

## GATHERING



When you are with family and friends this holiday, let them know how thankful you are for them with this fun craft.

### What you need:

- Photos (group or individual) of each person
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Cardstock or construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Pencil
- Envelopes

### What you do:

1. Collect photos of the people you'll be seeing. For group shots, make a copy for each person.
2. On the back of each picture, use a ruler and pencil to draw vertical and horizontal lines. Space the lines 1 inch apart to make a grid with 1-inch squares.
3. Starting in the top-right corner, number the squares beginning with 1. Number the top row across, then the second row and so on.
4. Cut out all the squares and put them in an envelope. Write the correct person's name on each envelope.
5. On the bottom of each piece of cardstock, write "I thank my God every time I remember you, *Philippians 1:3 (NIV)*." Then sign your name.
6. Give each person an envelope and a piece of cardstock. Instruct people to put the squares in order to reveal their picture. Tell them how many numbers go across and down.
7. For a special keepsake, have people glue their finished photos onto the cardstock.

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# THE MESSENGER



NOVEMBER 2010

Dedicated to an Informed Membership  
Our Mission: "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"  
**Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church**  
5900 Hull Street Road (804-276-4628)



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. "

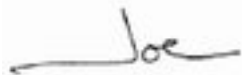
Philippians 4:6


The first settlers in America landed in December of 1620 in Massachusetts, and within one month 10 out of the 17 fathers and husbands who were on that ship, the Mayflower, died. Within a couple months only four of the mothers and wives were alive out of the first 17 couples. And by Easter almost half of the pilgrims had died. They landed in the middle of winter without provisions, without shelter and that took a toll. It took a huge toll and yet in 1621 they celebrated and they gave thanks to God. It was amazingly difficult, amazingly difficult those first years.

On another continent about 25 years later there was a Lutheran pastor named Martin Rinkart. He lived in Eilenberg in Saxony and it was during the siege of the Thirty Years War. Eilenberg was a walled city that was surrounded by Swedes and there were 800 homes were burned, and the people within suffered from the plague, from starvation, and it got to the point where the pastors within that town, within that village were burying 12 people a day. Pretty soon the pastors themselves started to die and Martin Rinkart was the only pastor left. He was conducting 50 funerals a day, can you imagine? Fifty funerals a day. He buried over 5,000 people that year, including his own wife. When the war ended a year later in 1648 he sat down, and listen to the words that he penned:

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

This was a man who knew horrors beyond all we can think and imagine, getting on his knees and leading people in praise and thanks to our God. What is it that leads you to give thanks to God?  
Yours In Christ,





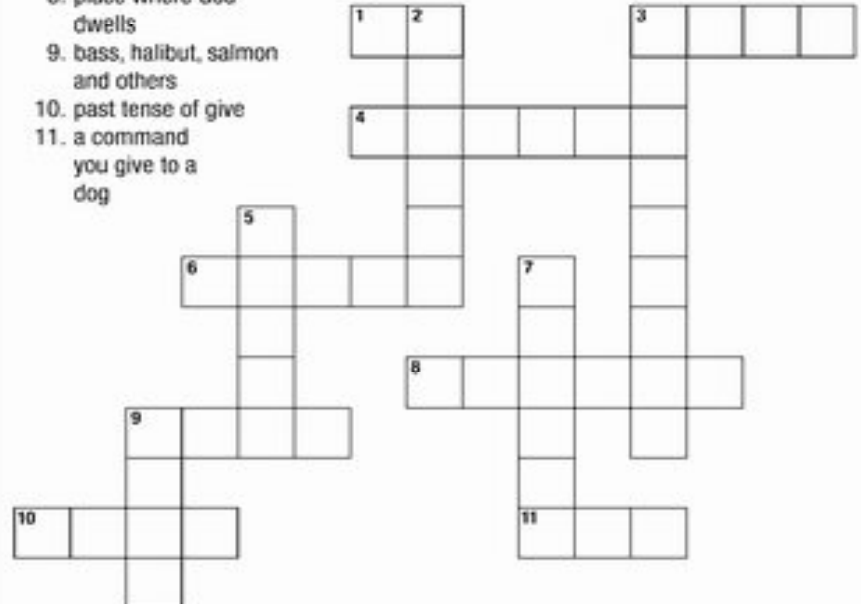
# Just for KIDS

## He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

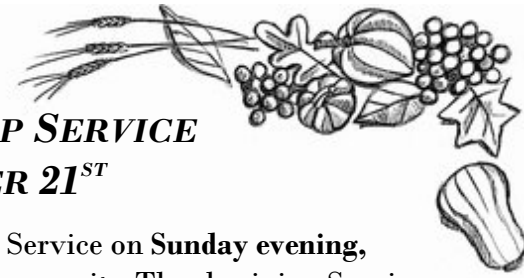
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

<u>Across</u>	<u>Down</u>
1. opposite of down	2. another name for humans
3. opposite of up	3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
4. more than one loaf	9. odd number after 4
6. penniless	5. what a lawnmower cuts
8. place where God dwells	
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others	
10. past tense of give	
11. a command you give to a dog	



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. leaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit  
 Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

# November



## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

This year we will be offering our Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday evening**, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. As you know, the community Thanksgiving Service declined in attendance over the past several years and each of the individual churches have made other plans for their worship celebration. We are offering a service on Sunday evening rather than Wednesday in hopes that many of you will be able to participate even if you have plans that take you out of town on Thanksgiving Day. Please put it on your calendar and join us for this special celebration.



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gary Hinebaugh
- 3 Nathan Meadows
- 6 Zachary Belcher
- 7 Carolyn Hatchell
- Herbert Rhoades
- 8 Betty Walker
  
- 9 Nonie Barnstein
- 10 Elnora Holmes
  
- 11 Darrell Gilliam
- 12 Shelley Jump
- Debbie Southard
- 13 Kiele Thomas
- 16 Cecil Goolsby, III
- Karen Hall
- 17 Freddy Heller
- 19 Kimberly Pinchbeck
- 20 Todd Winfree
- Monte Davis
- 21 Hoyt Graham
- Betty Wallace
- 26 Kenneth Stuart
- 30 Ethel Baltz

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lu & Jean Chandler
  
- 3 Dennis & Mary Ellen Vaughan
- 4 Daniel & Kim Book
- 7 Dennis & Young Hatt
- 14 Benjamin Rodriguez & Maria Sanchez
  
- 17 Iggy & Sarah Gerring
- 18 Kerri & Daniel Bissett
  
- 29 Jim & Caroline Kastelberg



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Stewardship Committee reminds us that our Commitment Sunday this year is November 14. This is an important day for us, so plan to be at church. Bring your pledge cards ready to turn in. Your generosity will enable us to continue all our programs and missions in 2011, so please carefully and prayerfully consider your pledge.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

II Corinthians 9:7.

Thank you for your stewardship,  
Jerry Cummings & Stewardship Committee

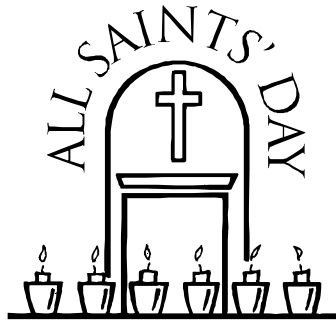
*“Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.”*

*Martin Luther*

## ts' Day

s of those among our church family

Shirley Cox  
David Levine  
Bill Lipscomb  
W.A. (Bill) Wiegand  
Aubra (Buddy) Shull  
Floyd C. Breeden  
Annie Laurie Shelton  
Helen T. Cobb  
Anita Laura Greer  
Elizabeth Bowman  
Russell Adams  
Kate Duggins



October 27, 2009  
December 2, 2009  
December 23, 2009  
March 25, 2010  
April 27, 2010  
May 13, 2010  
June 2, 2010  
June 20, 2010  
July 21, 2010  
August 15, 2010  
August 25, 2010  
October 17, 2010

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us"*

Hebrews 12:1

### CHRISTMAS LOVE BASKETS December 5, 2010



Christmas Love Baskets

*The United Methodist Women will be preparing Christmas Love Baskets in early December for some very special members. We also deliver baskets to residents at "The Hermitage" who have no family. We would appreciate you help in helping to fill the baskets. Some of the items needed are hand lotion, puzzle books, crackers, candy, cookies, tissues, nuts, sugar-free candy and cookies, note paper, pens and homemade goodies.*

*Please bring items no later than DECEMBER 5th and leave in the office, marked LOVE BASKET. Thanks in advance for all your help.*

*Please call Pat Beville @ 639-9154 or the church office, to add a name for a Love Basket. Many thanks, Pat Beville*

## BUCS Brunswick Stew

Come purchase our delicious Brunswick Stew.  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>** **Pick-up 12-2 p.m.**  
to benefit the church Maintenance Fund  
\$7 per quart.

Order yours TODAY by calling the church office.

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

- ❖ **Beth Moore Bible Study**  
meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- ❖ **Children's Church**  
will be offered Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>  
& 21<sup>st</sup> & December 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
during the 11:00 service for  
children K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- ❖ **Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Thursdays at 10 a.m. offers  
time to knit and pray together.
- ❖ **BUCS**  
meet the first Saturday of  
every month at 8 a.m. for  
mens' fellowship, breakfast  
& service opportunities.

### Middle School Fall Retreat at Eagle Eyrie Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

We must know by Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>  
any Middle School Students  
interested in attending the Fall  
Retreat with Rebecca Wegrzynowicz  
who will be going as a youth leader.  
For More Info Call:  
Trish Wegrzynowicz—  
804-894-2336 or [grwfam@verizon.net](mailto:grwfam@verizon.net)

THE HIGHWAY OF THE UPRIGHT AVOIDS EVIL;  
THOSE WHO GUARD THEIR WAY PRESERVE THEIR LIVES.  
PROVERBS 16:17, NRSV



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➤ **Society of St Andrew** While you and your family are celebrating the joyous Christmas season, many Americans will be experiencing first-hand the reality of hunger and poverty in our land of abundance. Even in this economic downturn, America is still the richest nation on earth, but some 40 million of its citizens are suffering in poverty. This Christmas you can give them hope by the simple act of honoring your loved ones with a gift donation to feed the hungry. Each \$12 gift donation to the Society of St. Andrew provides about 600 servings of fresh, nutritious food to America's hungry families. The extraordinary popularity of this program continues to grow, providing more and more servings of fresh food to the hungry every year. It's such a sincere and loving way to feed the hungry and honor special people in your life. And when you do, each person you honor will receive our Christmas Gift Donation Card announcing your generous gift in their name. Go to [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org).

➤ **Heifer Project International** Choose a meaningful gift to give a loved one and help children and families around the world receive training and animal gifts that help them become self-reliant. You'll have the opportunity to create a printable gift card or e-card to tell your friends and family that you've honored them with a Heifer gift. Some gifts you could purchase are a Llama at \$150; a Goat at \$120; Share of a Goat at \$10; a Sheep at \$120; Trees at \$60; Trio of Rabbits@ \$60; Seedlings@ \$10. Go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

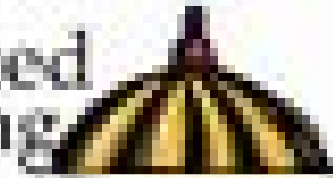
➤ **Church World Service** helps bring genuine and lasting change to those who need it most. All the gifts are examples of how CWS works in partnership to assist people in the world's poorest countries and tackling poverty and injustice. Whatever gift you buy, your money will fund one of the program areas related to your gift: emergency and disaster preparedness, care for vulnerable children, water and environment, or women's empowerment. To order gifts go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).



**The time for ordering your poinsettia is here.** As is our tradition, we will be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas holidays. The cost will be **\$10.95** and the deadline for ordering is **November 22**. Remember a loved one and help to make our sanctuary look beautiful for Christmas. Watch for the insert that will be in the Sunday bulletin very soon.



## Designated Giving



It will be soon time for Christmas shopping. Again this year think about Designated Giving. Instead of buying a present for someone who may have everything make a donation to a Ramsey ministry in her/his name such as the Building Fund, Food Pantry, Church Maintenance, Missions, or the Youth Program. There will be special envelopes available soon so you can designate your gift to a special place. Acknowledgement cards will be sent out telling the recipients that you have made a donation in their name. We hope you will participate in this program. In this season of giving, here is a chance to go beyond wrapping paper and ribbons, to give meaningful and lasting presents and make someone's life just a little bit better.

Stewardship Committee



### Living Nativity

As the holidays are fast approaching, we have begun the task of organizing the Living Nativity for December. As you know, this is a long standing tradition with this church and it takes LOTS of volunteers (active and behind the scenes) to make this happen. If you are interested in helping with costumes, cleaning costumes and beards, cast member snacks, yard hands, etc. please contact Tammy Howe at [jefhow@comcast.net](mailto:jefhow@comcast.net). Please consider helping with this ministry so that we can continue this tradition.

### BUCS

Brothers United for Christian Service **Brothers**, don't forget to come to our **November meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>**. We are doing both the **Brunswick stew** and putting up the **nativity** that morning and having elections. So we are expecting a big turn-out. Please don't forget!

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## White Christmas

...ed from the White Christmas food baskets given to families in need. School is in recess over the Christmas holidays and children are at home for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The White Christmas food baskets help feed these children during this period as well as giving the families essentials for a "Christmas dinner". Families with little or no income to provide coats, shoes and clothing for a growing child or themselves have benefitted from Ramsey's generous congregational gifts of clothing and "Christmas gifts".

We ask that the congregation bring canned foods from the list below and place them in the boxes marked **White Christmas** in the educational and CLS foyers. **Please bring canned goods each Sunday through December 19.**

The foods so generously given by our congregation will be used to prepare food boxes for the White Christmas families and to supplement the food pantry this month. Contacts: Tom or Scotty Doyle 744-3034 (Home) or 901-0670 (Cell).

We ask that Sunday School Classes bring items from their designated list below.

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Items to be contributed</u>
Nursery – Five year olds	Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni
1st- 5th grade	Spaghetti, Pastas and Sauce for Pasta
Youth (Junior and Sr. High)	Canned Soups, Mac and Cheese
Agape	Canned Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Fruit Cocktail Applesauce, etc), Fruit Juices, Bisquick, Bread
Escuela Dominical	Rice, Beans (Red or Black), 5 lb bags of sugar, Seasonings like Goya
Kirkie Powell	Canned Meats (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Corned Beef), Coffee, Vegetable Oil / Shortening, Butter, Eggs
New Spirit	Cake Mixes, Rice, Oatmeal, Cereals, Potatoes (White & Sweet - Fresh or Canned)
Otto Whitt	Canned Vegetables (Tomatoes, Green Beans, Peas, Corn, Butterbeans, Beans, etc.), Cake Mixes Oranges, Apple, Candy

## Fun & Exciting Ways to Serve Jesus Christ!



We have many opportunities to reach children and their families through Upward Basketball. This is a wonderful way to get involved with the community around us and share the love of Jesus Christ.

Please, consider one of these rewarding roles:

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| Coach          | Refereeing   |
| Prayer Partner | Photographer |
| Scorekeeper    | Greeter      |
| Devotions      | Concessions  |

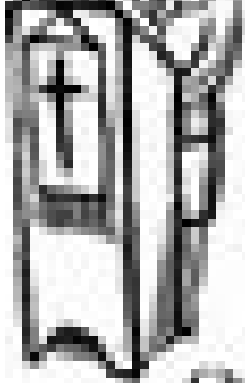
Upward is an evangelistic sports ministry designed for K-6th grade boys and girls that promotes salvation, character, and self-esteem in every child. To get involved, please contact Will Flynn at 320-3838 or e-mail [wflynn@franklinstreet.com](mailto:wflynn@franklinstreet.com). Thank you!

*Dear Ramsey Youth:  
I want to thank the youth and Gary and Trish Wegrzynowicz and Pastor Joe. I appreciated so much the work that they did on our yard. It really shows! Many thanks to each of you for the meaningful way that you reminded us of the love from our church family.*

*Love,  
Margaret Kelley*

*Dear Ramsey Friends and Family:  
Words can't express how surprised I was on September 24<sup>th</sup>! Having so many of you take the time to celebrate my "over the hill" day made it so much easier. Seriously, I am deeply appreciative of the many cards, gifts, and expressions of love you have not only given me on my 60<sup>th</sup> but throughout the years. This truly is a place where God is.*

*I love you All,  
Patti*



## Charge Conference is December 1<sup>st</sup>

**Report Deadline is November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Please get your reports to church office  
by November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## 55+ Thanksgiving Feast



Date: Friday, November 12  
Place: in Fellowship Hall  
Time: at 12:00 p.m.

Invite a friend, a neighbor

RSVP by Wednesday, November 10

**Reminder: Kirkie Powell Class will  
be selling pecans** again this year. See  
members of the class to purchase  
yours before they run out.

**Reminder: Newsletter Dead-line  
for December is November 10<sup>th</sup> to  
work around the Thanksgiving  
Holiday.**

## Fall Blood Drive Thank You

The Blood Drive Ministry  
Team would like to say  
**THANK YOU** to the  
following fifteen people for  
signing in to donate blood on  
Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:  
Ashley Afsharie, David  
Bissett, Jerry Cummings,  
Scotty Doyle, Howard Fox,  
Leroy Garrett, Ann Hallinan,  
Linda Hinebaugh, Gary  
Hinebaugh, Roger Hoover,  
Norm Kropp, Patricia Salmon  
Bert Smith, Rick Vance, and  
Margaret Wooldridge.  
Twelve units were collected.  
Watch the *Messenger* for the  
Spring Drive in April.

## Food Pantry Success

**Thanks to Your Generosity**  
Our deepest appreciation goes to  
all who responded so generously  
to the Food Pantry's request for  
help in our outreach to the  
community. September was the  
first time in over 17 years that  
we were forced to close our doors  
to folks who need us. It's our  
goal to let this be our only time!  
With your continued help I'm  
sure we'll succeed. Thank You  
All!

On behalf of the members  
of the Ada Mae Bookman Circle,  
Barbara LaPrade

## Kirkie Powell Yard Sale Thank You

**Thanks to everyone** who contributed merchandise to the Kirkie Powell yard  
sale - we made over \$1100! This will be our last yard sale; our class has  
grown smaller over the years, there is too much work to be done by too few  
members . . . and we're all beginning to show our age. This fund raising  
activity is open to any class or group that wants to take it on.

Your friends from Kirkie Powell

# November

TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<b>CARITAS WEEK Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup></b>									
	<b>1</b> Tutoring 6:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m.	<b>3</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Administrative Council 7:00 p.m. Summer Camp Taskforce 7:00 p.m.	<b>4</b> Care-a-Van/Dental Van Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico 7:00 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BUCS Breakfast (FH) 8:30 a.m. & Brunswick Stew Sales 12 p.m.  Girls Scouts Annual Fun Day (FH) Secret Sister Breakfast 9:30 a.m. (Agape Room) Upward Make-up Evaluations			
<b>7</b> Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. 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.	<b>8</b> <b>Deadline for Reports for Charge Conference</b> Tutoring 6:30 p.m. Welcoming & Hospitality Ministry 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Ada Mae Bookman 11 a.m. Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m. McGuire Park Crcl 7:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Nina Woodfin Crcl 2:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Summer Camp Taskforce 7:00 p.m.  <b>Newsletter dead-line</b>	<b>11</b> Care-a-Van 8:00 a.m. Dental Van 8:00 a.m. Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. ESL/Conversation Cafe 7:00 p.m./8:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> 55+ Luncheon 12:00 p.m.  Freedom House 3:30 p.m. Food Preparation	<b>13</b>  Girl Scouts (FH) 12 p.m.  Middle School Retreat @ Eagle Eyrie			
<b>14 Commitment Sunday</b> Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. 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.	<b>15</b> Tutoring 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Wellness Class 6:00 p.m. Disciple IV 7:00 p.m. ESL 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry 10:00 a.m. Troop 676 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. Summer Camp Taskforce 7:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> Care-a-Van 8:00 a.m. Coffee with Joe 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawls 10:00 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. ESL Estudio Biblico 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> Collaborando Juntos Conference 8:00 a.m.	<b>20</b> UMW Mtg/ Pledge Service 10:00 a.m.			
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