

GIVING THANKS

As a teenager Henry Smith played in a high school band like many boys in the 1960s. He says, "I was playing things... like Jimi Hendrix and all that." But while in college, a spiritual revolution in his life brought him to Richmond to attend Union Theological Seminary.

"God really touched my heart," he says. "I'd been a Christian since I was a child, but he changed my way of thinking."

Then his eyes went bad. In 1978, Henry returned from seminary to his home church as a lay person. He had to take odd jobs to support himself as his career choices were limited by a degenerative eye disease. Nevertheless, he remembers "being extremely thankful" during that time in his life. He had discovered that in the darkest winter there was within him an invincible summer. Henry decided to write a song about it:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now, let the weak say, "I am strong". Let the poor say "I am rich", Because of what the Lord has done for us.



Give thanks.

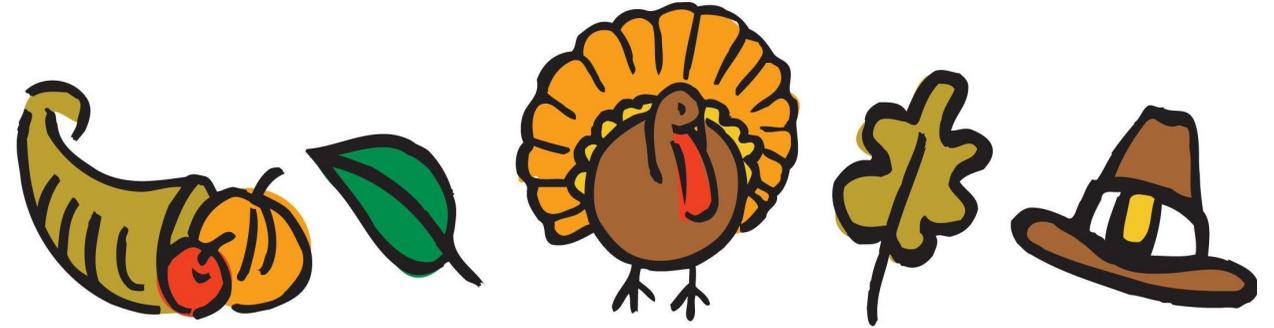
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Just These Lines My Friends....

Blessed to Be a Blessing

What a beautiful fall season is upon us! For many of us, autumn is a time of enjoying cooler breezes, colorful vistas, and perhaps a bit of nostalgia. This time of year it is a common human experience to consider where we are, where we have been and what God still has in store for us. We think about what is most important to us, count our blessings, and contemplate with awe and wonder all that God has brought us through. For our world, for our nation, for our community, for our families and friends, we give thanks; pause to pray and remember. Around our Ramsey Church, blessed community goes on with joyful worship, caring fellowship, and meaningful service.

As we look ahead to the end of the year, Ramsey has much to celebrate in goals accomplished for 2015. We have been blessed by God in so many ways; we are *Blessed to be a Blessing!* We celebrated ten years since the building of our CLC (Christian Life Center) addition and ten years of our growing Hispanic ministry. We gave more attention to intentional prayer and shared in a holy Concert of Prayer worship service. We continued to reach out beyond our 'comfort zones' trusting in God's leading for our 2nd bilingual Vacation Bible School- God did not disappoint! As we together step out in faith, we see God's leading, for God's purposes and for God's glory!

After nine years in community partnership together, in recent days, we learned that Bon Secours Richmond Health System approved our grant request to strengthen our continued partnership. We have received a program grant in the amount of twenty thousand dollars which will go towards program support for our Hispanic Ministry and the purchase of new computers to update our computer lab. In 2015, Ramsey Church received 4,015 patient visits, the most of any of the 21 Care-A-Van sites. Ramsey continues as a safe and trusted community gathering place where the underserved are able to have their spiritual, emotional and physical needs met through a variety of healthcare services.

God has great plans for Ramsey Church! Together, we are passionate Christians of every generation and diverse cultures united in transforming our community through the compassionate love of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Hoping and praying to see you and your family in worship during the Sundays of November and the upcoming Advent/Christmas season.

It is a great joy and privilege to serve our Lord together, and a special blessing to be one of your pastors and friends.

Pastor Deb



A Special Note of Appreciation ~ Thank you Linda Hinebaugh

Sometimes the Holy Spirit puts an idea on someone's heart, and wonderful things happen....

A number of years ago, Linda Hinebaugh was led to begin a ministry of encouragement and fellowship with the 55+ Seniors group. Initially, she went to the Pastor with the intention of offering it quarterly; Pastor Joe Winfree encouraged her to offer it monthly and the rest is history. Linda has not only organized the monthly meals and seasonal decorations; she has offered her gift of encouraging words, witness and devotions. With Linda's leadership and encouragement and the help of many Ramsey volunteers, the 55+ group has touched so many lives of both church members and community friends here at Ramsey Church. We will deeply miss Linda and Gary as they move to be nearer to family in North Carolina in the coming weeks. Thank you Linda for your servanthood and rest assured, the 55+ mission will go on.... as your friends in Christ at Ramsey Church will take on the task and the calling of offering hospitality, fun and nurture of our 55+ Seniors. We love you Linda and Gary, you will both be missed and our love and prayers go with you in this new chapter of your life!

First Responders Breakfast

Please join us at the MANCHESTER FAMILY YMCA for the 2015 First Responders Breakfast hosted by Hull Street Christian Fellowship. We have faith in our community and wish to honor Manchester's First Responders who risk it all to protect and serve with a breakfast on **Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 7 - 9:30 a.m.**

Dear Ramsey congregation,

Thank you for all the beautiful cards and messages—they mean so much to me. Also, I thoroughly enjoy the church monthly activity list, Bible readings, etc. I'm always waiting for the mail to come with it!!

I am so blessed and thankful—

Connie Shearin

The Ramsey Church family remembers all of our love ones lost in the past year.

We will honor them in morning worship on All Saints Day, Sunday November 1st.



For our next newsletter:

Please submit your articles for the December/January combined newsletter by November 10th, so that we can finish and send the newsletter before the Thanksgiving holiday.



With all my heart



This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.

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PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

DESDE UN RINCON PASTORAL,

Cantad alegres a Dios, habitantes de toda la tierra. Servid a Jehová con alegría; venid ante su presencia con regocijo. Entrad por sus puertas con acción de gracias ¡alabadle bendecid su nombre! Salmo 100:1-2 y 4.

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Mas pronto de lo que nos imaginamos, estaremos celebrando una de las más significativas fechas aquí en los Estados Unidos, el día de acción de gracias. Dicha celebración invita a las familias a sentarse a la mesa y juntos disfrutar no solo de las bendiciones recibidas sino también de contar cada una de ellas. Es triste observar como el significado de este día va paulatinamente perdiendo ; y digo esto porque el mismo consumerismo ha desvalorado del significado de acción de gracias convirtiéndolo en un día de buenas compras, en el día salir y perseguir las llamadas "ofertas únicas" del viernes negro.

Que es fácil es olvidar. Huyendo de la persecución y con la intención de fundar una comunidad con principios bíblicos, un grupo de peregrinos cruzaron el mar Atlántico llegando así al nuevo mundo. Tras establecerse en Plymouth, Massachusetts, el crudo invierno de 1620 los dejó moribundos arrebataando la vida de más de la mitad del grupo peregrino. El remanente del grupo solamente pudo sobrevivir gracias a la ayuda humanitaria de un grupo de nativos americanos, los Wampanoag, quienes a pesar de haber sido atacados por colonos anteriores, extendieron su mano para ayudar a este grupo de necesitados con comida y abrigo, pero también cuidando de ellos hasta el fin del invierno. De esta única manera fue que el remanente de peregrinos pudo sobrevivir hasta el comienzo de la primavera. Como agradecimiento por toda la ayuda recibida y enseñanzas de cómo sobrevivir en una tierra nueva, los primeros peregrinos ,después de recoger la primer cosecha , invitaron a sus ya vecinos y amigos a una celebración de gran significado y acción de gracias. Es mi deseo que en esta gran celebración, que se avecina a toda prisa, recobremos el significado de acción de gracias. Que no olvidemos en hacer el bien a cada persona no importando apariencia, color, idioma o circunstancias. John Wesley en una de sus muchas enseñanzas nos hizo un llamado a hacer bien a todos los que podamos. En este día de acción de gracias recordemos a Dios como el gran proveedor de toda relación nueva o vieja que tengamos. Regocijémonos en la hermandad, la amistad y la comunión que tenemos los unos con los otros. Vengamos delante Dios con acciones de gracias compartiendo con nuestros, amigos, vecinos y extraños la gracia inmerecedora que de y en Jesucristo hemos recibido. Con un corazón agradecido a Dios por cada uno de ustedes,

Su pastora y hermana en Jesucristo,

Pastora, Norma Aguilar

FALL BLOOD DRIVE:

Sunday November 1st in the Fellowship Hall, 9:00AM-12:30PM. Our quota is 16 units. **¡Por favor, donar sangre el 1 de noviembre 9:00-12:30, y ayudar a salvar vidas! Nuestra meta es de 16 unidades.**"

Ramsey Church Christmas Dinner

December 12th, 6pm in the CLC

This event is being planned by the Youth Group, and will offer a spaghetti dinner, music, and entertainment.



Advent is just around the corner and this year's Advent Study is entitled –

Advent Study SENT: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas.

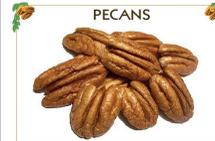
Dynamic pastor Jorge Acevedo leads us on a 5-week Advent journey to discover how, where, and why we are sent. Joining him on the journey are four young clergy who challenge us through story, art, and Bible study. The study runs from November 29th through December 27th, starting at 9:50a.m. in the sanctuary. Participant books will be ordered so if you are interested in one, please call the church office, fill out the yellow card in your bulletin, or see Sue Newman. Please come join us. We would love for you to be a part of the Advent Study.

\$11.85 Each

Order your

Poinsettias by

November 23rd!



The Kirkie Powell Class will once again be selling pecans this year. See any member of the class to buy some for your holiday baking.



It is **Love Basket** time again! By participating in the **Love Basket** ministry, you are connecting with our members and loved ones in the community who are homebound or have experienced difficulties this year and need to know the Love of God. You can help by contributing the following items:

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| Lotion | Hard Candy |
| Toothpaste | Cookies |
| Shaving Cream | Little Debbie's |
| Deodorant | Nab Crackers |
| Tissues | Slipper Socks |
| Hand Sanitizer | Men's Socks |
| Chocolate (soft, no nuts) | Applesauce or pudding (small containers) |

The deadline for contributions is Sunday, December 6. You can drop off your donations in the church office or in a bin located at the CLC entrance. Please know you can begin dropping off items at any time beginning in early November. If you would like to add a name to the list, contact Pat Beville or the church office. If you have any questions, contact Pat at 804-303-2660—(NEW HOME NUMBER FOR PAT)

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United Methodist Women Events

McGuire Park Circle will meet on November 14th at 2:00PM.

- 11/14** UMW District Officer and Leader Development. Forest Grove UMC, 13384 Ashland Road Ashland, VA 23005. Registration: 9:00 a.m. Program & Training: 9:30-11:30a.m. Mission Emphasis: Red Bird Mission
- 11/22** Our traditional **Bake Sale** at Ramsey: 9:00-12:30 a.m. Buy your baked items for Thanksgiving!
- 12/5** UMW District Advent Service. Beulah UMC, 6930 Hopkins Rd. Richmond, VA 23234. Speakers: Len and Susan Eastwood, Missionaries to Kenya
Mission Emphasis: Offering for Mission Support to Kenya



Neighborhood Supper
November 28th, 5:00 PM in the CLC

BIRTHDAYS—CUMPLEAÑOS

Gary Hinebaugh	1	Darrell Gilliam	11
Amy Ahles Houser	1	Debbie Southard	12
Barbara Vance	3	Shelley Jump	12
Zachary Belcher	6	C. C. Goolsby III	16
Carolyn Hatchell	7	Karen Hall	16
Betty Walker	8	Freddy Heller	17
Lisa Pinchbeck Taylor	8	Kimberly Pinchbeck	19
Nonie Barnstein	9	Betty Wallace	21
Elnora Holmes	10	Kenneth Stuart	26
		Ethel Baltz	30

ANNIVERSARIES—ANIVERSARIOS

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hatt	7
Marja Sanchez & Benjamin Rodriguez	14
Dennis & Kerri Bissett	17
James & Caroline Kastelberg	29



It may be early to be thinking of Christmas shopping, but Ramsey can make that chore easier. If you have people on your list that are hard to buy for, or already have everything, we have a solution – Designated Giving. Instead of buying another tie or sweater, just send a check to Ramsey in honor of that person and designate it for a cause that person is interested in. It could be Missions, Vacation Bible School, church maintenance, the Living Nativity, our Youth Group, the Food Pantry, or just to help with the regular monthly expenses like the electric bill or cutting the grass. We will send that person an acknowledgement card telling him or her of your gift. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Just fill it out and we will take care of the rest. So this year, skip that trip to the mall and give a gift that really makes a difference.

Thank you for your stewardship,

The Finance Committee

WHITE CHRISTMAS: The White Christmas program is designed to help individuals or families in our church community who have special needs during the Christmas season. Our Sunday school classes and the UMW Circles are the primary Sponsors. We rely upon the generosity of our congregation to supply the “staples and canned goods” for the food baskets that are distributed. In addition, each sponsor provides gift wrapped items of new clothing and a toy for children on the list. The deadline for applications is **Sunday November 1, 2015**. Call Scotty Doyle for more information, 744-3034. ¿Conoces a alguna familia necesitada en nuestra iglesia o comunidad? Podemos reunir donaciones de alimentos, ropa y suministros para darles para Navidad! Llenar un formulario en la oficina de la iglesia antes del 1 de noviembre. Póngase en contacto con Scotty Doyle para más información. 744-3034.

Class:	Items to be contributed:
Children:	Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti/Macaroni/Pastas and Sauce for Pasta
Youth/Young Adults	Canned or Dried Soups (soups that children and older adults would like)
Agape	Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Fruit Cocktail, Applesauce, etc.), Bisquick, Loaf Bread
Escuela Dominical	Rice, Beans
Kirkie Powell	Tuna, Salmon, Chicken Coffee, Bisquick, Canned Meats
New Spirit	5 lb. bags of Sugar, Cake/Muffin Mixes, Oatmeal, Potatoes (White & Sweet - Fresh or Canned)
Otto Whitt	Canned Vegetables (Tomatoes, Green Beans, Peas, Corn, Butterbeans, Beans, etc.)

Please bring items from the list provided according to your Sunday school class, and place them in bins marked “White Christmas” in the foyers in the education building and CLC. Please bring your items on Sundays, now through December 20th.

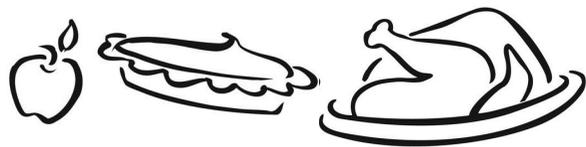
Nativity Ministry and Bethlehem 2015, Dec 22nd-24th

Volunteers are needed in these areas: **Nuestra natividad de la Navidad es 22 de diciembre al 24. Necesitamos muchos voluntarios!**

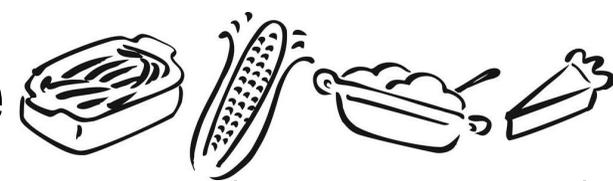
- We are inviting the community and other churches to come participate. **Estamos invitando a los miembros de la comunidad y de otras iglesias para ayudar.**
- Cast members each night. **Necesitamos actores para interpretar a los personajes bíblicos.**
- Help with yard crew. **Necesitamos ayuda en el estacionamiento.**
- Donate food/beverages for the cast. **Ayudar a proporcionar la cena para los actores.**
- Help dress the cast. **Necesitamos ayuda con los trajes.**

The first cast goes on at 6:30p.m. and the second cast at 7:00 p.m. **El primer show es a las 6:30 PM, entonces esos actores se toman un descanso, mientras que otro grupo de actores se haga cargo a las 7:00 PM.** If you can help, contact Tammy Howe 804-621-4959 jef-how@comcast.net or Carole Harper jcjarper@comcast.net





November ~ Noviembre



	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri		
<p>1 ALL SAINTS DAY</p> <p>8:30AM Worship 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00AM Worship 11:00AM Escuela Dominical 12:30AM Servicio en Espanol 6:30PM Youth</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>8:00AM Care A Van 6:00PM James River High-school Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30PM H.O.P.E. Basketball 6:30PM EL/Civics</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00AM Pickleball 7:00PM Administrative Council</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00AM Care A Van 9:30AM Prayer Group/Knitting 10:00AM BonSecours/Shalom Farms 6:00PM James River High-school Group 6:30PM EL/Civics 7:00PM Estudio Biblico</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00PM James River High-school Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30AM BUCS 1:00PM Private Event 2:00PM McGuire Park Circle</p>
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