



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



- What you need:**
- Large pieces of paper
 - Several large leaves
 - Crayons (fall colors)
 - Fine-tip permanent marker

- What you do:**
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
 2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
 3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
 4. Optional: Lamine the place mats so they're reusable.

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Just these lines my friends to say.....how are we to be the Church in today's broken world?

We live in a world of division on many fronts. As Christians and Methodists, we know the pain of conflict, tragedy, disasters, and acts of terror and violence around the world. How do we find ways of sharing God's love and the Peace of Christ *'in such a time as this?'*

One resource that has been of help to me is **The Anatomy of Peace** by the Arbinger Institute (we have copies available). We live in an anxiety filled culture, and as a way of coping, we retreat into ourselves and into pockets of persons with whom we agree, or have the same point of view. The Bible calls us to a larger view. Scripture tells us that all are created in God's image, are loved by God, and have redeeming and transforming grace available to us. When emotions are raging, or even numbed by tragedy and loss, that is the greatest time to claim our faith. What the Church is doing is more important than ever. As Carey Nieuwhof has stated: *"This is the time to be the Church, because what Christians have to offer is a radically different ethic and alternative to hatred and violence."*

More than anything, Christians are to be known for their love. What we do in church matters, what we do in the community matters. Preaching the gospel with our lives is more important than ever. Confession and humility are key. The early church recognized that when Jew, Gentile, slave, free, men, women, and every nation and ethnicity came together under Christ, it was a radically different kind of community that was being formed. An authentic community. A passionate faith community.

A generation or more ago, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a young preacher getting started in his ministry. The controversy over segregation and busing had begun in Alabama. His family was attacked, though not harmed, by a bomb at their home. As he rushed home to his family, his neighbors and the authorities were gathering. Even then, King was calming the crowd, and exhorting them to meet hate with love. King lived his Christian ethic that the only thing that will work against hate is love. The only way people will discover that love is when Christians demonstrate love, laying down their lives for the Gospel.

In a season of thanksgiving and remembering that ethic and legacy of love- Let us be the Church. The real church. The authentic church. The church that is a passionate faith community, a band of Jesus followers. Repent. Confess. Believe. Forgive. Love. And then Love some more. Faith, Hope and Love....but the greatest of these is Love.....

I am so grateful to God to be a part of ' Church' with the beloved band of followers of

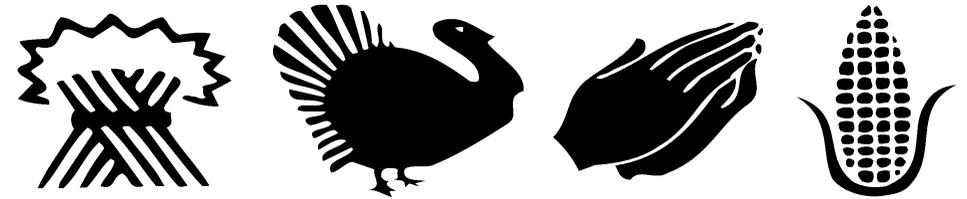
Jesus, known as Ramsey Church. - *Pastor Deb*



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

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Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV

Highlights from the Blessing of the Animals



En Otoño, desde un esquina pastoral

»Mientras la tierra exista, habrá siembra y cosecha, frío y calor, verano e invierno, y días y noches». Génesis 8:28

Todo en la vida tiene su tiempo, todo tiene su estación. No importa a donde usted viva, las estaciones van y vienen. La primavera, el verano, el otoño, el invierno. Cada estación siempre tiene aspectos positivos y negativos. Dios desea que las conozcamos bien, para que nuestro correcto proceder delante de ellas, nos asegure reflejar su gloria sea en el tiempo que sea. Jeremías 8:7 nos recuerda que aun la cigüeña en el cielo conoce sus estaciones, y la tórtola, la golondrina y la grulla guardan la época de sus migraciones; pero mi pueblo no conoce la ordenanza del SEÑOR. Es triste ver que mejor la naturaleza misma reconoce los cambios de estación y se prepara para ellas, mas no así el humano. Dios aquí nos revela que el hecho de que no pongamos de nuestra parte el discernir las épocas de Dios en nuestras vidas, eso no significa que el cambio de una estación no suceda, Dios desea mostrarnos que sin ese conocimiento, nos podemos angustiar en largos y fríos inviernos, o el pasar muy ocupados en nuestro entretenimiento y diversión durante el verano, hasta el punto de olvidarnos de nuestra vida espiritual. Las estaciones reflejan nuestra necesidad de cambios Oseas 4:6 Mi pueblo es destruido por falta de conocimiento. En esta época de Otoño cuando los arboles se preparan para despojarse de su vestido, recordemos que la estación de acción de gracias esta pronta a llegar, que es necesario detenernos y reflexionar como el conocimiento de Dios se mueve en nuestro diario vivir. Estoy segura que ya algunos de nosotros hemos identificado en que estación de nuestra vida nos encontramos hoy. Para algunos de nosotros hoy podríamos encontrarnos en un invierno frio y sombrío después de haber perdido a un ser querido o después de haber pasado una experiencia de enfermedad o un cambio inesperado. Hoy podría ser también una estación de primavera donde muchos nos encontramos celebrando nuevos comienzos como es la celebración de una boda o el nacimiento de un recién nacido. Cualquiera que sea el cambio que estemos atravesando, hoy es el tiempo de reflejar la gloria de Dios en las diferentes estaciones de nuestras vidas. Con el conocimiento de Dios podemos enfrentar cualquier cambio en nuestro mañana. Pero por hoy gocemos el tiempo de acción de gracias y del cambio de hojas y clima. El Mañana descansa en el conocimiento y sabiduría de Dios. Esperemos en Su paz.

Por hoy a Dios sea siempre la gloria!

Pastora Aguilar



BIRTHDAYS—CUMPLEAÑOS

Amy Ahles Houser	1	Debbie Southard	12
Gary Hinebaugh	1	Shelley Jump	12
Barbara Vance	3	CC Goolsby Jr	16
Zachery Belcher	6	Karen Hall	16
Betty Walker	8	Freddy Heller	17
Lisa Taylor	8	Kimberly Pinchbeck	19
Nonie Barnstein	9	Betty Wallace	21
Elnora Holmes	10	Kenneth Stuart	26
Darrell Gilliam	11		



ANNIVERSARIES—ANIVERSARIOS

Kimberly Book	4
Dennis Hatt	7
Maria Sanches & Benjamin Rodriguez	14
Kerri & Daniel Bissett	17
Caroline & Jim Kastelberg	29

Blood Drive

Sunday, November 5th

The Bloodmobile will be present from 9:00am-Noon.



LOVE BASKETS

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 home bound or have experienced difficulties this year and need our love and the Love of God. You can help us by contributing the following items....

Lotion, toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant, hand sanitizer, chocolate candy(no nuts), hard candy, cookies, nab/crackers, Little Debbie cakes, slipper socks, men's socks, applesauce, pudding (small containers).

The deadline is December 3rd. You can drop off in church at basket in Narthex. You can drop off items anytime starting early November. Any questions or to add name to receive Love Basket or help deliver Love Baskets, please call Pat Beville 303-2660.



55+ Luncheon

Join us on Friday, November 10th at noon in the fellowship hall. RSVP and bring a friend!

El almuerzo para los de 55+ Únanse a nosotros el viernes, 10 de noviembre al mediodía en el salon social. RSVP y trae un amigo!



PECANS

Once again, the Kirkie Powell Class will be selling pecans this fall. We don't have the price or availability yet, but they should be here in time for your holiday baking, so keep us in mind.

NUECES

La clase Kirkie Powell venderá NUECES este otoño. algo para hornear durante los dias feriados!



Ramsey Church,

I would like to thank my Ramsey friends for their prayers, cards, and calls during my recent illness. A special thank you to Pastor Deb for the hospital visit and the lovely shawl she brought me.

- Sara Lee

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER

November 25th, 5:00pm in the CLC



COMMUNITY DINNER

FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

The First Responders Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the Manchester YMCA will be Wednesday, November 15th from 7:00am-9:00am.



EVERYDAY HEROES



In Memory

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

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| <i>Stuart Baltz</i> | <i>Roy Simmons</i> |
| <i>Erma East</i> | <i>Virginia Harris</i> |
| <i>Ethel Baltz</i> | <i>Louise Smith</i> |
| <i>Perley Goolsby</i> | <i>Phyllis Tyler</i> |
| <i>Steve LaPrade</i> | <i>Cecil Goolsby</i> |
| <i>Constance Shearin</i> | <i>Mike Mercer</i> |

ADVENT STUDY

This year's Advent Study is entitled "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it is like to be a human. When we talk to God about our challenges, our struggles, and our tough times, he understands. This 4-session study reminds us that "everything works together for the good of those who love God." The study will be in the sanctuary starting at 9:50am and will begin November 26th. The study will run for four Sundays: November 26th, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. "Because of Bethlehem" is for all ages from young adults to mature adults. Come join us for our Advent Study. If you are interested in having a copy of the book, please let Sue Newman know by filling out the yellow card that is in our bulletins with your name or calling the church office 276-4628. The books will be ordered no later than November 20th.

Charge Conference

Thank you to all who assisted with making our Charge Conference a success: to the UMW for making cookies and offering hospitality, to the BUCS and the Hispanic ministry team for greeting and guiding our visitors, to the youth for greeting and presenting a worship song, and to the A/V team for assisting with the presentations.

CONFERENCIA DE CARGO

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron con hacer nuestra conferencia de cargo fue todo un éxito: a las mujeres metodistas por hacer las cookies y ofrecer hospitalidad, a los BUCS y al equipo del ministerio hispano por saludar y guiar a nuestros visitantes, a los jóvenes por saludar y presentar un especial de adoración, y al equipo A/V por ayudar con las presentaciones.



Christmas Eve:

Sunday, December 24th

- ◇ 12:30pm Servicio en español
- ◇ 7:00pm Candlelight service
- ◇ 11:00pm Candlelight service

There is no Sunday School, and no 8:45am or 11:00am worship.

United Methodist Women News:

Thank You!~ Thank You to all the ladies of the congregation and UMW for baking cookies, setting up, serving, and cleaning up for the Charge Conference. You were a tremendous help!

Another great big **"Thank You"** for all the UMW members and their significant others, who helped with the BUC's Brunswick Stew Preparation and Sale. We had perfect weather, lots of helpers and a great time. On behalf of the UMW, I would like to thank the BUCS for their monetary donation to the UMW.

Nov. 4th at 10:00am is our next Unit Meeting, The program will be our Pledge to Missions Service and Election of Officers. We will also be planning our **Nov. 19th UMW Bake Sale**. I encourage you to come and sign up to help with the sale. Come and enjoy the **Fellowship** as well as a **"Little"** work!

Nov.11th is the District Officers and Leadership Development Meeting at Chamberlayne Heights UMC with registration at 9:00am.

Dec.2nd is the Advent Service at Skipwith UMC with registration at 10:00am.

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and we hope to see you there.

Ramsey Church,

I wanted to express my appreciation on behalf of the American Red Cross for your church's efforts related to hurricane Irma. Your willingness to partner with the Red Cross and set up a shelter for potential evacuees is a critical aspect of our work. While not utilized this time, it is wonderful to know of your willingness to help us. Please pass on my sincerest thanks to your staff and congregation.

Warm Regards,

James Hatcher, American Red Cross



Ramsey Church,

On behalf of CrossOver Healthcare Ministry please accept our heartfelt gratitude for the use of your Fellowship Hall to train Mental Health First Aid responders. Everyone connected with your church is so welcoming and kind. We enjoyed engaging with the folks preparing Brunswick Stew and some of the participants were able to purchase containers. Bless you for the positive presence and light you are in the community!

With sincere thanks.

Marilyn Metzler, Health Education Director

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