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Happy October to everyone! We have been blessed with some beautiful fall weather here in recent weeks, it is a welcome reprieve from the long hot days of summer. As the weather changes and the days get shorter, another common phenomenon happens, the leaves begin to fall. I don't know about you but that is my least favorite part about this season. It doesn't help that we have several large trees at the parsonage and it feels like a never ending battle once they start coming down. The worst is when you get the yard cleaned and the piles to the road and then go out the next day to see the yard covered again! Why can't they just all fall at one time and be done? Well, because that is not how falling works. I love the definition of falling, "moving from a higher to a lower position, typically rapidly and without control." If you have ever fallen, you know exactly how this is. One minute you are upright doing something you have always done, and the next thing you know you are on the ground wondering how you got there. That sounds a lot like life, doesn't it? One-minute things are going how you thought and the next you are down wondering how it happened. Life can become overwhelming like leaves that keep piling up during the fall.

So, what do we do in these moments? Sometimes it feels like all we can do is throw our hands up and ask why. Other times we just get out there and do it again, keep working until it is solved. I want to offer a third option, the solution to falling is falling. Yes, you heard me right, the solution to moments when we have fallen is to fall at the feet of Jesus. The above picture is one of my favorite pieces of art from the Holy Land. This painting is found in a downstairs chapel in Magdala. It is a depiction of the women with the issue of bleeding reaching out to touch just the hem of Jesus' garment. It is a powerful image as all you see is Jesus' foot and her hand coming in to reach his cloak. She had fallen at his feet and because of her faith she was made well.

It is interesting that in the Scriptures we see numerous stories of people falling at Jesus' feet. The word that is translated as fall is *prospito*. It literally means to fall,

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Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of Wayne & Ann Hutchins
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In Memory of Mason Siers
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Celeste Byrnes
Larry & Crandall Ellison
Martha Thomas
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to be prostrate, or to give homage. If we use our modern definition, it is moving from a higher position to a lower position rapidly and out of control. In all of these instances we see the word fall. People do not casually lower themselves to Jesus' feet, they do not approach him and then slowly bend down, no they fall at his feet. There is recklessness to their actions. It is quick and out of control, one minute they are up and the next without knowing why they are down at His feet. Falling becomes the solution to all the other times these folks have fallen in their lives. Before, their falls were rough, painful, and uncertain, now they are deliberate, loving, and life giving.

We fall to bring ourselves lower. We must recognize our place. We are not God, and we are not always in control, in fact very seldom are we in control. Perhaps that is why falling unnerves us. We realize in those moments of falling that we have lost control. Jesus reminds us that when we surrender control, when we humble ourselves, that is when we can be raised up. We also cannot hesitate; we just have to go. Once you start the fall there is no turning back. Jesus calls each of us to a life of service and love as we follow the example he lived. We cannot be hesitant; we have to be willing to throw ourselves in rapidly and out of control as grow in our discipleship. Lastly, we fall because that is where we find life. While I loathe getting up leaves each fall, I recognize that this process is vital for the trees. Without the falling leaves the trees would not make it through the winter. The decaying leaves offer nutrients to the ground and the photosynthesis process which slows during the shorter days is not diverting energy into the wrong places as there are no leaves for the tree to do this too. The falling leaves become a life giving moment for the tree. When we come to Jesus, we are offered life, not just eternal life, but life here and now. We are invited to let go of those things that cling to us and drain our energy and surrender them to the winds of the Holy Spirit as we let them fall away.

Falling on Jesus is something we should all look to do. This Fall that is what we will be looking at. Our Sermon series for the next two months is Falling on Jesus and stories from Scripture where people fell at Jesus' feet. We hope you will join us in person or online as look at ways we can fall this fall!

Chris Smith

General Information

Leadership Team

October 9th at 6:30 PM Leadership Team Meeting.



Growing Together

Growing Together will not meet in October. Instead, we invite you to join us for S'mores!

UWF News

United Women in Faith will continue to collect new and gently used towels and washcloths, deodorant for men and women, liquid body wash in large bottles and socks for men, women and children for Grace Given throughout the month. All donations may be placed in the container outside the church office. Thank you for supporting this mission outreach.

DAY ON MAIN STREET

Ramseur's annual fall festival will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Jordan Memorial will have our usual spot on Main Street in front of the church. We will begin the day with ham biscuits and coffee and serve lunch closer to the noon hour. Lunch will be a sandwich, chips and a drink for \$10.00. We need cookies, snacks and items that people can hold in their hands, without melting or falling apart. Craft items are also welcome.

We need volunteers (workers) to help with preparation, sales and greeting those who come by the booth. There will be a sign up sheet on the altar for what you can bring and times that you can work. This is a church wide event and we hope you can come and help us make this day a success!

S'mores!



S'mores at the Parsonage, October 22nd, 4:00 PM. All are invited to come for a tasty treat and time of fellowship!

Nehemiah Project

The Nehemiah project will be December 16th, we will once again provide all the green beans for this food give away. We will order in bulk from Carlie C's so donations will be accepted to help cover the cost. Last year we gave out all 300 boxes of food and enjoyed a beautiful day of ecumenical work as we gathered with our brothers and sisters from various churches to do this wonderful ministry. We pray you will consider donating and or helping during this event.

JORDAN'S CLOSET HOURS!

Monthly hours are the first Saturday from 10am - 12 pm & third Tuesday from 5-7pm.

Offering free clothes for Women, Men and Children
We also accept donations of gently used clothes



Jordan Memorial UMC 1511 Main Street Ramseur

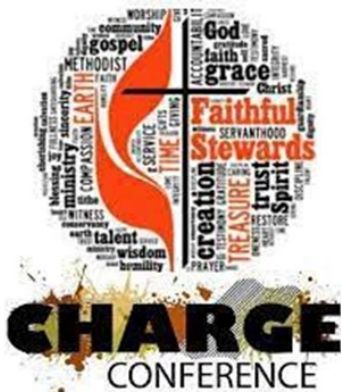


Falling on Jesus

Join us for our Fall Sermon Series, Falling on Jesus. October 1st - November 19th. We will explore the various times in which people fell at the feet of Jesus, and how falling becomes a solution to what we are facing in our lives.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is October 1st. mark your calendars for this special service. We will have a combined service with our brothers and sisters from La Luz De Cristo and Rehobeth UMC and celebrate the Holy Sacrament together. Following the service, we will have a meal where we invite you to bring your favorite dish as we taste foods from various countries as we celebrate our unity in Christ Jesus.



Charge Conference

Charge Conference will be October 15th at 2:00 PM with our District Superintendent Beth Crissman presiding. This will be a cluster gathering of the Randolph County United Methodist Churches that we will host here at Jordan Memorial UMC. We will provide light refreshments following in the fellowship hall. This is open to any that want to attend and see one of the processes to our churches organization and structure.

Christmas Cheer

This year the Ramseur Ministerial Association will be coming together to spread Christmas cheer to families in our community. We will be given names, ages, and sizes for children within our community that would not otherwise have a chance to enjoy Christmas. The goal will be to spend \$100 per child and the gifts will be given out at a special gathering on December 17th, 3:00 PM at First Christian Church. All gifts will need to be in by December 3rd. We will get the names here in October so if you are interested in helping please reach out to the church office to receive these details.

* Please note that this is in addition to the wonderful ministry of the Santa Sleigh Project. We will also have opportunities to help with this impactful ministry that is run by James and Cheryl Rank. More details for this to follow.





The Well

Join us for The Well

The Well is a Fresh Expression where we seek to create a communal place where people can gather to talk about faith, life, and everything in between. This is open to anyone regardless of your religious background. We believe that the Well in the time of Jesus was a place of life-giving water, community engagement, and needed fellowship. We are continuing our study through the book of Genesis, and it is never too late to join. We hope you can join us!

October 12th 10:00 AM in the Conference Room 1511 Main St. Ramseur

7:00 PM at the parsonage 307 Elam Ave. Ramseur

October 19th 10:00 AM in the Conference Room 1511 Main St Ramseur

7:00 PM at the parsonage 307 Elam Ave. Ramseur

**** (note that we will meet back to back Thursdays due to a scheduling conflict) ****



Craft Circle Group

The Craft Group meets on Wednesday's at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

Walking Group

The Walking group meets at Franklinville at 9am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee.

AA Group

Jordan Memorial hosts Alcoholic Anonymous meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room.

We also host a women's only AA meeting Saturday's at 5pm in the conference room.

Gathering for Good

Gathering For Good is a collection of United Methodist Churches that will gather each month at Mount Shepherd Retreat Center to provide activities for families and youth. This is open to anyone and is free! Our hope is to bring youth, families with children, and anyone else who enjoys spending time with others to come together and enjoy the connection we have as United Methodists. Invite your neighbors, grandkids, whoever to come out for a fun filled afternoon.



The poster features a warm, autumn-themed design with a yellow background. At the top, there's a decorative border of colorful leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Below this, a large orange pumpkin is on the left, and a large red and orange maple leaf is on the right. In the center, the text "MOUNT SHEPHERD" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Gathering" is written in a large, brown, cursive script, and "For Good" is in a smaller, brown, sans-serif font. Underneath the title, there are three circular photographs: the first shows a person climbing a rope structure, the second shows a group of people playing a game, and the third shows two people sitting at a table. A curved banner above the middle photo reads "Sponsored by local United Methodist Churches". Below the photos, the text "GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FUN, GOOD NEIGHBORS" is written in a brown, sans-serif font. The date "OCT | 8 | 2023" is prominently displayed in a large, brown, sans-serif font. Below the date, it says "FROM 3PM TO 6PM" and "FREE!". At the bottom, there are two circular callouts: the left one is orange and lists activities (Dinner provided, Community service, All ages welcome, Ropes Course, Hiking), and the right one is yellow and provides the location and contact information for Mount Shepherd.

MOUNT SHEPHERD

Gathering For Good

Sponsored by local United Methodist Churches

GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FUN, GOOD NEIGHBORS

OCT | 8 | 2023

FROM 3PM TO 6PM

FREE!

ACTIVITIES
Dinner provided
Community service
All ages welcome
Ropes Course
Hiking

MOUNT SHEPHERD
1045 Mount Shepherd Rd Ext.
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October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 World Communion Sunday	2 AA Mtg 6:30pm	3 9am Faith & Fitness	4 Craft Grp 3pm	5 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	6	7 Jordan Closet 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
8	9 AA Mtg 6:30pm Leadership Team Mtg 6:30pm	10 9am Faith & Fitness	11 Craft Grp 3pm	12 9am Faith & Fitness The Well 10am & 7pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	13	14 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
15 Charge Conference 2pm Sanctuary	16 AA Mtg 6:30pm	17 9am Faith & Fitness 5pm Jordan Closet 5:30pm Community Meal	18 Craft Grp 3pm	19 9am Faith & Fitness The Well 10am & 7pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	20	21 Fall Festival 9am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
22 S'mores 4pm!	23 AA Mtg 6:30pm	24 9am Faith & Fitness	25 Craft Grp 3pm	26 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	27	28 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
29	30 AA Mtg 6:30pm Office Closed	31 9am Faith & Fitness Halloween				

Ramseur Food Pantry: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes

October Birthdays

02-Bruce Ihme
02-Parker Shackelford
04-Michele Stout
05-Caroline Allen
05-Kelli K. Cervantes
06-Alisa Renee Leonard
07-Roger Stout
07-Cissie G. Apple
08-Doug Miller
08-April Joanne Leonard
10-David William Posey, Jr.

13-Cathy W. Riddle
14-Stephanie Riddle Collins
15-Kathy B. McPherson
17-Jackie Craven
19-Mickey Cox
20-Erin Williams Graves
25-Ben Burton
28-Jimmy Riddle
31-Shannon Posey Thrift
31-Melanie Rains



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Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 10:30am
La Luz Service 12:30am



Community Meal

Our next Community Meal is October 17 at 5:30pm.
Please NOTE the time change

