

The Russell Report

Russell Memorial United Methodist Church
A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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Combined Easter Service and Potluck

Our Easter worship celebration this year will be a combined service at 10:00. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, we will celebrate the new life being experienced in our young people who will be baptized and confirmed during worship. The congregation and guests will be invited to stay afterward for a lunch. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be present on this most special day.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13
9 A.M.

Bring your Easter basket and join us with St. Marks CME Church as we hunt for Easter eggs. Open to all kids up to 6th grade. Bring your friends.

Sponsored by Russell memorial UMC
201 S. 4th Street
In the park behind the Deen Building





K6 Kids

Our Youth and K6 Kids meet Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. in the Deen Building. Join us for fun times, fellowship and FOOD!! We will feed the kiddos supper for you. Don't miss out, we'd love for you to join us! (The youth program follows the school calendar. When the kids are on break at school, we are on break also.)

As always, we would appreciate financial assistance for feeding the kiddos on Wednesday. If you feel led, please earmark your funds for Youth Food. Thank you!



Food Drive

We have sponsored the Middle School back pack program for many years now. This vital program sends backpacks filled with food home each weekend with students in need. We have found that the Junior High is in desperate need of the food items as well. Items should be easily opened and consumed by a child (nothing requiring a can opener). Small containers and single-servings are helpful, as well. These can include (but are not limited to) cracker packs, pop top meal cups, cups of fruit, single serve cereal, and so forth. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. "I was hungry, and you gave me food." (Matthew 25:35)

Save the Date!

July 7th, between services at the Deen Building Celebrate Gospel for Asia's 40th anniversary and see different ways you can partner with the ministry. There will be cake and punch! More details coming soon!



Youth Mission Trip Fund Raiser

Check out these cups! You can get your 16 oz. travel tumbler for just a \$20 donation to the Youth Mission Trip fund. As you may know, the youth have traveled to Baldwin, LA the last two years. They have worked with the wonderful people at UMCOR Sager Brown, on site and in the surrounding communities. This is such a awesome opportunity for our folks to see and understand that not everyone lives in the same way that they do, and that there are people that need our help and support. Find a youth on Sunday morning, get your cup, and help to plant the seed of volunteerism in our children!



Give me a "Church"
Bring on some "Coaches"
Add in some "Kids"

What do you have?

This year's MEGA Sports Camp VBS!

That's right folks, this year we are trying something new with VBS. We are partnering up with the CME church next door to host a VBS that will not only teach kids about God, but will teach them the basics of team sports as well. This is a very exciting opportunity for our church, and we hope you will all join us July 9-12 for an awesome mini-week filled with fun, friends, activity, and learning about our Lord.

We will need coaches, youth mentors and lots of water! We know it's going to be hot out there. And don't worry— no coaching experience is required, but if you have ever played a team sport and don't mind passing on your skills to the next generation of players, we can surely use you!

We will be holding VBS from 6:30 to 8:30 each day, and we will wrap up the week with a family fun night that everyone is encouraged to come and participate in. Also, for all you adults who think you might have outgrown VBS, there will be an adult class just for you! Our church neighbors introduced this new idea to us, and we think it is grand. The CME leaders will be heading up this portion, so come gain perhaps a new perspective on what the kids are learning.

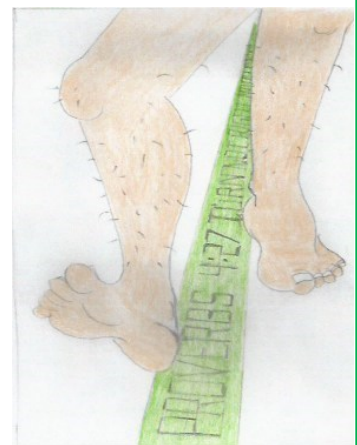
If you are an adult interested in helping with flag football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, or cheer please contact either Leslie Nychka (lnychka@hotmail.com) or Dana Hullum (danamhullum@me.com), and we will keep you posted on what's happening.

We are looking forward to this year's VBS and can't wait to kick off camp!

Blessings to all,
Your VBS team

Proverbs 4:27 Men's Conference

Join us on April 27th, in the RMUMC Deen Building, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., for the Proverbs 4:27 Men's Conference. We have several dynamic speakers on tap, Kendall Banks from First Baptist Mineola, Donald Smith from Antioch Missionary Baptist in Chandler, Mayor Mark Turner from Wills Point, Nathel Johnson from True Believers Baptist, and Butch Smith formerly with Coaches Outreach. If you pre-register, the cost is \$15, tickets at the door are \$20. Lunch will be provided. Tell all your friends, and don't miss out! Registration forms are available at the church.



Calendar of Events for April



Dates to Remember for Remainder of April!

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 Friday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
 Saturday, April 20, **NO UMM BREAKFAST**
 Sunday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday **COMBINED** Worship Service
 followed by POTLUCK (Confirmation during service)
 Thursday, April 25, Reading Under Stars @ WPMS
 Saturday, April 27, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Proverbs 4:27 Men's Conference

Happy Birthday!

Linda Greenwald
 Katie Robinette
 Sarah Cartwright
 Maxine Clopton
 Cole Roberts
 Lois Butts
 Andrea Brown
 Scott Miracle
 Zac Moore
 Thomas Butts
 Suzy Birdwell
 Barbara Lathem
 Jana Teel
 Michael Keller

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Angela Smith
 Abby Wilcoxson
 Cyndi Fields
 Daniel Turner

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Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Carolyn Hawkins (Chair), Molly Brittain, Kathleen Bobbitt, Charlotte Conn

Ushers: Robert Greenwald (Head), Barbara Lamb, Denny McCormick, Gerald Haney

Communion Stewards: March/April—Beau & Linda Poteet, assistant, Barbara Lamb

May/June—Dan & Martha Todd, assistant, Donna Rowland



Our Presence and Our Gifts

	<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 10</u>	<u>March 17</u>	<u>March 24</u>
the early service	40	29	47	40
Sunday School	78	81	76	Brunch
Traditional Worship	89	118	82	97
	\$8,243.25	\$7,430.50	\$4,442.00	\$4,012.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Sanctuary Choir 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Cub Scouts	2	3 5:30pm K6/Youth 6:00pm Ladies Bells	4	5	6 10:00am Cake at Crestwood
7 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	8 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Sanctuary Choir 5:00pm Day School 6:00pm Finance 6:30pm Cub Scouts	9	10 5:30pm K6/Youth 6:00pm Ladies Bells	11	12	13 9:00am UMW Brunch 8:00am Safety Team Meeting
14 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Disciple Study	15 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Sanctuary Choir 6:30pm Cub Scouts	16	17 5:30pm K6/Youth 6:00pm Ladies Bells	18 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	19 7:00pm Good Friday Service	20 9:00am Crafting with Christ Wills Point Bluebird Festival
21 EASTER 10:00am COMBINED WORSHIP Followed by Potluck 2:00pm Crestwood 5:00pm Disciple Study	22 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Day School 6:30pm Cub Scouts	23 8:00am Pastor's Breakfast in Deen Building	24 5:30pm K6/Youth 6:00pm Ladies Bells	25 Reading Under the Stars at WPMS	26	27 Proverbs 4:27 Men's Conference 8:30am-3:00pm
28 8:30 am Early Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Disciple Study 7:00pm Pre Conference Meeting for NW District	29 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group 5:00pm Day School 6:30pm Cub Scouts	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Communion offering this month will go to the bereavement fund </div>			



United Methodist Men and Youth Working Together

The United Methodist Men took on a building project at their March meeting. They, with the help of some of our youth, built a Gaga Ball pit in the park behind the Deen Building. Gaga Ball is a game played internationally, but we know it from our days at Lakeview Church Camp. Some of the men building the pit had never heard of or seen Gaga Ball. The youth were more than happy to demonstrate and get to be the first to play in this awesome pit! Looks to me like Jerry Don might have beat the girls, or maybe they let him win?!

Remember in Prayer:

Allen Thompson
Angie Smith
Annette & Gerald Clemmons
Anita Hullum
Denny McCormick
Becky Davis
Betty Manning
Bill Atkinson
Billy Joe Mince
Bill Way
Bryan Cunningham
Bruce Lacy
Christy (Culpepper's
granddaughter)
Chuck & Nelda Currie
Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living
Daisy Bates & Family

Dana Hullum
Darby Watson
Dee Lutzinger
Dianna Perry
Rene Cartwright & Family
Dwayne Moon
Galope Family
Methodist Church (RMUMC)
Henry Lewis
Homeland Security
Huff Family
Jack Golden
The James Brown Family
Jason Wortham
Jerry Bodin
Jimmy Wilson
Joanne Watson
John Buffington
Judy Culpepper
Karen Samples

Laura Bates
Liz Ellis
Marvin Carlisle
Maxine Page
Missionaries
Our Armed Forces, Troops in
Korea
Peggy Kinney
Mark Brown
Ray Caplinger
Scott Lide
Shirley Reed
Students, Teachers, &
Administrators
Ted Deen, Sr.
Tim Bernard
Tom & Lois Butts
Tornado Victims
Valerie Reese

Angel Tree Extra

It's never too early to start planning for next year! While you are out and about, if you see GREAT deals on coats and shoes, especially in larger kid and adult sizes, please pick them up! Also, 24 and 26 inch bikes. These are ALWAYS needed! Also, we are collecting peanut butter (any kind, any size) and soup of all kinds (mostly, things kids will eat, like chicken noodle, chicken and stars, any size on that as well). There are wooden collection boxes, one in the Narthex and one at the entrance of the Deen building. You can put your food donations there. In March, we'd like emphasize sports balls of all types. As always, thank you all for your generosity.



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Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor
Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director
Kristy Adams, Pianist
Erin Galope, Youth Bell Director
Amy Goodson, Contemporary Prayz Band Leader

Dr. Bob Gilbreth, Music Director
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist
Kelli Huff, K6 Kids Coordinator
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator
Jerry Don Huff, Youth Director

Join us Sunday Morning!

Contemporary Worship @ 8:30 Sunday School @ 9:45 Traditional Worship @ 11:00

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

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