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Happy November to everyone! I have spent a lot of time lately reflecting on our pilgrimage to Israel last year. It’s hard to believe it has been one year, and what a difference a year makes. I am normally not one to engage in the news, but I have been pulled into the conflict in Gaza and paying attention to all that is going on. My heart has grieved as we watch so many innocent

lives lost to something that can only be

described as evil. The above picture is from the Holocaust Museum in Israel. This is from the children’s section. The stone pillars were placed as a reminder of the children that were lost. What is not as well known is that the trees planted around them were the same size when the stones were set there. What we now see are the trees towering above. It is a chilling reminder of those lives stuck in time while other things continue. This monument is also a reminder of never again; a national sentiment to never see loss of life to this magnitude, yet here we are. I know there are mixed feelings around Israeli and Palestinian relations. This article is not about which side is right and which side is wrong. This is simply about taking a moment to let our hearts grieve as God’s heart grieves. Any loss of life is not how things are supposed to be.

November is an interesting month. We start with All Saints Sunday on the first, a day of remembering those that have passed. All Hallows Eve or Halloween as we know it, is simply a cultural shift from a time when the church would remember those that had died. Our traditions of ghosts and witches come from this ancient practice into our modern secular culture. We then transition from remembering and grieving to a season of thanksgiving. Talk about two opposite extremes. This is not an accident that these two events occur together. They are meant to push us and to challenge us to walk through the moments of grief and yet to still find thanksgiving on the other side. The above

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**Please send mail and
pray for our Homebound**

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Jordan Memorial Military

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Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Beverly Stout
Roger Stout

In Memory of Vivian Perry
Anne Cox

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picture is a memorial that makes you think. You think of lives that were never lived, moments not achieved, families that were forever broken. But then there are the trees; life that in the midst of darkness continues.

As we continue our Fall Series, the first sermon will be on Lazarus and his rising from the dead. We find Mary and Martha consumed by their grief. They offer a nonchalant nod to scripture knowing that he will rise in the end, but Jesus says something radical and hopeful; he tells them he is the resurrection and the life. In other words, you don't have to be frozen in time waiting for something in the end, life is now. We grieve when we lose loved ones, friends, family, parents, sometimes even children. We grieve because something will be forever different, and we cannot change that. But after some time, and there is no magical set duration to this time, we come to Thanksgiving. We give thanks because we have assurance that death is not the end. We give thanks because God through Christ has conquered sin and death, and we need not fear it. We give thanks because the evil we see in the world will not have the final say.

This month I invite you to a season of lament and thanksgiving. I think we must lament the sorrows of the world. We cannot be so callous as to become numb to the pain of others. Our hearts should break for those things that break God's heart. We need time to honor and remember those that we love that we anxiously wait to see again. But we cannot remain there. We must move to Thanksgiving because God has made a way for us all. We get there by falling. We fall at His feet and simply trust that what God is doing is good. We fall to where we have no control, and it is solely in God's hands. We fall and give thanks, for His love endures forever.

Chris Smith

General Information



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.

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

In November, **Jordan's Closet** will be collecting new and gently used toys for Christmas gifts to help local families this holiday season. We're hoping to have items available for kids ranging from infants to teenagers. Donations can be left in the church library or in the upstairs hallway. If you have questions, please contact Celia Harris or Melisa Perry.

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.

Growing Together



Growing Together will meet November 25th, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Come join us for a chance to fellowship, connect, and grow together! The ladies meet for a time of crafting while the men enjoy breakfast at various local places. We hope you can join us for this great time as we grow in our faith and in our connection together!

UWF News

United Women in Faith News: Please join us for our annual pledge service on Sunday, November 12 at 2:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Also, please bring your UWF Reading Program information so that the end of year report can be completed on time. We are collecting 2024 calendars for distribution at area nursing homes. Please place them in Betty Jo's church mailbox.

Thumbs Up!



Nov 9: The Thumbs Up Nail Group meets at 3:30pm in the fellowship hall. (We would appreciate any snacks and drinks donated to share with the community women.) Contact Beth Burton with questions.

Nail Painting, Nail Wrapping, food, friendship and encouragement for women and girls!



Falling on Jesus

We hope you have been enjoying our Fall Series, Falling On Jesus. We will continue this series this month as we look at Lazarus, the woman who anointed Jesus' feet, the ten lepers, and Paul.

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!



November 16th 10:00 AM in the Conference Room 1511 Main St. Ramseur

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

*We will only meet once in November because of Thanksgiving



Gathering For Good November 26th 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

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, youth, and adults. 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.



Nehemiah Project

The Nehemiah Project will be December 16th. This is a joint effort from churches in our community to provide a full Christmas meal to families for the holidays. As a church we have agreed again to providing the green beans for these boxes. Our goal is to get 1200 cans of green beans. Once again for ease we will order these from Carlie C's so we will be accepting donations to cover the cost of the beans. You can mark your check or envelope **For Green Beans**. Thank you for helping in this great ministry. Last year was truly a blessing as all 300 boxes were distributed. We look forward to this time again. We will also need volunteers on December 15th and 16th to help pack the boxes and distribute.

El Proyecto Nehemías

Cerrando la Brecha

RECONSTRUIR*RESTAURAR*EDIFICAR

Regalando una Caja de Comida para la Familia

Gratis y Abierto al Público

Las cajas serán entregadas el:
Sábado 16 de diciembre del 2023
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Iglesia Metodista Unida
Jordan Memorial
1511 Main Street,
Ramseur, NC 27316

Patrocinado por: Iglesia Mt. Nebo y la comunidad del Condado de Randolph.

Información de
Contacto
Holly Gray
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THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Bridging THE GAP

REBUILD RESTORE UPLIFT

Family Meal Box Giveaway
Free and Open to the Public
*ONLY ONE BOX PER VEHICLE

Drive-Thru Service
Saturday, December 16, 2023
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Jordan Memorial Church
1511 Main Street
Ramseur, NC 27316

Host: Mt. Nebo Church and the
Randolph County
Community at large.

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Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to accept donations of both monetary and food donations.

On November 18th the Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving Boxes provided by Mountaire Chicken in Siler City. We will gladly accept volunteer help at 10:30AM on the 18th as we distribute these boxes in a drive thru here at the church.

Ramseur Senior Bingo



**Monday, November 6th
10:00am**

FREE! - Everybody wins!

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Hosted by: Randolph Senior Adults Association



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www.senioradults.org

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Craft Grp 3pm	2 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	3	4 Jordan Closet 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 AA Mtg 6:30pm Office Closed	7 9am Faith & Fitness	8 Craft Grp 3pm	9 9am Faith & Fitness Thumbs Up 3:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	10	11 Veterans Day
12 UMW Meeting 2:30pm	13 AA Mtg 6:30pm	14 9am Faith & Fitness Community Meal 5:30pm	15 Craft Grp 3pm	16 9am Faith & Fitness 10am The Well AA Mtg 6:30pm 7pm The Well	17	18 Thanksgiving Boxes 11am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
19	20 AA Mtg 6:30pm	21 9am Faith & Fitness	22	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed	24	25 Growing Together 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
26 Gathering for Good Mt Shepherd 6pm	27 AA Mtg 6:30pm	28 9am Faith & Fitness	29 Craft Grp 3pm	30 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm		

Ramseur Food Pantry: Dry Beans, Pork & Beans, Instant Potatoes. We will need volunteers Nov 6-10.

November Birthdays

03-Linda J. Williams
03-Jim McIntosh
06-Rob Roberts
07-Jeff Albright
10-Michael Bodsford
11-Tara Kurtz
12-Jerry Cox
12-Jamie Armfield
13 - Timmy Elmore-
14-Nancy Gudd
15-Justin Stout
16-Tim Campbell
18-Eric Allred
18-Carey E. Campbell

19-Sydney Blake-Sheridan
19-Joshua Kurtz
19-Carol P. Deal
20-Mark F. Albright
20- Eric Hutchins
22-Tommy Hoover
22-Susan Womble
22-Brian Shackelford
24-Claudia H. Ihme
27-Sharon Cox
28-Jenna Elkins



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Worship times

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



Community Meal

Our next Community Meal is
November 14 at 5:30pm.

