

HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!

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Just These Lines My Friends to say that Prayer changes things.....

What is God calling me to be in life of the body of Christ? Here are some of my answers to this prayer of discernment: a beloved child of God, a mind and heart prepared worshiper, a servant leader, a minister of the Word and Sacrament, Order and Service. I recall a mentor's words to me on the ministry of the elder- *preside and unify!* How am I doing, friends, at living out my calling in the life of the body of Christ known as Ramsey Church? Thank you for praying for your Pastors and their families; we rely on your prayers.

What is God calling you to be in the life of the body of Christ? Where and how is God's Kingdom work being served by your words and actions?

At a recent gathering on the power of prayers of discernment, I learned the following about prayer:

The importance of praying for God's will for our church.

Praying and believing that the mighty presence of God will 'show up' every time we gather in worship, fellowship, learning and service.

Praying and believing in the reality to which the Gospel witnesses- the redeemed and redeeming Kingdom of God.

The speaker invited us to consider how much of our prayer lives was given to 'I' questions, 'We' questions and 'God' questions....

Where is God at work in our midst, what matters to God?

As one of your pastor leaders, I invite us to a time of continuing renewal in our communal prayer life- Listening, Observing/Learning, Testing, and Obeying. What would it mean for our Ramsey Church to take our communal prayer life another step? A group of prayer servants gathers on Thursday mornings and is inviting the congregation to a season of prayer revival. Perhaps this will be a catalyst in taking our prayer lives another step as we discern together.

Thank you for the many prayers that are lifted daily for the many needs in our church, community and world. I am believing with you that **Prayer Changes Things!**

With love and prayers,

Pastor Deb

Spring Festival & Yard Sale, April 23rd

Spring is here and don't forget our Community Spring Festival is Saturday, April 23rd from 9:30 – 1:30 with the Agape Yard Sale beginning at 7:00. We are in need of cakes or pies for the "Cake Walk" and "Canopy" folding tents to borrow to give our festival a carnival feel. If you can bake us a cake or pie, or have a canopy to lend, please call the church office at 276-4628 or fill-out the yellow card that is in the bulletin on Sundays. We are also in need of persons to help with the games, food, parking, pictures; please give us a couple of hours to make this year's festival the best one yet. Come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship that we have together. You won't want to miss it.

Please keep us in mind when you clean out your closets, garage and storage areas. If you need assistance in moving larger items, please contact a member of the AGAPE class. We have a small amount of storage in the barn. Beginning April 17, we can accept items in the CLC. Please support our mission fundraiser.

La fiesta de la primavera y la venta de garaje será el 23 de abril. Necesitamos la ayuda de todos para que sea un éxito. ¡Apreciamos toda su ayuda! Todavía necesitamos donaciones de pasteles y tartas. También tenemos que pedir prestado tiendas de campaña. Nos recuerde cuando se está limpiando su casa, y donar algunos artículos a la venta de garaje . Llame a Sue Newman para más información.



Men's Bible Study & Grill Night

Estudio Bíblico para hombres

FIGHT/LUCHA

A Study on Samson
Un estudio sobre Samson

Mondays at 6:30pm



April 18 through May 16



MAY 15TH
PENTECOST SUNDAY
COME HOLY SPIRIT!

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS
¡VEN ESPÍRITU SANTO!



The Ramsey Church family remembers those who have claimed the promise of resurrection this year. We offer prayers and thoughts to the family and friends of:

Carol Areee Mary Dunbar

Shirley Mucha Betty Raper

Bernie Gerring Chris Griffin

Gladys Farmer



In Loving Memory



PUZZLE

A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

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23 15 18 12 4, and 1 12 12 23 8 15 12 9 22 5
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Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

Desde un Rincon pastoral

Por tanto, si sienten algún estímulo en su unión con Cristo, algún consuelo en su amor, algún compañerismo en el Espíritu, algún afecto entrañable, lléname de alegría teniendo un mismo parecer, un mismo amor, unidos en alma y pensamiento. Filipenses 2:1-2

No se cuantos de ustedes han puesto atención a la placa del carro de Sarah, la líder de jóvenes, y si no le han puesto atención, bueno permítanme decirles que en español, de acuerdo a lo que yo entiendo, significa "Me gustan los jarros". A la conclusión a la que yo he llegado es que como el barro en las manos del alfarero, Sarah desea alcanzar a otros y otras con el fin de dejarles saber que ella conoce a un alfarero que puede darle forma y figura a sus vidas. E igual que este mensaje en las placas del carro de Sarah, Pablo en Filipenses 2:1-2 nos solicita a nosotros, la iglesia de Cristo que complementemos nuestra felicidad en Cristo. Pablo da gracias a Dios por la comunión de la iglesia (Filipenses 1:3), y ahora les está indicando que llenen por completo su corazón de gozo sintiendo un mismo amor, un sentir unánime.

Hace mucho tiempo aprendí que como iglesia de Cristo hay un lazo que no puede romperse, si así nosotros lo queremos y ese es el lazo del amor de Dios que se fortaleció en un pesebre hace más de dos mil años atrás y que culmino con una la más viva y perfecta evidencia en la cumbre del Gólgota.

Por lo tanto, mis hermanos y hermanas dejemos que el compañerismo en el Espíritu nos llene de alegría y un mismo sentir en este cambio de estación, la primavera ha llegado y el mensaje del Espíritu necesita desplegarse de muchas y diferentes maneras no solamente a través de nuestras palabras, adoración publica y asistencia a la iglesia, sino que también con nuestras manos en acción y nuestros pies caminando hacia nuestra morada final impactemos la vida de otros y otras, adultos, niños y jóvenes con el mensaje de uno que puede transformar cualquier tipo de barro y darle forma y figura de acuerdo a la voluntad del Gran Alfarero.

En Cristo Jesús,

Su servidora en Cristo,

Pastora Norma

Conference News

On April 10, Ramsey will participate in the VA Conference Prayer Vigil for the General Conference that will take place May 10th-20th. This will be a 24-hour period of praying for the General Conference, and all those who will be attending. See our sign-up sheet to choose a 1 hour shift to lift this need up in prayer.



This a prayer suggested by the Virginia Conference:

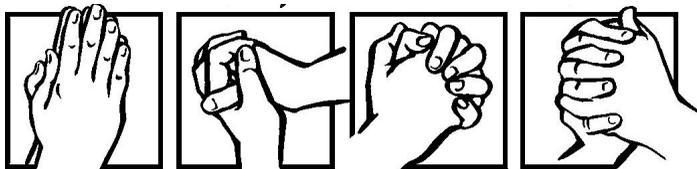
“Oh Lord, we come to offer our praise and thanksgiving for your presence and gifts, your mercy and grace. We come to ask for strength and courage as we pray for our General Conference, for the delegates and for your United Methodist Church. We pray Lord, hold your delegates in the palm of your hand. Give them wisdom, compassion and understanding to make difficult and necessary decisions to strengthen and grow your church. We acknowledge Lord that we are a diverse people, of different cultures, understandings, biases, beliefs and desires. Instill in us a sense of the Body of Christ, that we may in our differences be one Body of Christ. Where there is division, lead us to unity and maintain our focus on your mission that you have for us in the world, to make disciples in relationship with you.”

Vigilia de oración

El 10 de abril , vamos a participar en una vigilia de oración para la Conferencia General de UMC . Por favor, registrarse para un desplazamiento de 1 hora para orar.

Aquí es una sugerencia para la oración :

“Oh Señor , ofrecemos alabanza y acción de gracias a ustedes por su presencia y los dones , y por su misericordia y gracia . Rezamos por nuestros delegados de la Conferencia General y de la UMC . Oramos Señor , las conservan en la palma de su mano. darles la sabiduría para tomar decisiones difíciles para fortalecer y hacer crecer la iglesia . Reconocemos que somos un pueblo diverso , de diferentes culturas, interpretaciones , prejuicios , creencias y deseos . Infundir en nosotros un sentido del cuerpo de Cristo , que nuestras diferencias pueden ser un solo Cuerpo de Cristo . Donde hay división , sanar y unificar y mantener nuestro enfoque en su misión de hacer discípulos.”



*Dear Pastor Deb and Everyone,
Thank you for the nice call I received. It's so good to be remembered. The arm and shoulder are still sore, and I continue to exercise. I am improving. Thanks also for all the prayers. I know they help. I think the snow is changing over to sleet now, so I'll take this to the mailbox.*

*Love,
Brenda Cordle*

Kevin and I want to thank the Ramsey family for their support during his surgery and recovery. We appreciated the visits, prayer shawl, dinners, cards and most of all the prayers for recovery. We are grateful for the support and healing.

- Joan McGowan

Dear Ramsey family,

My family and I would like to thank you for all the cards, phone calls, love gifts and most of all your love with mom's passing. A big thank you for Pastor Deb's beautiful service.

We love you,

Jan Wood

THANKS
— from the —
HEART

We want to thank our Ramsey Family for the numerous cards, prayers, and calls we have received during Jim's bout with the shingles, not over them yet but hope it won't be much longer.

Thanks again,

Jim & Caroline Kastelberg

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to our Ramsey Church Family for all the love we received during Bernie's brief illness and passing. All of the prayers, thoughts, hugs, cards and presence from each of you have been overwhelming. A special Thanks to Pastor Deb for your comforting visit to Dad and your prayers over Bernie, even though we could not be there. And to our Agape Sunday School class for the perfect reception so that we could visit with family and friends. We thank God for all of you.

Love, Iggy, Beth, Craig and Family

Thank you so very much for your lovely letter. I have received the program and it looks like a beautiful celebration of his life. I am so sad that I could not be there.

I'm trying so hard to figure out why all this is happening. I know that I shouldn't question God's will but I can't help it. It will get better, I know, but it's going to take a very long time.

I'm working on getting together a photo package of Chris' life and I'll send it along as soon as it's done. Meanwhile, rest assured that all you did for him will never be forgotten!

Love from here...Jan (mother of Chris Griffin)

United Methodist Women News:

Saturday, April 2nd— Shalom Farms- *On the Road Again*, Time: 9:00 am-12:30 pm
Mission Emphasis: 12 Pack Assorted Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers , 8 Pack Assorted Ultra Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers, 12 Pack Black Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers, 12 Pack Black Chisel Tip Dry Erase Markers, Youth Gloves (for kids ages 3-15)-cloth, not leather, Young Adult/Adult work gloves-cloth, not leather, Orange Home Depot 5 gallon buckets (must be orange!)

Saturday, April 16—District Prayer Breakfast

Where: Wesley Memorial UMC, 1720 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23223
Program: "Blessedness in the Sisterhood with Mozambique".
Registration and \$8.00 due by April 2. We will carpool from Ramsey on April 16 leaving at 8:00 am.

Saturday, May 21—Ramsey Memorial UMW Unit Meeting

Where: Fellowship Hall
When: 10 AM
Program: "Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of United Methodist Women"

Spud Sunday



We would like to thank everyone who attended and/or donated to the Spud Sunday lunch on March 13. We raised a total of \$740.00 to send to the United Methodist Tornado relief fund! If you were unable to be there, but would still like to donate, please send your check to the office, or put in the offering plate, payable to Ramsey Missions and notate that it is for this relief fund. We will see that your contribution goes directly to help those affected by the tornados.

We are also considering making a weekend trip to either Waverly or Appomattox to lend physical help to the relief efforts. Once UMWIM notifies us that they are ready to accept work teams, we will pick a date and let the congregation know. If you have interest in being a part of this team, please let any member of the Mission team know, contact the office, or indicate such on the yellow card and put in the offering plate. Together we CAN make a difference!

- Your Ramsey Mission Team



Neighborhood Supper

Cena comunitaria
April 30th, 5:00 PM
in the CLC

55+ Luncheon

April 8th at 12:00pm

April showers bring
May flowers and
55+ luncheons!
Bring a friend!



Once again, the Kirkie Powell Class is sponsoring the Mother's Day bulletin insert. For only 50 cents, you can honor your Mom on her special day, May 8. Envelopes will be in the pew racks for your convenience.



Come and See:



The Come and See small group is currently in the middle of a video curriculum about practicing our faith in all areas of life. Drop in any time to one of our meetings! We meet on April 6th and April 23rd. We are also gearing up for a small group retreat sometime this spring!

LENTEN OFFERING

Your donations to our Lenten Offering totaled over \$5000. This is a huge help to take care of the many repairs and maintenance projects around the church. The Trustees and Finance Committee deeply appreciate your stewardship.



BIRTHDAYS—CUMPLEAÑOS

Hannah Taylor	1	Curtis Walsh	20
Dante Lowe	5	Mitzie Conner	20
Sharon Cheatham	10	Tanya Ashby	22
Steve Atkinson	10	Jane Adams	22
Lisa Irving	12	Beverly Tucker	24
Norma Britt	13	Patricia Person	24
Bayo Ogungbade	15	Melissa Vance	25
Joel Austin	16	Tory Shelton	26
Beverly Rugani	17	Jeffrey Harper	26
Vincent Rodriguez	17	Anne Sings	29
Bukola Ogungbade	17	Peter Beville	30
Natalie Aguilar	18	Daniel Smith	30
Ann Wiley	20	Dennis Hatt	30

ANNIVERSARIES—ANIVERSARIOS

Kenneth & Stacey Beville	02
Gene & Janet Sheek	05
Freddy & Julia Lainez	07
Danny & Norma Britt	07
Russ & Donna Cottrell	10
Randall & Sharon Sayles	14
Jim & Shelley Jump	23



April—Abril 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00PM James River Home-School	2 8:30AM BUCS 2:00PM McGuire Park Circle
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