

THANKFULNESS

SIGNS

Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



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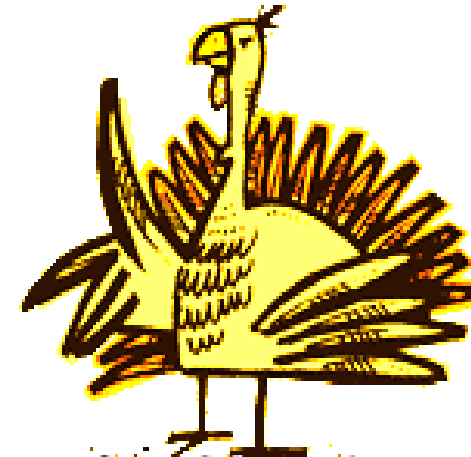
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THE MESSENGER

Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church

Dedicated to an Informed Membership

Our Mission: "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"



An Abundance of Thanks



"We give thanks to you, O God; People tell of your wondrous deeds."

Psalm 75:1. NRSV

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 NOVEMBER 2011

FROM
THE
PASTOR



"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are
the emperor's and to God the things that are God's"

Matthew 22:21

In his book, Keep the Aspidistra Flying, George Orwell
paraphrases 1 Corinthians 13:

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not money, I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not money, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not money, it profiteth me nothing. Money suffereth long, and is kind; money envieth not; money vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. . . . And now abideth faith, hope, money, these three; but the greatest of these is money.

This changes the perspective of the entire passage, revealing money for the idol it can so easily become. It is so easy for us to forget or conveniently overlook the fact that Jesus had more to say about money than any other subject. Jesus knew how easy it is for us to become obsessed with our money and possessions that we lose sight of how we are to use our resources for God's purpose.

As we approach our commitment Sunday on November 20, I would ask each of you to be intentional in praying about how God wants you to use the resources that have been placed under your control. I pray that the financial commitment you make to the ministry of our church will truly reflect what you believe God has called you to do. Our giving should not be an after-thought, it should be an intentional act.

Yours In Christ,

Joe

November 2011 A C T I V I T I E S

PUZZLE

Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy led	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ ." PSALM 105:1-2, niv

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. Lord, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)



NOVEMBER

Gary Hinebaugh	1st
Nathan Meadows	3rd
Zachary Belcher	6th
Carolyn Hatchell	7th
Herbert Rhoades	7th
Betty Walker	8th
Nonie Barnstein	9th
Elnora Holmes	10th
Darrell Gilliam	11th
Shelley Jump	12th
Debbie Southard	12th
Cecil C. Goolsby, III	16th
Karen Hall	16th
Fredrick Heller	17th
Kimberly Pinchbeck	19th
Todd Winfree	20th
Monte Davis	20th
Hoyt Graham	21st
Betty Wallace	21st
Kenneth Stuart	26th
Ethel Baltz	30th



NOVEMBER

Mr. & Mrs. Lou Chandler	2nd
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Vaughan	3rd
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Book	4th
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis L. Hatt	7th
Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Rodriguez	14
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Bissett	17th
Mr. & Mrs. Iggy B. Gerring, Jr.	18th
Mr. & Mrs. James Kastelberg	29th

For those wanting to follow Jenna Wegrzynowicz while she is in Germany on her mission with Teach Beyond, the following are her contacts:

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Those who drink the water that I will
 give them will never be thirsty.

John 4:14



Come quench your thirst at Café 4:14.
 It's not worship as usual – it's an experience!
 Join us each Sunday night **at 5:30 p.m.**

Volunteers Needed

Lay Readers

Needed for the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services
 If willing to be a Lay Reader, please call
 Linda Guilmart at (804) 739-4205

Greeters

Needed for 11:00 a.m. service
 You will only greet approximately four (4) times in a quarter

Communion Stewards

Needed for 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service
 You have a choice of which service you prefer
 It is Only one (1) time a year that you serve

If interested in either or both of these ministries,
 Communion Stewards and/or Greeters, please
 call Phyllis Tyler at (804) 276-2946



Upward Basketball Volunteers Needed:

This is a wonderful mission program and your time and help would be appreciated. We can use coaches, referees, evaluators/registrations, concessions, setup/cleanup, prayer partners, devotions, greeters, scorekeepers, donations for scholarships, picture day, etc.... Please review the information on the bulletin board in the narthex to learn more about the program and sign up.

Important Dates:

- Fundraising Bake Sale: Sunday, October 30th before/after worship services (to help fund the scholarships & door prizes at awards night)
- Practices: begin Tuesday, January 10, end March 22
- Games: begin Saturday, February 4, end March 24
- Registration:
 - Saturday, November 5, 9am to noon
 - Sunday, November 6, 2pm to 5pm
 - Saturday, November 12, 11am to 4pm
 - Saturday, November 19, 9am to noon
 - Sunday, November 20, 2pm to 5pm
 - Saturday, December 3, 9am to noon
 - Sunday, December 4, 2pm to 5pm

If you can help or if you have any questions, please contact Tammy Heller at 393-6135 or metzso@aol.com

Thank you!



Dear Friends,

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our church family for the many acts of kindness shown us during Bill's long illness and recent passing. Your love, prayers and support have meant so much to us and helped to get us through a very difficult time. A heartfelt "thanks" to each and every one -- your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,
The Brame Family
Betty Lou, Mary & Clarke

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts for my Mon. She came home to my house on Wednesday and is doing well. And using the beautiful shawl the ladies made for her.

*Barbara Barden
(Grace Driskill)*



Dear Ramsey family,

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love you have shown us throughout the illness and recent passing of my father. While we will miss him terribly, we had the blessing of his being with us for 3 years after his initial diagnosis. This allowed us to spend so much quality time together, especially during this final summer.

We want to especially thank Joe for his presence both at the Gloucester funeral and in conducting the interment service at Dale Memorial Park. My father's involvement both at Locus Grove UMC after retirement and Ramsey during the many years he lived in Chesterfield produced a humbling amount of people who came to pay their respects and support our family.

Thank you all for all of your thoughts and prayers -- we know that he is finally at rest in the arms of our Lord.

Kathie, Steve & Kelsey

In the Fall Festival there is a “Bike Rodeo” planned. If you are planning on bringing your children and or grandchildren, please bring their bikes and helmets if you can. There will be some bikes available but we are sure they would like to bike the course with their own bike. Also if you have an extra bike that we could use for those that come without bikes, we would appreciate it.



WE NEED YOUR HELP for the Fall Festival. If you can give some of your time to help, please call Sue Newman or Joyce Walsh in the church office 276-4628. We will sign you up. It takes a lot of man and woman power to make it a success. Give us an hour or so and also have a great day of fun and fellowship.

FYI --- on Sunday, December 4th --- from 4:00-5:00 p.m. ---with a meal from 5:00-5:30 p.m. --- a new opportunity for children ages preschool through fifth grade will begin. The first unit is entitled “Christmas Messengers”. The preschoolers will stay in one room but move to different stations within the room for their learning experiences. Kindergarten through fifth will move from room to room for their different stations of learning. We are very excited about this and hope you will bring our family as well as invite a family you know to come. After the meal you can then go to our 5:30 p.m. worship service as a family. God is leading and we are **stepping out to meet him.**



Ramsey United Methodist Women News

Thanks to all UMW members who read a total of 44 books this year from the UMW reading program list. The District UMW awarded Reading Certificates to **Sue Newman** for Completion of Plan II, **Betty Wallace** and **Phyllis Tyler** for completion of Plan I.

Please continue to read and report your books read each month to your Circle secretary. With continued reading, we educate ourselves on topics with which our UMW ministry is concerned. Books are available in the church library under UMW Section.



Dates to Remember:

- **Nov 12, 2011 UMW District Officers' Training Day**
Place: Christ UMC, 6748 West Grace Street 23226
Registration 9:00 a.m.
Program /Training 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Nov 19, 2011 Ramsey UMW Unit meeting**
10:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall, Pledge Service
- **December 3 UMW District Advent Service**
Place: Walmsley Boulevard UMC
2950 Walmsley Blvd., 23234
Registration: 10:00 a.m. Program 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
Speaker: Greg Peters, President and CEO, United Methodist Family Service
Mission Emphasis: Offering for United Methodist Family Services



Youth Lock-in

The Ramsey Memorial Youth Group will be having a lock-in on November 18th. Youth will start arriving at the church at 5:30 pm that Friday and will not get picked up until 8:00 am the next morning! We will have pizza, movies, games and prizes. If you have any questions, please call Jeremy Humphrey (804) 317-9024.





This year's nativity ministry will begin on Wednesday, December 21, and run through Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2011. Each year many volunteers are needed to put on this production.

Areas you can help in are as follows:

- Cast members to fill the different roles each night
- Help with the yard crew
- Donations of food and beverages each night for the cast members
- Help with dressing the cast each night

If you are interested in helping us this year, please call or write to Tammy Howe (jefhow@comcast.net) or 804-307-5056. Thank you in advance to every one for their help in this ministry.

POINSETTIAS

In memory of or in honor of
Deadline for ordering is November 21st
The price is \$10.95



55+ Luncheon

November 4

(Note change from regular week)

Join us in Fellowship Hal

at 12:00 p.m.

for our Thanksgiving Dinner

Invite a friend to join you

RSVP by November 2

Let us give thanks together!



WHITE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

We are taking applications from the Ramsey Congregation for those families or individuals who are in need of assistance with extra food and/ or gifts of clothing this Christmas season. The applications are available in the church office. They must be completed and returned to the office or to Scotty Doyle by Sunday, November 6th, If there are questions, please contact Scotty Doyle 744-3034.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

The fall Blood Drive usually scheduled for the first Sunday in November at Ramsey has been cancelled this year.

We ask that all Ramsey donors contact the VA. Blood Service Center on line at vablood.org to find a blood drive or to make an appointment to donate.

You can also call **1-800-989--Gift (4438)** to schedule a donation. **The closest VA. Blood Service Center is located at 9200 Arboretum Parkway Suite 100**, just off Midlothian Turnpike and Powhite Parkway. I donated at the Arboretum location and was in and out in 30 minutes. Please donate at a location of your choice this fall and we will see you in the CLC here at Ramsey for the Spring Blood Drive. Scotty Doyle, Blood Drive Team Leader.

Project Crossroads Mission Trip in Marion

A Mission Revelation

From Mr. Gary Hotchkiss

Hello to all my Teammates,

I could never have put these thoughts into words gracefully during our evening team meetings. However, it felt very good to write them down.

On Wednesday, October 6, 2011, I was half way through my fourth Mission trip, and still digging through the tools and hardware in "Penny's Building". I was wondering if I would be able to finish my To-Do list by Friday when Linda came by and asked me, "Could you come help me for a few minutes?" I responded with the only acceptable answer, "You bet!" Linda explained our task while we drove up the hill to the warehouse. There was a young couple trying to get their lives back in order after a serious setback. I don't know any details, but he had lost his job and everything fell apart. The final blow was when Social Services placed their children in 'temporary foster care' until they could provide a home with proper appliances, beds and furniture.

Our immediate goal was to provide split-logs for their wood stove and living room furniture. The wood had been dropped off the day before and we were going to pick out a sofa, chair and table. We met four ladies from another mission group at the warehouse and we found a nice big sofa but found that both legs on the right side had stripped loose and fallen out. While I was checking the hopeless legs, Linda yelled I've got it and pointed to a pair of 3-inch thick cement blocks – the perfect height. We got everything on the truck and took off for their house. As we drove, I couldn't help but review the load of "stuff" that we were delivering. Nothing was ripped-up or dirty, but the denim fabric was a little bleached out from sun exposure and the chair legs had made depressions in the over-stuffed sofa back. And don't forget the 2 cement blocks that had to be carried into their home before the sofa. As we arrived, I thought to myself, "Well, it is what it is. And it's better than nothing." With the help of the very strong and eager husband, we got everything safely off the truck and into the house. The cement blocks were not visible and the four depressions had disappeared – no so bad after all.

As the ladies were trying various placements for the chair and table, I noticed the young mother standing by herself beside the sofa. She was gently rubbing the soft blue denim on her new sofa. She appeared to be at ease and was smiling for the first time. I looked in her eyes and somehow I saw the furniture through her eyes and it was indeed beautiful. At the very instant, I knew how important my mission work was to others. Linda told me the next day that she had dropped off paint brushes, rollers and a five-gallon pail of white paint. She told the husband that she thought he might want to spruce-up their new home. He looked at Linda and said, "At this point I feel could fill that pail with tears, thank you so much."

Ramsey Memorial UMC's Fall Festival

Saturday, November 12th

11am - 4pm

*Join us for a day of family fun, food and fellowship!
Something for all ages!*

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| ☞ Games | ☞ Balloons |
| ☞ Music/Dance | ☞ Bake Sale |
| ☞ Clowns/Face Painting | ☞ Antique/Classic Cars |
| ☞ Inflatable Bounce House | ☞ Door Prizes |
| ☞ Bike "Rodeo" | ☞ Lots More! |

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Hispanic Worship Service: 12:30 p.m.

Sunday Contemporary Worship Service: 5:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		EVERY SUNDAY Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 am Fellowship Gathering 9:30 am & 12:15pm Sunday School 9:45 am Contemporary Worship 5:30 pm Worship Service/Spanish 12:30 pm Escuela Dominical 11:00 am			Care-A-Van and Dental Van @ 8:00 a.m. Every Thursday		
CARITAS October 29th through November 5th		1 Wellness 6:00 pm Beth Moore Bible 6:30 pm Disciple I 7:00 pm ESL Classes 7:30 pm McGuire Park Circle 7:30 pm	2 Bible Study with Joe 10:00 am Charge Conference 7:00 pm Hispanic Rehearsal 7:00 pm	3 Coffee & Conversation 9:00 am Prayer Shawls 10:00 am TOPS 10:00 am Troop 847 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:00 pm ESL Classes 7:30 pm	4 55 + Luncheon 12:00 pm	5 BUCS Brunswick Stew & Nativity 8:00 am Upward Registration 10:00 am Girl Scouts Festival 12:00 pm Estudio Biblico 6:00 pm	
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