

The Messenger

Remington United Methodist Church
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OCTOBER 2010

Coming up in September

Oct. 3 Communion Sunday 11am service
Oct. 3 Methodist Youth Fest Outing
Oct. 8 Yom Kippur begins/National Children's Day
Oct. 9 Remington Fall Festival- Pie & BBQ sale
Oct.9-11 Epiphany Prison Ministry Weekend
Oct.13 Admin council
Oct. 24 Neewollah (Andes Farm)
Oct. 28 RUMW
Oct. 31 Fifth Sunday (One Service 10am)
Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat (pending) TBD



For the Joy of the Harvest

Pastor's Reflections Charge Conference 2010

Charge conference is a time for us to reflect on the year past as well as vote on the administration of the church for the upcoming year. It is also a time for personal reflection on one's faith and continuing growth within a church community. Remington UMC is growing. We have added new members and we are continuing to add new committees and new visions to our church. But more importantly, we are growing as a community centered round the love of God and in ministry to the world. We are moving past old differences and nurturing new relationships. We continue to struggle with budgetary issues. However, this has only made us stronger as a community. While worship attendance has gone down some new people continue to come to our church and find a spiritual home. In other words, while we may be struggling somewhat, God is faithful and we continue to be blessed as a community.

Personally, I also sense growth taking place in my life. This year is special for me because I have been more open emotionally than in fifteen years of ministry. I have shared painful feelings, memories and stories. I do so, to find healing but also to help others know that God is with them in their difficulties and pain. I have found this to be a tremendous experience. I also believe that I have grown in my understanding of God. We are often afraid to challenge our beliefs for fear of what others might think, or perhaps because it could upset our sense of self. Yet emotional openness has helped me to become more theologically open. Someone wisely said, "You cannot find outside yourself what you lack within yourself." As I have found a deeper love within, I have also experienced a profound understanding of God's love revealed throughout the world. I am both afraid and excited as to where this openness to God will lead.

I want to thank you, the congregation of Remington UMC for giving me the opportunity to be your pastor. I hope you, too, have found growth and new life in this church.

Peace,
Charles

ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

From your Trustees.....Update on the Air Conditioning issue

We are awaiting results of the professional evaluation of the air conditioning system in the fellowship hall area of the church. Once we have that, we will be able to assess the entire situation (4 separate systems). While we are not experiencing the discomfort of the summer heat, we still have the issue of outdated systems in at least 2, and probably 3 of our areas. As soon as we have estimates, the Trustees will be making recommendations to the Council.

Evelyn Olinger, Chairperson
RUMC Trustees

REMINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

The Admin Council did not meet in September. Look for October minutes in the November Newsletter.

Calling all Lay Speakers!



Have you always wanted to become a lay speaker? Or, do you just need to take an advanced lay speaking course? Then put these dates on your calendar: October 29th (6:30 – 10:00 pm) and October 30th (8:30 am – 4:30 pm)! The classes include: Basic, Lead in Evangelism, Lead in Prayer, Lay Speakers as Liturgists, and Lead in Worship. Basic is \$25 and the advanced classes are \$30. The location for these classes is Cameron UMC, Alexandria, VA. If you'd like to carpool, please contact Anne Bryant (bryantal@comcast.net). You can register online at <http://www.novaumc.org> or use the tear-off form found on the same website. November 5th (6:30 – 9:30 pm) and November 6th (8:30 am – 3:30 pm) Remington UMC will host an advanced lay speaking course; "Let the Whole Church Say Amen!" This short course on public prayer will help you grow in confidence and skill, while encouraging a deeper and more vital prayer life in your personal life. If your stomach does flip-flops when someone asks you to pray, then this class is for you! Please buy your book prior to the training and bring a bag lunch on Saturday. There is no cost for this class. The book is available from <http://www.amazon.com> for \$16.50.

Mission & Outreach Team

The RUMC Mission and Outreach Team is planning great things for the new year! It's not too late to help with the planning or work on an action item in preparation for the fun to come! Our next meeting is October 4th at 7:00 pm. We will then take our draft proposal to the Administrative Board on October 14th. Get ready for the *journey*!

EPIPHANY MINISTRY

The Virginia State Committee of Epiphany Ministry, Inc. would like to thank the members of Remington United Methodist Church for their support of our ministry throughout the last decade. It is truly only through the support of RUMC and other groups of Christians that this ministry has been able to reach over 300 young men at Culpeper Juvenile Correctional Center. Through your generosity, in the use of your facilities, your donations and most of all the witness of your members, the ministry continues to grow and now reaches young people in 3 facilities in Virginia and 13 states from North Carolina to California and Ohio to Arizona. Feel free to ask about our ministry at any time, or you may visit our website EpiphanyMinistry.com. Again, thank you for all you do to help us point the way to Christ, to some of His children who find themselves very far away and in need of directions.

Our church Epiphany group will be heading to Culpeper Juvenile Correction Center on October 9-11. Donations can still be made to help out with expenses. Example: \$25 will buy a young man a bible of his own. Lesser amounts will feed the team over the three days or feed a young man. Please consider helping out with a donation. To make a donation please contact the church office at 439-2579.

August Budget Status: Thankfully, the summer doldrums are about over and RUMC is still keeping its head above the water, financially speaking. We started the month quite deep in the hole, as I had to wait until the last moment in July to pay our apportionments to the Virginia Conference and Alexandria District. Thus, the first Sunday in August was needed to get back into the black and many of you came through with a strong first week. Overall, the month ended a little better than last year at this time, and although we are still running somewhat short of our needs we are able to make ends meet.

Strong Month for Capital Campaign Contributions: I was happy to see that the contributions to the Capital Campaign picked up steam in August. We had a good month, which allowed us to build up the fund balance from some summer shortages, and put RUMC into position to pay some extra principal on the mortgage in September. We still had to pay the whole mortgage payment out of the CC Fund in August.

2011 RUMC Budget Proposed: In preparation for the upcoming Charge Conference, the Finance Committee proposed and the Administrative Council approved a new budget for 2011. I am very pleased to announce, that with some careful planning and a little good fortune we have been able to actually reduce the budget a little bit for 2011. Because staff salaries had been frozen in 2010, the Staff Parrish Relations Committee (SPRC) recommended and the Administrative Council approved a modest increase in the salary structure for 2011. There were also modest increases proposed and approved for budget support to the Family Ministries Program and Emmaus. Those increases were offset by a surprising reduction in RUMC's fair share apportionment amounts to both the Virginia United Methodist Conference and the Alexandria District. Furthermore, we were able to further reduce utility costs because of energy savings, thanks to the new windows in the Fellowship Hall. The office copier costs have also been reduced, as we fully benefit from the new copier contract in 2011. The biggest reduction in the budget, however, was due to the refinancing of the RUMC bank mortgage which has cut our needs by over \$5,000. I caution everyone to keep in mind, that while the budget has been modestly reduced, our need for your support is a great as ever. For the last two years, we have rarely been able to meet our budget needs, and have been forced to use the Capital Campaign to bail out the budget by using it to pay a substantial portion of our mortgage. Please use this budget reduction as an incentive to increase your budget contributions, so that we can devote more of our Capital Campaign funds to pay down our mortgage principal.

<u>Treasurer's Report as of end of August 2010</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>
Programmed Expenses:	\$17,709	\$141,099
Actual Expenses:	\$14,099	\$120,459
	(\$3,610)	(\$20,640)
7/31/10 Balance Carryover:	(\$2,932)	
Contributions Needed:	\$18,845	\$131,915
Contributions Received:	\$14,788	\$104,550
Over/(Short):	(\$4,057)	(\$27,365)
Capital Campaign Collections:	\$2,790	\$27,393
Mortgage Status:	\$346,081 (opening balance)	
	\$367 (principal paid)	
	\$345,714 (new balance)	

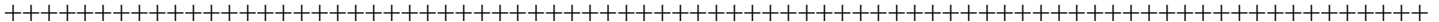
Alex Fedorov
Treasurer RUMC



October is here and **NEWOLLAH** is coming!!!
October 24th from 4-7pm.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE PARTY. BRING A FRIEND OR TWO, OR MORE.
 HELD AT THE HOME OF JOAN AND LORIE ANDES
 ANDES FARM, 14398 KELLY'S FORD ROAD, ELKWOOD, VIRGINIA.
 COME DRESSED IN COSTUME – ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO DRESS UP TOO.
 WE'RE METHODISTS SO THERE WILL BE FOOD,
 HOWEVER, PLEASE BRING A CAN OF CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP FOR THE CAULDRON.

OTHER TIDBITS: GAMES, CRAFTS, A BONFIRE, A HAYRIDE AND MORE!!!!



TRUNK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31ST

**RUMC NEEDS DONATIONS OF CARS AND CANDY
 IN ORDER TO HOLD THIS EVENT ON THE
 CHURCH PARKING LOT.**

Keep your children safe and let them "TRUNK OR TREAT" at Remington United Methodist Church.
 Trunks filled with goodies to put a smile on your child's face.
 We need between 1- 7 cars with trunks filled with goodies for this event.

Please contact Karen Moran now if you can participate by providing a car and/or candy.
 If we're able to gather enough cars/candy this will be a community event. More information to follow.
 Please contact Karen Moran at vamomshome@aol.com Or call at 540-439-0065

If we don't get enough volunteers this event will not be held. Please consider donating candy or the use of your trunk.
OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THIS A COMMUNITY EVENT EVERY YEAR.

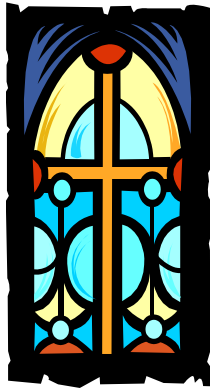


THE "MOMS IN TOUCH" PRAYER GROUP....

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.

TWO LEADERS ARE NEEDED for the Junior Church. Anyone interested in being involved in this most rewarding position, please contact Karen Moran, at vamomshome@aol.com or call 439-0065.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW UPDATE - 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

Would anyone having informal snap shots of church events 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

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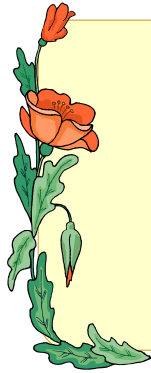
HOMELESS BAGS

THE LADIES OF RUMC DISTRIBUTED 70 BAGS TO HOMELESS FOLKS THEY PASSED ALONG THE WAY TO THE "WOMEN OF FAITH" CONFERENCE AT THE VERIZON CENTER IN WASHINGTON DC LAST MONTH.

THE WOMEN STATED IT WAS A VERY SATISFYING ENDEAVOR AND THAT THE RECIPIENTS OF THE BAGS WERE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE THEM.

The bags consisted of: a wash cloth, soap, a rain poncho, soup mix, toothbrush and toothpaste, powder, deodorant, a pair of socks and a Bible.

IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL BE A YEARLY EVENT SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP ADD TO THE NUMBER OF BAGS NEXT YEAR, PLEASE LEAVE ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ITEMS IN A BAG IN THE NARTHEX MARKED FOR CHRISTA MULLINS. CASH DONATIONS FOR THIS SPECIAL PROJECT ARE WELCOME. CHRISTA IS IN CHARGE OF THE EFFORT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS YOU CAN REACH HER BY CALLING CHRISTA AT: **540-905-9075**.



FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER

We are participating in the Flower Power Fund Raiser again this fall. We had great success in the Spring, let's see if we can do better this fall.

There are Flower Power books in the narthex, or visit the website : flowerpowerfundraising.com

We are listed as Remington United Methodist Church. You can forward the email to your friends and family, or sell from the sales book.

Remember, the church gets 50% of the sales from this program. If you have any questions, call Jo Ann Wolfrom at 439-8198.

The task ahead of us is never greater than the Power behind us!

YOUTH GROUP (MYF – METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

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

UMYF YOUTHFEST - is scheduled for Oct. 3 from 4-7pm at Herndon UMC.

A TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS WHO DO THEIR BEST TO TEACH!

We are always aware of our duty to walk that fine line between good science and good economics - and we do it with pride! This is a lesson that should be taught in all schools and colleges....

Back in September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a social studies school teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, Arkansas did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks out of her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

"Ms. Cothren, where're our desks?"

She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'

They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.'

'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.'

She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.' And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom.

By early afternoon, television news crews had started gathering in Ms. Cothren's classroom to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the deskless classroom, Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he/she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now, I am going to tell you.' At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniforms, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to receive an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story.

Please consider sharing this with everyone, so others won't forget that the freedoms we have in this country were earned by U. S. Veterans.

Charge Conference Report

September 1, 2010

Dear Remington United Methodist Church,

This year, September 1, 2009 – September 1, 2010, the Remington United Methodist Women, (RUMW,) have been extremely active supporting the work of our church, community, district, conference, as well as different National and International Ministries.

Our membership consists of 11 active members and 4 inactive members, however we know have the ENTIRE CHURCH to thank for all their cooperation and assistance in making our many functions a success. The RUM Men have been GREAT help to us as always, set up and take down, load and unload, this year. The Men have been instrumental cooking and selling their BBQ during the Oktoberfest and other events. We want to thank everyone in the church who helps with The Digger's in Virginia dinner, and makes it run so smoothly.

We now have seven main fundraisers; serving monthly dinners to Remington – Bealeton Raritan's earning \$4,425; the Spring Yard Sale earning \$679; Fire Department's Oktoberfest which we work with the men, our part, earning \$465, and the sale of our own, hand made Advent Calendars earning \$440. This year we served the Remington's Lion's once a month for a total of \$2,628. Also the Men and Women's Groups plus church members, worked hard feeding 400 plus people at The Digger's of Virginia event where the women's share earned us \$2066. Also we sold cards in the narthex for a donation bringing in \$51.50. **Our CD Interest Inc. was \$ 20.00. Our total Dinners earned \$6,944.17. Our Other Projects earned \$ 1,735.56.**

During our monthly meetings, the Women's group collects money to support many missions both near and far. We support the District Missions with our annual Pledges totaling \$717.00 for UM Women's work around the world. Each member donates an amount every month which is sent to the District and then is proportionally divided to the National and International levels. We also collect monthly for repairs and maintenance at Blackstone totaling \$74.05, our Virginia Conference Center. Another important project is Call to Prayer and Self Denial, which supports a specific nationwide project every year, where we collected \$53.00 this year. Our Local missions collected \$573.25.

Our collections for District and Local Mission Giving were \$1,417.30.

Thus, the RUMW's total income for year 2009-2010 was \$10,117.10.

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We also have missions here at home. This year we have given to our RUMC Budget \$2,000.00; RUMC Capital Campaign \$2,000; RUMC Picnic Tables \$409.47; RUMC update church plaques \$103.00; RUMC Graduates \$700.00; RUMC Wed. Night Bible Study \$199.95.00; RUMW Flowers \$110.00; RUM Church Conference Health Kits \$197.69; UM Church Conference Christmas Boxes \$293; Epiphany Prison Ministry \$550.00; Hunter's for the Hungry \$200.00; C. Johns Trip \$200.00; Hati Earthquake Relief \$600.00; Liberty after Prom Party \$100.00; Mo Mullins \$200.00; and Tommy Huff \$25.00;

RUMW's total amount given for Home Mission Gifts, 2009-2010, was \$7,888.11.

RUMW has also paid to the Alexandria District Treasurer a total of \$729.95 for Mission work from the money the women pledged at the meetings. The Women Pledged \$651 to be divided nationally and globally; and gave towards repairs at Blackstone Conference Center \$78.95.

RUMW also purchased as Event Banner for \$185.00 to be used during the yard sale and Oktoberfest, etc. We also purchased checks for a total of \$16.20. Miscellaneous purchases were \$201.95.

As you can see, our small group has been very busy this year and our district and local mission work has many areas.

We thank all the church members and others involved whose organization skills, hard work, and dedication made these things possible.

Respectively submitted,
Connie Helm, Treasurer,
Remington United Methodist Women

**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.

KAIROS WEEK-END

There is a 3 day KAIROS Retreat in October at Fluvana Correctional Center for Women. Women like you and I can go for three days and share the love of Christ with women, some who have never known unconditional love. There are three things you can do to participate on this weekend. First you can make cookies. We have specific directions on size, type and packaging, so let me know if you would like to do some baking. Second you can pray for the team and the ladies they are ministering to. Third you can attend the closing ceremony. If anyone is interested in attending the Kairos Closing on Oct 17. Please give a copy of your driver's license by September 20th to Mary Ann Robertson or call 272-0564, or marylhpa@aol.com.

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CARING FOOD NETWORK

If you would like to help out with a **CARING 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 jeanboggs@yahoo.com or sign up on the form located in the narthex.

MUSIC NOTES FROM KAYE RICH – CHOIR DIRECTOR

Hymn Highlights



Just As I Am”

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me , will by no means be cast out. (John 6:37)

She was an embittered woman, Charlotte Elliott of Brighton, England. Her health was broken, and her disability had hardened her. “If God loved me,” she muttered, “He would not have treated me this way.” Hoping to help her, a Swiss minister, Dr. Cesar Malan, visited the Elliotts on May 9, 1822. Over dinner, Charlotte lost her temper and railed against God and family in a violent outburst. Her embarrassed family left the room, and Dr. Malan was left alone with her.

“You are tired of yourself, aren’t you?” he asked. “You are holding to your hate and anger because you have nothing else in the world to cling to. Consequently, you have become sour, bitter, and resentful.” “What is your cure?” asked Charlotte. “The faith you are trying to despise.” said Dr. Malan.

As they talked, Charlotte softened. “If I wanted to become a Christian and to share the peace and joy you possess,” she finally asked, “What would I do?”

“You would give yourself to God just as you are now, with your fightings and fears, hates and loves, pride and shame.”

“I would come to God just as I am? Is that right?”

Charlotte did come just as she was, and her heart was changed that day. As time passed she found and claimed John 6:37 as a special verse for her. “... *he who comes to Me I will by no means cast out*”.

Years later, her brother, Rev. Henry Elliott, was raising funds for a school for children of poor clergymen. Charlotte wrote a poem, and it was printed and sold across England. The leaflet said “*Sold for the benefit of St. Margaret’s Hall, Brighton. Him That Cometh to Me I*

Will In No Way Cast Out.” Underneath was Charlotte’s poem – which has since become the most famous invitational hymn in history.

Charlotte lived to be 82 and wrote About 150 hymns, though she never enjoyed good health. As her loved ones sifted through her papers after her death, they found over a thousand letters she had kept, in which people expressed their gratitude for the way this hymn had touched their lives.

“Just as I am”

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bid’st me come to Thee
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come
Cont’d.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind
Sight, riches, healing of the mind
Yea, all I need in Thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone
O Lamb of God, I come

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove
Here for a season, then above
O Lamb of God, I come

Words public domain



NOTICE --- ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice resumed Tuesday, August 24. Practice for the Cantata will be held from 7:15 - 7:40.
Regular choir practice will continue on and end at 8:15pm. Kaye Rich 540-439-8298 KRICH5466@gmail.com

Praise Band practice - held at 6:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each Month. Contact Kaye Rich with questions.
at 439-8298

Passing the baton.....

It has been my privilege to serve as your RUMC lay delegate to Annual Conference for the last four years. And it has turned out to be an interesting and enlightening, moving and sometimes frustrating experience. When I was called, I agreed to go for one year. That first year, I was really out of my depth, but I couldn't have had a better mentor than Jim Helm. He has been such a font of information and it was a genuine pleasure to drive there and back and attend the conference together. After that first year, he persuaded me that I would understand better and feel more comfortable in subsequent years. And so it has been. I agreed to go for two more years. Last year, he urged me to attend for another year, and again, I did. But, truly, this is something that I feel should be shared. One gains so much understanding of the working and the history of our living, growing, wonderful Methodist church. So, I am passing the baton...to whom, I do not know. But whoever you are, you will be blessed and enriched by the experience.

Karen Fedorov
Lay Delegate

THE NEWSLETTER IS LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR.....

As of the December 2010 issue of the Messenger Newsletter.

After much thought and prayerful deliberation, I have decided to step down as Editor of the RUMC Newsletter. I hope there will be someone who feels the calling, to take over the Newsletter and give it some new life and vitality. I have enjoyed doing the Newsletter but after many years as its Editor, I feel that it's time for some new and hopefully young blood to give it a new and different perspective.

Please prayerfully consider taking over the position and contact me at jgm62@verizon.net or call me at 540-351-6192 if you have any questions or would like to be Editor. Or, you may contact the church office at 540-439-2579.

Sincerely,
Gale Mullikin



REMINGTON FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 9, 2010 9am-4pm at the Carnival Grounds in Remington

RUM MEN'S BARBEQUE, HOT DOGS & RUMW'S HOMEMADE PIE, BAKED GOODS
and COTTON CANDY SALE

The RUMW will once again have a booth with the assistance from the RUMM, selling BBQ, hot dogs, cotton candy, pies and various baked goods. If you would like to help in the booth we can use you. We need baked goods to sell, especially pies which sell very well. We can also use monetary donations. If you can help or donate please see PEGGY SIMMONS or give her a call at 825-1127. Better still don't wait for Peggy to call, **Volunteer.**

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The MEN of RUMC / October 2010

Monday, September 13 / The monthly meeting of the group was held. Members in attendance were as follows: Thomas Wolfrom, Wally Rich, Steve Wright, Jim Helm, Ashby Olinger, Brian Rockefeller and Pastor Charles Stacy. We welcomed Tony Giametta to his first meeting with the men's group. Pastor Charles and Brian Rockefeller provided the evening meal of baked ham and potatoes.

Upkeep and Maintenance of our Church

Steve Wright got the flowerbeds around the church weeded before our upcoming Homecoming Sunday. **Wally Rich** checked out and repaired the exterior security lighting in the church parking lot. The exterior doors on the fellowship hall were repaired and anti tamper plates were installed on the locks to help prevent future break-ins. The air conditioner in the fellowship hall had a thermostat replaced and is still working for now.

Recent Events Update

Saturday, September 25 / The men hosted a Freewill BBQ Chicken Dinner in the fellowship hall. John Dertzbaugh worked his magic preparing the chicken on his smoker in the church parking lot while other members of the group prepared the side dish food in the kitchen. The menu for the dinner was BBQ chicken, hot dogs, cole slaw, baked beans, yellow corn and dinner rolls. The women of the church helped out by providing the dessert. The dinner drew a large crowd of about eighty hungry people. A big thank-you to everyone who helped with this event!

Sunday, September 26 / Homecoming was held at the church, which included a cover dish dinner. The men cooked up extra food the night before and provided BBQ chicken and baked beans for the meal. This was a great weekend of good food, fellowship and ministry. It was great seeing everyone at church!

Up Coming Events

Saturday, October 9 / The Men and the Women of the church will be preparing BBQ and pies for sale at Remington Days, held at the carnival grounds in Remington. The men will be preparing the BBQ ahead of time because our BBQ Chef, John Dertzbaugh, will be participating with the prison ministry on Epiphany weekend. All are welcome to help with this event, please check with John Dertzbaugh or Peggy Simmons on how you can help!

Ed Boggs of our group is taking the lead in helping out Scott and Maureen Mullins by building a wheelchair ramp into their house. This will be a big help since Scott had his accident where he broke both of his feet.

Up Coming Meetings

Monday, October 4, 2010 / The Men will be meeting in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm for dinner with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend; we would like to invite all 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

"FATHER, BLESS THE PERSON READING THIS, IN WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU KNOW THEY NEED.

LAUS DEO – A short history lesson

Do you know what it means?

One detail that is never mentioned is that in Washington , D.C. There can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument . With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments from government buildings, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time to read.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington , D.C. , are displayed two words: **Laus Deo**. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know **Laus Deo's** history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia , capital of the United States of America

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say ' Praise be to God!'

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, *Laus Deo* 'Praise be to God!'

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfanta perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message.

- **On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore ;**
- **On the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians;**
- **On the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7 , Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6 .. Praise be to God!**
- **When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy 'One Nation, Under God.'**

We are awed by George Washington's prayer for America .

Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look. You may forget the width and height of 'Laus Deo ',

Its location, or the architects but no one who reads this will be able to forget its meaning, or these words: 'Unless the Lord builds the house its builder's labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain' (Psalm 127: 1)

It is hoped you will share this with every child you know; to every sister, brother, father, mother or friend. They will not find offense, because you have given them a lesson in history that they probably never learned in school. With that, be not ashamed, or afraid, but have pity on those who will never see this because someone failed to share this with them.

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 PRODUCTS 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 adds up and it benefits many church activities.

BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOLS begins again with the start of the school year.

Earn Cash for your child's school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for your school. **And that adds up fast!**

Visit boxtops4education.com for more great ideas to earn cash for your schools.

If you have no school age children and would like to help the schools, please consider giving you boxtops to Cheyenne Barlow. She is collecting them for her school. You may leave them in the Barlow mailbox in the Narthex.



School Supplies needed

If you wish to donate school supplies for kids in local schools who are in need of help, here is a list of the kind of items to donate:

- Paper, lined or plain, college ruled or regular
- Pencils and pens, pencil boxes
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Glue and/or glue sticks
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Colored pencils, crayons, color markers
- Spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, dividers, folders, and hard notebooks
- Backpacks, lunch boxes
- Tissue boxes

Please leave your supplies in the Narthex for distribution. Thank you for your help.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPRESS YOUR LOVE

**PLEASE CONSIDER PLACING FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ONE SUNDAY
 TO RESERVE A DATE, PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE ALTAR CALENDAR IN THE NARTHEX.
 CALL ASHTON ARCHER OF ARCHER'S FLOWERS TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR THE ALTAR.
 ASHTON WILL PLACE YOUR FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR JUST \$30.00.
 Ashton will deliver the flowers to the church on Saturday,
 you make your check out to RUMC
 so you get the tax benefit, the church then pays Ashton,
 he doesn't have to charge tax so everyone benefits.**

You are welcome to bring your own flowers to place on the Altar if you so desire. You may place them on the altar if they are not taller than the cross. If they are taller than the cross please place them on one of the tables at either side of the altar.

ONE OF THE NICE PARTS OF THE CHURCH SERVICE IS SEEING THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ADORNING GOD'S ALTAR.

CELEBRATIONS in OCTOBER (To add your families special dates to our calendar please contact church office 439-2579)

BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 3 Sophie Huff, Zoey Lilly
- Oct. 6 Karen Fedorov
- Oct. 9 Jayden Bland
- Oct. 11 Donald Aufford
- Oct. 13 Diana Blackmer
- Oct. 14 Baylee Borja
- Oct. 15 Roxanne Rachocki
- Oct. 17 Brandon Borja
- Oct. 18 Lisa Pazienza
- Oct. 20 Linda Butler, John Mullikin
- Oct. 23 Britney Blackmer, Delores Ward
- Oct. 27 Dot Watson, Dylan Wehrle
- Oct. 29 Alex Huff, Wesley Waldeck
- Oct. 30 Mona Bender, Mary Beth Waldeck, Drew Williams
- Oct. 31 Will Stacy

ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct. 5 Mike and Melanie Williams
- Oct. 28 Kevin & Beth Winn

SPECIAL ADDITIONS

Mason Alexander Bland - born on Aug. 31, 2010. Mason weighed in at 8lbs. 2oz.
 Congratulations to Wally and Kaye Rich on the birth of their grandson

Owen Wehrle - Born May 26, 2010 son of Mandy and Richard Wehrle

Ella Rose Mullins - Born June 20, 2010 daughter of Maureen and Scott Mullins. Ella Rose has now gained over 5 lbs. and is 3 months old. She will be coming home in October.



BECKY JOHNS

It was with great sadness that the RUMC congregation gathered to say goodbye to Becky Johns on Sunday, September 5th, 2010. Becky is the granddaughter of Pat Neill and the daughter of Sandy and Andy Johns. Becky was present for many occasions at RUMC and was a beautiful little girl with a sweet and loving personality. Becky will be missed by all, especially those who knew her personally.

The Congregation wishes to extend condolences to the Family of Becky Johns and to offer our prayers for their comfort and peace.

If you would like to send a card to Pat Neill her address is 7343 Covington Corners Road, Bealeton, VA. 22712
Or send a card for the John's Family their address is: Andy and Sandy Johns, 5619 Clermont Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310

The parents and sister of Becky Johns, as well as her Grandmother Pat Neill, wish to extend their expression of Thanks for all the cards, flowers, food and phone calls that were sent to them by the RUMC Congregation. They know that Becky had many, many friends and she will missed by all.

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, 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 LeJeune, NC 28542

Randy Moore, 7260 Green Bush Lane, Warrenton, VA. 20186 (Chrystal Gallagher's Uncle)

Cards for our soldiers – see page 15



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

Battlefield Young Marines

FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

Rain or Shine

WHEN: Saturday, October 23, 2010 – 7:00am – 2:00pm

WHERE: VFW Hall 7589
9304 Centerville Road
Manassas, VA 20110

DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Your donation is tax deductible and is appreciated. Please contact us with any questions about items you would like to donate.

Suggested items you may have: Infant/toddler/children's clothes or toys in good condition, small electronics, small appliances, movies, DVDs, CDs, books, etc.

For a drop off location call or email Battlefield Young Marines at:

Phone: 540-829-2312 or 703-803-3450

battlefieldyoungmarines@verizon.net or

lpoorbaugh@comcast.net

www.battlefieldyoungmarines.com



This is the Young Marine Program that my son, Jacob Poorbaugh is involved in. It is a Youth Group education program that focuses on drug awareness, and helping the kids to stay active with community services, teaching life skills, leadership skills, and much more.

We are looking for donations and if you have a donation please contact us at lpoorbaugh@comcast.net or you may call us at 540-829-2312. We would be willing to pick up donations at RUMC's parking lot or meet near the church as a ½ way marker. I you have something large to donate and it needs to be picked up by truck we can do that if you call to arrange it with us. (All items must be in good working condition – Sorry no furniture please!)

For drop off donations - Our address is 19427 Field Crest Court, Culpeper, VA. 22701

MANY THANKS TO PASTOR BRAD AND KAY PHILLIPS
FOR SHARING HOMECOMING SUNDAY WITH US
AND FOR HIS WONDERFUL SERMON
PASTOR BRAD WAS MINISTER FOR MORRISVILLE/REMINGTON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES FROM 1981-1985.
SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

PASTOR BRAD AND KAY PHILLIPS



Remington United Methodist Church

welcomes the return of Pastor Brad Phillips.

Pastor Brad was at RUMC from 1981-1985.

Brad is a graduate of VPISU and Eastern

Mennonite Seminary. During his 33 years in the ministry he has served 7 appointments across the conference. Currently Brad is the District Superintendent of the Norfolk District.

Brad and his wife Kay have been married for 10 years. Kay is a retired school librarian. Brad has 2 sons, James and David, and 3 1/2 grandchildren.

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
Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00pm	Social Hall
Admin Council	2 nd Wednesday	7:00pm	Social Hall
Craft Night	3 rd Friday of Month	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:

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

It is our intention to keep you, as 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 the **MESSENGER Editor Gale Mullikin via church mailbox, Phone 540-351-6192 or email Gale at: jgm62@verizon.net**

- The Staff at RUMC