

The Messenger



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As we continue in the waiting and preparing season of Lent, I turn often to John 8: 12. This verse tells one of the greatest and most powerful truths of our Savior. Jesus says “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

Jesus is the light of the world – what a miracle! No matter what darkness may creep into or over this world, the light of Jesus shines. In my office, I have some of those metal letters that spell the word, “Shine.” It is a reminder to me of many things. It calls me to shine my own light in the world by being courageous in speaking truth always. It also reminds me to shine the personality and good humor that God granted me.

More those personal reminders, my “Shine” letters also and always encourage me to reflect on the great shining light of Jesus Christ. He is the same today as yesterday and tomorrow. There is no time that our Savior did not exist and there will never be one single moment in the all the histories of the world that He does not love us. What a reason for us to shine with the love of God!

For many of us, it can be easy to look at the world today and see much darkness. Divisions over literally everything from politics to children’s toys litter the news. It feels like, everywhere we turn, there are people squabbling, fighting, or warring over everything. Like so many of us, I sometimes want to despair at the bad news in the world today. But even as I find myself leaning toward despair, I feel God’s hand so gently, lovingly, and patiently guiding me back to the light. We walk in the light of Jesus. Whoever follows the light of Jesus will never walk in darkness. Not MAY never... WILL never. We NEVER have to walk in darkness because we have the light.

Children of God, we do not just have light – we have the *light of life*. We follow, live in, and reflect the light of life. We do not have to accept the darkness because we have seen the light. And we are the ones who get to share that light with the world. What a priceless gift! We get to *have* the light of life and we get to *be* the light of life for others just as Jesus is for us. So, when you find yourself leaning toward despair, anger, fear, frustration, and the like when the world seems dark and ominous, look toward the light. It shined yesterday. It shines today. And it will shine tomorrow. Easter is coming, beloved children. Easter is coming. Amen.

Pastor Holly



All events will require masks and social distancing.

Palm Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Service in DC

Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m. DC

No Seder Meal

Good Friday-Come and Go Prayer in the Sanctuary from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service 6:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Worship Service-10:00 a.m. DC

At this time we plan to resume regular worship on April 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the DC

New Morning Ladies

The New Morning Ladies have focused mission efforts this year by showing appreciation to essential worker and community organizations. Lunch was provided to local doctor offices and daycare staff. Goody bags are being prepared for distribution to local and county law enforcement. We see and appreciate the efforts and/or risks of the essential workers in our community. We are thankful for your work!

NML will be offering baked desserts and frozen casseroles for sale. This is planned for early May so be looking for the list of items available and more details in the next newsletter and bulletins. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 in Room 102.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

First, the Administrative council and I appreciate the effort you have made to keep this terrible virus out of the church. We have been, for the most part, very successful, with only a handful of cases, and none attributed to being in church here. Thank you all!

Second, as many have asked, when are we going to go back to the sanctuary? The Pastor and I are evaluating the new reported local cases weekly, and taking that data, as well as the number of members that have had the vaccine into consideration, for risk analysis. The Council will be discussing reopening the sanctuary at each meeting and will let you know as soon as a decision is made. We cannot take the safety of our members too lightly! There will be a lot of things to address as we migrate back to our sanctuary, and we will need a lot of help. Please be thinking about taking on a role of usher, or greeter, or choir/band member, or any of the other jobs that we need to staff up for. Please contact anyone on the worship committee if you would like to help.

As activities increase in the DC, we will coordinate with the church staff and daycare. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis for now, keeping the safety of everyone involved as top priority.

Lastly, and most importantly, Holy Week is approaching! Be in Prayer for our families, our church, our community, and our country as we celebrate this special time in our spiritual walk.

God Bless!

Sam Moody
RUMC Administrative Council Chair

Below are our figures through **February 28th**

General Fund Income	\$ 27,309.00
General Fund Expense	\$ 36,965.22
Givings to Cap. Imp. Fund	\$ 450.00



If you have a student graduating from High School or College, please contact DeShawn at 256-702-550. We will be having Graduation Sunday on May 23rd.

Live Stream update

It is so good to see and hear from those of you who choose to attend worship online! We look forward to everyone in worship together. In the meantime, we're thankful to be able to provide an option to connect online. Your patience is appreciated as technology sometimes get in the way and cause interruptions. Some improvements in the sound are in the works and we continue to look for ways to get His word out to the world! If you miss the live worship, you can always view it later either on Facebook videos or on the church website at rogersvilleumc.org.



The praise band is looking for new members, especially a drummer. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Troy at 281-245-4689.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
7 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	8 4:30 GED	9 4:30 GED 6:30 Admin Board Meeting	10 6:00 Bible Study for all ages 7:30 Praise Band Practice	11 6:30 Trustees	12 6:00 Celebrate Recovery-The Place	13 Fish & Loaves
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28 Palm Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	29 4:30 GED	31 4:30 GED				

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