

### MERCI Work Team Next Saturday

RUMC's MERCI team will be working on January 28 at Wesley House in Durham. We will be installing floor tile, painting a new bathroom, and installing a new door. Our work will begin at 9:00, and we will work until 2:00, followed by lunch at Federal Place. For more information about MERCI or about this work date, please contact Ron Cromartie at [merci@resurrectionumc.org](mailto:merci@resurrectionumc.org) or 919-489-0998.

### ZOE Ministry— Today

We welcome Rev. Greg Jenks, the United Methodist minister who founded ZOE Ministry. ZOE's Orphan Empowerment Program gives orphans the resources and support they need to break the cycle of poverty and dependency forever. It is an all too common sight across Africa, children caring for children because their parents have died of HIV/AIDS, disease, war, famine, and other causes. They face lives of loneliness, hardship, and hunger. Many of the children end up begging for food, living on the streets, or worse. ZOE Ministry works to break this cycle of poverty and give these children hope. ZOE goes into communities where the orphans are already living and brings them together in supportive groups, connects them with local churches, and offers them resources and training which empower them to pull themselves out of poverty in 2-3 years.

Visit [www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org) to learn more!



### The Work of Christmas

This is the title of a poem written by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader. The poem reads:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost...to heal the broken...to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner...to rebuild the nations...to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.*

Now that we have Christmas all “packed away,” it is indeed time for the real work of Christmas to begin! A new ministry opportunity presents itself in the form of a wish expressed by some of the women at the Francis Street House (part of the Freedom House network) to attend Sunday worship at RUMC. Depending on how many of the women signed up to come, one might be able to pick them up in one's personal vehicle. If you would like to learn more about this, or other ministry possibilities at Francis Street House, contact Susan Cafferty at [susanharshcafferty@yahoo.com](mailto:susanharshcafferty@yahoo.com) or 919-401-9492.

### 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](mailto:caffertyjoanna@yahoo.com).

# SEEDS

RESURRECTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Week of January 22, 2012

## 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.



Gather • Proclaim • Grow • Serve

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

“Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly. O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.”  
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## Lectionary Readings in Preparation for January 29

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*  
*Psalms 111*  
*I Corinthians 8:1-13*  
*Mark 1:21-28*

## Pastor's Corner

We will begin Confirmation classes on February 19. These classes are for those in 6th grade or older who seek to learn more about the Christian faith, the United Methodist church, and RUMC in preparation for making a membership commitment. Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating.

Shalom,  
Dr. Simpson

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun 01/22	Mon 01/23	Tues 01/24	Wed 01/25	Thurs 01/26	Fri 01/27	Sat 01/28	Sun 01/29
<b>Sunday School</b> 9:00 am <b>Worship</b> 10:15 am <b>4th Sunday Potluck</b> 11:30 am <b>RUMY</b> 5:00 pm <b>CrossTrainers</b> 5:00 pm	<b>Worship 15/501</b> 10:30 am <b>SERVE</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Sojourner's Ministry</b> 5:30 pm <b>Disciple III</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Open Table 15/501 Lunch</b> 12:00 pm <b>Handbell Choir</b> 6:15 pm <b>RUMC Choir</b> 7:15 pm	<b>Disciple III</b> 10:00 am		<b>MERCI</b> 9:00 am	<b>Sunday School</b> 9:00 am <b>Worship</b> 10:15 am <b>RUMY</b> 5:00 pm <b>CrossTrainers</b> 5:00 pm

**GATHER** Open Meetings 1st Monday of each month  
Barbara Bumgarner | gather@resurrectionumc.org

### RUMY

RUMY will meet tonight at 5:00 for fun, food, fellowship, and growing together as we learn more about God's love for us. RUMY is Resurrection United Methodist Youth. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited, and friends are always welcome.

### Save the Date!

We've having a baby shower for Beth Turney & Jeremy Wingard's baby boy on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 3 pm at the church. Christy Simpson ([ChristyCSimpson@aol.com](mailto:ChristyCSimpson@aol.com)) & Elizabeth Cox ([escoc@alumni.clemson.edu](mailto:escoc@alumni.clemson.edu)) have started planning, but if you'd like to contribute food, plan a game, etc., please let one of them know! Beth & Jeremy are registered at Babies R Us.

### Care Works

The Care Works contact for January is Marianna Jaeger, who can be reached at 919-489-8646 or [mjaeger1@nc.rr.com](mailto:mjaeger1@nc.rr.com). Care Works provides meals and assistance for those who are ill, hospitalized, or have other needs.

### 4th Sunday Potluck-Today

Join your RUMC family today for our first potluck of 2012. Greg Jenks, founder of ZOE Ministry, will join us for lunch following worship today. There will be plenty of food, so even if you forgot to bring something, please stay and enjoy a time of fellowship with your church friends, and take the opportunity to visit with Greg and discuss ZOE Ministry!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets Feb. 5

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on February 5 at 3:00 at RUMC. This group knits and crochets shawls, which are given to those facing a challenging time. The shawls remind them that they are covered in Christ's love. Beginners are always welcome, and someone will help teach beginners to knit or crochet. Come join us!

### Young Adults

If you are an RUMC young adult and would like to receive email for updates about young adult events, please email Elizabeth Cox at [elizcox@yahoo.com](mailto:elizcox@yahoo.com) and ask her to add you to the list.

**PROCLAIM** Open Meetings 2nd Monday of each month  
Diane Bowman | [proclaim@resurrectionumc.org](mailto:proclaim@resurrectionumc.org)

### 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](mailto:joyfulness78@hotmail.com) or 919-572-0649.

### Worship Coordinators Needed—Again!

After filling the 4th Sunday slot, we now need two Worship Coordinators for the first Sunday of each month. Training will be provided for these volunteers who help prepare the church for worship and keep things running smoothly during the service. Please contact Diane Bowman at 919-267-9391 for more information.

**GROW** Open Meetings 3rd Monday of each month  
Valerie Abbott | [grow@resurrectionumc.org](mailto: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 Making a World of Difference. We are learning that Christians of all ages are called to reach out to others and share God's love!

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

### Sojourner's Ministry

A planning meeting for the Sojourner's Ministry is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30 at Rick's Diner in Shannon Plaza, so that we can discuss the social justice issue that we would like to present to the congregation. Bring your ideas! This meeting time will allow those in the Tuesday night Disciple class to attend their study following our meeting. For more information, please contact Diana Bass at [DBass@unch.unc.edu](mailto:DBass@unch.unc.edu).

### RUMC Preschool Announces Registration

Registration for the 2012-2013 preschool year will be open for currently enrolled students and for RUMC members beginning on January 23, 2012. Registration forms are available online at [www.resurrectionumc.org](http://www.resurrectionumc.org) or can be picked up at church. Registration for the public will occur sometime in February.

### Adult Sunday School

**Damascus Road Class—Meets in back room of the Sanctuary.** This class is doing a study of the book Winning Your Spiritual Battles by Max Lucado.

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—**The Galatians class invites everyone to join them for their study of the book, THE WAY TO HEAVEN, which is about John Wesley's (founder of Methodism) practical theology and how it applies to daily living in our world with a focus on Wesley's understanding of grace.

### CrossTrainers Meet Tonight

CrossTrainers, our children's ministry time for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, will meet tonight at 5:00. We will begin the new year with a focus on learning how to be good stewards of the earth. We will discover how to care for ourselves, others, and our environment, and we will recognize ways our church is already demonstrating good stewardship and find new ways to contribute. All elementary aged kids are encouraged to join us and bring a friend!