

# SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA

Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

## What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- $\frac{1}{3}$  cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. Cut the dough into slices  $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

July-Julio August-Agosto

# The Messenger El Mensajero



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## God's Power of Forgiveness

*Just These Lines My Friends....*

Summer is here, and that means it is Vacation Bible School time! Join the Journey of Forgiveness as we travel with Joseph and the people of God. Who knows what surprises are in store for us! Our staff ministry team and all of our Ramsey servants are looking forward to having our Ramsey kids and youth, as well as new friends from our surrounding community, all come for a great time of learning and fun. How wonderful it will be to share the 'good news' of God's Forgiveness with all of God's children. Our third annual bilingual VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 25-29. VBS will take place all around the church facilities and grounds as we tell God's story.

*God mourns because of the divisions among His children. Dios sufre por la separación de sus hijos.*

*God never abandons His children. Dios nunca abandona a sus hijos.*

*God blesses the world through His children. Dios bendice al mundo por medio de sus hijos.*

*God leads His children to make peace with one another. Dios guía a sus hijos a reconciliarse con sus hermanos.*

*God reunites His family. Dios reúne a su familia.*

Won't you join us in this mission opportunity with kids of all ages, making crafts, playing games, learning bible stories and new songs in English and Spanish? Something is telling me that the children will be leading the way in God's surprising story of forgiveness and reconciliation.

What a gift it is serving this great Ramsey Church; I love being your Pastor and Friend....

*Pastor Deb*



### Ramsey Spotlight:

Did you know that Betty Wallace is an artist? Betty proudly displays her artistic creations in her home. Keep up the good work, Betty.

You are an inspiration to us all!



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.

**Ramsey Iglesia recuerda a los que amamos que han muerto este año . Oramos por las familias y amigos de los mencionados aquí .**

Carol Acree	Mary Dunbar
Shirley Mucha	Betty Raper
Bernie Gerring	Chris Griffin
Gladys Farmer	Pat Dyson
Elaine Pollard	Anne Sings



Ramsey United Methodist,

Thank you for your support over the last four years while I have been at Virginia Tech! Knowing that I have such a strong support system in Richmond helps keep me encouraged in Blacksburg. Thank you for the devotional, it will help me stay focused on continuing to grow my relationship with the Lord. I appreciate your continued support as I start grad school and try to have a positive impact on new Hokies.

Thank you,  
*Matt Cheatham*



Dear Ramsey Family:

We wanted to thank you all so much for your love and support during Butch's father's recent illness and passing. Our family appreciated every call, card, message, and most of all your prayers. We feel so blessed by our church family, and we are thankful for all of you. Your love has been a source of comfort during this difficult time.

Love,  
*Sharon and Butch*



# THANKS from the HEART

On behalf of the family of Pat Dyson, we'd like to thank you for ALL you have done to help us through these last few months. All of the food, cards, calls, flowers, emails during mom's illness were above and beyond what anyone could ask for. Your support for mom was what kept her going and in the last few weeks of her life, brightened her days in true Ramsey fashion...abundance and outpouring of love. We couldn't be associated with a more loving and supportive church. We are blessed to have all of your support and assistance both then and now. We love you all and are lost for the right words to express our deepest gratitude for all you have done and all that you mean to us. Giving thanks to God for your comfort during this time in our lives.

Love,  
*Tammy, Michele and Bud*



Dear Friends of Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church,

We can not begin to express the appreciation for the love, kindness, and support that you all have shown us during the sudden passing of our mother, Elaine Pollard. So many of you supported us with prayers, sent cards, brought food and came to visit bringing the church's presence and God's love to us. Your generosity and support continued to flow, with everyone who helped to put together the funeral and the reception. Our friends at Ramsey Memorial have been beyond generous and kind to us. We are eternally grateful for all the gifts you have given us.

*Susan and Beth Pollard*



Desde un rincón pastoral, ¡Verano 2016!



En esta vida todo tiene su momento; hay un tiempo para todo: Mientras tengamos vida, hagamos lo bueno y pasémosla bien. El comer y el beber, y el disfrutar del fruto de tanto trabajo, es algo que Dios nos permite. (Eclesiastés 3:1;12-13).

Que bendición mas grande es poder levantarnos en la mañana y disfrutar de una nueva estación, la estación de verano. El sol brilla en lo más alto de su cenit. El día es más largo y muchas son las actividades que se podemos disfrutar durante los días de verano. El proverbista y predicador, el rey Salomón, nos invita a disfrutar de cada momento de la vida, ya que cada momento tiene su tiempo. Tiempo para reír como también para llorar; tiempo para nacer como también para morir; tiempo para abrazar y tiempo para dejar de hacerlo. El viernes 17 de Junio hasta el domingo 19 de Junio, nuestra conferencia de Virginia se reunió con el fin de celebrar nuestra conferencia anual. Desde el primero encuentro hasta el último adiós; desde el primer estudio bíblico hasta el último discurso episcopal todo tuvo su momento y su tiempo. El adiós de nuestro querido obispo Young Jin Cho, fue un tiempo de muchas emociones mixtas, lagrimas, buenos deseos, alegría, honor y bendición. Junto con el obispo la conferencia de Virginia aprendimos que la oración la arma más poderosa que como seguidores de Jesucristo tenemos. Las palabras del obispo estaban siempre centradas alrededor de la oracion, y he aquí una de sus frases, "Christ should be the Lord in our mission and ministries, and prayer should go first" Cristo debería de ser el Señor de nuestra misión y ministerios, y la oración debe de ser primero. En la vida de todo seguidor de Jesucristo, la oración debería de ser nuestra norma de vida. Sin la oracion no podemos disfrutar de una verdadera e intima relación con Dios y por lo consiguiente nos perdemos la oportunidad de contemplar las muchas maravillas que Dios pone delante de nosotros cada dia.

Disfrutemos con Dios cada momento de nuestro diario vivir. Contemplemos cada momento como un tiempo que dios nos da. Mientras vivamos hagamos lo bueno y pasémosla bien, reconociendo que el verano y nuestros días de vacaciones con la familia son un regalo que viene de Dios. Disfrute de sus vacaciones y de su familia, agradezca a Dios en oración por cada momento que disfruta desde un amanecer hasta un anochecer con estrellas o sin ellas. Todo tiene su momento y el verano es un momento de renovar nuestras fuerzas no olvidándonos que de Dios no podemos tomar vacaciones, ya que el es el autor y proveedor de cada momento y tiempo que vivimos. El sol brilla en su cenit, que de igual manera la luz de la gloria misma de Dios brille en su rostro y durante esta estación de verano.

Su hermana y compañera de camino,  
Norma Aguilar.



## VBS

### Surprise! A Journey of Forgiveness.

Please don't forget our bilingual VBS, the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. The Bible stories are about Joseph being sold by his brothers; Joseph imprisoned; Joseph as governor of Egypt; Joseph greeting his brothers and Joseph being reunited with his father. We are looking forward to a great week of VBS and want all of you here to join us. We are in need of persons that would go around with a group of kids from class to class. We are in need of a photographer. We are in need of persons that would help at the registration table. We are in need of persons willing to help decorate the sanctuary and other areas. If you can help in any of these areas, please call the church office or fill out the yellow card on Sunday. It takes many people to make VBS happen and be an exciting time for our children.

### *¡Sorpresa! Un camino de perdón.*

Lo estaremos celebrando el 25 de julio hasta el 29 de julio de 6:00 hasta las 8:30 pm. Tomaremos un emocionante viaje a través de Génesis --- de Canaán a Egipto, desde el rechazo a la reconciliación con José. Es para el preescolar hasta el sexto grado y ofreceremos también una para jóvenes y adultos. Estaremos cenando a las 6:00 pm cada tarde. ¡Esperamos que vengas y te unas a nosotros en este emocionante viaje con José!



## Children's Ministry

Have you wondered what our children's ministry is up to? They are diving deep in to God's Word with the DEEP BLUE children's Bible curriculum. This study is a multi-year rotation that takes our kids through the entire Bible, with activities, videos, and age-appropriate lessons.



The Ramsey youth will use our \$2,000 grant to do a local mission trip with IMPACT Richmond on July 10-16. We will also be joining the adult mission team on a trip to help with tornado disaster relief. Please pray for our youth during our mission-filled summer that we may impact this world for Jesus Christ and that we may be impacted by him in the process.

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Each year, we ask the various groups within the church with a checking account to give us a statement showing income and expenditures, and we do this for two reasons. The Book of Discipline states that we are responsible for all monies collected and expended by Ramsey Church from any and all sources. But it is also a good way to publicize the generosity and hard work of these groups.

We received statements from 14 groups - Sunday School classes, UMW Circles, the Choir, the BUCS, the Youth, the 55+ luncheon group, and the Mission Team. For 2015, they reported total income of \$38,084.18, of which about 1/3 came from member donations. The rest of it came from various fundraisers - selling pecans, barbecue, knives, Brunswick stew, a yard sale, a necklace sale, an auction, a bake sale, a purse and jewelry sale, the Valentine dinner/dance, a Christmas dinner, Spud Sunday, Santa Breakfast, the Mothers' Day/Fathers' Day bulletin inserts, a dodgeball tournament, and a chili cook-off.

What did they do with all this money? Several thousand dollars were donated back to our church for the Lenten Offering, the Building Fund, our Food Pantry, our Community Dinners, love baskets, CARITAS, White Christmas, our graduate breakfast, flowers and gifts for the sick or shut ins, Christmas families, thank-you gifts, to repair the freezer in our kitchen, youth meals and activities, assistance for members of our congregation, meals for our church families after funerals, and memorials.

A lot of money was donated to various groups in our community and our state - J.L. Francis Elementary School, the Good Samaritan Inn, the Manchester Rescue Squad, the Bensley Rescue Squad, the Hermitage Samaritan Fund, Bikes for Christ, Change the World RVA, the Jeff Davis Mission Project, the Cross Over Ministry, the Henry Fork Center Mission, the YMCA, and our own Marion Mission Team.

And there was still enough money left to spread all over our country and beyond through programs like Easter Seals, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Christian education, World Vision, Conference kits, sewing kits, scholarships, and Bibles for Overseas.

What an impressive list! Thanks to all these groups for their energy and dedication. Your stewardship is an example to us all.

*The Finance Committee*

## Come and See

Thanks to everyone who joined us at Peggy's for a beautiful day by the water! Thanks again to Peggy for hosting us! The Come and See group will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, and we will alternate our locations (such as parks, homes, etc), and we may also alternate the meeting times. We will be talking about faith, and how we walk by faith and not by sight in the midst of our culture and our world.



**United Methodist Women News:**

Summer is the perfect time to visit our church library to select books to read. Be sure to check out the new books that are on the UMW Reading List!

**July 29-31, 2016—Virginia Conference Mission Encounter** will be held at Randolph-Macon College Ashland, VA since the Virginia United Methodist Assembly at Blackstone has closed.

The following are needed by **August 1, 2016:**

- **Circle Monthly Reports** (Sept. 2015-July 2016)
- **“Living Into Our Purpose”** is due from each **Circle Chairman** to **Katie Smith**. (If possible, please total each category on the Monthly Reports for your circle.)
- **UMW books** read from Sept. 2015-July 2016 to **Linda Guilmart**.
- **Candle Burning** names and donations to **Rita Pittman**.

**August 20, 2016 - U.M.W. Unit Meeting**

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: 10:00 AM

Program: World Thank Offering

We hope to see you there!

**News for BUCS**

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming dates:

July 2 – Family cookout at the Flynn farm starting at 5PM

August 11 – BUCS at the Ballpark – Flying Squirrels game on Family and Faith night

August 18 – possible Rappahannock River cruise (leaving from Tappahannock, VA

October 1 – Annual Brunswick stew cook

Because of all the summer activities no meetings are planned in July or August.

**CARITAS**

*CARITAS* comes to Ramsey November 5-12. Preparations for our week begin in September. There will be a poster board with a list of non perishable items needed to restock our supplies. The board will be available during the Sunday coffee time. Please sign up for items as you are able. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

**Facility Crew**

We need volunteers who can be available to open the church for special events. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Harry Newman (804-271-0230 or [hejrl@verizon.net](mailto:hejrl@verizon.net)).

There will be a meeting to discuss details and responsibilities.



**July - Julio August - Agosto**

**BIRTHDAYS – CUMPLEAÑOS**

Norman Kropp	1
Barbara Harrison	2
Sandy Aderholt	7
Stuart D. Layne	7
Maria Sanchez	8
George Wood	8
Pat Beville	10
Pam Rives	13
Constance Shearin	13
Tyler Flynn	16
Sara Lee	16
Linda Hinebaugh	17
David Rives	17
Wiley Davis	18
Jamie Gahun	19
Lucy Monk	21
Kerri Bissett	22
William Flynn	23
Curtis Craig Lane	25
Russell Cotrell	30

Courtney Austin	3
Christian Fox	3
Tom C. Spain	4
Thomas Wagstaff	5
Donald Cameron	10
Erma East	10
Paul Austin	12
Iggy Gerring	13
Jeff Howe	13
Scotty Doyle	14
Howard Fox	15
James Kastleberg	18
Rita Pittman	19
Rachel Southard	19
Kelsey Atkinson	21
Dan Hallinan	21
Donna Jean Jorgensen	22
David L. Pittman	22
Sherry Warman	22
Matt Hoover	24
Peggy Burch	26
Gary Grubb	27
Samantha Sweat	28
Scott Fox	30
Bert Smith	31

**ANNIVERSARIES – ANIVERSARIOS**

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Smith	2
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Lane	19
Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Guilmart	22
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Walsh	31

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McGowan	2
Mrs. & Mrs. Dwain Holmes	6
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hinebaugh	12
Rev. Deborah & Brian Koontz	21
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Goolsby	29

## Guest Speaker

Please join us on Sunday evening, August 7th, for a special opportunity to hear the powerful testimony of JT Clark, a man whose story of forgiveness is both challenging and inspiring. There will be a meal at 5:30pm in the CLC, with main dishes provided by the BUCS, and side items brought by the congregation. The service of music and testimony will be at 6:30pm. Please RSVP on the yellow card, or contact the church office.



# The Power of Forgiveness

## Help In Worship

It takes many more people than just the pastors or the staff to nurture the life of the church. If every church member signed up to help once per year, then every role would be filled by holding one another up in the arms of the faithful. There are many small ways in which you can sign up to help, either on a routine basis or a one-time occasion.

- **Communion Stewards:** If you are interested, please contact Debbie Southard at 370-9993 or [southard@comcast.net](mailto:southard@comcast.net). We need Communion Stewards for these dates:  
July 3rd (both services), Aug. 7th (8:30 service), Oct. 2nd (8:30 service)  
Nov. 6th (8:30 service), Christmas Eve services
- **Scripture Readers:** If you are interested, please contact the church office or write on a yellow card. Readers are needed at the 11:00 service now through the end of the year.
- **Children's Chat:** If you are interested, please contact the church office or write on a yellow card. We will be making the fall/winter schedule soon, and we are in need of more volunteers. You are not required to create a lesson, the office can provide you with resources.



## 55+ Luncheon

Please join us on Friday, July 8th and on Friday, August 12th at noon in the Fellowship Hall for great food and fellowship. RSVP and bring a friend!



INVITE A FRIEND

## Summer Preaching Series

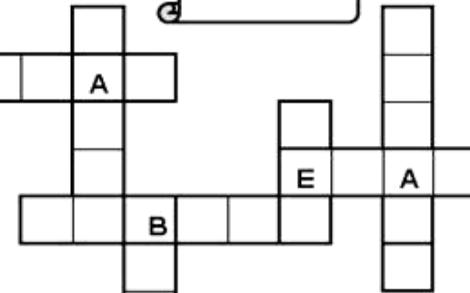
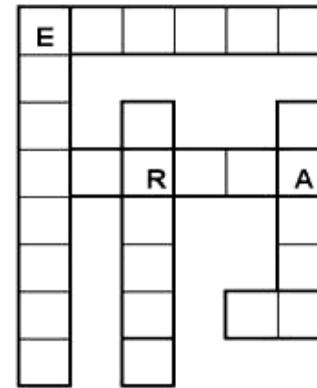
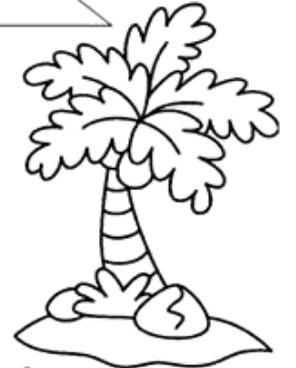
This summer we will be learning all about the Apostles' Creed in Sunday worship. The creed was a statement of the beliefs of the early church. The first historical mention of the Creed was found in a letter written in 390AD to Pope Siricius from a Council in Milan (possibly written by Ambrose), saying, "*Let them give credit to the Creed of the Apostles, which the Roman Church has always kept and preserved undefiled*".



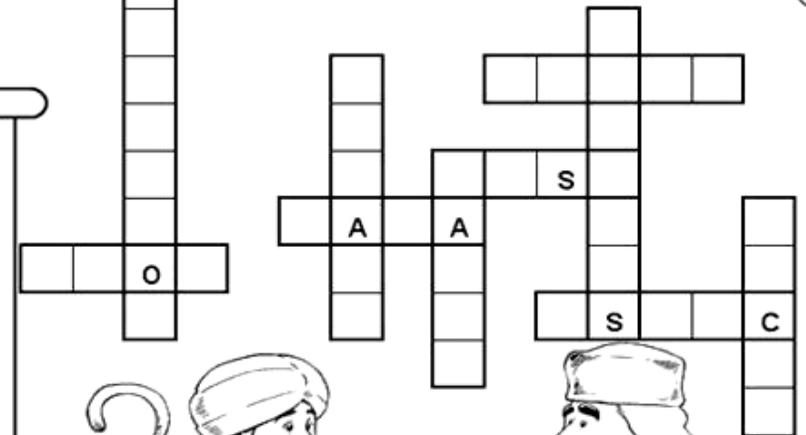
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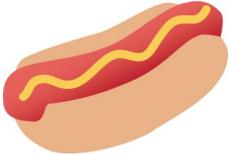
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Egipto  
Abraham  
Isacc  
Jacob  
Rebeca  
Lea  
Canaán  
Génesis  
Esau  
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## July—Julio 2016

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