

Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.

What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

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THE MESSENGER



*"Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law."* ROMANS 13:10, NRSV

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Dedicated to an Informed Membership

Our Mission: "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

From the Pastor –

Several years ago, a commercial for IBM personal computers featured an excited new owner lauding her machine by noting with awe: "I couldn't believe it. There I was, cruising on-line with the Internet while keeping my primary document on-screen and checking the office memos. And I was sending a fax at the same time!!!"

The frightening thing about this woman and her message is that this is considered to be good news. As our electronic sophistication continues to develop, and its ability to throw multiple levels of questions, answers, data and documents at us grows, those of us still trying to master the art of chewing gum and walking at the same time are in for a tough time.

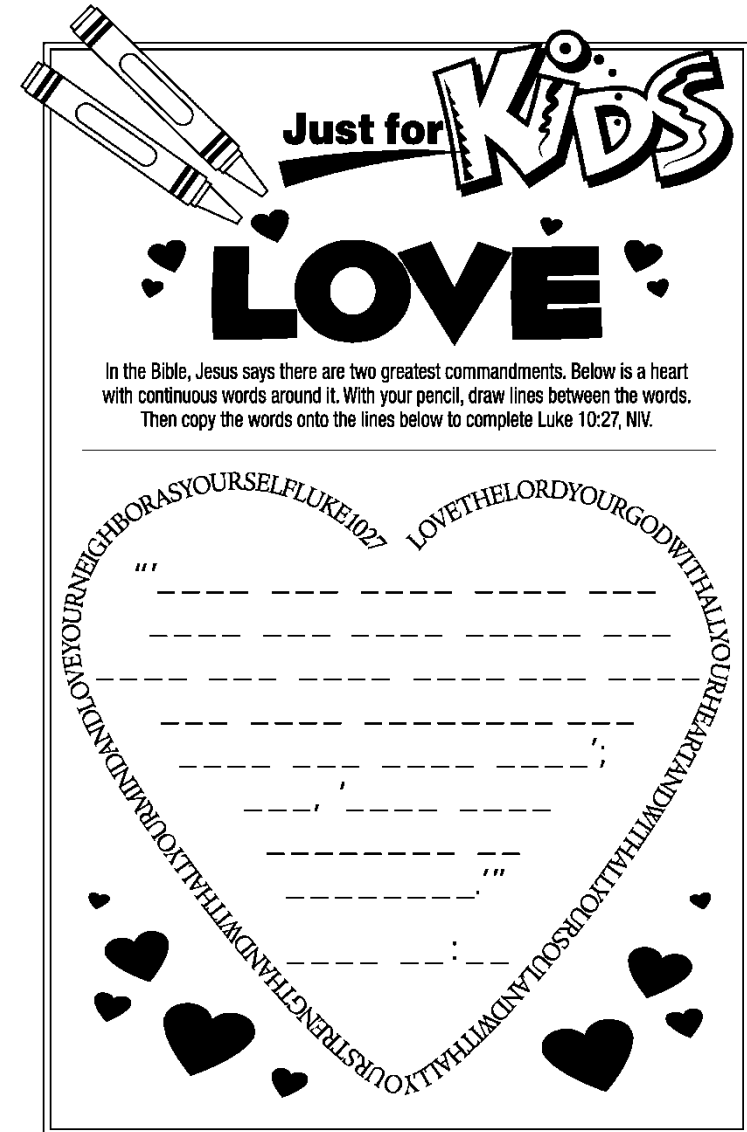
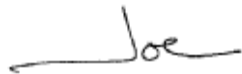
The key to being able to do many things at once is not brilliance or electronic wizardry -- the key to that ability is focus. And what is focus? The integration of peripheral vision. We have been taught this phenomenon of achieving focus through peripheral vision through the Magic Eye books. When you develop this depth perception, you begin to see meaning where there were only random dots before. Once you get used to this peripheral vision way of looking at life, highly focused three-dimensional images materialize out of abstract, seemingly chaotic fields of color and random lines. Once you "get it," a whole new world of experience opens to you. No matter what you think you're seeing or how well you think you're seeing, there is more to be revealed.

Jesus was a master at achieving the most amazing focus through peripheral vision. He brought into focus the smallest and the least alongside the cosmic and divine.

In the midst of serving an anxious, pressing crowd, he could feel the touch of the hemorrhaging woman and focus on her needs. In the midst of teaching his chosen disciples, he could connect with the tiny children running underfoot and focus on their needs. In the midst of preaching to and healing a huge throng of people, he could hear the hungry rumblings of empty stomachs and focus on that need.

The choice is ours. We can go through life looking at random dots and flat surfaces or three-dimensional images and magical realities. We can see with shallow perception or with the deep vision of faith in God. Jesus chose deep vision over shallow perception. How is your vision?

Yours In Christ,



Just for KIDS

LOVE

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

OUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF LUKE 10:27 LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT

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Birthdays

- 1 Hunter Flynn
J. D. Jump
- 2 Susan Turnes
Bonnie Byrnes
- 5 Harry Hague
- 7 Ray Wallace
- 9 Dot Davis
Marsha Hallinan
- 10 Martha Brandau Gilliam
- 12 Sandra Gentry
- 16 Nell Yoss
- 20 Wilma Brown Templeman
- 22 Tammy Heller
- 23 Gary Hotchkiss
- 25 Ben Hoover
- 26 Margaret Winfree
- 27 Stephanie Cheatham
- 28 Pauline Miles

Anniversaries

- 14 Brenda & Don Cameron



Saturday Evening Worship for the Young and Young at Heart!

Saturday, February 19th will be our next Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5:30 p.m. We hope that this will become a weekly service on Saturday evenings. Glen and Joana will be sharing with us. Don't miss this opportunity to praise God through contemporary worship! It's a relaxed atmosphere and we'll have refreshments and you can praise God in a new and fresh way! All services will be in the CLC. There will be opportunities to support this service for individuals who would like to help with activities such as child-care in the nursery, refreshments, and clean-up or take down afterwards. If you have questions or ideas of how you can help, call the church at 276-4628. Come join us & invite friends.

A Wonderful Gift

Toward the end of 2010, Ramsey Memorial received a wonderful monetary gift of \$30,000 to be used to further the ministry of the church. Members of our congregation had established a trust fund many years ago that was to be distributed upon their death, to those institutions that had a special place in their hearts and their lives. Ramsey was one of those places. We do not know how long ago this fund was established, but we do know that careful consideration was given to support the ministry of Ramsey even after these individuals were no longer able to be the recipients of the ministry. What a wonderful witness and a wonderful gift! They did not want recognition for their gift, they only wanted to support the work of the church. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all could think of the ministry of the church in a way that goes beyond ourselves. We do hope others will be as concerned about our ministry into the future, but for now – we give thanks for this powerful witness of God's love through two very loving members of Ramsey Memorial.

Upcoming Youth Events

Once again the youth will be sponsoring the **Souper Bowl Luncheon**. This year it will be on Sunday, February 6 following the 11:00 service. The price for lunch is \$5.00 or if you want to purchase a quart of soup to take with you, the price is \$7.00. Please mark your calendars and see one of our youth to pre-order your soup or make your reservation to eat here at the church. The money raised from this event will help to sponsor the youth going to Lake Junaluska for youth week this summer.

For the next several weeks, the youth of Ramsey will be collecting money to take with them to the **Richmond District Youth Retreat**. This money will be presented as their offering for the Youth Service Fund. The Youth Service Fund is a unique ministry because it is completely by, with, and for youth. Youth contribute the money, they decide what projects receive the money and the projects supported are youth-designed, youth-led, and benefit youth. Youth Service Fund truly is youth in ministry. 70% of the money raised is kept in the local community while 30% is forwarded to the national portion of the Youth Service Fund. With that 30% Young Peoples Ministries funds youth-designed & youth-led projects around the world. Help our youth to make this a significant offering this year!

Youth Service Fund

2010 White Christmas Report to the Congregation

Our old tradition of wrappings canned goods in white paper for the "White Christmas" was replaced by a real White Christmas (snow on the ground again this year).

Through the sharing of your blessings and the grace of God, we were able to sponsor fifteen families (50 people) in December who were in need of assistance with food, clothes, and other items for their children or themselves.

Through the **Congregation's** donations of food and money to the White Christmas fund we were able to provide at least a week's supply of food to the families which included all the items on the donation list as well as meats, eggs, milk, bread, apples, oranges, and Christmas candy.

Thank you to all who donated bags, canned and dried food, meats, gifts and cash to help purchase needed items. **Thank you** to the following people who sponsored families: The **UMW Circles** including: Hazel Gibbs, McGuire Park, Nina Woodfin; The **Sunday School Classes** including: Agape, Kirkie Powell, New Spirit, Otto Whitt; **Individuals** who helped shop, wrap, sort and distribute the food and gifts: Norma and Danny Britt, Erin Shrader, Kacky Grubb, Linda and Dick Guilmart, Tim Eells, Wendy Inge, Linda Wilkes, Kathie Burton, Jeannie Swann and Vance, Pat and Steve Meadows, Tammy Howe, Shelley Jump, Donna and Russ Cottrell, Carol Hotchkiss, Nancy Hoover, Ann and Dan Hallinan.

Please read the thank you notes below from some of the families we assisted. You will understand what a difference you made in the lives of these folks. **THANK YOU ALL!**



Mrs. Virginia Childress wishes to express her appreciation for helping her son Terry with the White Christmas program. She said the food really helped the family out and she sends her appreciation to the entire church.

Thank you so much for everything that you did for my family. We really appreciate it. If you could have seen the look on all of our faces... We wish we could somehow repay you and your church. By the way your church is outstanding at wrapping presents. We didn't want to open them and ruin it - they looked so beautiful!! We were so surprised. We'll never forget this - Ever! Please thank your church. We already have a church or we would come to your's. Best of luck to everyone in the new year.




Beth



*A love offering will be taken.
RSVP by February 9*

*Join us on FEBRUARY 11
For the 55+ Luncheon
Bring a friend, a sweetheart
12:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall*

United Methodist Women Upcoming Events

-  **Feb 3 - UNITED METHODIST DAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
Meet/Departure Location, Bon Air UMC - 1645 Buford Road, Richmond
-  **February 19 - UMW DISTRICT RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION**
Hearts for Justice Tea - 10 a.m. @ Ginter Park UMC
1010 W. Laburnum Avenue
-  **March 26 - "Finding Peace: Loving God and Loving Our Neighbor"**
Place: Belmont UMC, 3510 Broad Rock Blvd. 23234
Registration: 8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Worship: 9-11 a.m.
Speaker: Reverend Janice Prentace, Pastor, Bermuda Hundred UMC
Mission Emphasis: Canned Goods for Belmont Food Pantry
**Registration forms and further details can be obtained from Circle leaders:
Betty Wallace, Dot Davis, Jean Chandler and Pam Rives**

Friendly Reminder: Please pay your 2011 kitchen dues to the office Ministries using the kitchen throughout the year need to pay their kitchen dues. If you have questions, call Jean Bates, kitchen coordinator, at 276-3657. They can be paid in two installments. The first is due now.



Dear friends,

I can't tell you how blessed we are to be part of such a loving and caring church family. "Thank you" just doesn't cover it, but we do want you to know how much we appreciate all the acts of kindness shown to us this past year as Bill has been battling cancer. Your cards and calls helped to brighten each day, and your prayers have kept us going. We are especially grateful and appreciative for Pastor Joe. His visits at the hospital and at home have meant so much. He is truly a blessing. Again, our heartfelt thanks to everyone.

In Christian Love, The Brame Family – Betty Lou, Bill, Mary, and Clarke

Dear Ramsey Church Family,
Thank you for all the visits from Caroline Kastelberg and Joe during Hilda's two months of recuperation. The love basket that Pat Beville brought was much appreciated by Hilda and all the nursing staff. We hope it will be a long time before she has to leave her apartment again.
Thank you from Hilda & her family.

Our family would like to thank all of our church family for the many prayers, calls and visits to our mother while she was in the nursing home and after she passed. We especially would like to thank the ladies for the prayer shawl. My mother loved it. Also, we thank Joe for always being there when we needed him and his prayers the most.

*We love you all.
Danny and Norma Britt*

Thank you so much for the Christmas Basket. It meant so much to me and Jerry. May God Bless you all at Ramsey all through the year.

Love, Gloria & Jerry Flourney

We would like to thank our Ramsey Family for your kind cards and calls at the passing of my brother, Ray. We'd like to extend a special thanks to the chancel choir for keeping us in their prayers as well. As we tried to be of support to our sister-in-law in Connecticut, it was so nice to receive that same support when we returned home.

*God Bless you all,
Sue and Norm*



*Sweetheart's Dinner Dance On
Saturday February 12, 2011*

In the CLC At The Cafe Chez Ramsey

SPONSORED BY THE RAMSEY FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Seating @ 6:30 pm

Dinner served @ 7:00 pm

Bring your Sweetheart and Enjoy dinner and an Evening of Live Music, Dancing and Fellowship

\$15.00 per person

Live Band: Higgy and Friends

Performance from 7:30 – 9:30

Please buy your tickets in advance.

There will be **NO** tickets available at the door.

(NO JEANS or T-SHIRTS PLEASE)

See Joyce Walsh, or Any member of the Fellowship Committee or

Call the Church office. 276-4628

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail

Ham w/ Cherry Sauce

Herb Roasted Red Potatoes

Green Beans Almondine

Red Velvet Cake



Announcements

LET US NOT FORGOT OUR CARITAS GUESTS

They will be staying a week with Ramsey in the spring. We will host 40 Men and we give personal hygiene kits to each guest. We ask for donations from the congregation make these kits. We can also use Hotel shampoos and lotions. Place items in the small plastic bin marked CARITAS in the educational building foyer.

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| MARCH | TOOTH PASTE |
| APRIL | WASHCLOTH |
| MAY | COMB MONTH |
| JUNE | TOOTH BRUSH |
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Administrative Note:

If you would like to pick up your newsletter at church instead of receiving it by mail, please inform the office at 276-4628. Or if you would like your name added to the e-newsletter list, email Heather. hgomez@ramseymemorial.org.

YAMS – Young Adult Ministry
Sunday February 6th,
 10 a.m.-10:50 a.m. in Room 207
Young Adult Sunday School
Regrouping.

We look forward to meeting and sharing in God's word! Our first meeting will be discussing the themes/studies and formats of learning YOU would like during this time! With questions, contact Diana Sweat.

During Lent the congregation will be enjoying a light meal and fellowship starting March 16th 6:00 p.m. before the Lenten services at 7:00 p.m. A love offering will be taken for the meal.



2011 Church-wide Study

by Tom Holladay

Beginning March 6, Ramsey Memorial will study *The Relationship Principles of Jesus.*

Nothing matters more than relationships—and no one understands them better than Jesus. Based on an exhaustive study of what Jesus did and said about relationships, this book guides readers on a forty-day journey that will bring new health and richness to their marriages, families, friendships, and all the relationships in their lives. Together we will be reading *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* and using the study guide to facilitate small group discussions. The books are \$10.00 each and will be available for distribution the end of February. Please place your order now so that you are assured of having your copy. To order yours please call the church office at 276-4628.

Sermon Series – 40 Days of Love

- March 6 Love Matters Most
- March 13 Loving Like Jesus Loves Me
- March 20 Loving With Your Words
- March 27 Love Lets It Go
- April 3 Love is Not Easily Angered
- April 10 The Secrets of Lasting Love



...God has poured out his love into our hearts...

Romans 5:5

February

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| | No Tutoring on January 31st Schools closed for interims | 1 Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 6:30 p.m. Disciple 7:00 p.m. McGuire Park Crcl 7:30 p.m. | 2 Whiffle Ball 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Tax Prep Clinic 4:00 p.m. Troop 676 6:00 p.m. Admin. Council (105) 7:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. | 3 Care-a-Van/Dental 8:00 a.m. Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. | 4 | 5 Upward Games 9:00 a.m. BUCS Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Tax Prep Clinic 11 a.m. |
| 6 Fellowship 8:30 a.m. Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. YAM Meeting (207) 10:00 a.m. "Soup Bowl" Sunday 12:00 p.m. Culto en Espanol 12:30 p.m. Praise Choir 3:30 p.m. Bell Choir 4:45 p.m. Youth 5:30 p.m. | 7 Believing God Bible Study (105) 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 6:30 p.m. Welcoming & Hospitality 6:30 p.m. | 8 Ada Mae Bookman 11:00 a.m. Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 6:30 p.m. Disciple 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m. Hazel Gibbs Circle (off-site) 6:30 p.m. | 9 Whiffle Ball 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Nina Woodfin Circle 2:00 p.m. Tax Prep Clinic 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Trustees (105) 7:00 p.m. | 10 Care-a-Van/Dental 8:00 a.m. Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m. | 11 <i>55+ Luncheon (FTH)</i> Troop 847 5 p.m. | 12 Upward Games 9:00 a.m. Tax Prep Clinic 11 a.m. Sweetheart Dinner Dance 6:30 p.m. |
| 13 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Culto en Espanol 12:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Praise Choir 3:30 p.m. Bell Choir 4:45 p.m. Youth 5:30 p.m. | 14 Believing God Bible Study (105) 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 6:30 p.m. Troop 75 7:00 p.m. | 15 Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 6:30 p.m. Disciple III 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m. | 16 Whiffle Ball 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Tax Prep Clinic 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:00 p.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Finance (105) 7:00 p.m. | 17 Care-a-Van/Dental 8 a.m. Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. Upward Practice 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m. | 18 | 19 Upward Games 9:00 a.m. Saturday Evening Worship Svc 5:30 p.m. |
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