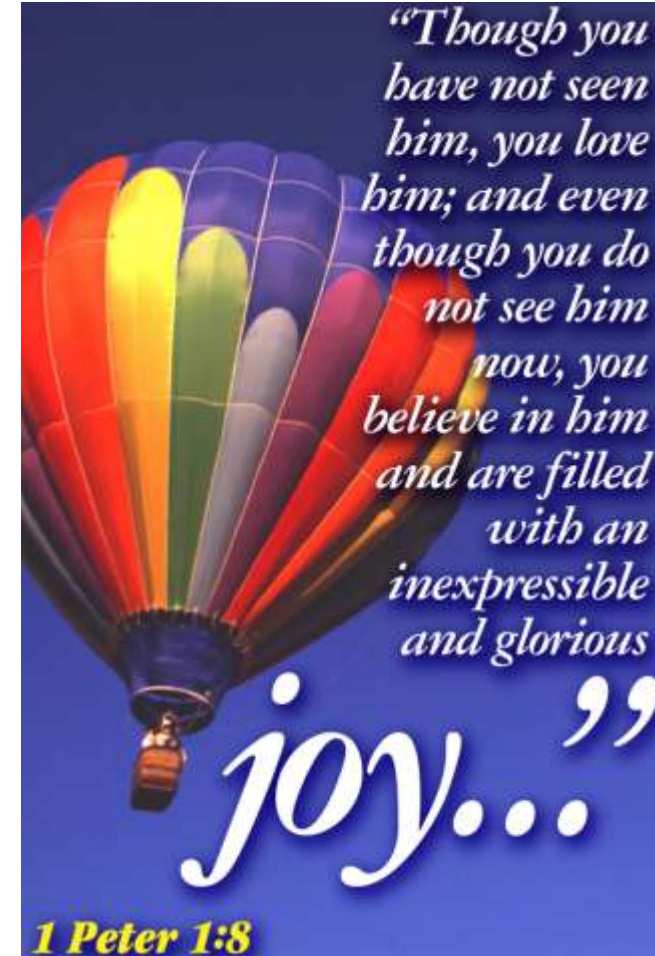


THE MESSENGER

Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church

Dedicated to an Informed Membership

Our Mission: "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"



JULY & AUGUST 2011

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PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

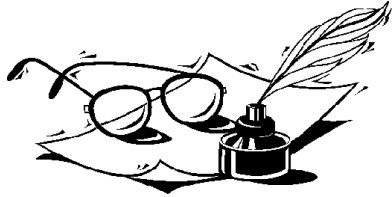
- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



From the Pastor –



*“The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.
Leviticus 19:33-35”*

How does it feel to be in the midst of strangers? Do you remember when you started a new job or first walked into a new school where you didn't recognize anyone in the building? It can be very intimidating and overwhelming. We have a new person among us in the church office.

Marlene Aparicio has joined our staff as our new secretary. Some of you may have already had a chance to meet her. We are extremely excited to have her on staff. She comes to us with a very rich background and a passion for serving in whatever capacity we need, although her primary duties are the worship bulletins, newsletter, and maintenance of our church calendar.

I hope that each of you will make time to get to know her on a personal level. Stop by and introduce yourself. Help her to be able to put faces with the voices she will hear on the phone and the names that she reads in emails. Let's make her feel welcome and a part of our church family as she begins this new journey with us!

Yours In Christ,

Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Betty Raper
- 7 Chris Cullop
- Doris Gallagher
- Sandy Aderholt
- Stuart Layne
- 8 George Wood
- 10 Pat Beville
- 12 Stacey Beville
- 13 Pam Rives
- Constance Shearin
- 16 Scott Cullop
- Tyler Flynn
- Sarah Gerring
- Sara Lee
- Julian Lowe
- 17 Linda Hinebaugh
- 17 David Rives
- 18 Wiley Davis
- 19 Amanda Barker
- Jamie Harper
- Gahun
- Charles Harris
- 20 Jennifer Winfree
- 21 Lucy Monk
- 22 Kerri Bissett
- 23 Will Flynn
- 25 Curtis Lane
- 30 Russ Cottrell
- 31 Gladys Walker

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Warren & Katie Smith
- 11 Norma & Oswaldo Aguilar
- 19 Craig & Beth Lane
- 22 Dick & Linda Guilmart
- 26 Joe & Pattie Winfree
- 28 Bill & Betty Lou Brame
- 31 Curtis & Joyce Walsh

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Courtney Austin
- Christian Fox
- Tommy Spain
- 5 Raymond Miles
- 5 Tom Wagstaff
- 7 Debbie Smyth
- 8 Robin Davis
- George Davis
- Shirley Stargardt
- 10 Don Cameron
- Erma East
- Paul Austin
- 11
- 12 Buster Madison
- 13 Iggy Gerring
- 14 Bernice Breeden
- Scotty Doyle
- 15 Howard Fox
- Margaret Kelley
- 16 Samuel Aguilar
- 18 Jim Kastelberg
- 19 Rita Pittman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS cont.

- 19 Rachel Southard
- 20 Lewis Hughes
- 21 Dan Hallinan
- 22 Donna Jean Jorgensen
- David Pittman
- 24 Matt Hoover
- 25 Jeannie Swann
- 26 Peggy Burch
- 27 Carminia Inge
- Gary Grubb

- 28 Samantha Sweat

- 30 Scott Fox
- Amanda Lane
- Hillary Shelton
- 31 Sheridan Sayles
- Bert Smith

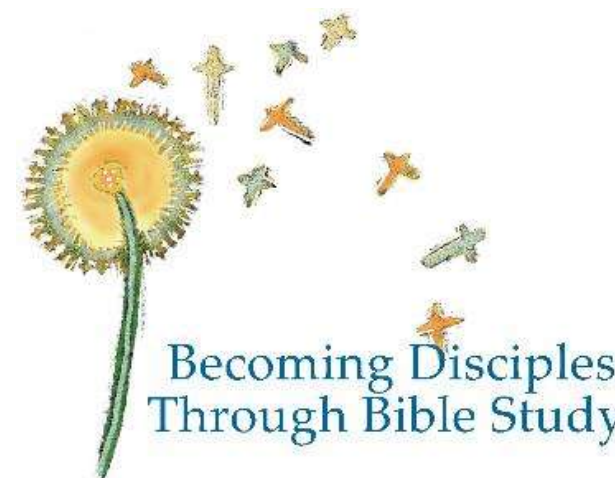
AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Dwain & Kathy Holmes
- 12 Gary & Linda Hinebaugh
- 16 Jessica & Jack Falkos
- 21 Beltram & Clara Shifflette
- 26 Leroy & Debbie Garrett
- 29 Cecil & Perley Goolsby



Finance Update

Summer is finally here, and we are all looking forward to some lazy days and vacations! Don't forget that Ramsey doesn't take a vacation during the summer, and your church still needs your financial support even if you can't physically be here! Please try to stay current with your pledges throughout the summer months. To make it easier for you, your bank can do an automatic draft for your offering or Capital Campaign payment. Your payment can automatically be deducted from your account and sent to the church. If you're interested in this option, just contact your bank for information on how to get started. As always, thank you for your continued support with your prayers, presence and gifts that enable Ramsey to carry out God's work!



If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples
- John 8:31

Starting in September, **Disciple I** will be offered for 34 weeks. If you are interested or have any questions, call Sue Newman at 276-4628 or complete the yellow cards on Sundays by marking "Disciple I" on the back.



The 55+ Luncheons
will be back!

Please plan to join us on

September 16

12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

RSVP by **September 14**



Contemporary
Worship
Summer Schedule

Sunday, July 17th &

Sunday, August 14th

In the CLC @ 5:30 p.m.



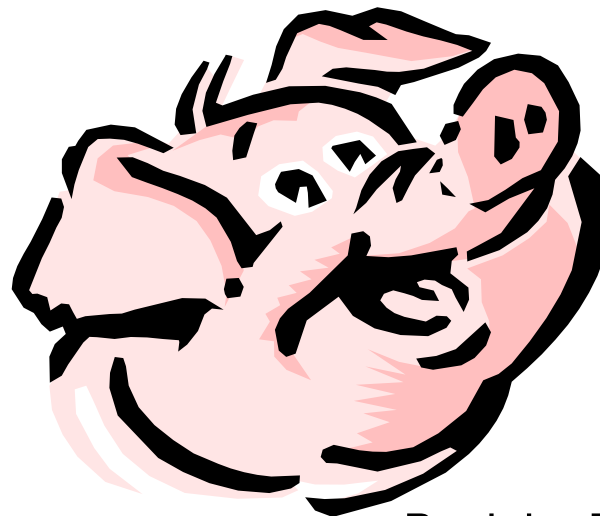
Dear Friends:

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, visits and money sent to me to help defray the costs of Margaret's funeral and cremation costs. I don't know what I would do without my church family and friends at a time like this. Again, thanks to Norma for her devotion to me and my family in Joe's absence.

Leroy Harris and family.



**Reminder:
Deadline for the
September
Newsletter is
August 15th.**



Back by Popular Demand !!

Ramsey's Marion Mission Team

Presents

"Mission Meat 4"

A home-cooked Bar-B-Q delight

For only \$7.00 a pint

All proceeds support Mission Outreach

Sat, July 16, 2011

Pre-Sales Only!!

Order yours today

See any Mission Team Member

Or call Beth @ 276-4027





The Greater Broad Rock Community Inc.
Presents the 5th Annual
GBRC CrossOver Tea
September 24th 2011 2-4pm
Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church

Tickets \$20 per person Table of 8 \$160

This is a fundraiser for **CrossOver Healthcare Ministry**

Please RSVP by September 19th to Shelley Jump at (804) 908-7368

Those interested in volunteering

please call Jeanne Shelbourne at (804) 201-1044

UMW NEWS

The **Prayer Shawl ministry** is still working and many shawls have been made. In June, July & August we will be doing crafts. Come join us at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

Dates to remember:

School of Christian Mission

- Weekend of: July 22-24, 2011 **OR**
- Week of: July 25-28, 2011,
Blackstone, Va.
- Registration forms on bulletin board in the education building foyer.

District Mission Trip, August 10th, @ Westview on the James

We will work at **Shalom Farms** in the morning, then have lunch and help at **All God's Children Camp** in the afternoon.

CIRCLE MEETING SCHEDULE

Nina Woodfin Circle
No Meeting in July
Picnic August 10th @ 6 p.m.

Hazel Gibbs Circle
No July or August Meetings

Ada Mae Bookman Circle
No July or August Meetings

McGuire Park Circle
Picnic, July 12 @ 6:30 p.m.
No Meeting in August

Love conquers all – A Heartfelt Thank-you to our Ramsey Family

“The love for equals is a human thing — of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. **The world smiles.** The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing — the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. **This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world...** And then there is the love for the enemy — love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. **This is God's love. It conquers the world.** “

—Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

For the many ways that our Ramsey Family has loved us, we are so very grateful. Here I found an uplifting workplace and friends who I will cherish forever. Victor found a congregation whose open hearts and attentiveness were so welcoming to a visiting preacher. Jessenia found a place that made her feel like she was not visiting a building but instead was coming to a home where she only met friends. Here she got hugs from the volunteers actually waiting to see her coming around the corner, she found her “best (little) buddy” and she got to see Love in Action.

What a Gift! It makes me smile to remember one of her bed-time prayers after a visit to Ramsey during a CARITAS week. She said, “God please help those people (I met) who do not have homes and help the church too. So that next time it can be biiiig enough to fit everybody inside.” That is my prayer for Ramsey too. I pray that you are blessed, not by growing in size or structure but in growing the LOVE that our family found here. I pray that each of our Ramsey friends can take a little piece of the love that they found here out to the world and share it. In that way, I know that we will “fit everybody inside”.

Love and Peace be with each of you, Heather

2011 VA Annual Conference Report

Nearly 53,000 kits collected for UMCOR Virginia Conference churches brought 52,870 disaster relief kits for **United Methodist Committee on Relief** (UMCOR): 27,148 health kits, 15,192 school kits, 3,723 layette kits, 648 sewing kits, 62 bedding packs, 854 cleaning buckets, 5,243 birthing kits. They also contributed 9,200 lbs. of canned food. More than 220 volunteers unloaded and bagged 39,000 pounds of potatoes that were delivered to 12 feeding agencies in Virginia and West Virginia.

\$167,345 collected for Annual Conference Offering To date, \$167,345 has been collected for the Annual Conference Offering which will support leadership development in the United Methodist Church in Mozambique, Shade and Fresh Water programs in Brazil, Agape Christian Children's Community Center on the Eastern Shore, and Shalom Zone.

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 & 12:15 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Culto en Espanol 12:30 p.m.	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	5 Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Summer Study 6:30 p.m.	6 Admin. Council 7:00 p.m.	7 Care-a-Van 8:00 a.m. Prayer Shawlers 10:00 a.m. BUCS to Diamond for FIREWORKS	8	9
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24 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 & 12:15 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Culto en Espanol 12:30 p.m.	25	26 Wellness Class 6:00 p.m.	27 Food Pantry 10:00 a.m. SPRC 7:00 p.m.	28 Care-a-Van 8:00 a.m. Prayer Shawlers 10:00 a.m.	29 Estudio Biblico 7:15 p.m.	30



AUGUST

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	1	2 Wellness Class 6:00 p.m.	3 No Admin Council Next Meeting September 7 th	4 Care-a-Van 8:00 a.m. Prayer Shawlers 10:00 a.m.	5	6 Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day
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