

# THE MESSENGER

## October 2022



## LETTERS FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Ramsey Saints,

"Then Moses said to the whole community of Israel, "This is what the LORD has commanded: Take a sacred offering for the LORD. Let those with generous hearts present gifts to the LORD. .... So, the whole community of Israel left Moses and returned to their tents. All whose hearts were stirred and whose spirits were moved came and brought their sacred offerings to the LORD. They brought all the materials needed for the Tabernacle for the performance of its rituals, and for the sacred garments."

Exodus 35:4-5, 20-21

Each year in the Fall, Ramsey Church has the opportunity to plan for the year ahead with both human resources and financial resources. One of the ways we do that is through our commitment packet that is given to each church participant, offering them an opportunity to make a financial pledge to the General Fund and to the Capital (Building) Fund of Ramsey Church for the upcoming year.

We will have stewardship moments during our weekly worship services in October and then culminate on October 30 with our Commitment Sunday. That Sunday, we will bring our commitment cards to the altar and dedicate them to God. For those who cannot join us in person, the cards can be sent to the church office instead.

This is such a glorious and uplifting thing we do. There is power in making a commitment before God to formally say, "I will give this amount back to you, God, out of all the multitude of bounty you have placed in my life." Giving tithes and offerings to God is a tradition that goes way, way back; much further back in time than the start of Ramsey Church in 1908. Back in the Old Testament, the nation of Israel would bring their gifts to God with joyful and willing hearts. The scripture above from Exodus joins the many other stories throughout scripture of people offering their gifts to God as a way of thanking God and funding God's ministry here on earth. To think that Ramsey Church gets to be a small part of the overarching ministry of the global Church — with a capital C — is exciting and exhilarating.

During this month, watch for the stewardship packets at church or in your mailbox. We are about to join God in preparing for and funding God's great and mighty ministry through Ramsey Church in 2023. Let's go boldly and enthusiastically into the future God already has planned for us!

With transforming hope,  
Claudia

From a Pastoral Corner

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

Everything has its time. This past summer, in memory of my father, I wanted to revive what he started one day, planting my own vegetable garden in the backyard of my house. In a large and wide wooden box, my husband and I planted tomatoes, basil, parsley, peppers, chives, among other things. The harvest was not very fruitful, and I think I know why, but that will be material for another reflection. As the preacher of Ecclesiastes says, the time to start has arrived at the Aguilar family home. Last weekend, Oswaldo began to uproot the plants that did not bear fruit. As Oswaldo pulled up the plants, almost dry, the conversation arose about lessons learned regarding our vegetable garden. Next year will be different, next year we will make better decisions, and next year the harvest will be more bountiful. This was our first attempt, the second will be better. These were lessons learned, we agreed. And looking for consolation we told ourselves, besides, autumn is already knocking at the door. Everything has its time. The time to plant has passed and the time to harvest what has been planted has almost come to an end. But the hope of a better sowing and an abundant harvest is always present.

Now for Ramsey comes the season of stewardship. As members of the kingdom of God, we will be invited to continue investing in the kingdom of heaven. And I'm not just talking about material investments, but also about our talents and time, commitment, and fidelity.

In this month of October during the servicio de adoración, the focus will be on the laity who for the first four Sundays of the month will be using their talents to share with us the message of the word of God. Among them we will see men and women, and Steven representing young adolescents, sharing the message of the word of God. We will also listen to testimonies focused on what it means to give with a joyful heart, and we will be celebrating how God has been with us so far. On the last Sunday of the month, once again, we will come together as a church and in two different languages we will hear the invitation to make room for the gift of giving.

With transforming hope, seeing with eyes of faith towards what I cannot see today but with certainty I know what awaits us, I can say that, in His time, the harvest will be better and the harvest abundant. In the name of the Sower of every good seed. Amen.

Your partner in Christ,  
Pastor Norma



# Delight

YOURSELF IN THE LORD, AND HE WILL  
GIVE YOU THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.

PSALM 37:4, ESV



### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

McGuire Park Circle will be working with Morrisette Funeral Home to provide Christmas Stockings for Soldiers. The Stockings will be available at the foot of the stairs in the CLC. Each stocking will contain a list of suggested items that the soldiers can use or would like, and can be easily transported. Once filled, the stockings can be returned to the church or delivered to Morrisette Funeral Home. Those returned to the church will be boxed and delivered to Morrisette, who will deliver them to the USO office at Ft. Lee. The USO will ship the boxes to active duty soldiers around the world. To insure the stockings are received before Christmas, they must be turned in by Sunday, November 27.

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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Do you know of someone that you would like to have share their musical gifts during the 10:00 am service? Do you know someone that likes to share their musical gifts at different churches? If so, please ask them if you can give their information and when they say, "Yes," please provide that information to the Director of Music at metzzo22@gmail.com.

The Ramsey choir meets Sunday mornings after the service from 11:00 - 11:45 am in the Choir Room on the same level as the Sanctuary, and will look to sing once every other month and during cantatas. If you are interested, please either contact the church office at admin@ramseymemorial.org or the Director of Music at metzzo22@gmail.com.

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### TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY

Ramsey Church is looking to add volunteers in the Technology ministry for our 10:00 am service. No experience is needed, training will be provided. You just need a desire to participate in service to God. The thought is that if we get enough in each area ( sound, video, or camera) the volunteers would work one Sunday every 1-2 months. Please prayerfully consider serving in the Technology Ministry, and if you are interested, please let the church office know at admin@ramseymemorial.org or our Director of Music at metzzo22@gmail.com.



The one thing I  
ask of the Lord—  
the thing I seek  
most—  
is to live in the  
house of the Lord  
all the days of my  
life,  
delighting in  
the Lord's  
perfections  
and meditating  
in his Temple.

Psalm 27:4

***We  
Appreciate  
our  
Pastors!***

**October is Clergy  
Appreciation  
month!**

Don't forget to  
take a moment  
and let our  
wonderful pastors  
know how God is  
using them in  
your life.



### PECAN SALE

Once again, the Kirkie Powell Class will be selling pecans this fall in time for your holiday baking. This has been our fundraiser for decades. At this point, we don't know what the price per bag will be. They should be here at the end of October or early November. We will sell them at church, but if you want home delivery, just call Jerry Cummings at 320-7462.

We appreciate your support.



### CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 16 at 4:00pm at Beulah UMC (6930 Hopkins Road, Richmond, VA 23234). We will meet with Beulah and seven other area UMC churches as a part of our new Three Notch'd District Cluster group. Everyone is welcome to attend Charge Conference; members of Administrative Council are eligible to vote.



### RAMSEY REFRESH

The refresh of Ramsey is continuing with small changes that make a difference in the presence of the church building. The entrance to the right of the sanctuary has become a welcoming entrance with two chairs and refreshed bulletin boards. Work is being done to declutter the Fellowship Hall. The display cabinet in the front office entrance has been refreshed. The Worship room is looking wonderful after much work by two teams.

October 22, the Mission Team will assist with the reorganization of the storage room beside the CLC kitchen. The next project(s) will be planned for the new year.

If there is a room or closet you would like to help organize and refresh, please contact Joan McGowan at 804-513-8540



### CHURCH WORK DAY

There will be a church work day on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00am to noon. There will be a light breakfast offered at 8:30am for all.



### GIVING QR CODE

Scan the QR code above to be directed to our online giving resource!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

ADRIEL BENITEZ	OCTOBER 1
SUE KROPP	OCTOBER 1
SCOTT STALLINGS	OCTOBER 1
SUE WHEAT	OCTOBER 2
LEROY HARRIS	OCTOBER 4
HUGH WALLACE	OCTOBER 4
GERALD CUMMINGS	OCTOBER 5
RICHARD VANCE	OCTOBER 5
KELLY NEWMAN	OCTOBER 7
HELEN WALLACE	OCTOBER 8
YADIRA FUNES	OCTOBER 10
WILLIAM PRICE	OCTOBER 11
SHARON SAYLES	OCTOBER 14
OASIS VEGA	OCTOBER 16
DEBORAH BISSET	OCTOBER 17
HELEN GAINER	OCTOBER 17
PAIGE AUSTIN	OCTOBER 20
CICERO GAINER	OCTOBER 22
KENNETH BEVILLE	OCTOBER 23
BUTCH CHEATHAM	OCTOBER 23
KENNETH BALTZ	OCTOBER 31

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

HAZEL & JIMMY STEWART	OCTOBER 10
SAMUEL & NICOLE AGUILAR	OCTOBER 16
MIKE & DEBBIE SOUTHARD	OCTOBER 16
NORM & SUE KROPP	OCTOBER 18
HARRY & SUE NEWMAN	OCTOBER 19
BERT & KIMBERLY SMITH	OCTOBER 25
LAURA & DARRIN ROBINSON	OCTOBER 28



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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