

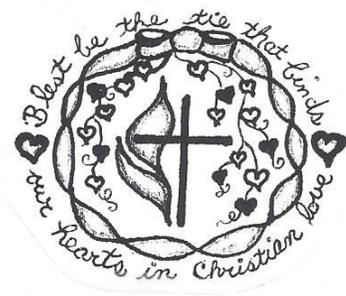
# THE TIE THAT BINDS

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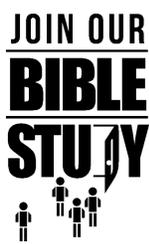
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Our Mission: "To Know Jesus and Share His Love"



Will Waller, Pastor

September 2018



## Bible Study Field Trips

On September 5 and September 19, there will be Bible Study and Field Trips. We'll begin at 4:30 p.m. on the 5th and at 11:30 a.m. on the 19th as we study

Scripture and visit four different ministries in the Rocky Mount area that RMUMC supports. The Bible Study is free, and will be led by Pastor Will. Each one should take about 2 hours.

The first day, September 5, we'll have tours of the Free Clinic and Heavenly Manna, and September 19, we'll visit Stepping Stone and Henry Fork Service Center. Sign-up by emailing Pastor Will at [will@rm-umc.org](mailto:will@rm-umc.org)

## Prayer Plan

Did you know that there is a prayer group that meets every Thursday for prayer in the sanctuary at 7:00 a.m.? Start our day off right with prayer with this small group. Each week, the prayer list is prayed over, and other prayer requests are made. In August, the prayer group rewrote psalms to personalize them in a Psalm Prayer notebook. In September, we'll utilize the Prayer Examen, an ancient prayer practice of mindfulness and awareness. See you at Prayer Group!



NEIGHBORLY  
LOVE

## Love FC Plan

Are you ready for an impactful connection to our county? Love FC (Franklin County) will be September 23-29 and is a week of just that! What can we do as a church that makes a splash in our neighborhood? Serve our neighbors with generous and selfless hearts!

To sign-up go to [www.rm-umc.org/lovefc.cfm](http://www.rm-umc.org/lovefc.cfm) and click on the SIGN-UP HERE link. Also, remember to drop your release form at the designated location outside the sanctuary or in the church office.



## Building Security

The keypad code will be changed as of October 15, 2018. You may begin signing the acceptance statement and receiving the new code as of September 1, 2018. Please see Valerie in the Church Office to sign the statement and receive the code. We do not wish to restrict any member from having access to our church. To help with the transition, there will also be someone in the Atrium with forms available for you to sign and receive the new code on the Sundays of September 9 and 16.



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*To Know Jesus And To Share His Love*

Dear RMUMC,

The World. It isn't just a globe that you had in your 3rd grade classroom. The World is a concept in Christianity of the people that are unchurched. Surely, you've heard in a sermon words disparaging The World. "Those people out there need such and such because they're part of The World." For whatever reason, this has become one of the buzzwords for describing people who are living a life without accepting the grace of Jesus Christ. I've been guilty of it in my sermons in the past.

The Church has at its disposal several approaches to The World. One of the approaches is to ignore it. The model shares that we as believers are just passing through, and so The World is not our home. Because of this, our only lifestyle choice should be ministry - being an actor, selling jeans, operating a restaurant or serving as an engineer are silly professions. Ignore The World, make it through your 80 years and be done with it.

Another approach is to be just like The World. Blend in, make like a spy and infiltrate it by becoming exactly like it. The appeal is to be able to speak fluently in culture, to not make a fuss so that you could win more people to Christ. One of the problems that arises in this is that faith is confined to an hour once a week, and there is no engagement in missions outside the walls of the church. The World is 99.9% of the week, whereas faith and the church take up that last 0.1% of it.

Yet another example of how to interact with the World is to despise the World. Perhaps the most visible example of this is Westboro Baptist Church, a congregation that pickets the funerals of soldiers who have died in service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Anger, not engagement, is what defines this type of relationship with the World. Denouncing and criticizing are the name of that game.

Finally, the Church can, and I believe should, love the World. Yes, yes there are some things that we should be against, and yes there are things that we should adopt (cupcakes are unabashedly good), yet we must, in all our ways, have love be the driving attribute of the Church's interaction with the World. We engage with the distinctiveness of the Kingdom of God. We are residents in the World, but should not be seeking primarily the approval of the dominant culture.

So I invite you to Love FC September 23-29. There are projects throughout Franklin County that reveal our love for the World (and that little blessed slice of it in Virginia called Franklin). Sign-up by going to [www.rm-umc.org](http://www.rm-umc.org) and clicking the Love FC tab. Indeed, let us "seek the peace and prosperity of (the World) to which I have carried you" (Jeremiah 29:7).

In Christ,  
Pastor Will



All women of the church are invited to the Ladies Bible Study that begins September 4. We will be studying “Living Beyond Yourself-Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit” by Beth Moore. We will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room (Redeemer’s SS Classroom) every Tuesday for 11 weeks. Books will cost \$16 per person. Please notify Linda Walters (540-346-2004; [lindaw@shentel.net](mailto:lindaw@shentel.net)) or Peggy Hodges (540-483-0771; [peggyjhodges@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyjhodges@hotmail.com)) as soon as possible if you plan to participate. Invite your friends and family to come too!

**Anatomy of Peace**  
**Bible Study**

Pastor Will will be leading a book study for four weeks in



October to coincide with Wonderful Wednesday. On the first four weeks of October, Pastor Will will lead us through a book called *Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict* by The Arbinger Institute. This book will guide us through conflict resolution, and how each individual carries the burden of seeking a heart of peace. Please sign up by September 15 to enable the church to purchase the books for you (cost of a book is \$5). Email [admin@rm-umc.org](mailto:admin@rm-umc.org) if you’d like to participate.



UMM

**United Methodist**  
**Men**

(Mark Newbill,  
President)

The United Methodist Men will resume their monthly breakfast meetings on September 16 at 8:45 a.m. We encourage all men in the church to attend.

**Automated Electronic**  
**Defibrillator Training**

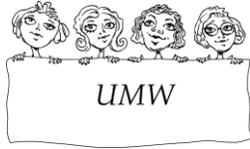


The church trustees are intending to purchase an Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED) in the fall. In preparation of having one, we are inviting you to a training on September 20 at 6:00 p.m. for CPR (infant, children, and adults) as well as how to operate an AED. If you would like to attend, the training cost is \$30. Sign-up by sending Valerie Latimer, church administrator, an email to [admin@rm-umc.org](mailto:admin@rm-umc.org) or calling the church at 483-5338.



**SERVING LUNCH AT**  
**STEPPING STONE SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 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!



**United Methodist  
Women**  
(Linda Walters,  
President)

If you have done some reading for the 2018 UMW Reading Program, it is not too late to get your reading list to Linda Walters. The report is due to the Danville District by September 15. Remember all reading counts. You DO NOT have to complete a plan. If you have read books to children, list their names as readers on your report as well.

The annual business meeting was conducted on Monday, August 27 at which time the 2019 budget and 2019 meeting/programs schedule were presented. A soup fundraiser is being planned for October. Our speaker for that day was a representative of Stepping Stone Mission.

There is no UMW meeting in September. Rebekah Broughton will share the mission of Street Ransom and present a program on human trafficking (See newsletter article for details) at our meeting on October 1 at 10:00 a.m. A love offering for Street Ransom will be taken.

The UMW continues to collect Box Tops for Education, soda can tabs and canceled stamps. The box for these collections is in the hall to the left of the Narthex on the windowsill near the mailboxes. We will also continue to collect any school supplies for UMCOR kits and crayons and coloring books for the sheriff's office.

Our #1 goal for 2018 continues to be increasing membership. We welcome all women of the church to join us the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room. If you cannot attend daytime meetings, but would like to be involved, Linda will be happy to communicate all meeting and project

information to you by e-mail. Please contact Linda Walters (540-346-2004, lindaw@shentel.net) or any other United Methodist woman if you are interested or have questions.

**World Communion  
Sunday  
Bread Request**



On October 7, we'll be celebrating with Christians around the world, World Communion Sunday. To help celebrate World Communion Sunday, we're asking bakers from throughout the church to bake bread that'll be used in the service for Holy Communion. If you'd like to contribute, speak with Martha Anderson or Annette Board, our Worship Co-chairs. We intend to have different types of bread to represent the different countries celebrating this special day.

**Yard Sale**

Start stashing your stuff and clearing the closets! The Branches class will be hosting a



Yard Sale on Saturday, October 13, with sales benefiting the students in need within our area schools! While we'll take just about anything, holiday decor (from any holiday!), home decor and kitchen items did particularly well. We hope to secure pick up afterwards for larger, heavier items, so be sure to check for updates in October as we get close to the date.

No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire."  
—L. Frank Baum

## **RMUMW Welcomes Street Ransom Speaker at October 1 Meeting**

Rebekah Broughton, Communications Coordinator for Street Ransom in Roanoke will be the speaker at the October 1 meeting of the Rocky Mount United Methodist Women. The meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium.



Rebekah grew up in the outskirts of Roanoke, Virginia, and attended James Madison University where she studied Communication and Humanitarian Affairs. During her time at JMU,

Rebekah discovered a new passion for social justice issues, and her eyes were opened to the prevalence of sex trafficking in our nation here and now. After graduating in May 2016, Rebekah moved back to her hometown and began interning at Street Ransom. Almost a year later, Rebekah took what she learned through her internship and joined the Street Ransom team as the Communications Coordinator. She now educates others in the Roanoke area about the realities of sex trafficking.

Street Ransom was founded as a ministry of Straight Street Roanoke Valley in 2014. Our mission is to empower the lives of those affected by sexual exploitation through awareness and aftercare.

### **Awareness**

We shed light on the pervasive issue of sexual exploitation in our community. Through media campaigns, community events, professional trainings, and prevention education curriculum, we teach the public how to identify sex trafficking and equip individuals to know how to respond.

### **Aftercare**

We partner with local, state, and federal agencies to meet survivors' most critical needs such as food, clothing, transportation, counseling, casework, and legal aid. Our crisis shelter will provide a secure haven and comprehensive trauma-informed care for female juvenile survivors of sex trafficking.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Linda Walters at [lindaw@shentel.net](mailto:lindaw@shentel.net) or call 757-635-0109. A love offering for Street Ransom will be taken.



### **Danville District Charge Conference**

Danville District Charge Conference will be held at Danville's Fairview United Methodist Church on October 20 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. If you are on Church Council, you're especially encouraged to attend. We will have a caravan leaving Rocky Mount UMC at 8:00 a.m. that morning if you'd like to catch a ride. District Conference will be at the same time and will enable you to get some training on different positions within the church.



### **Name Tags**

(Martha Collins, Coordinator)

Remember to wear your name tags by:

Putting it:

on your wallet or in your purse  
with your make-up or after shave  
in the bathroom near your toothbrush  
on your dresser or chest  
in your vehicle

OR BY

Putting a "sticky note" on the door you go out as you come to church on which is printed - NAME TAG



## Vital Congregation Statistics for July

### I. Finances—Church Operating Budget

Amount Brought Forward From 2017	\$39,986	
Transferred to Building Fund 4/30/18	<\$10,000>	
Budgeted Offerings Expected to Receive through 7/31/18		\$169,351
Actual Offerings Received through 7/31/18	\$155,913	
Budgeted Expenses Expected to Spend through 7/31/18		\$169,561
Actual Expenses Paid through 7/31/18	<\$138,355>	
Ending Balance, 7/31/18	\$47,544	

### II. Average Worship Attendance = 143

Average Sunday School Attendance = 35



Youth group has had an amazing summer. Just to recap: They've hiked McAfee's Knob, swam in freezing Roaring Run Falls, and clambered over truck-sized boulders in Devil's Marbleyard. They've studied and gleaned biblical truths from the movie *Napoleon Dynamite*. They have gone to serve the equine community at Healing Strides in Boones Mill. They got to serve lunch for the Japanese students that the church hosted. And they enjoyed good discussions on patriotism and the Bible. What does the Fall have in store for them? They'll be planning their own schedule soon. If you want to be a part of this group, which loves Jesus and loves to do for others, come on Sunday nights at 5:30 p.m. You'll be glad you did!

## Keeping score

Baseball purists often delight in keeping detailed scorecards. So do many Christians – often unknowingly. Do you give yourself “credit” for your years in the faith? for the number of services or studies you attend? for the good deeds you perform? for the Bible verses and creeds you know by heart?

In Philippians 3:4-6, Paul recites his impressive scorecard, yet despite those credentials, he couldn't earn God's favor. Neither can we. Our tallies are all “loss” (v. 7) when compared to the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ (v. 9).

Attending church, serving and memorizing Scripture are good things. But we do them not to *get* right with God but because we *are* right with God – through Jesus.



## **Music Notes**

(Lynn Meeks, Director of Music Ministries)

This time of year is so exciting! I have new music for all the choirs and the seasonal music has been chosen and ordered.

**Our first handbell rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.** At our first rehearsal, we'll begin with a piece to present in worship in October as well as starting some great Thanksgiving and Christmas music. **Remember, I'm looking for adults, middle school, and high school students.** I'm hoping for an overflow crowd!

**Calling mature 4-year-olds through fifth graders! Join us for Wonderful Wednesday!** Come enjoy some fun songs and games as well as our Bible story and craft. I hope to see our returning friends as well as lots of new faces. See you on **September 12 at 5:00 p.m.!!**

It is very important to have an accurate head count for our first meeting since we need to plan how much food and how many craft projects to prepare. **If you haven't registered your child yet, don't worry, just let me know as soon as possible that they are coming and also if you are available to volunteer. We really need more helpers!! You may call the church office 483-5338 or email me at [music@rm-umc.org](mailto:music@rm-umc.org) anytime.** We're going to have a great year!

**New Members/Welcome Back Members Chancel Choir night is September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Since some faithful members have "retired," there are still some empty seats we really need filled!!! We will begin some new pieces, start to look at our Thanksgiving music and Christmas cantata and have time for refreshments and fellowship. **If you enjoy singing, whether you have been in a choir**

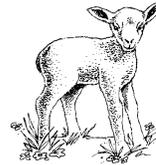
## **before or not, I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us on September 12.**

(This choir is open to middle and high school students, as well as adults.) See you then!

All choirs meet upstairs in the Music Room beside the children's Sunday school area. Adults, if you shy away from stairs, take the elevator to the fourth floor! Wonderful Wednesday parents, I would like an adult to come with your child upstairs at 5:00 p.m. and one of our volunteers will escort them downstairs to the parking lot level at 6:30 p.m.

I hope everyone has had a restful summer. I can't wait to see you in choir!

Love and Peace,  
Lynn



## **Little Lambs in the News**

(Jan Mohler, Director)

Our Parent Orientation was well attended. We are thankful for the engagement and enthusiasm of our Little Lambs parents. A successful year is truly a team effort and we are excited and optimistic about the year ahead.

Please keep the children, their parents and their teachers in your prayers after Labor Day. It's an emotional time for everyone and prayers are appreciated.

At the end of September, we will be holding our eighth Trike-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The dates are Tuesday, September 25 and Friday, September 28. If you would like to support the children in their efforts either financially or with your time, please contact the preschool.

Blessings,  
Jan



Thank you to all who reached out to us with your thoughtful kindness during the past few months. All the cards, visits, and prayers for Daddy (Potts Cundiff) brightened his days and touched our hearts. We feel so blessed to have such a loving, faithful, and supportive church family.

Our thanks and gratitude to members of the Bereavement Committee and all who provided and served food for the luncheon prior to Daddy's service. It was awesome and delicious.

Love,  
Benny, Annette & Benjamin Board

Thank you so much for your participation in our 2018 Book Drive to benefit children in the Hampton Roads area through the South Hampton Roads Mission Project, as well as in the Rocky Mount area through the Serve Worship and Glorify God VBS. With your help, we collected over 3,000 books!

Last year we collected 700 books, which was fantastic! The goal this year was to collect more than 700 books and with lots of prayer, hard work and giving from you, we far exceeded that goal! Our final count was 3,030 books that were then given to children in neighborhoods where there might not be a library within walking distance, or if there is one, it might be too dangerous to make the walk. Research has shown that kids who read more do better in school, which in turn given them a better chance of being successful as an adult. I greatly appreciate your support in this book drive. Thank you for helping us to help children go more places!

Erin Lynch  
Member, Rocky Mount Baptist Church



**Prayer Concerns:**

Our country, those serving in our armed forces, and our church; Jean Hodges; Sam Cook; CO Brickey; Tim Funk; Ben & Chris Angle;

Kim Easter; John Cooper; Jeanette Singleton; Florence Miller; Heather Mackenzie; Donna Dillon; Hannah Bain; Debbie Ford; David Ferguson; Shelley Bird; Essie Wilson; DJ Snider; Ann Davis; Sharon Young; Joanne Patterson; Shirley Funk; Dennis Holland; Jennifer Tatum; Tiffanee Anderson; Martha Williams; Lorrie Williams; Mark Singleton; Jennifer Cooper; Kathy Cunningham; Don Applegarth; and Patricia Perdue.

**Forget-Me-Nots:**

Mildred Dillon; Marion Higgins; Margaret Linkous; and Ann Robinson.



**Charlotte Hill and Family** in the death of her brother, Robert Ullery.

**Family of Walter Cundiff** who died on August 17

**Why God watches**

An English bishop recalled a childhood visit to an elderly woman, who showed him a framed text that read "Thou God seest me."

The woman told him, "When you're older, people will tell you that God is always watching you to see when you do wrong, in order to punish you. I don't want you to think of it that way. Instead, take the text home and remember all your life that God loves you so much he can't take his eyes off you."

# Just for Kids

## IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

*Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.*

	blind		hear
	leprosy		walk
	lame		raised
	deaf		sight
	dead		cleansed

The \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_, the l \_\_\_\_\_, those who have \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ ...

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV

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**Reverend Will Waller, Pastor**  
**Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music Ministries**  
**Jeanne Banks, Music Accompanist**  
**Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant**  
**Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant**

**(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.)**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:55 a.m. Worship**