

THE MESSENGER

November 2022



LETTERS FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Ramsey Saints,

Psalm 136 is a beautiful – and interesting – Psalm to read. Its opening verse says simply, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" and then is followed with the phrase, "His faithful love endures forever." Verse 2 states, "Give thanks to the God of gods" and then is followed with that same phrase, "His faithful love endures forever."

Psalm 136 is beautiful because the entire Psalm speaks of reasons to give thanks to God. Thanks for God's many wonderful characteristics, thanks for God's hand of deliverance upon the Israelites and thanks to God for loving God's people.

It is interesting to read because literally every verse, every statement of thanks is then followed with "His faithful love endures forever." Thirty-six verses of thanksgiving and 36 times of saying the phrase, "His faithful love endures forever."

So, when reading it, it can at times seem redundant because the verses are rarely much longer than the mantra, "His faithful love endures forever." But through the years I have come to love this Psalm because it forces me to slow down as it repeatedly acknowledges the factual truth that God's faithful love endures forever. HIS. FAITHFUL. LOVE. ENDURES. FOREVER.

During this month of giving thanks, we could do worse than to slow ourselves down, take a moment each day to think of one thing for which we can be thankful to God and then to follow our statement of thanks with a reminder mantra that God's faithful love endures forever. I pray that we will make room each day to say "thank you, God" for some aspect of God or some moment God has provided for us, or some experience God has guided us through. Thirty days of expressing each day a new unique reason to give thanks to God. I have no doubt, this small task could produce a harvest of blessings in our lives. Let us "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever."

With transforming hope,

Claudia

From a Pastoral Corner,

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

It's not easy to think that the season of Thanksgiving and Advent is just around the corner! Time is truly flying! Now what do we do with these changing seasons? Paul writing to the Philippians tells them, offer your requests before God in prayer and supplication, and with thanksgiving.

I am sure that each one of us has a huge list of circumstances that cause us a lot of anxiety, some, for example, may be problems in some type of relationship, financial difficulties, teenage sons/daughters looking for their own identity, Or maybe grief and coping with some loss is keeping us up at night, and the list goes on. Apart from our personal life, our spiritual life is also impacted by daily living. Because the truth is that the prince of darkness prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9). So like Paul, I want to join that same request in this season of thanksgiving and Advent. I want to recommend that, when Thanksgiving and Advent arrive, we give ourselves the time and space to connect with God and strengthen our relationship and commitment to Him.

1- Let us fix our eyes on Jesus who is the Author and Finisher of our Faith. And who is also our Joy, Peace, Hope and Love of God incarnated in Jesus.

2- Talk to others about your experience with Jesus and your relationship with your faith community. Intentionally spread the good news of salvation.

3- Enjoy your family and family, taking care of each other, and recount your memories and make new memories.

4- Do not stop congregating.

5- Tell your children and family about who you are in Christ Jesus and who Christ is in you.

6- Look for opportunities to make a difference to someone in some way.

7- Thank God as a family for his faithfulness, for health and finances.

8- Every Advent Sunday or any day of the week, take time to pray for those who suffer, for your brothers in faith, your neighbors, nation and the whole world.

9- Sing hymns that remind you of the encouraging hope we have in Christ Jesus. Cry if you feel like it, mourn for some loss, but don't stop singing and seek comfort in God.

10- Rejoice again and again in the God of your salvation. In Emmanuel, who is God with us.

In this same walk Christ, you, and me.
Pastor Norma

Give thanks
to the Lord,
for HE is good.
His love endures
forever.

Psalm 136:1





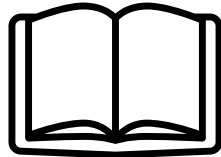
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

On September 24, 2022, the Richmond District/Three Notch'd District held their 50th Annual Meeting at Asbury-Church Hill United Methodist Church. Ramsey was recognized as one of units to achieve the Six Star Status and the Gold Status for Living Into Our Purpose. The requirements for these two programs are fairly lengthy and require involvement in mission and community projects. In addition, Ramsey was recognized as the unit with the second highest number of books read this past year. These are significant accomplishments, and our Women in Faith are to be commended. On Saturday, December 3, 2022, Ramsey will host the District Advent Service. Worship will be 10:30 - 11:30 am. Rev. Sarah Forti, Minister of Youth, Children, and Christian Education at Lebanon UMC will be the guest speaker. If you would like to fill a stocking for an active duty service person, they are available at the foot of the steps in the C.L.C.



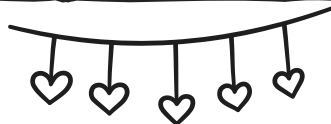
NATIVITY SHELTER SETUP

The Brothers United in Christian Service (BUCS) will be putting up the annual Nativity Shelter immediately after service on Sunday November 6. In the event of inclement weather we will do it on the following Sunday the 13th. Bring a change of clothes, ladders and appropriate tools.



2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ramsey is in the process of putting together an updated church directory for 2022. If you have an information change (phone, address, family additions, etc.) please let the office know by Friday, December 16 at noon. There will be a prototype directory available in the back of Sanctuary beginning on November 13 where you can see the current information we have for you. Please either notate changes in the physical directory provided or email your changes to the church office at admin@ramseymemorial.org



I APPRECIATE YOU!

Ramsey Church, you honored me, blessed me, and showed appreciation for me in countless ways throughout the month of October, Clergy Appreciation Month.
Thank you, I love you and love being your Lead Pastor,
Pastor Claudia



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



November 6 is
the start of
Daylight
Savings Time.
Don't forget to
set your clocks
BACK!



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 delivered in 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.



THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU! to everyone who helped make our Oct. 1st workday a huge success. Together, we cleaned up, decluttered, reattached stair treads, removed grass from the parking lot and repaired ceilings. A special thanks to the BUCS for sponsoring our breakfast.

May God Bless You and God Bless Ramsey.

Will Flynn, Trustee Secretary.



RAMSEY REFRESH

The storage room in the CLC gym was cleaned out and organized as our last Ramsey Refresh project (for the year) on October 22. Groups that use the gym and store items in this room were notified to remove or label their items. We discarded items no longer serving a purpose, were broken, and or had been stored for so long they were not usable. We recycled some of the things, relocated some and offered some for use with other ministries of the church. We will buy a shelf for several of the groups to store their items, thus clearing up the space for our tables, chairs and give us access to the cupboards. It is the expectation that when items are removed from this room, they will be returned to their location. We will ask each group who uses the storage area to assist in keeping the room organized.

Thank you to all who have helped in the many Ramsey Refresh projects over the past year. Well done, good and faithful servants.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On November 6 we will remember and praise God for the many saints of Ramsey Church.



GIVING QR CODE

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

YAJAIRA VERONICA CRUZ	NOVEMBER 1
AMY AHLES HOUSER	NOVEMBER 1
BARBARA VANCE	NOVEMBER 3
ZACHERY DAVIS	NOVEMBER 6
LISA PINCHBECK TAYLOR	NOVEMBER 8
NONIE BARNSTEIN	NOVEMBER 9
ELNORA HOLMES	NOVEMBER 10
SHELLEY JUMP	NOVEMBER 12
DEBBIE SOUTHARD	NOVEMBER 12
C. C. GOOLSBY, III	NOVEMBER 16
KAREN HALL	NOVEMBER 16
FREDRICK HELLER	NOVEMBER 17
KIMBERLY PINCHBECK	NOVEMBER 19
BETTY WALLACE	NOVEMBER 21
KENNETH STUART	NOVEMBER 26

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

MARIA SANCHEZ & BENJAMIN RODRIGUEZ	NOVEMBER 14
DANIEL & KERRI BISSETT	NOVEMBER 17



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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