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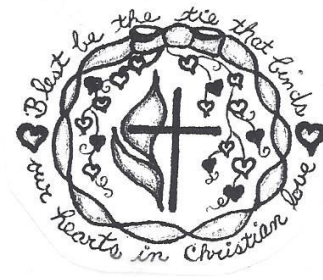
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Our Mission: "To Know Jesus and Share His Love"



October 2022



God has blessed our congregation with Reverend Will Waller who has begun his seventh year of ministry with us. October is the designated time of the year for us to show our appreciation to him with cards and other acts of kindness. Sunday, October 9, has been "officially" designated as Clergy Appreciation Day.

Thank you Pastor Will for all you have done and continue to do. May God continue to richly bless and guide you.

Calling all RMUMC veterans! We are planning to feature your pictures on November 13 during worship. Please send in pictures of yourself while you were serving in the military and a picture of yourself now. Send your pictures to Lynn Meeks at music@rm-umc.org by November 1. Thank you and thank you for your service.



Trunk-or-Treat

The youth are excited to once again to lead the charge for the annual Trunk-or-Treat event. It will be held on October 31 at 6:00

p.m. We hope all adults with vehicles will come out and share goodies out of the back of your trunk in a safe and welcoming environment. We usually have a large crowd so plan for a lot of candy to be dispensed. This is a great outreach opportunity for you to talk to parents as they chaperone their kids and invite them to our church. Be there by 5:45 p.m. to get a prime spot!

Taking awe breaks

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

Gunilla Norris
Weavings
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Dear RMUMC,

After the Queen's death in England last month, the pageantry was on display. Royalty from around the globe attended her funeral. There were processions into and out of Westminster Abbey. The people showed up in droves to pay their respects. One of the people was The Lord Chamberlain — Lord Parker of Minsmere.

Lord Chamberlain is the head of the royal household, the highest ranking member of the group that serves the head of state. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, the Lord Chamberlain "is in charge of all court ceremonies and of the arrangements for all state ceremonies, such as state visits of foreign dignitaries, royal marriages, christenings, and funerals." At the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, his final duty to her was carried out. He broke the wand.

In the flurry of activities that are required by the British at the death of a head of state, this piqued my interest most. At the funeral he broke the wand which symbolized his duty to her. It was laid atop the casket and then buried in the casket with the Queen. It was buried with Queen Elizabeth II, just like all the other wands that were broken by similar Lord Chamberlains in British history.

At our baptism, we affirm the bonds of sin and death no longer claim us. Their power has been broken. We do not break the wand that signified our previous allegiances, God does. God breaks this when we say yes to Him. We are no longer allied with darkness, but we are children of the light.

As a new king takes over and as his Lord Chamberlain takes up his wand, let us think about how when we make Christ our Lord, he holds ultimate sway over our lives. We swear our allegiance to Him and we promise never again to allow our highest affections to be for anyone but Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Will



United Women in Faith

(Debbie Caulder, President)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Linda Walters will present “Where the Money Goes.” She is our District Treasurer and will share her knowledge. Please join us!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Youth Blanket Project, especially Linda Walters and Martha Sue Gibson.

Soup Sale: October 23 – Pick up date. Volunteers needed to cook and package soup. Linda Walters is the coordinator.

Danville District UWF Annual Meeting: October 9 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Redwood UMC.

50th Annual Conference: October 22 via Zoom.

The Reading Program begins a new reporting year. You may check out any of the books on the shelf labeled UMW Reading Program in the Assembly Room. Simply sign each book out in the red folder and sign it in when you return it. If you take the children’s books, please keep track of the names of the children to whom you read. Children count as readers too!

The UWF continues to collect soda can tabs and stamps. The box for the collections is in the hall to the left of the Narthex on the windowsill near the mailboxes.

We welcome all women of the church to join us. Please contact Debbie Caulder (540-204-2266 or Debra.Caulder@yahoo.com) or any other member if you are interested or have questions.

The new website continues to develop—check it out at: UWFaith.org.



United Methodist Men

(Mark Newbill, President)

The United Methodist Men will have their breakfast meeting on October 16 at 8:45 a.m. We encourage all men in the church to attend.



FEED THE CHILDREN

Sontag Nutrition Program

(Kelly Peterson and Terri Naff, Coordinators)

Below is the schedule for baggers and deliverers for October.

Baggers: Bobby and Glenda Thompson

Deliverers:

Week of October 3-7:

Benny and Annette Board

Week of October 10-14:

Jack Collins

Week of October 17-21:

P.D. Hambrick

Week of October 24-28:

Linda Handy and Charlotte Hill



On Tuesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 27, our church is in charge of serving lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen. Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board located at the steps going down to the preschool. Thanks!



Senior Expo

The Franklin County Office of Aging is sponsoring a Senior Expo Thursday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Essig Recreation Center. The event is free and will have over fifty vendors addressing the needs of seniors. There will be a food truck, live music and demonstrations of yoga, line dancing, tai chi and pickleball. Come and join us for information and fun.



Calling all seniors! We are partnering with Joyful Journeys out of Daleville, Virginia for a trip to the Wolfhart Haus Christmas Spectacular in Wytheville, Virginia. We'll meet in Daleville and gather with other friends from around the Roanoke Valley on December 6. If you'd like to sign-up, you can go to <http://stmarksmethodist.com/joyful-journey> to register today! Carpooling may be possible from Rocky Mount.

"If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come."

—Unknown



Have you livestreamed or watched one of our archived worship services? Did you know that we also stream weddings, funerals, and other church events on our YouTube page. We are proud of our work through live streaming. We have a dedicated team of people who ensure that our services are broadcast across the globe.

That's why we want to make an investment in our future.

As you consider giving to Rocky Mount UMC, remember our streaming work. In order to provide the best experience for those worshipping from home who either cannot come to church or choose to participate through that means, we wish to enhance what we offer through the purchase of newer cameras and devices.

Here's a list of the devices on our wish list:

Camera each	\$1,795.00 (2)
Monitor	\$458.00
Camera switcher	\$995.00
Projectors	\$1,500.00 (3x)
PTZ Cameras	\$1795.00 (2)
Cabling	\$100.00
Streaming Laptop	\$2000.00
Hanging Mics for Choir	\$500.00 (2x)

If you'd like to give to our live streaming efforts, designate it on a check to the church with the memo line "Live Stream" and the name of the item you'd like to see us purchase.



United Women in Faith's Soup Sale

The UWF is taking orders now for quarts of homemade potato, with or without meat, vegetable beef soup, and chicken tortilla soup. Simply fill out the order form and give it to a UWF member or email it to lindaw@shentel.net. You can call Linda Walters at 540-346-2004 or 757-635-0109 (Please leave a message if she doesn't answer.) or text to 757-635-0109 to order. Cost is \$10 a quart. Your soup can be packaged in a sterilized quart jar for an extra \$1 per quart. Otherwise, soup will be packaged in a new plastic quart container. You may pick up your soup on Sunday, October 23 after worship. Baked goods will be available to purchase as well. You can prepay for your soup with cash or check made out to RMUMW or pay at pickup. All funds raised will be used for UWF mission projects.

United Women in Faith's Soup Sale

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Available:	Quantity
Potato Soup (contains ham/bacon) @ \$10/quart	_____ qts.
Potato Soup (no meat) @ \$10/quart	_____ qts.
Vegetable Beef @ \$10/quart	_____ qts.
Chicken Tortilla @ \$10/quart	_____ qts.
Total quarts @\$10	_____ qts.

Option: I would like my soup in sterilized quart jars. _____ jars @ \$1 per jar _____

Total amount due _____

I have attached a check or cash to pay for my soup _____

I will pay for my soup at pick up. _____



Vital Congregation Statistics for August

I. Finances—Church Operating Budget

Amount Brought Forward From 2021	\$54,974	
Budgeted Offerings Expected to Receive through 8/31/22		\$173,672
Actual Offerings Received through 8/31/22	\$206,998	
Budgeted Expenses Expected to Spend through 8/31/22		\$206,644
Actual Expenses Paid through 8/31/22	<\$217,034>	
Ending Balance, 8/31/22	\$44,938	

- II. Average Worship Attendance = 103
 Average Online Viewers = 33
 Average Small Groups Attendance = 31



This month, the youth participated in a night of tying blankets which will soon be distributed throughout the county to the needy. As you may be aware, the number of visible homeless appears to be growing throughout the town. We expect that the blankets will go to these persons along with our special needs adult friends so that they can share in the warmth that the blankets provide. I'm proud of the effort of the youth and thankful for the women of the United Women in Faith. Partnerships like this make youth group special. While it is a group primarily oriented towards students from 6th-12th grade, they are bolstered by the work of others, spurred on to greater faithfulness. We don't do ministry alone.



Little Lambs in the News

(Kelsey Dillon, Director)

Happy Fall! The Little Lambs are excited to learn about signs of fall. We have many things planned for October. We will have our annual Trike-a-Thon and a fun Harvest Party. Little Lambs also has a field trip to the pumpkin patch this month. Our Bible verse for the month of October is, *the grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of God stands forever.* (Isaiah 40:8) We hope you all have a wonderful month.

Blessings!
 Kelsey



(Lynn Meeks, Director of Music Ministries)

Believe it or not, we're working on Christmas music! The **Children's Choirs** have started preparing their play to be presented on Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. You'll hear details in next month's newsletter. The children already love it! We are preparing a song that we will sing during worship to celebrate World Communion Sunday, October 2. We've also started practicing bell music. If your child is Wonderful Wednesday age and not already part of this program, come join us! See you next week.

The **Chancel Choir** has begun rehearsal on their Christmas cantata "Peace" by Joel Raney. We will practice our regular Sunday anthems from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45ish and then work exclusively on the cantata until 8:30 p.m. If you are a youth or adult and like to sing but can't join our Chancel Choir full time, let me know (so I can have a book ready for you) and come sing the Christmas music with us. You should plan to be here by 7:30 p.m. We will present this beautiful cantata on December 11 during worship. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at church (483-5338) or by email music@rm-umc.org.

We have a special anniversary in October. Our talented pianist, Jeanne Banks, will be celebrating 21 years of service in music ministry at RMUMC! Thank you so much Jeanne! (My sister from another mother.) We're so blessed to have you!

The **Bells** are ringing on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. We are already preparing a song for October and I have planned some fantastic Thanksgiving and Christmas pieces. If you have always wanted to play bells, now is your chance! We could use one more player.

FYI...Mittie Hambrick and Pat Cundiff were in our first handbells choir and have played bells for 30 years. Be sure to thank them for their faithfulness and service!!!

October 2 marks 33 years of my music ministry with you at Rocky Mount UMC. I look back at where we began and praise God for all the gifts of music we have shared. I have seen my first groups of children grow up, finish school, and begin their life journey as adults. I have had the privilege and blessing of knowing many saints who have now begun their eternal journeys. Each year I meet new children in Wonderful Wednesday and through working with the preschool. I feel so privileged to help them grow in faith and Christian service through the music we make together. Each week God blesses me with new opportunities to witness to my faith through working with you in our music ministry. Thank you for being such a wonderful church family and giving me this special avenue to serve. I love you all.

Love and Peace,
Lynn

"Laughter is the shortest distance
between two people."

—Victor Borge



The Bald Knob Artists would like to thank RMUMC for their participation and support for the first open art show.

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and food following the death of my brother. The expressions of sympathy shown to my family have helped us through a very difficult time.

Love in Christ,
Valerie Latimer

Please thank the members of the choir and other members of the church for their prayers and kind thoughts. We're both improving and feeling better each day. Joanne is facing 30 radiation treatments but we know God's with us. God bless you all,

Yours In Christ,
John and Joanne Plummer



D. J. Pritchard and Wayne Crickenberger and Family in the death of her aunt and his mother, June Crickenberger, on September 20

"I am always doing what I cannot do yet, in order to learn how to do it."

—attributed to Vincent van Gogh



**REQUESTS
—FOR—
PRAYER**

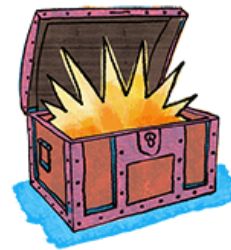
Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Evelyn Hutcherson (Mike Turner); Kash Kinder (Peggy Hodges); KC Barron (Becky Newbill); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

Hidden blessings



Dear friend, God may send you some valuable gifts wrapped in unattractive paper. But do not worry about the wrappings, for you can be sure that inside he has hidden treasures of love, kindness and wisdom. If we will simply take what he sends and trust him for the blessings inside, we will learn the meaning of the secrets of his providence, even in times of darkness.

—A.B. Simpson




Happy Birthday to:


- October 1 Peggy McAndrew
- October 1 Don Ranson
- October 2 Sylvia Cundiff
- October 2 Barbara Huffman
- October 3 Jake James
- October 3 Benjamin Turner
- October 4 Teal Colaprete
- October 4 Blair Graninger
- October 4 Sharon Jones
- October 5 Dick Higgins
- October 5 Willie Denny
- October 5 Charles Prillaman
- October 5 Phillip Roseberry
- October 6 Bill Engel
- October 8 Kathleen Higgins
- October 8 Vicky James
- October 9 Natalie Lorens
- October 11 Andrew Lorens
- October 11 Brandy Thompson
- October 12 Janet Osborne
- October 13 Christopher Land
- October 14 Martha Anderson
- October 15 Pat Cundiff
- October 15 Tammy Engel
- October 15 John Plummer
- October 17 Nat Hodges
- October 17 Christine Land
- October 18 Noah Burdick
- October 21 Christy Angle
- October 22 Tabitha Eitner
- October 22 Will English
- October 23 Cameron Haynes
- October 23 Riley Hodges
- October 24 Joshua Banks
- October 25 Priscilla Kent
- October 26 Stephanie Teeple
- October 28 Ainsley Revercomb
- October 31 Katie Meeks

Happy Anniversary to:

- October 1 Logan & Haley Byrd
- October 1 Anthony & Elisabeth Saldo
- October 2 Steven & Tabitha Eitner
- October 5 James & Ainsley Revercomb
- October 6 Lew & Paula Hege
- October 6 Chas & Jessica Mitchell
- October 8 Will & Emily Waller
- October 17 Phillip & Enna Roseberry
- October 23 Bays & Ranessa Gibson



PUZZLE 

SEEING CLEARLY 

God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans

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Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Brad Hodges, Custodian

Church Office Hours:
Monday, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
10:00 a.m. Small Groups
10:55 a.m. Worship