



The Messenger

We enter to worship. We depart to serve.

Pastor:

Rev Charles Stacy
revcrs@yahoo.com

Birthdays for April

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| Carol Holstlander | 4/1 |
| Ann Tessier Thompson | 4/1 |
| Nathaniel Huff | 4/3 |
| Peggy Simmons | 4/3 |
| Stan Sommerville | 4/6 |
| Kayla Meriweather | 4/7 |
| Ian Waldeck | 4/8 |
| Stephanie Reber | 4/9 |
| Scott Pierce | 4/13 |
| Dorothy Allen | 4/15 |
| David Rachocki | 4/15 |
| Violet Meadows | 4/17 |
| Jocelyn Stanton | 4/17 |
| Ted Lane | 4/18 |
| Linda McClanahan | 4/18 |
| Dawn Borja | 4/20 |
| Kim Meriweather | 4/20 |
| Jackson Stanton | 4/21 |
| JoAnn Wolfrom | 4/21 |
| Debra Reed | 4/22 |
| Stephen Moran | 4/23 |
| John Dertzbaugh | 4/24 |
| Treavor Bates | 4/25 |



A WEDDING INVITATION!

On May 1, 2011, at 2 pm, everyone at RUMC is cordially invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Mrs. Pat Neill and Mr. Carl Dulaney. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the ceremony. Please plan on attending this very special occasion in celebration of Pat and Carl's marriage. Instead of gifts, donations to the RUMC Capital Campaign can be given in Pat and Carl's honor.



2011 EASTER LILIES AND PALMS

The altar is especially beautiful during this time of year when decorated with beautiful Easter flowers! Order yours now to help decorate our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, April 17, and Easter Sunday, April 24. After Easter, take your Easter lilies home and plant them so they grow and bloom another year. Orders for short, full Majestic Palms (\$16) are due by April 3rd, and pretty, white lilies (\$6.50 each) are due by 10 April. Order forms will be available Sundays until order due dates for you to place your orders.



FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER

The Remington Methodist Church Spring Flower Power Fundraiser is in full swing. You may pick up a catalog in the narthex or visit the web site at www.flowerpowerfundraising.com. RUMC gets to keep 50% of the sales. This is a great fundraiser that you can share with friends and family around the country. Just let them go online and shop. The sale is open until April 24th, Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Jo Ann Wolfrom at 540.439.8198 or email at thomasandjoann@gmail.com.

NEW DAY TIME BIBLE

STUDY started Thu, Mar 24, Heather Michnya's home. Study Beth Moore's *Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruits of the Spirit*. hmichnya@yahoo.com



A HUGE THANK YOU to the five wonderful ladies who continue to provide refreshments for New Beginnings! These ladies could really use some additional help, so if you would like to volunteer to do a month on occasion to give them a hand, it would be appreciated. Please contact Joan Andes at 540.825.5894.

IN THE NARTHEX...

Items of interest that would appear as inserts in your weekly church bulletin can now be found in the narthex:

- Mission Trip: ReCreation Mission to Haysi, VA
- RUMC Annual Bulb Sale (Flower Power Fund Raiser)
- Relay for Life, April 10, Saint Lukes, 1:30 pm
- Kits for Annual Conference
- Hoofin' for the Homeless - April 30 at Airlie Center
- Homeless Bags given out at Conference (Christa Mullins)

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BOY SCOUT EAGLE

AWARDEES

On Sunday, March 20, two of our youth church members, Matthew Corbin and Andy Rockefeller, were awarded their Boy Scout Eagle Awards. Matt and Andy are 9th grade students at Liberty High School. They have been in scouting together since first grade.

As his project, Matthew Corbin created a large scale map of the United States on the playground of Sinclair Elementary School. Andy created ten wooden, foldable picnic tables for the Remington Fire Department.

Congratulations to these fine young men! We are very proud of Matt and Andy as they join the ranks of other Eagle Scouts from RUMC.

Wesley Waldeck earned his Eagle Award in October 2007 after working on the playground for the church.

In December 2010, Robert Ashby also received an award for work completed around the church.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Awhile back while cleaning out books to give away (yes, I do that on occasion), I stumbled upon a book entitled *Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters.

Some may remember having to read portions of this book back in high school English classes. If you are like me, you probably forgot what you read after graduation and never gave much thought to it again.

For some reason I decided to keep the book and began to read it. The book is a series of poems depicting the lives lived and the deaths experienced by the people of Spoon River, Illinois. Of the stories, some are serious, some are sad. In it, many people say in death what they could not in life. Nobody is perfect and yet no life is meaningless. All have something to say beyond the grave.

During the season of Easter, we are reminded of another voice that came to us beyond the grave and spoke a word of hope. Instead of complaints over suffering, betrayal, and death, Jesus' voice comes to us and says "follow me, I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Those who hear his voice find that even where there is pain and suffering, yet there is reason to rejoice. For life has overcome death.

As we enter the Easter season, may we hear that voice of hope. May God bless us this year with his peace and joy.



Happy Easter~
Charles

Check out www.remingtonchurch.org for worship opportunities and the calendar of events/meetings available to you!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Thanks, Jeanie Boggs, and all the other ladies who are doing such a great job in making our new Sunday school program such a success! The kids love the program and their participation has been amazing!

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 10, from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. We'll be stuffing 1,000 eggs again this year—so if you want to help, please bring lots (and lots) of individually wrapped, small candy to fill the eggs. We'll also need little goodies to give out as prizes. Please also save your gallon milk and water jugs for us! We'll use these for our crafts. As always, thank you for your wonderful support. It's great to be part of a kid-friendly church.



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 18 - 22 from 6 pm to 8:10 pm. All positions except for adult leader are filled. If you're interested in leading the adult study, please see Karen Moran.

We need help in Junior Church. If you'd like to lead children in worship one Sunday a month, or even serve as a back-up/substitute, also see Karen Moran (or call 540.439.0065). Thank you!

THE (SCIENTIFIC) DEATH OF JESUS

At the age of 33, Jesus was condemned to death. At the time, crucifixion was the “worst” death. Only the worst criminals were condemned to be crucified. Yet it was even more dreadful for Jesus. Unlike other criminals condemned to death by crucifixion, Jesus was to be nailed to the cross by His hands and feet.

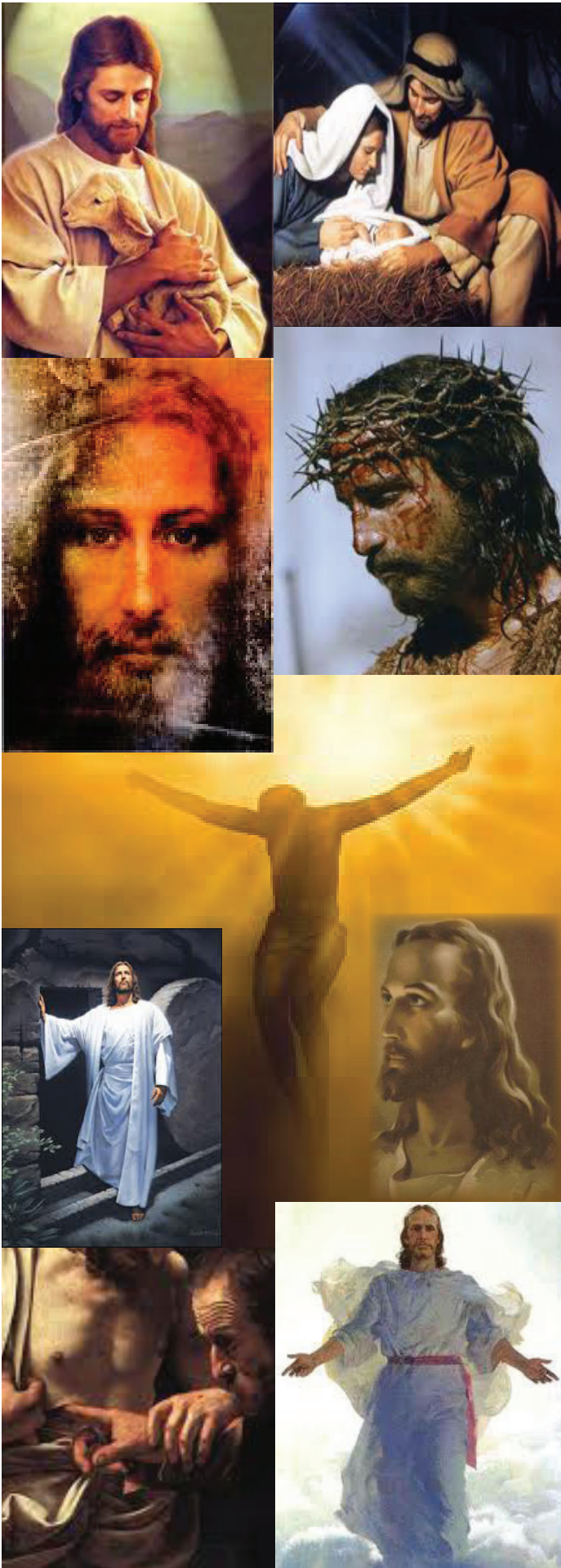
Each nail was 6 to 8” long. The nails were driven into His wrists. Not into His palms as is commonly portrayed. There’s a tendon in the wrist that extends to the shoulder. The Roman guards knew that when nails were being hammered into the wrist that tendon would tear and break, forcing Jesus to use His back muscles to support himself so that He could breathe. Both of His feet were nailed together. Thus, He was forced to support Himself on the single nail that impaled His feet to the cross. Jesus could not support Himself with His legs because of the pain, so He was forced to alternate between arching His back, then using his legs just to continue to breathe. Imagine the struggle, the pain, the suffering, the courage.

Jesus endured this reality for over 3 hours. Yes, over three hours! Can you imagine this kind of suffering? A few minutes before He died, Jesus stopped bleeding. He was simply pouring water from his wounds. From common images we see wounds to His hands and feet and even the spear wound to His side... But do we realize His wounds were actually made in his body? A hammer, driving large nails through the wrist, the feet overlapped and an even larger nail hammered through the arches; then a Roman guard piercing His side with a spear. But before the nails and the spear, Jesus was whipped and beaten. The whipping was so severe that it tore the flesh from His body.

The beating so horrific that His face was torn and his beard ripped from His face. The crown of thorns cut deeply into His scalp. Most men would not have survived this torture. He had no more blood to bleed out, only water poured from His wounds. The human adult body contains about 3.5 liters (just less than a gallon) of blood. Jesus poured all 3.5 liters of his blood; He had three nails hammered into His members; a crown of thorns on His head, and beyond that, a Roman soldier who stabbed a spear into His chest. All these without mentioning the humiliation He suffered after carrying His own cross for almost 2 kilometers, while the crowd spat in his face and threw stones (the cross was almost 30 kg of weight only for its higher part, where His hands were nailed).

Jesus had to endure this experience to open the Gates of Heaven so that you can have free access to God. So that your sins could be “washed” away. All of them, with no exception! Don’t ignore this situation.

JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU! He died for you!



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:**
540.439.9955
jean_boggs@yahoo.com.

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

Help for Family Caregivers

Local families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementia - even if there has not been a diagnosis of dementia - are urged to contact a new and FREE program called *Connections*.

Connections will be sending trained staff into hundreds of homes in Fauquier and nearby counties to help family caregivers plan satisfying and meaningful activities for those with dementia. Staff will visit families once a week for eight weeks. The goal is to reduce caregiver stress, increase quality of life for the person with dementia, and make life easier and more satisfying for everyone.

Please call the Rappahannock - Rapidan Community Services Board at 825.3100 for more information. Ask about *Connections* for family caregivers.

The Piedmont Lace Guild of Virginia's Spring Program

The Piedmont Lace Guild of Virginia is very pleased to invite you to our **spring program, Saturday, 9 April at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Historian Lorene Payne of the Southern Fauquier Historical Society will present a special program on costume: 19th Century Ladies' Wear of the Americas. **Admission is free to guild members and guests.**

The Piedmont Lace Guild of Virginia was established in 2006 to promote and preserve the fine art of lacemaking. The guild is operated on a non-profit basis, the main income being from dues paid annually by members. RUMC provides meeting space to the guild at no charge throughout the year, and in appreciation, the guild makes an annual donation to the church, usually designated to "greatest need." This year we are happy to announce that we will also contribute to "Kits for Conference" to help show our appreciation to the church. The guild will provide a dozen sewing kits that will be taken to Annual Conference in June together with the other kits assembled by the church.

Our monthly meetings are always open to everyone in the congregation, and you are welcome to visit us anytime to see projects we are working on. You can find out more about the lace guild at www.piedmontlace.org and you can now also follow us on Facebook.



The Piedmont Lace Guild of Virginia
is pleased to host a special program...

19th Century Ladies Wear of the Americas

Historian Lorene Payne of the Southern Fauquier Historical Society
will share her knowledge of 19th century ladies' wear of the Americas.

Come see Lory give her presentation in full 19th century garb!

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Remington United Methodist Church
150 West Bowen Street, Remington, Virginia
2 pm - 5 pm

The program is open to guild members and guests.
Email info@piedmontlace.org to join us as our guest.

Music Notes from Kaye Rich

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in 1739, less than a year after his Aldersgate conversion. It was first sung in the Foundry Meeting House, an old iron foundry in London that Wesley converted to religious purposes.

Wesley's original version had eleven stanzas, but did not have the Alleluias that distinguish it today.

Some modern hymnals include this hymn without the Alleluias (and sometimes without the verse that starts "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"). There are at least three different hymn tunes associated with that version: "Orientis Partibus," "Savannah," and "Resurrexit."

It is possible to confuse this hymn with "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." The two hymns are different, but the first lines are similar. No serious musician will be confused by the similarity, but most people in the pews are not serious musicians.

I have not been able to determine which tune Wesley used with this hymn, but it was not the "Easter Hymn" tune that we associate with it today. "Easter Hymn" comes from the book, *Lyra Davidica*, published in 1708. In that book, "Easter Hymn" is paired with "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" rather than this hymn (see, I told you it was confusing).

Some hymnals include this hymn with the tune "Llanfair," a tune written by Robert Williams (1781-1821), a blind basket weaver from the Isle of Anglesey in Wales. Williams composed tunes and dictated them to a scribe. "Llanfair" is an abbreviated form for the name of a Welsh village with a very long Welsh name, which means "Church of St. Mary in the hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of St. Tysillio by the red cave."

On a modern map, I found a village named Llanfair on the mainland in Wales 25 miles (40 km) south of the Isle of Anglesey. I also found a village named Llanfairfechan on the island itself. I have not been able to determine which of those villages is the one associated with this hymn tune.

Some hymns perfectly capture the spirit of their season, and that is true of this hymn. Both hymn tunes associated with this hymn ("Easter Hymn" and "Llanfair") have strong, driving rhythms that make us want to "raise the rafters" with joyful singing. The first line, "Christ the Lord is risen today," sets the tone and tells us what we are celebrating. "Raise your joys and triumphs high," suggests how to celebrate. The Alleluias soar.

The hymn portrays not only the resurrection, but also the crucifixion. It tells us that "Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won." It says, "Death in vain forbids him rise." But the resurrection is the dominant theme,

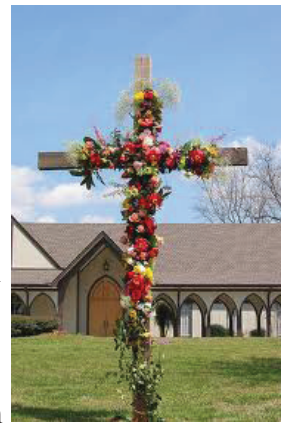
as we would expect in an Easter hymn. (NOTE: The words vary from hymnal to hymnal, so check your hymnal.)

But the hymn that we have today is quite different from the one that Charles Wesley wrote. The original hymn had no Alleluias. It seems as if the hand of God directed what came next. Someone whose name has been lost in time decided to set the words to the tune that we now use — a tune by a composer whose name has also been lost in time. But the words didn't fit the tune, so he added the Alleluias to make it fit.

The perfect Easter hymn, then, came into being through the work of three different people who probably never met. It is unlikely that any of the three had any idea how much their hymn would add to our celebration of Easter.

Origin of Easter and The Living Cross

This is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from the death of Good Friday. There are many adaptations of this symbol, but they center on a very rough-cut wooden cross, often of cedar since it easily retains a rough texture. This cross can be of various sizes, but a full sized cross six to seven feet high is most impressive (and most expensive to decorate!). For added effect, there can



be three metal spikes driven into the wood at the arms and feet. This cross is usually erected at the front of the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday or on Palm Sunday. If it is erected on Ash Wednesday, it can also be used as a Prayer Cross throughout Lent (see *The Journey of Lent*). Sometimes, it is draped with the purple of Lent and a crown of thorns made of thorny vines, but it is often left bare throughout Lent until Good Friday. On Good Friday, the cross is draped in black, the color of mourning for the death of Jesus.

Before the Easter Sunday service, the spikes and black drape are removed and the cross is covered with real flowers and the top draped in white. There are various ways to do this. Some churches use a chicken wire mesh over the cross and have worshippers each place flowers on the cross as part of the Easter Vigil service, or as they arrive at church on Easter morning. For this to be effective, there must be enough flowers to cover all of the front and sides of the cross. Another approach is to have small holes drilled into the wood to accept florist-type vials that hold cut flowers. The entire cross is covered with the flowers and is placed prominently at the front of the church to greet worshippers as they enter the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The contrast between the starkly bare cross that worshippers have seen for 40 days and the living flowering cross on Easter Sunday dramatically and visually represents the new life that they are celebrating as they witness the very instrument of death and endings transformed into life and new beginnings.

APRIL - Christ is Risen!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Looking for a rental? Katie Drennan in Jeffersonton has a room with private bath, storage, full house amenities, and utilities included for \$400 a month firm. She is also offering to reduce rent for dog and horse care when she travels. No smoking. References & credit check is required. 703.408.4348. | | | | | 1 Men's Emmaus Walk Scouts dinner for their families 3-7 | 2 Men's Emmaus Walk |
| 3 Men's Emmaus Walk MYF 4-5:30 pm | 4 Admin Council 7pm; Scouts, 1180 Mount | 5 Choir Practice 7pm Scouts -Pence 3-5 Scouts-Kuhler 7-8:30pm | 6 Soup Meals 6pm Devotional 7pm | 7 Girl Scouts; Bible Study, 10am & 7pm | 8 | 9 Lace Guild presents 19th Century Dress 2-5pm |
| 10 Easter Egg Hunt 2:30-3:30 pm RVFD Breakfast | 11 RUMM 6:30 (Roger & Tony) | 12 Choir Practice 7pm | 13 Soup Meals 6pm Devotional 7pm | 14 Girl Scouts; Band Practice 6:45 pm; Bible Study, 10 am & 7pm | 15 Craft Night, 7 pm | 16 RUMM - Clean-Up Day; Baptist Church Egg Hunt |
| 17 PALM SUNDAY; MYF | 18 Scout's 1180-Mount | 19Choir Practice 7pm Scouts/Pence 3-5 Scouts/Kuhler 7-8:30pm | 20 Soup Meal 6pm; Devotionals 7pm | 21 Mission Mtg, 7pm; Bible Study, 10am & 7pm | 22 GOOD FRIDAY SVC, 7:30pm | 23 |
| 24 EASTER SUNDAY; Sunrise Service 6:30am | 25 RUMW @ RUMC | 26 Choir Practice 7pm | 27 | 28 Scouts-Kuhler Band Practice 6:45pm; Bible Study, 10am & 7pm | 29 | 30 |

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4870

Troop 4870's main focus in January and February was cookies, cookies, and more cookies! Thanks to everyone that helped support our causes and activities by purchasing Girl Scout cookies.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the country that prepares girls for their futures by developing five business-building skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Our troop is poised to earn about a \$1,100 profit from the sales. This money was used to purchase food for the Culpeper Heat shelter lunches as well as take the Troop on a fun weekend in May to Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg.

March proved to come in like a lion with so many activities! We packed lunches for the homeless at the Culpeper UMC and went swimming at the WARF. We also celebrated Girl Scout Sunday at the RUMC 11 am service.

The Father-Daughter Dance is one of our final March activities. Dads lucked out because this year's theme is "Sports"—so they can wear their favorite jerseys!

As spring arrives, we are turning our focus toward planning field trips. We are heading to Fauquier FISH to donate Girl Scout cookies as well as stock the shelves. We also have a trip planned to an alpaca farm! Thank you all for your continued support of Troop 4870.

Lisa Pence and Lori Queen

THE ONLY FLAG THAT DOESN'T FLY

Between the fields where the flag is planted, there are 9+ miles of flower fields that go all the way to the ocean. Flowers are grown by seed companies. It's a beautiful place, close to Vandenberg AFB. The floral flag is 740' long and 390' wide and maintains proper flag dimensions as described in Executive Order #10834. This flag is 6.65 acres and the first floral flag to be planted with 5 pointed stars, comprised of white larkspur. Each star is 24' in diameter; each stripe is 30' wide. The flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, or a total of more than 2 million flowers.



Want to receive a hard copy of this newsletter?

Please contact the church office: 540.439.2579, RUMC, P.O. Box 86, Remington, VA 22734; email: adminassistant@remingtonchurch.org; www.remingtonchurch.org. It is our intention to keep you as RUMC members informed of the current happenings at church. We hope you enjoy the articles and information herein and welcome your comments and feedback! To submit information, please email Juanita Barnett at juanita.barnett@gmail.com or Linda McClanahan at the church email address.

Good News & Thanks from Your Trustees!

No one, unless you lived through the Great Depression, can remember such challenging economic times as we have experienced in the last few years. Everyone has been affected in some way, including Remington United Methodist Church. Monthly treasurer's reports from Alex Federov, our Treasurer, made it perfectly clear that we struggled to make budget – often falling far short.

We can't say that everything is suddenly all rosy, but your Trustees feel that it is time to express our thanks to the congregation for what we see as very positive signs.

First of all, we have to thank Alex, who has shaved every possible excess expense from our budget, from re-financing the mortgage, to replacing windows to reduce utility expense, to the office copy machine, to the telephone carrier. Alex treats the church budget as he would his own and nothing escapes his attention.

Next, we are indebted to Roger Hart, who has spent the winter surveying and assessing potential repair issues in the church and taking care of them. You won't see evidence of many of Roger's efforts, but look closely at the altar table which has been in need of repair for years. Not only did he repair it, he refinished it. He repaired the display case that was damaged by those who broke into the church, repaired or replaced doors, and even took care of a potentially dangerous electrical problem (which we do not need in this 100+ year old sanctuary).

When we told you that it would cost at least \$14,000 to replace the old air conditioners in the sanctuary, you responded positively. The entire amount was collected!

Next, when it became so clear that we needed to do something to increase offerings to cover our budget requirements, the Finance Committee requested we all consider increasing our weekly offerings by 10% - and RUMC responded positively again! So far this year we are close to making our needed weekly income without too much hardship on any of us.

Finally, and maybe the best news, is that due to the overwhelming generosity of our congregation, we have paid off about one third of the original \$500,000 debt for our 2006 renovations to the church. This in about 5 years! So we Trustees think it is time to say a very heartfelt "Thank You!" to the congregation of RUMC.

*Evelyn Olinger, Chairperson
RUMC Trustees*

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.

Note from the Financial Secretary

For those who use the church-provided offering envelopes, unless you put cash in the envelope, it's not necessary to include your name on the envelope.

It would be helpful to the counters however if you complete the individual offering funds and total amount of the offering at the *bottom* of the envelope so they don't have to open each envelope. (See the envelope example below.)

The counters' only job is to calculate the total offering as a check, balance, and audit trail for the financial secretary—they don't need names. The Financial Secretary opens the envelope and credits the proper individual accounts for the offering. This also ensures your privacy. Also, remember that the 5th Sunday envelopes are in the back of your booklet.

*Linda Butler
Financial Secretary*

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| Budget | \$ 75.00 |
| Building | \$ |
| Discretionary Fund | \$ |
| Choral | \$ |
| Capital Campaign | \$ 25.00 |
| Other | \$ |
| Name | 1100.00 |

MAR 3RD SUN SAMPLE

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.



*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!*

AN EPIPHANY THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Epiphany Ministry Team, I would like to thank you for your generous contributions that helped make the recent weekend a success. With your contributions, we were able to minister to 30 young men and approximately 30 team members for 3 days. We planted the seeds of God's love and forgiveness, and hope it takes root - whether that weekend or in the future.

I'd like to share something one of the young men recently wrote to me. "We enjoy when all of come because it gives us a sense of love and a feeling of being cared for. When we are in there with all of you, it makes us feel like nothing else even matters except being there and learning about God."

This makes getting up at 4:30 am, spending 12-hour days at the facility worth it. Praise God! Again, thank you all for your support of this very important ministry.

A special thanks to our food runners, Shelly Son and Jim Helm, Christa Mullins and Donna Bates, and Dick and Sandy Atkinson.

Linda McClanahan

on behalf of Wally and Kaye Rich, Trish and Scott Robertson, John & Jan Dertzbaugh

RUMC YOUTH NEWS...

The Youth Group meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month from 4-5:30 pm at RUMC. It is open to all 6th to 12th graders.

February's babysitting lock-in was great! Eleven youth babysat five children and then spent the night playing games, worshipping, and enjoying fellowship (with lots of snacks!).

The pancake supper was such a success that there were almost no leftovers! We fed a lot of people. Thank you to everyone who came out to have dinner with us. It was a lot of fun. Can't wait until next year!

Our mission focus this year is on local poverty, homelessness, and hunger. We took food donations to the food bank on March 18. While we were there, we got contact information so we can do mission service for the hungry in Fauquier County while we're out of school this summer. We plan to do a work day at the Fauquier Community Farm followed by a lock-in/water-gun battle in June.

On April 2, we plan to go to Shenandoah University to participate in the Teens Against Poverty mission rally. On April 30, we'll represent RUMC at the Hoofing-It-for-the-Homeless event at the Airlie Center. Our biggest mission this summer is to take a gleaning trip to Pennsylvania where we'll glean fields for the Society for St. Andrews. Afterwards, we'll stay overnight, take in a movie, and visit the Grotto of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on the way home.

Robin Briggs



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