



Food Bank Needs

- Rice
- Jello
- Salad dressing
- Jelly/Jam

Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the foyer.

Note: Feb. 5 is “**Souper Bowl**” Sunday at RUMC. Please bring in additional donations of cans of soup and packages of crackers. This is an annual Redeemer tradition; let’s make it bountiful!

Prime Timers’ Lunch

Prime Timers, for those 65 years and older, will meet at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 7, for a Valentine’s party and sack luncheon. Patti Drummond will speak about her life. Please join us!

It’s All About Love

February is the month of Love, if we are to believe the advertising for Valentine’s Day. But what kind of love are we talking about?

According to C.S. Lewis, there are four different kinds of love. First is affection, the love of something other than people, like pets, homes and schools. Second, there is friendship, which is the basis of most human relationships. The third kind of love is erotic love between two people. This love can be wonderful but also complicated and messy. These three loves are great and necessary to our lives, but they depend on the object of our love for complete fulfillment.

C.S. Lewis lists the fourth love as agape love, the “Divine Gift Love,” a love of the highest order. Agape love only occurs when we give ourselves and our lives over to God and allow Him to work in us. When we love with agape love, we are unselfish and desire the best for those we love.



God is love, and love is the essence of God. Spiritual disciplines are essential to learning this concept. These practices include: worship, prayer, communion, devotionals, Bible study, sharing God’s love with others, helping in the community and many more. According to Rev. Rueben Job in

the book, *Three Simple Rules*, “It is in these practices that we learn to hear and respond to God’s direction. It is in these practices that we learn to trust God as revealed in Jesus Christ. It is in these practices that we learn God’s love for us. It is where our love for God is nurtured and sustained.”

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.

Adult and Youth
Classes

10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time

11 a.m.

Worship Service

Celebrations

Birthdays

2/1 David McMullen

2/7 Fran Larrabee

2/17 Mary Haynes

2/18 Marty Driggs

2/19 Helen Best

2/27 Barb Fulton

2/27 Dylan Heacock

2/28 Shirley Wiley

3/1 Peggy Cleveland

3/4 Ruth Browne

Anniversaries

2/26 Monica and Bart

Kuntz



All Church Cleaning...

Starting at
10:30 a.m. on

Saturday, Feb. 18. Please
call Carol Moser to let her
know if you can help,
(360) 297-5101.

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I looked in the NRSV Bible Concordance and found that “love,” “loves,” “loved” and “loving” are mentioned in the Bible about 800 times. The only words that are mentioned more are “God” and “Lord.” Considering that the Lord is God, and God is love, it seems more than coincidence.

So nurture your agape love for God and all people. Remember in Matthew 22:37-39 when Jesus states, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment, and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Our spiritual practices and disciplines that reinforce our love of God and God’s love for us will be different for each of us since we are all unique. Find what works for you and helps you. It is not a contest of who does the most, but it is learning to be in the presence of God through your individual practices and disciplines on a daily basis. According to Rev. Job, “It is through these practices and disciplines that we find the courage, strength and direction to walk faithfully and with integrity in the way of Jesus.”

In conclusion, here are the words to a short song, “Stay in Love with God.” The words are adapted from John Wesley’s writings:

“Do no harm by any word or deed;

Do good, wherever there is need;

Remain attentive to God’s word;

Stay in love with God, Stay in love with God.”

■ **Love and Blessings, Roberta Hansen, RUMC Lay Leader**

Administrative Council Reports

The Jan. 15 Ad Council meeting verified that all of the information needed for the local church health audit had been provided to Pastor Andrew. Pastor Andrew has begun—and will continue—to use this information in his messages to the congregation as we begin building our Covenant/Vision/Mission teams. This includes identifying and developing leaders within the congregation and planning how teams will work together on various projects to promote Redeemer’s mission in our community. Also, the trustees presented a bid for pressure washing the entire church and painting the front. Ad council approved this project, so watch for action in the near future.

■ **Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair**

More Paper
Products,
Please!

Redeemer is in constant need of toilet paper, Kleenex and paper towels. Please put your donations on the kitchen counter — and thank you!

Mat-Making Change

Ladies' Fellowship mat-making workshops are now meeting every other Monday. Dates this month are Feb. 13 and 27. The workshops, which create much-needed sleeping mats for homeless individuals, are at 1 p.m. at RUMC.



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Collecting Labels for Education

Ladies Fellowship is saving Campbell's soup labels and "Box Top for Education" coupons (found on boxes of cereal, macaroni and cheese and similar products) to help with educational programs at local schools. Each Box Top Coupon is worth 10 cents! Please give your labels and coupons to Carol Moser.

Financial Corner

RUMC Financial Statement (as of Dec. 31, 2016)

Assets

Value of Property with Building \$824,390.00
(per county tax assessment)

Value of Undeveloped Parcel \$16,280.00

Bank Account – Checking \$30,000.00
(Includes restricted account items)

Restricted Accounts

Youth	\$ 444.13
Employee Taxes	\$ 986.31
India Mission	\$ 1,000.00
Maintenance	\$ 191.00
Waterfall Main.	\$ 300.00
Pastor's Fund	\$ 1,081.53
Mortgage Fund	\$ 4,178.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,200.00
Equipment Rental	\$ 80.00
School Supplies	\$ 200.00
Apportionments	\$ 766.08
Women's Fellowship	\$ 2,486.92
Computer Fund	\$ 175.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 525.00
<i>Total Restricted</i>	<i>\$13,613.97</i>

Savings Account \$5,678.00

Memorials	\$ 1,125.00
Youth	\$ 668.20
Undeclared	\$ 3,884.80

Total Assets ***\$889,961.97***

Liabilities

First Mortgage (8/1/16) \$32,004.50
(Held by Northwest United Methodist Foundation 5.50% interest)

Second Mortgage \$178,700.00
(Held by the Conference – Interest Only)

Total Liabilities ***\$210,704.50***