

Just These Lines My Friends....

To say that once again we are in the midst of a deeply meaningful time of the church year...the Lenten and Easter season. Each Lenten season is an opportunity for each of us to reflect and invite the presence of Christ to be made manifest in our individual and communal journeys; our family's life, our church and community life. Take part in every opportunity that God brings you to grow closer to Him during the journey of Lent. Take up a new form of prayer; come to our Thursday morning prayer group or join the prayer chain. Take up bible reading or come to our Sunday Morning Advent Study or our Tuesday night Bible study class. Recommit yourself to be in God's House, worshipping every Sunday of Lent and every event of Holy Week. Gather with community friends for our Community Easter Sunrise Service at the Manchester YMCA. Join us for one of our Holy Easter services.

As we prepare our hearts by receiving the nurture of Word and Sacrament, may we keep the 'heart' of the story foremost in our minds. The Lenten season is always pointing us towards the Cross. We cannot help but be reminded as we look all around us, that everywhere, time and time again, the world tries to crucify God and His love...God and his goodness...God and his Truth. Bu we know where this is all headed. Easter comes and grabs us and speaks to us saying: "Pay attention- God wins! You cannot kill the things of God; they will not be defeated! They may be pushed down, held back for a time...but they resurrect! They rise again!" This is the promise of Easter. The Good News is that God wins and God wants to share that victory and that hope with all, Easter friends. God calls us to share in the journey, share in the preparation and penitence, share in the walk of discipleship and Easter victory.

I am so deeply grateful to God to be on this journey, at this time and in this place, with a people I have come to know and love- a wonderful Christ filled people called Ramsey Church.

With blessings and prayers, your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Deb

HOLY WEEK—LA SEMANA SANTA



3/20: Palm/Passion Sunday—Domingo de Ramos

8:30 & 11:00AM Worship Services

12:30 Servicio en español



3/24: Maundy Thursday—Jueves Santo

7:00PM Worship Service



3/25: Good Friday—Viernes Santo

7:00PM Servicio en español



3/27: Easter—Pascua

6:30AM Hull St Community Sunrise Service

At the Manchester YMCA

Rev. Norma Aguilar and Rev. Deborah Koontz leading in service.



3/27: Easter—Pascua

7:30-10:00AM Pancake Breakfast - Desayuno de Panqueques

8:30 & 11:00AM Worship Services

11:00AM-12:15PM Easter Egg Hunt - Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua
Please bring your own basket. Favor de traer su propia cesta.

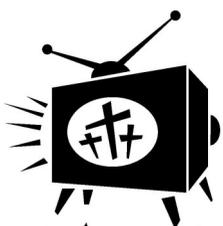
12:30PM Servicio en español

CHANGE YOUR Daylight Savings
Clocks Time begins:
SUNDAY
March 13th

Youth News:

The youth group has gotten off to a prosperous start to the 2016 year. We had over 80 people in attendance at our annual dodgeball tournament, and raised over \$250. We participated again in the Souper Bowl of Car-ing and collected over 120 cans of soup. We helped once again as servers at the illustrious Ramsey Valentine's dinner dance, and raised over \$340 in tips for youth mis-sions. Off to a great start!

We are starting up a new video Bible study for Lent, using clips from popular movies. We are also entering a video contest for Rich-mond area youth groups to raise more money for missions!



Spring is coming! The Spring Festival and Agape Yard Sale is Saturday, April 23rd. We need your help to make this Spring Festival one of our best. You may sign up by filling out the yellow card or call the church office to speak to Sue Newman, 276-4628. It takes a lot of hands to have the Spring Festival, but please know that the community loves and appreciates what we do. We will need cakes or pies for the cake walk. Don't forget we have jobs where you may sit and not stand so please give us some of your time on Saturday, April 23rd.



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.
Llame a Sue Newman para más información.

Our Lenten Study this year is entitled "John" --- The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. It will run through Easter Sunday, March 27th. It will be held in the Sanctuary from 9:45am until 10:30am. This study on John, a study of spiritual growth and renewal, could change your life. "As John explores the questions of the identity and meaning of Jesus, I invite you to do the same. Come join us beginning February 21st.



Neighborhood Supper

Holy Saturday
March 26th, 5:00 PM
in the CLC

Desde un Rincón Pastoral,

Lucas 9:23 Dirigiéndose a todos, declaró: Si alguien quiere ser mi discípulo, que se niegue a sí mismo, lleve su cruz cada día y me siga.

...Oh yo siempre amare esa cruz, en sus triunfos mi gloria será y algún día en vez de una cruz, mi corona Jesús me dará.

No hace ni dos semanas atrás que el ministerio de los herederos del reino nos deleito con su participación especial. En nuestro servicio de adoración los niños nos recordaron, a través de uno de nuestros himnos favoritos, en monte calvario, lo que significa correr la carrera de la fe, negarse a sí mismo y con nuestros ojos fijos en Jesús vivir la vida confiando que al final de nuestra jornada, Jesús nos estará esperando con la corona de nuestra victoria. El llevar nuestra cruz cada día y seguir a Jesús toma mucho coraje pero sobre todo mucho amor, determinación y agradecimiento a Dios.

Durante este comienzo de cuaresma, es mi oración que no nos enfoquemos mucho en la penitencia o aquello que queremos abandonar en esta estación de la cuaresma. Es mi petición que preferiblemente nos enfoquemos en ofrecer a Dios lo que a Dios le pertenece una vida de obediencia y fidelidad a Dios. Samuel como juez de Israel constantemente le recordaba al pueblo de Israel lo que significaba ser seguidores de Dios y es por esto que también les exhorta diciendo " Y dijo Samuel «¿Qué le agrada más al Señor: que se le ofrezcan holocaustos y sacrificios, o que se obedezca lo que él dice? El obedecer vale más que el sacrificio, y el prestar atención, más que la grasa de carneros. Apliquemos esta misma exhortación a nuestras vida no solamente durante la época de cuaresma sino mas bien durante nuestro discipulado hasta que nuestra cruz se convierta en una corona de victoria y perseverancia.

En Cristo nuestro Salvador y Redentor,

Su servidora,

Pastora Norma

District and Conference News

3/5: Bishop's Convocation on Prayer

The Bishop's Convocation on Prayer will be held Saturday, March 5, at Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Richmond. Theme is "Deepening Discipleship: Piety and Mercy through Prayer." Plenary speaker will be Dr. Frederick Schmidt, Reuben P. Job Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. There will also be small group learning opportunities in the areas of prayer and Wesleyan Spiritual Disciplines.



Come and See:



All are welcome to join the *Come and See* small group at 6:30pm on March 9th and 26th for a time of prayer and study. We are utilizing a new video curriculum, featuring a variety of speakers, authors, pastors, and professors. We will be delving into the topic of faith practices, and how we express our faith through whole-hearted living. The video curriculum is offered by "The Work of the People", which is an online collaboration of churches, seminaries, universities, authors, worship leaders and many others to create audio/visual resources for Christian education and worship. We have been using visual liturgy from this resource in our worship services during Lent.

Missions at Ramsey

I would like to thank everyone that has participated in the USA snack mission. We keep getting thank you notes from those involved in the process. March of course is for wee leprechauns that go about making wishes come true or is that making a little brew. Among the scurrying, those little munchkins, reminded me of the mission SPUD Luncheon. Keep March 13th on your calendar schedule for a little Irish delight that will make your belly full. Prayerfully we will reach some souls that need the Holy Spirit to get them through. Thank you Ramsey for all your support,



Dan Hallinan—Ramsey Mission Team



Ellen Project

Thank you to everyone has helped with the Ellen Project through your prayers and donations. Over the past 2 years, Ramsey has given out approximately 250-300 bags to cancer patients.

A Legacy of Giving

During the year, persons remember Ramsey Church in their estate planning with special gifts. It is a wonderful way to celebrate in a person's life and caring through the ministry of the church that person loved—Ramsey Church. This past year, many memorial gifts were received. We want to especially thank the families of Hilda Baughan and Dot Williams whose loved ones remembered Ramsey Church with estate planning and giving.

Ramsey Church,

Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls and visits during the recent loss of my brother. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Love and hugs,
Yvonne Arvin

EASTER FLOWERS

Please order your Easter lilies and mums by March 7th. They are \$11.75 each.

FLORES DE PASCUA

Por favor, pida sus lirios y crisantemos de Pascua antes del 7 de marzo. Son \$ 11.75



55+ Luncheon

Join us on March 11th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Come wear your green and enjoy the fellowship. Make your reservation by Wednesday, March 9. Invite your friends!

BIRTHDAYS—CUMPLEAÑOS

Joan McGowan	1	Peggy Ripley	14
Linda Sings Guilmart	5	David Woodfin	15
Claudette Stuart	5	Austin Sheek	15
Pat Meadows	5	Rosa Bonilla	15
Kevin McGowan	7	Steve Meadows	17
Abiola Ogungbade	9	Pat Dyson	17
Lynn Flynn	9	Jean Bates	20
Miranda Dore	9	Jim Jump	21
Matt Cheatham	10	Ali Southard	22
Tim Eells	10	Kathy Holmes	22
Kristie Rivera	12	Eric Ahles	22
Brian Barnstein	13	Emily Bucknam	24
		Hiram Adams	29

ANNIVERSARIES—ANIVERSARIOS

Ashley & Jason Afsharie	6
Buster & Mary Kay Madison	6
David & Darlene Sweet	9

United Methodist Women News:

Who do we help when we give to Missions? These are a just a few examples:

1. It helps fund care of the migrant children at Rural Mission on Johns Island, SC who are fed and cared for while their parents pick crops nearby instead of being left to fend for themselves in a hot car in 90 degree weather.
2. It helps the 18 year old who is aging out of foster care to find a UMW- supported group home to live in while he goes to college, finds a job, and gets on his feet rather than being forced onto the streets.
3. Our giving teaches a woman in Africa how to plant the seeds and use fertilizer she's been given to feed her family and sell some of the produce in the market to purchase other things they need.
4. In Ica Peru, women are being trained to make clothes, dolls, sheets and other textiles and handicrafts to help raise the quality of life for themselves and their families.
5. In Brazil, a street child is given food, a place to sleep, and a chance for an education.

All over the world, in places most of us have never heard of, the lives of women, children, and youth are improving because of the giving of United Methodist Women.

United Methodist Women's Calendar:

March 5th: Ramsey Memorial UMW Unit Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

When: 10:00 am, *Program:* Call to Prayer and Self Denial

All women are invited to attend!

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!)

Apr. 16th: District Prayer Breakfast at Wesley Memorial UMC

1720 Mechanicsville Pike, Registration: 8:30am, Breakfast & Worship: 9:00-11:00am

THE BUCS STOP HERE (AT RAMSEY THAT IS)

The BUCS will meet at Ramsey Memorial UMC on Saturday morning March 5 at 8:30 AM for devotional and breakfast. Afterwards we will be raising the three crosses on the front lawn for Easter. There may be a few other church work items to address that day. Notices will be sent in advance if there are any such additional projects to address so that you can bring appropriate tools.

The group has decided to do another four (4) week Men's Bible Study and Grill Night in 2016 on the following Monday nights: April 18 and 25, May 2 and 9. We will need to see if the Agape classroom and adjacent kitchen are available those dates. If not we will shift forward into May. Dan Hallinan is researching study materials for us. More info to come later.

Several folks have asked recently what BUCS stands for. For those who do not know BUCS is an acronym for "BROTHERS UNITED IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE". By the way we consider all men of our church to be BUCS whether they formally or regularly participate in our meetings, gatherings or service work. We would love to see you, so join us when you can. If you want to be added to our e-mail distribution list or if your email has changed please let me know. My email is: craig@laneandhamner.com.

Craig Lane

Los Bucs es el ministerio de hombres en Ramsey. Se reunirán a las 8:30 am el 5 de marzo para el desayuno y la oración, y ellos van a tolerar tres cruces en el patio delantero. Las próximas reuniones incluirán la cena y el estudio de la Biblia en 4/18 , 4/25 , 5/2 , 5/9 y. Todos los hombres están invitados. Por favor correo electrónico para obtener más información, craig@laneandhamner.com.

Finance:



Our annual Lenten Drive has begun and will run through Easter Sunday, March 27. This money is used for maintenance items around the church that are not included in the general budget. The Trustees have made a list of possible uses of these funds, which could include several painting projects, repair work to walls in the library and other spots around the building, new carpet in a Sunday School classroom, and replacement of ballasts on some of the lighting fixtures. Please write "Lenten Offering" in the memo space of your check or use the envelopes in the pew rack. As always, the Finance Committee thanks you for your stewardship.

March—Marzo

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00AM Whiffleball 5:30 HOPE Basketball 6:00PM Crossover Exercise	2 10:00AM Pickleball 4:30PM Kingdom Dominion 5:30 HOPE Basketball 7:00PM Administrative Council	3 8:00AM Care A Van 9:00AM Prayer Group/Shawl 4:30PM Kingdom Dominion 6:00PM Crossover Exercise 6:00PM James River HS 7:00PM Estudio Biblico	4 10:00AM Precious Blessings 6:00PM James River HomeSchool	5 8:30AM BUCS 2:00PM McGuire Park Circle
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