

GROW (Continued)

Bethlehem ... Nothing Ever Happens Here

Two bored citizens of ancient Bethlehem will be visiting our church on **Sunday, December 18th at 5pm**. They are wondering why nothing ever happens in Bethlehem. It's the same old hometown complaint we hear today. Everyone else's town seems more exciting than their own. Little do they realize that God is about to do something amazing in Bethlehem. They complain about everything, even as they meet some pretty exciting people. Of course, our visitors are unaware of the miracle taking place down the street... until....

Join us for the journey to "Bethlehem. Nothing Ever Happens Here."

We will be asking each Bible study class for participants as well as the church at large. This is going to be an exciting adventure. Contact Jennifer Crichlow early for your choice of parts. She can be reached at 919-270-5099 or Jennifer_crichlow@yahoo.com.

SERVE Open Meetings 4th Monday of each month JoAnna Ezuka | serve@resurrectionumc.org

Missions Madness!

Mark your calendar now for our first-ever Missions Madness fundraiser—set for Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 pm. We are looking for 5-6 “coaches” to host a group for dinner in their homes. We would like to have at least one house each for Duke, Carolina, and State, plus “A House Divided” dinner at the church and a Ms. Cellaneous house for all other loyalties! We will provide the “team members”—to enjoy the meal and make donations for missions. Then, all groups will come to church for dessert and the “tournament” (team which raises the most money will be declared the champions). Sound like fun?! If you would be willing to host a team in your home, contact JoAnna Ezuka at caffertyjoanna@yahoo.com.

CrossTrainers

CrossTrainers will not meet tonight, but we will resume our meetings next Sunday as we learn and grow together during the Advent season. All children in grades K-5 are encouraged to come each Sunday for fun and growth in God's love. New-comers are always welcome. Bring your friends!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

The children's Sunday school class, grades K-2, is looking for additional teachers to rotate typically 2 weeks of teaching, 4 weeks off. The curriculum has everything planned out for you, giving you more to choose from than you have time to do. Easy crafts, video, music, and Bible reading are incorporated into this program. Please consider being part of this group, pray about it, and stop by Room 105 to see the class in action. Contact Pastor Simpson if you are interested. **Are you that person?**

Drivers Needed

Drivers are needed to provide transportation for Dr. June to get to physical therapy appointments on Tuesday mornings. If you are able to help, please contact Janet Swofford at 919-489-8377.

CARVE

Each week, the RUMC family provides non-perishable foods for families in need in the Durham area. Be sure to purchase extra food items when you grocery shop, and bring them to church each Sunday to fill the shopping cart!

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RESURRECTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Week of November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

We Welcome You

Please contact Dr. Simpson if you would like to join the church or if you would like to find out more about becoming a member of this wonderful, blessed community of faith. Come and unite with our family.

Ministry Areas

Resurrection UMC is organized into four ministry areas to address the spiritual and practical needs of our church and community.

- **GATHER** brings us together through fellowship events and provides congregational care.
- **PROCLAIM** coordinates worship experiences and communicates the ministry of the church
- **GROW** nurtures our congregation's spiritual growth through prayer, classes, and small group opportunities for all stages of life.
- **SERVE** focuses on meeting the needs of the local and global community and sharing the message of God's love and grace.

See inside for contacts, meeting information, current activities, and how to become involved.

“Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he come suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Mark 13:35-37

Lectionary Readings in Preparation for December 4

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Pastor's Corner

We would like to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider their financial commitment to God's work through RUMC. It would be wonderful if every RUMC member would make this commitment to support our ministry. “Estimate of Giving” cards are available in the registration binders found on each row or from the church office.

Shalom,
Dr. Simpson

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun 11/27	Mon 11/28	Tues 11/29	Wed 11/30	Thurs 12/01	Fri 12/02	Sat 12/03	Sun 12/04
Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am	Worship 15/501 10:30 am SERVE 7:00 pm	Disciple III 7:00 pm	Open Table 15/501 Lunch 12:00 pm	Disciple III 10 am	Advnet Celebration 6:00 pm		Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Prayer Shawl 3:00 pm CrossTrainers 5:00 pm RUMY 5:00 pm

GATHER Open Meetings 1st Monday of each month
Elaine Truckner & Jennifer Hayden | gather@resurrectionumc.org

RUMC Senior Adult News

Carmen Ward has graciously invited us to have our Christmas luncheon at her house at noon on Wednesday, December 14th, so mark this date on your calendars.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Next Sunday

The RUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at the church on Sunday, December 4 to knit and crochet shawls, which are given to those who are sick or have some other special need. These shawls remind others that they are covered with the love of Christ. Beginning knitters are always welcome, and someone will help you get started.

Care Works

The Care Works contact for November is April Travis, who can be reached at 919-572-2659 or travis86@mindspring.com. For December, please contact Marianna Jaeger at 919-489-8646 or mjaeger1@nc.rr.com. Care Works provides meals and assistance for those who are ill, hospitalized, or have other needs.

RUMY

There will not be a RUMY meeting tonight due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy the weekend with your family, and we will meet again on December 4 for fun and fellowship!

Advent Celebration

RUMC's traditional Advent Celebration will be held on Friday, December 2. A sign-up poster is in the narthex for those who can bring soup and/or sandwiches for this event. The evening will begin with a time of worship followed by dinner and decorating for Advent. This event is designed for all ages, including children, and our entire RUMC family is encouraged to participate in this tradition.

No Potluck Next Sunday

There will not be a 4th Sunday today due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There also will not be a potluck in December, but look for details about potluck lunches in 2012!

PROCLAIM Open Meetings 2nd Monday of each month
Diane Bowman | proclaim@resurrectionumc.org

Poinsettias for Advent

PROCLAIM ministry invites you to help decorate the sanctuary by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Please see the bulletin insert for pricing information, and note that all orders must be received by December 4th.

Nursery Coordinator Needed

A volunteer is needed to schedule those who serve in the children's church and late nursery each week. This requires a very minimal time commitment to produce a calendar of volunteers. Training is provided. Please contact Joy Moffett at joyfulness78@hotmail.com or 919-572-0649.

Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed to pick up the poinsettias during the week of December 4th. If you are able to help, please contact Diane Bowman at 919-267-9391.

Worship Coordinator (Still) Needed

The Worship Ministry Team invites you to prayerfully consider serving as a Worship Coordinator for the 4th Sunday of each month. Please contact Diane Bowman at 919-267-9391 to learn more. The Worship Coordinator serves on a two-person team and assists with worship preparation and coordination of volunteers for Sunday worship.

GROW Open Meetings 3rd Monday of each month
Valerie Abbott | grow@resurrectionumc.org

Children and Youth Sunday School

Kindergarten-2nd Grade—Room 105. This class uses the Live B.I.G. curriculum to teach children about the love of God through Jesus.

3rd-5th Grade—Room 108. The curriculum for this class is Learning to Use My Bible/Making a World of Difference to help kids live in faith and service.

Youth Sunday School—6th-12th grade (Rm 102) Youth are studying selected scripture readings this fall.



Adult Sunday School

NEW STUDYDamascus Road Class—Meets in back room of the Sanctuary. This class is doing a study of the book Advent 2011: Call Him God's Son. Newcomers are invited to join us at any time!

FaithLink Class—Meets in Room 103. This class will begin a study of Three Simple Rules for Christian Living. We will look at John Wesley's "Three General Rules" which invite us all to more faithful living as Christian disciples.

Galatians 3 Sunday School Class—Meets in Room 107. This class is viewing the play entitled "Cotton Patch Gospel" and discussing what they watch through a Scriptural lens, continuing to explore what it means to participate in the reconciliation of Christ.