



Food Bank Needs

- Cranberry sauce
- Olives
- Canned pumpkin
- Stuffing mix

Please place donations in the grocery cart in the foyer. Thank you!

RUMC October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 11/1 Phyllis Hopkins
- 11/2 Tim Bollinger
- 11/8 Frankye Poole
- 11/10 Jay Hughes
- 11/13 Pastor Andrew
- 11/17 John Thomas
- 11/19 Linda White
- 11/21 Tim Norris
- 11/22 Jesse Shanklin
- 11/24 Dick Lockwood

Prime Timers News

Prime Timers will meet at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Redeemer. Please bring your lunch and hear special speaker Judy Plunkett.

Another Way to Be Supportive

Have you ever felt like if you just had a little bit of help things would go so much better? Many of you have heard me say that I have a ton of negative experience—which means I can tell you about a whole bunch of things that did not work, and most were based upon decisions that just had to be made at the time without much help. Perhaps there was “help” available but none close enough to be very informative in the heat of the moment, or maybe I just was not able to receive it. Whatever the case, the bottom line is it is good to have some help when we need it.



But what about when we don't necessarily need it? Then how valuable is the said same help? I often wonder what to do when others are in need of a hand but for one reason or another just never will receive it. Life would be so much more convenient if we could wield advice, assistance, a listening ear, etc. like a weapon and perpetrate some sort of interventionist hold-up, forcing folks to give themselves over to our care or control. But stealing someone's dignity is no less a crime than stealing someone's property (and some might say one is far more valuable than the other).

Is there a better way to be caring, encouraging and supportive of people rather than forcing goods and/or services on them? What about mentoring? Think about this with me for just a minute:

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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

A Bit of Your Time?

Help is needed after Sunday worship service on Nov. 13 in clearing the church sanctuary and setting up tables in preparation for the Holiday Bazaar. Additionally, help is needed in replacing the chairs after the Bazaar ends at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. If you can help with either or both of these tasks, please see Dawn Ratcliff.

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*Redeemer
Representatives
attend Kingston
Chamber of
Commerce
Luncheon on
Thursday, Nov. 3.*

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- 1) Many of us have the golden ticket when it comes to experience — years of on-the-job training — which really goes to waste without someone to share it with.
- 2) Many of us have the skill sets and time to invest one-on-one or with a small group of folks, which is where trust is built and relationship is forged.
- 3) All of us are thrilled when we can be a part of someone else's success in life; few things amp us up more than being connected to good guys and gals who are achieving life wins.
- 4) All of us desire to leave a legacy which lasts, which is really all Christian advocacy is: helping others find the Way.

You have far too much to offer, and the surrounding communities are in great need of folks who are willing to spend themselves on others.

I wonder what a dedicated program of six, eight or more of us investing in three people each might do to shape lives that change the face of the earth for the cause of Christ? Some of the toughest advocacy in the world is with rural blue-collar folks; but when a family structure is reshaped, and futures are given hope, it makes all the efforts of loving others a goal worthy of our high calling in Christ.

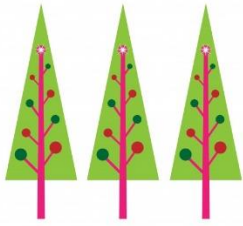
■ **Godspeed, Pastor Andrew**

Shop the Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 18 and 19



Start your holiday shopping early this year with a stop at Redeemer's Holiday Bazaar! Organized by the Ladies Fellowship, the Bazaar is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, opening at 9 a.m. both days and closing at 4 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively. As in the past, the Bazaar will have for sale a wide assortment of crafts and baked goods. It also will feature outside vendors again this year.

Crafts should be brought to the church on Wednesday, Nov. 16, between 10 a.m. and noon, and baked goods on Thursday, Nov. 17, between noon and 5 p.m. or by 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18. (Note: Dawn Ratcliff needs a cashier from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18.) Hope to see you at the Bazaar!



Weigh in on Christmas

Pastor Andrew is asking the congregation to weigh in on proposed services for Christmas. The tentative plan is to have a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24 (with rides available for those who do not drive after dark). Since this will be a full service, there would not be a service on Sunday, Dec. 25, so that parishioners could spend that time with family, friends and other loved ones. Please give your input to Pastor Andrew.

Reminder to 'Fall Back'

Don't forget to set back your clocks one hour before you go to sleep this Saturday, Nov. 5. Daylight Saving Time officially ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Ad Council Notes

The Oct. 16 Administrative Council meeting concentrated on preparing documents for the Charge Conference with District Superintendent Cara Scriven, which occurred at Redeemer on Thursday, Oct. 20. (See Roberta's summary article on the Charge Conference, next page.)

Tim Norris will talk with Ryan Heacock about recording and perhaps filming the sermons for the home-bound. In anticipation of publishing a new directory, we will be asking members to update their information if it has changed, obtaining information about new attendees and taking pictures.

■ **Susan Hougham, Ad Council Chair**



Magical Strings Returns To Redeemer Nov. 27

For many in the Northwest, it wouldn't be the holidays without the Celtic sounds of acclaimed family ensemble Magical Strings! The tradition continues this year as Magical Strings returns to ring in the holidays at Redeemer in a concert that, as in years past, benefits Kingston Middle School. The concert, scheduled for 3 p.m. on Nov. 27, marks Magical Strings' 38th year of Yuletide concerts and the sixth straight year appearing at Redeemer.

With the joyful sounds of harps, hammered dulcimers, violins, cello, whistles, concertina, percussion and more, each Magical Strings Yuletide performance is more than a concert; it's a holiday festival of Celtic-inspired song, dance, theater and storytelling. Featured are three generations of the Boulding family joined by the world-class Tara Academy of Irish Dance, Dublin-born guitarist Colm MacCárthaigh, Canadian fiddler Jocelyn Pettit and percussionist Matt Jerrell.

Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$12 children and \$28 reserved and are available at brownpapertickets.com, and at the door as available. A portion of every ticket sold is donated to the middle school's Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) mentoring program.



Community Meal in December

Redeemer UMC and Faith Episcopal will provide the food for the Kingston Community Meal on Friday, Dec. 30. A sign-up sheet will make the rounds during worship services, with needed food items. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help.



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Book Club Notes

RUMC's Book Club resumed Oct. 19. There were only three of us there to discuss *Crossing to Safety*, by Wallace Stagger. It was about the close and intersecting lives of two college instructors and their families from the 1930s through the 1980s.

Our next book is the One Book One Community selection from Kitsap Regional Libraries, *A Sudden Light*, by Garth Stein. As an adult, the narrator writes about going at the age of 14 to his father's family's estate in the Pacific Northwest. He divulges many family secrets. I invite anyone to sign out the book (in the adult classroom) and hope more will attend the next Book Club meeting at 10 a.m. on Nov. 16.

■ **Happy Reading, Roberta Hansen**

Charge Conference Report



RUMC's annual charge conference was held on the evening of Oct. 20. Fourteen members attended, and District Superintendent Cara Scriven led the meeting. The current slate of officers was reelected; we will be looking for volunteers to help fill the other officer and committee vacancies. We also approved Pastor Andrew's salary, which includes the PNW Conference's contribution to make it full-time with all benefits.

D.S. Cara Scriven asked if any of us had finished last year's assignment to work on spiritual discipline. Several people discussed what they had been doing: praying, meditation, reading the Bible and doing daily devotionals as examples. Cara provided a summary of what had been happening in the PNW Conference during this last year, including the General Conference, Annual Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. Questions and concerns were discussed. Cara Scriven told us that our charge conference was the most positive one she had been to so far.

■ **Roberta Hansen, Lay Leader**