follows: Thomas Wolfrom, John Dertzbaugh, Stan Sommerville, Steve Wright, Ed Boggs, Ashby Olinger, Roger Hart, Jim Helm and Pastor Charles Stacy. Jim Helm provided the evening meal; he served his famous fried chicken and fix'ins. The dessert was a choice of cookies. Thank you Jim for cooking up such a delicious meal on such short notice!

Upkeep and Maintenance of our Church

Wally Rich and Stan Sommerville will be making up a **TO DO LIST** of things that need to be done around the church. This list will be posted in the fellowship hall and will be updated monthly. So this way the whole congregation can have the opportunity to help out. Please check the list and see if there is anything you can do!

Recent Events Update

Saturday, November 20 / The men hosted a freewill dinner and a bull roast was the featured meal for the night. The menu consisted beef roast smoked on the grill, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner bread and garden salad. The women of the church supplied the desserts for the meal. The men's group donated all of the food. 100% of the donations received at the meal were donated to the local area food banks. The amount of money raised was \$600 dollars! Thank you to everyone who was there that night!

Up Coming Events

Monday, December 13 / The men will be electing new officers for our group during this meeting. The election will be for President, Vice-President and Treasurer. These offices are for a term of two years. Due to the low attendance at last month's meeting, this election will be held in December.

Friday, December 17 / The Men will be hosting a Christmas caroling hayride through the streets of Remington. We would like to invite the youth of all ages to come out and make a joyful noise in celebration of our savior's birth. We will make two trips with the wagon this year.

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Refreshments will be provided at the fellowship hall during the entire time so even if you don't go on the hayride you can stay inside and fellowship. Song sheets will be provided, make sure to dress warm and bring a flashlight!

Friday, January 2011, Day to be determined / Bon Fire and burning of the greens in the church gavel parking lot.

Up Coming Meetings

Monday, December 13, 2010 / The Men will be meeting in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm for dinner with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. This is a cover dish event so bring a food with you to the meeting. Please plan to attend; we would like to invite all of the Men of our church! If you would like to contact someone about our group or activities please call Thomas Wolfrom at 439-8198 or e-mail your request to UCRthomaswolfrom@aol.com.

Submitted by: Thomas Wolfrom, President RUMC Men

THIS ARTICLE WAS INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE DOCUMENTS IN THEIR POSSESSION WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE PRESERVED FOR HISTORY.

Southern Fauquier Historical Society, Inc.

9842 Routts Hill Rd
Warrenton, Va. 20186

www.fauquierhistorylive.org

Contact: Lorene W. Payne (571)259-4407 or 540-439-3303
SFHSINC@Gmail.com

CW 150 Legacy Project visits Fauquier County Goal is to digitize Civil-War era documents for research purposes

Warrenton, Virginia, January 7th and 8th 2011 – The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia have partnered to create a state-wide online collection of original Civil War manuscripts that still remain in private hands.

The Civil War 150 Legacy Project: Document Digitization and Access focuses on manuscript materials created during the period 1859-1867 that reflect social, political, military, business and religious life in Virginia during the period of the Civil War and the early period of Reconstruction. However, any document from the 1860's- 1899 will be consider if it relates to the daily life of the inhabitants of Fauquier County and the daily challenges. The Library of Virginia is partnering with the Fauquier County Sesquicentennial Committee and Southern Fauquier Historical Society to preserve as many cherished document as possible.

Citizens are encouraged to bring original family materials, photographs, letters, diaries, legers, bibles, and manuscripts, to be scanned and included in the Project. No documents will be left with the Library; the owner maintains possession throughout the process and returns home with his most precious items. Scanned materials' will be made available on the web via the Library of Virginia web site and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission web site.

CW 150 Legacy Project staff will be visiting Fauquier County on **January 7th and 8th, 2011**. The event will take place from 10 AM to 8 PM at the John Barton Payne Building, Warrenton, Va. Appointments are encouraged; contact the Southern Fauquier Historical Society (Lorene Payne) at SFHSINC@Gmail.com to arrange an appointment time. All appointments will be honored first. If time permits a limited number of walk-ins may be accommodated, as scheduling allows.

The CW 150 Legacy Project is a multi-year initiative to locate, digitize and provide world-wide access to the private documentary heritage of the American Civil War era located throughout Virginia. Utilizing Local Sesquicentennial Committees already established by the Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and through a partnership with the Library of Virginia and a network of statewide connections, the CW 150 Legacy Project will provide individuals an opportunity to have their historic letters, diaries and other collections scanned to preserve their valuable intellectual content.

The Library of Virginia (www.lva.virginia.gov), located in historic downtown Richmond, holds the world's most extensive collection of material about the Old Dominion and has been a steward of the commonwealth's documentary and printed heritage since 1823. The story of Virginia and Virginians has been told in many ways since 1607. At the Library of Virginia it is told through nearly 113million manuscripts and more than 1.9 million books, serials, bound periodicals, microfilm reels, newspapers and state and federal documents, each an individual tile in the vast and colorful mosaic of Virginia's experience.

A Note from the Messenger Editor.....

It is with some sadness that I let go of my baby "The Messenger" and turn it over to the capable hands of others in the church who can give it more direction and creativity. I have loved being the creator of this Newsletter, having had free reign to create for more than 6 years. I feel like it is my child in a way. However, now the time has come to explore fresh new ideas and ways that the Messenger can reach out to our congregation as well as becoming a more modern way to supply information.

I do want everyone to know how much I have appreciated your support with your comments and notes to me about how you liked certain articles or informational tidbits. I was glad I was able to create something in which everyone received information in a timely fashion and hopefully articles that gave pause for thought. My best wishes and prayers to the future guardians of the "Messenger".

Sincerely,
Gale Mullikin, former Editor

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CARING FOOD NETWORK.....

If you would like to help out with a food network that is going to focus on supplying food (meals) to people homebound, sick, new babies, etc. The more people we have in the **CFN** the easier on everyone not always being the same ones supplying the meals.

Contact **Jeanne Boggs at 439-9955** or **jean_boggs@yahoo.com** or sign up on the form located in the Narthex.

Pancake breakfast with Santa - Dec. 12th 8am-11am

The Remington Firehouse will hold A Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Dec 12th from 8am till 12pm. SANTA will be there to have his picture taken with the kids. Don't forget your Camera!!



MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

*** YOU CAN RECYCLE YOUR OLD CELL PHONES AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES**

Recycle your old cell phones and printer cartridges by leaving them in the Narthex.

*** DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR CAMPBELLS SOUP PRODUCT LABELS**

You can put them in Pat Neill's mailbox in the Narthex.

*** THANK YOU FOR DROPPING YOUR CHANGE INTO THE PENNIES FROM HEAVEN JARS**

The jars are located at each entrance of the church. Your loose change benefits many church activities.

Mission Opportunity: Haysi Project

*ReCreation Mission in Haysi, Virginia
Week long Mission Trip June 19-25, 2010*

Interested in going on a mission trip? Come join us for a week long mission trip in the mountains of Southern Virginia. This is in collaboration with Warrenton Methodist Church. The Virginia Mission is new this year as ReCreation is based out of North Carolina and typically has had mission opportunities in and around Ashville. The mission team will be working on repairing a home to a person or family in need. It is open to adults and youth 6th grade and older .

This is a great family experience!

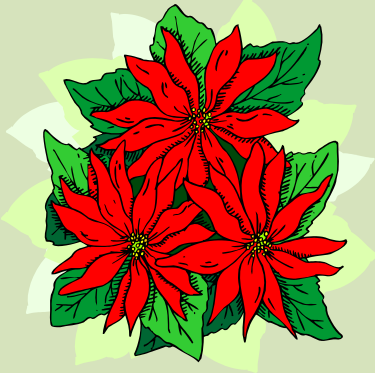
The cost is approximately \$325 per person and there are plans to have several fundraisers throughout the year to off-set the cost.

If you are interested but can't come on the mission trip, the Haysi Project will also be asking for additional ministry needs for the community looking for clothing, food, school supplies as well as other things. More information to follow.

Interested??? Contacted Brian and Jennifer Rockefeller at
349-4832 or email rockees4@comcast.net

Visit ReCreation's website: www.recreationexperiences.org





You may sign up for your opportunity to put flowers on the altar.

There is a **Flower Calendar** in the Narthex. The most convenient way to order flowers is to contact Archer Flowers in Remington and place your order. Archer's will place your flowers on the altar the Saturday before the service. Make your check out to RUMC for \$30.00, and you get the tax benefit, the church pays Ashton Archer, who doesn't have to charge tax and everyone benefits.

***** CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ORDERS FOR THE CHURCH ARE DUE BY DEC. 5TH *****

CELEBRATIONS in DECEMBER

(To add your family's special dates to our calendar, please contact church office 439-2579.)

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 1 Janeene Rider
- Dec. 2 Maureen Mullins
- Dec. 3 Kim Bowrin, Clark Corbin, Jessica Hruska, Ashby Olinger
- Dec. 5 Charles Smith
- Dec. 6 Millie Lane, Scott Mullins
- Dec. 8 Andrea Winn
- Dec. 9 Matthew Corbin
- Dec. 13 Ryan Michnya
- Dec. 14 Hannah Hardison
- Dec. 19 Christa Mullins
- Dec. 26 Brenda Ashby
- Dec. 27 Wally Rich
- Dec. 28 Kent Chariter
- Dec. 29 Glen Pazienza, Myrick Rachocki
- Dec. 30 Amanda Bateman



ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 21 John and Jan Dertzbaugh
- Dec. 26 Wally and Kaye Rich
- Dec. 27 Tom and JoAnn Wolfrom
- Dec. 28 John and Gale Mullikin
- Dec. 28 Larry & Evelyn Olinger



SPECIAL ADDITIONS

To Send Cards of Caring for shut-ins and service persons

- Arlene Umberger, 23237 Umberger Lane, Elkwood, VA., 22718
- James Ira Briggs, 541 ENCO, CR#459, Box 16102, APO. AE 09139
- Dot Watson, Warrenton Overlook Rehabilitation Center, Hospital Hill, Warrenton, VA 20186
- C4C Robert Ashby, PO Box 2101, USAF Academy, Colorado 80841
- Pvt. Ashby, Evan H (4386) Co I Class 25-10 (1st Platoon) MCT Bn SOI (E) PSC Box 20166, Camp Le Jeune, NC 28542
- Randy Moore, 7260 Green Bush Lane, Warrenton, VA. 20186 (Chrystal Gallagher's Uncle)

WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS

PAUL BLACKMER and ANDY ROCKEFELLER

TO THE RUMC CHURCH FAMILY ON NOVEMBER 14TH.



American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes Launch *Holiday Mail for Heroes* to Send One Million Cards To Service Members

Red Cross, Pitney Bowes Encourage the Public to Send a Touch of Home.

National Headquarters
2025 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
www.redcross.org

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, September 07, 2010 — The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes Inc. today launched the 2010 *Holiday Mail for Heroes* program to make sure military members, veterans, and their families have a festive holiday season.

This Fall, Americans all over the country will have an opportunity to help continue the program's success and reach the goal of one million holiday cards. Any member of the general public can send greeting cards to be distributed to members of the United States Armed Forces and veterans during the 2010 holiday season. **Cards will be accepted through December 10.**

The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are also encouraging families, schools, youth, civic groups, scouting troops, places of worship, and other groups that are interested in participating in the *Holiday Mail for Heroes* program to organize and host card-making events. For a list of tips and ideas, please visit: www.redcross.org/holidaymail

Even in this day of e-mail and e-cards, handwritten messages are the most personal way for Americans to express their gratitude to those who sacrifice for our nation," said Sherri Brown, senior vice president, Red Cross Services to the Armed Forces. "Each year, those who receive the cards tell us they are touched by the heartfelt messages from people they've never met."

"Holiday Mail for Heroes enables Americans from all walks of life to send holiday greetings to the dedicated, hard working members of our armed forces, including active military members, hospitalized veterans, and their families," said Vicki O'Meara, executive vice president and president of Pitney Bowes Management Services. "When it comes to sending holiday thanks and appreciation to those defending our freedom, every card counts and we are encouraging the public and our customers to help be an important part of this worthy effort."

People are invited to send a message of thanks and holiday cheer from now until December 10 by mailing them to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456.

For reasons of processing and safety, participants are asked to refrain from sending "care packages," monetary gifts, using glitter or including any inserts with the cards. For more information and card requirements, please visit www.redcross.org/holidaymail

MEETING TIMES AT RUMC

Group	Day	Time	Location
Youth Group	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Sundays	4-5:30pm	Social Hall
Finance Committee	1 st Monday of month	7:00pm	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
AM Bible Study	Wednesday	10:00am	Michnya Home
PM Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00pm	Social Hall
Admin Council	2 nd Wednesday	7:00pm	Social Hall

Reminder: All members of the congregation are welcomed to attend any committee meeting or gathering. No invitation is needed, just show up. (this excludes the SPRC Meetings which are closed door meetings).

Dear Reader(s),

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

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It is our intention to keep you, as RUMC 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 Robin Briggs via her church mailbox or email briggs.clan@verizon.net. She can also be reached at 540.439.2183.

- The Staff at RUMC



