

NEWS & NOTES

New Year Kick Start TODAY! From 10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, come explore all of the ways to grow as disciples this winter and spring at NRUMC. This scaled-down version of Starting Point Sunday will have information tables and sign-ups for our upcoming studies in the new semester.

Eager for Stillness? Try Centering Prayer. Come learn about *Centering Prayer* and experience this practice as led by Pastor Duke beginning Tuesday, January 8 from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in Room S1. And stay afterward for *Tuesdays with the Clergy* at 10:00!

Tuesdays with the Clergy Join us in the New Year beginning Tuesday, January 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Room S2 as we are led by Pastor Duke on a journey through the book of Genesis!

Yard Angels Will Be Ready for Pickup This Saturday Yard Angels will be disassembled on Saturday, January 12 and available for pickup after 2:00. They will be located along the wall outside the church office on the entrance side. The last day to pick up your Angel is Sunday, January 20.

Church Council Leadership Training All members of the Church Council for 2019 should plan to attend Leadership Training this Saturday, January 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more info, call the church office (919.847.1536).

Our Next New Member Class begins next Sunday, January 13, and continues through February 3. Each session runs from 11:00-12:30 p.m. in the Youth Center Main Room; and Duke, Alan, or Ashley will lead discussion on a different topic. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our church and heritage as Methodists, as well as provide a great stepping-off point to membership at NRUMC! To register for the class, visit nrumc.org/new-member-class and fill out the online form, or call the church office.

Marriage Enrichment Study Starting Next Sunday, January 13 Want to create and sustain a healthy, meaningful, romantic relationship with your spouse? Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:00 p.m. as we study Adam Hamilton's book, *Love to Stay*, which draws from thousands of couples' experiences, interviews with therapists, and wisdom from the Bible to support these lifetime relationships. Register online at nrumc.org. For more information, contact Cassidy Plunkett (919.847.1536 x103 or familyministry@nrumc.org).

Snacks for Baileywick Part of our partnership with Baileywick Elementary is providing teachers with bulk snacks to give to kids that don't have them (about 25-33%). NRUMC is sponsoring a snack drive from January 13-February 10. The snacks should be purchased in bulk packaging and be free of nuts, nut by-products, and excess sugar. The following items are suggested: plain Cheerios, packaged popped popcorn, pretzels, animal crackers, Goldfish, Cheez-Its, oyster crackers, and dried fruit. Collection bins will be in the Lobby, Atrium, and outside the church office. For more info, contact G.G. Dexter (ggdexter@nc.rr.com or 919.870.8228).

Sacred Conversations: The Way Forward NRUMC hopes to create a new understanding of issues that sometimes leave us polarized as a society by sharing stories, facts, and other information. Our next conversation, *The Way Forward*, about the UMC's stance on LGBTQ inclusivity, is scheduled for Monday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our politically and theologically diverse speakers will be Laurie Hays Coffman, Chaplain at Croasdaile Retirement Home, and Paul Stallsworth, Pastor of Whiteville UMC. For more info and to RSVP, visit nrumc.org/sacred-conversations. Childcare will be available.

Is Your Daughter Interested in Joining the Scouts BSA Program? Come hear about the changes in the Scouts BSA program on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Room Y1 in the Youth Center. For more information, contact Dave Wells (dwells51@nc.rr.com or 919.270.1395).

Backpack Buddies Needs Volunteers! Backpack Buddies needs additional food donors and bag checkers! Because of NRUMC's faithfulness to this program, we have been asked to do more. Normally, our commitment is 40 bags per week, but now we've been asked to provide 70 bags per week. If you can help with one bag of food per week for the winter and spring, please contact Penny Oland (penelopeoland47@gmail.com or 919.606.5210).

SAVE THE DATE: Daddy Daughter Dance February 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wonderfully Made! February 16 Moms and daughters in 5th-7th grade, join us from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Youth Center for an opportunity to ask questions about growing up, and get faith-based answers. We will talk about physical and social development and spiritual connection while helping pre-teens establish a foundation for their lives in Christ. Bring \$15 per family for lunch and materials. Contact Cassidy Plunkett (familyministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x103 or Jen Haselden (youthministry@nrumc.org or 919.847.1536 x113) for more information.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, visit one of our blue information carts or contact the church office (919.847.1536).

Sun 1/6	10:45 a.m.	New Year Kick Start Discipleship Exhibit (Fellowship Hall)
	12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class (Youth Center Main Room) Exaltation! Rehearsal-Vocalists Only (Sanctuary)
	2:30 p.m.	Nancy Andrews' Funeral & Reception (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)
	4:45 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Music Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir (S4) • Jubilation Choir (S1) • Illuminate (Y1) Partners in Prayer (Conference Room) Women's Study: <i>Women of Easter</i> (S2)
	5:30 p.m.	Belleplates (S3) • KidChimes (Music Room)
	6:00 p.m.	re:fresh Youth Kick Off Event (Millbrook UMC)

Mon 1/7	9:30 a.m.	Women's Study: <i>Bad Girls of the Bible</i> (S4)
	12:30 p.m.	Staff Lunch (Off Campus)
	5:45 p.m.	8501 B.C. Youth Bells (Sanctuary)
	6:30 p.m.	Men's Study Group (Conference Room) • Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Discipleship Team (S3)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal for Vienna Concert (Sanctuary)

Tues 1/8	9:30 a.m.	Journey Mom's Group (E25)
	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Mornings with the Clergy (S2)
	11:15 a.m.	Emmaus Group (Conference Room)
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Team (Conference Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Not Your Mama's Women's Small Group (Y1) Long-Range Planning Sub-Committee (S2)
	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Men Board (Conference Room) United Methodist Women Circle of Joy (S4)
	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous (S3)

Wed 1/9	7:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Prayer Fellowship (Y1)
	9:00 a.m.	Program Staff Meeting (S4)
	10:00 a.m.	Silver Chords Seniors' Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Administrative Staff Meeting (S4)
	11:00 a.m.	JOY (Just Older Youth) Senior Adult Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Silver Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	4:00 p.m.	Preparedness Committee (Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m.	S.O.U.L. Puppets (Y4) • Handful of Praise (Youth Center)
	6:00 p.m.	Yokefellow Ministry to Polk Correctional Institute (Off Campus)
	6:30 p.m.	Rainbow Ringers (Sanctuary) • Board of Trustees (Conference Room) Impact: Middle School UMYF (Youth Center Main Room)
	7:45 p.m.	Revelation Ringers (Sanctuary)

Thurs 1/10	10:00 a.m.	United Methodist Women Agape Circle (S4)
	6:15 p.m.	North Raleigh Ringers (Sanctuary)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) • Smart Recovery Group (S4)
	9:00 p.m.	High Notes Chamber Choir (Sanctuary)

Fri 1/11 There are no events scheduled for today.

Sat 1/12	7:45 a.m.	United Methodist Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00 a.m.	Yard Angel Tear-Down (Campus Lawn)
	9:30 a.m.	Church Council Leadership Training (Fellowship Hall)

Sun 1/13	11:00 a.m.	New Member Class (Youth Center Main Room)
	12:30 p.m.	Preparedness Training (S4) • Safe Sanctuaries Training (Fellowship Hall)
	4:45 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Music Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir (S4) • Jubilation Choir (S1) • Illuminate (Y1) Women's Study: <i>Women of Easter</i> (S2) Marriage Enrichment Study (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 p.m.	Belleplates (Sanctuary) • KidChimes (Music Room)
	6:15 p.m.	Exaltation! Rehearsal-Full Band (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Refuge: High School UMYF (Youth Center Main Room)