
THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE
10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.
10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH
11:30 AM – COUNCIL MTG. – LOUNGE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – NO EVENTS
SCHEDULED

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9 AM – BMG – EXT.
11 AM – 2 PM – THE SHOPPE & ANNEX at RPUMC
Open for shopping *Proceeds Benefit Missions/Outreach*
11:30-12:30PM – FREE LUNCH MINISTRY – FH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE
10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.
10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The Rev. David McMillan has invited RPUMC for a worship celebration on Sunday, March 30, at 9:30 am, at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church. Guest preacher will be Bishop Latrelle Easterling of the Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington Conferences. To celebrate this special occasion, the formation of a community choir, to sing the morning anthem, with all participating churches. A rehearsal will be held in the sanctuary before the service at 8:45 am. Following the service, everyone will be invited to Fellowship Hall for a delicious brunch. Please join us and if you are able to attend, join in with the community choir to sing the anthem. If you are attending the church brunch, please let the church office know, so we know how many members will be participating and how many are expected to stay for the brunch. Thank you.

Altar flower openings – Altar flowers are available for March 30th. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. The cost for two vases of flowers is \$30.00.

Book Club – Our January meeting was held on Friday, January 10th at 2 pm at the church. We discussed “Winter Street” by Elin Hilderbrand. We had a lively, very interesting discussion. Our February meeting will be on Friday, February 14th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss “Must Love Flowers” by Debbie Macomber. If anyone has trouble getting a copy, please let me know. I hope to have access to an extra copy. We received information on the News Castle Reads event for 2025, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7 pm. Our book club has been registered to receive copies of the book. We are planning to attend again this year. The author and the book (Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt) appear to be very interesting. Coming attractions include “The Wedding Planner” by Daniel Steel, “Dreamland: A Novel” by Nicholas Sparks, “Hidden Pictures” by Jason Rekulak, “The Housemaid’s Secret” by Freida McFadden and several books by Ariel Lawhon (“The Frozen River” and “Flight of Dreams”).

Fellowship Time – Sunday Social meets from 10 am until 10:25 am in the Extension before morning worship. Join us for fellowship. We will have snacks, coffee and tea to enjoy. Donations of prewrapped snacks, if you are able to contribute, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Dottie & Rose

Flower Containers – We love delivering altar flowers to shut-ins and they love the visit BUT we are in need of containers. I have found the 1 lb. metal coffee cans do work very well. Please donate these so we can continue this wonderful program. Blessings, Marlene

Free Lunch – The Free Lunch Ministry program continues every Thursday from 11:30am-12:30pm. We prepare a hot lunch in take-out containers. Each person also receives a ‘bag of blessings’. Our dedicated volunteers work on Wednesday mornings preparing food and the ‘bags of blessings’ to hand out. We are averaging about 110 meals a week now. Contributions of items are always accepted. Some church members pick up meals and deliver them to family and elderly neighbors. Thank you for your contributions to this wonderful ministry.

The Shoppe & Annex – is **Open** for shopping on Thursdays from 11 am until 2 pm. Stop on by The Shoppe & Annex, grab a deal or two and be sure to tell your family and friends! Thank you everyone for your support! *Proceeds Benefit Mission/Outreach*



Here is the link to the event page: <https://www.pen-del.org/eventdetail/18923330>

Fresh Expressions UM

Fresh Expressions UM represents a Spirit-led, distinctly Wesleyan movement that focuses on cultivating new Christian communities that resonate with today's world. As United Methodists, we are called to embody the gospel with new people, in new places, and in new ways. The Fresh Expressions movement has been gaining momentum across the US for over a decade, and this national gathering marks a pivotal moment in bringing together the best practices, ideas, and inspirations from practitioners, scholars, and church leaders.

February 27-March 1, promises to be an even greater opportunity to connect, learn, and grow as we explore how to cultivate fresh, Spirit-led, trauma-informed, compassion-centered communities that serve the present age.

This 3-day seminar, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, beginning February 27 and concluding on March 1, 2025, is open to all. Opportunities to watch at no cost are offered on each district:

Lower shore - Community Church at Ocean Pines, 11227 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD

Upper Shore – Christ Church, 401 High Street, Chestertown, MD

Delaware – Newark UMC, 69 East Main Street, Newark, DE

Or you may register to watch from home for a fee of \$65 directly from UM Discipleship at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/fxum-national-gathering-2025-love-alike-we-can-do-hard-things>.

A follow-up Zoom meeting will be held on Sunday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM for those who select the option at registration. Watch your email for the link.

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Thursday, February 27, 2025 to Saturday, March 1, 2025

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