



# THE RALEIGH COURT HERALD

## Adult Sunday School: January 7 - February 11

### The Seekers: Spirituality and Children's Literature

Join us in the Seekers class as we open ourselves to spirituality and Christian themes found in children's literature. We will use picture books to explore new perspectives and build community. We'll read books about family relationships, gender, grieving, overcoming obstacles, and much more. Led by Charles Richards in Room 201

### Parent as a Verb

By request and popular demand the Parent as a Verb class will continue throughout the winter and spring! This class engages in proactive strategies and ideas for learning limits, focuses on child development and what to expect as well as how to navigate the unexpected, explores ways to connect children with church and faith life, and shares in the ways to enjoy the many different seasons of parenting. The most valuable thing that has grown out of this Sunday school class is the development of a community of parents that support one another and are able to voice their joys and struggles openly. All parents are invited and welcomed into this class. Parent as a Verb takes place in room 102, it is facilitated by a variety of class participants as well as Leigh Sackett and Wade Whitehead.

### After Deconstruction

Christian press has published a great deal of material about those coming from harmful Christian expressions who are "deconstructing" their faith. This is a process of exposing harm- physical, emotional, theological- and parsing how what (if anything) of God and the Church could possibly still matter when one's trust has been broken by church leaders and fellow Christians. Some in our church have come from this world. Lives have been stripped down and faith dismantled, I want to invite those folks together this winter, not to relive past traumas or rage against the injustices the church has perpetuated (though there are reasons and spaces for that!), but instead to see what kind of theology and life of faith might be grown out of the rubble.

January 7—God Is Jesus. Jesus is God.

January 14—The Cross as God's Self-Emptying

January 21—Relationship with God is Always Communal

January 28—Family Matters Reconfigured

February 11—Spiritual Wholeness: For Freedom Christ Has Set You Free

PLEASE NOTE: This class is ONLY for those who have been part of a community of faith in the past that has caused harm or perpetuated destructive theology. Please do not sign up for this class because the senior pastor is leading it. If you have been a lifelong mainline/Presbyterian Christian who has had a good experience of faith community, this is not a class you need to participate in. There will other opportunities for you in the future. Call (404.520.4130) or email Andrew (Andrew@rcpres.org) to participate.

## Sermon Series: January 7 - February 4

### All Alone or ἀλλήλων: One Anothering

As we continue in our series about learning to be human again, one need humans have is connection to other people. The New Testament epistles are covered with a word that we translate "One Another." In Greek, however, it is one word that transliterated sounds like "All-A-Lone." Rhetorically, then, we are asking the question about the human life. Do we live "All Alone" (individual, authentic, self-focused) or do we live with "One Another." What does it take to step out of the individualistic obsession and instead step into an identity bound up with others in Christ?

January 7 Romans 12:3-7

January 14 Jeremiah 32:36-41 & Ephesians 4:1-6

January 21 Ezekiel 37:25-27 & Hebrews 10:19-25

January 28 Youth Sunday

February 4 2 John 4-6

You Belong With Me

Bear With Me

She's Poking Me!

Encore

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Samson Mamour  
Gabriel Moja  
Roger Wickert  
2 Mark Derbyshire  
Nancy Farthing  
Anna Goltz  
Cindy Phelps  
Steven Urbaniak  
3 Mary Hampton  
6 Michelle Johnson  
7 Beth Crittenden  
8 Bob Rutherford  
Anna Sganga  
Andy Travers  
9 Caroline Stephenson  
13 Marian Stanley  
Hannah Ruth Wellons  
14 Sue Garrett  
CaCa Highfill  
15 Bill Gordge  
Bill Johnson  
Brittany Mallory  
Greta Mallory  
Christopher Ptomey  
16 Don Coombs  
Bobby Cooper

17 David Eberhard  
18 Carol Hahn  
Molly Koon  
Todd Phillips  
19 Shirley Fletcher  
20 Avery Reynolds  
22 Eric Henriksen  
Lillian Lacroix  
23 Caroline Bullington  
Rebecca Whaley  
29 Crystal Dudley  
30 Austin Frantz  
Margie Hale  
Maggie Jarrett  
Kristin Pickel  
Joanna Whaley  
Liz Heddleston

### Special Birthday Wishes:

Bill Gordge on celebrating his 96th birthday on January 15.

## RCPC's 100th Anniversary



Mark your calendars for May 17-19, 2024 as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church! We will celebrate the worship, fellowship, mission and love RCPC has given this community. Lots more information to follow!

## Variety Show: February 21

Save the date for our variety show on Wednesday February 21st. The Variety Show will follow Fellowship Dinner. Not to fear Choir Members you too will be able to attend! More information will come out in the following weeks but we invite you to begin thinking on your act!

## Pump-A-Pint Blood Drive

RCPC's Winter Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups are available on the Red Cross website at [REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](http://REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG). You can also contact Lillian Alexander at 540-632-8921 or [alexanderlj@yahoo.com](mailto:alexanderlj@yahoo.com) to schedule your donation time. A paper sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Area starting Sunday, January 7.

The Pump-a-Pint Mission Group would love to have you join the ranks of faithful donors here at RCPC. Come for the snacks and fellowship, leave knowing you have saved three lives! Thank you for your continued support of this vital mission!

## Fellowship Dinners

Doors open at 6:15 PM each Wednesday, and the professionally prepared meal is \$8/person with \$25 maximum per family. January Menus:

1/10 - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Country Green Beans, Homemade Bread, Alt Vegan Lentil Loaf, Dessert Lemon Cake

1/17 - Chicken Divan, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Broccoli, Homemade Bread, Alt Orange Ginger Tofu, Dessert Red Velvet Cake

1/24 - Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Homemade Bread, Alt Hasselback Squash, Cookies

1/31 - Spaghetti, Italian Green Beans, Homemade Garlic Bread, Alt Veggie Sghetti, Dessert Pudding Surprise

## Music Ministry Updates

Sanctuary Choir rehearsals resume Wednesday, January 3 at 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary.

Raleigh Court Ringers rehearsals resume Tuesday, January 9 at 7:15 PM in the music room.

**Save the date! Music Ministry Sunday is February 11!**

### VOICE RECITAL IN RALEIGH COURT

Featuring Art Songs by  
African American  
Composers, Schumann;  
Operatic Arias by Handel,  
Verdi, Wagner, and More!

**JAN | 6<sup>TH</sup> | 2 PM**

Cory Colton  
Tenor

Lauren Harris  
Soprano

Governor Harris  
Tenor

Dillon J. Swanson  
Collaborative  
Pianist

## Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service: January 18

**"Light of the World; Teach Us How to Follow"**

This evening prayer service, on Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel, gives us time to unpack the full meaning of the gift we received at Christmas - Jesus, the Light of the World, born for all on earth. What begins in mystery starts to be revealed in signs and wonders until the light reaches every human being. The light does not overwhelm or crush the darkness; it helps us perceive what we could not see before. It pulls back the veil of our fears and the limits of our understanding such that we perceive the living God in our midst, and ourselves as followers of Christ, the Light.

## Wrapped In Love

Are you interested to learn how to crochet or knit? Do you have a yarn project you'd like to work on surrounded by friends? Come join the Wrapped in Love ministry for coffee and refreshments on Saturday, January 13 at 10:00 AM the home of Emily Jarrett. RSVP to Rebecca Whaley at [Rebecca.whaley@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.whaley@gmail.com) for details. All ages and experience levels welcome!

## Youth Updates

### Youth Sunday

Join our Youth as they lead in Worship on Sunday, January 28. Youth will lead us from prayers to preaching and in song in the Sanctuary at both the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services. Youth Families please save Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 AM - Noon for our rehearsal.

### Chili Luncheon - Calling all Chili Makers

The Youth Group will again host a Chili Luncheon on Sunday, February 11. We're in need of families outside of the Youth Group who are willing to donate a crockpot of chili to the cause. If you're able to do so please email Isabella.

### Confirmation Classes Begin

Confirmation Begins on Wednesday, January 17 from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM with a kickoff night for confirmands and their mentors. We invite the wider congregation to hold the following students in their prayers over the Spring semester as they embark on this intentional faith journey which will culminate in a session examination on Monday, April 22 and Confirmation Sunday on May 12.

Harry Anderson	Kai Davis	Colton Naff
Peter Anderson	Sam Favor	Charley Stephenson
Compton Biddle	Emma Martin	Walker Stephenson
Sam Bullington	Carter Naff	

## Opportunity for Generosity: Fellowship Dinner Volunteers & Ushers

As a new year begins we want to highlight two ways you can give generously of your time to support your church family.

### Fellowship Dinner Volunteers

Are you a regular at Wednesday Night Dinners? Or want an easy way to get to know a few more people at RCPC? Signing up to be a Fellowship Dinner Volunteer is a great way to give generously to the church community and provides its own fellowship within the volunteer base. You can help check people in, ensure place settings are set, serve the meal, or help with clean up. There are a variety of ways you can offer your time here. Please reach out to Dawn Long to volunteer. You can contact Dawn by emailing: [bdjljlong@cox.net](mailto:bdjljlong@cox.net)

### Usher Teams - Greeters

Each Sunday you are met by a team of Ushers - welcoming you in at the door and again in the Narthex offering you a bulletin. You're invited to join this group as an Usher (helping with the welcoming, the bulletin, and the offering) or as a Greeter (who helps guide people where they need to go e.g. Sunday School, Nursery, Sanctuary). Usher teams serve in one month long rotations each year. If you're interested in joining an Usher Team either as an Usher or as a Greeter, please contact Kirk Martin (540-520-8767, [kmartin@pattersonpope.com](mailto:kmartin@pattersonpope.com))

## Winter VBS: February 10

### "Who is the Greatest?"

Winter VBS is on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All 3-year-olds through 1st graders are invited to attend.

The Disciples argued about who is the greatest among them. Have you ever had that argument before with your siblings or with your friends? We compete in sports and we compete in school. We try to draw the best picture, run the fastest, jump the highest, and we always want to be the line leader! But what does Jesus think about who is first and who last? Come find out at Winter VBS, where we spend the morning playing games by the rules of Jesus!

Our 4th graders, 5th graders, and some of our youth will help to make the games and they will serve as leaders and shepherds during Winter VBS. Register your child online at the link in the This Week @ RCPC or by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/RCPCWinterVBS2024>

## Parents Night Out: Youth Fundraiser

Parents of little ones 2-years-old and up (and potty trained) are invited to enjoy a night out while the Youth Group watches your kids. We invite you to pay what you want in order to generously support our Youth summer trips to Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference and Montreat Youth Conference. The youth (with adults) will watch kids on Friday, January 19 from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM providing dinner, a craft, games, and a movie. We will watch up to 30 kids.

Sign up using the link in the This Week @ RCPC or by visiting [tinyurl.com/RCPCParentsNightOut](http://tinyurl.com/RCPCParentsNightOut)

## Capital Campaign & Renovation Project Update: January 21

On Sunday, January 21st, at the end of the 11:00 AM Worship Service will have a fairly thorough presentation regarding our renovation project and capital campaign from 2022 and 2023. We will discuss the project in total, including elements that were added to the scope of the work, where we are in our fundraising for the total cost of the project, and how this relates to our annual church budget and financial pledges for 2024. After the presentation, there will be opportunities to tour the facility to hear more about the work as well as a video presentation in the Fellowship Hall. A time for questions will be held in the Fellowship Hall as well. There will be additional opportunities for Q&A in the days following the 21st. Please check your bulletin and This Week @ RCPC email for more details.



# January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>7</b> 9am - Worship: Chapel 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm - Youth Committee 5:15pm - Youth Music 6pm - Youth Group - Youth Sunday Prep	<b>1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Preschool Winter Break 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2	<b>2</b> Montreat College Conference Preschool Winter Break 9am - Staff Meeting 9:30am - PW Coordinating Team 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 1:30pm - Youth Group Ice Skating @ Lancerlot 5pm - Mission Committee 5:30pm - Tai Chi 6:45pm - Eagle Board of Review	<b>3</b> Montreat College Conference Preschool Winter Break 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 9am - Preschool 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 5:30pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Hip Sober Chicks	<b>5</b> 9am - Preschool 11:45am - AI-Anon	<b>6</b> 2pm - Voice Recital at Raleigh Court: Sanctuary
<b>7</b> 9am - Worship: Chapel 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm - Youth Committee 5:15pm - Youth Music 6pm - Youth Group - Youth Sunday Prep	<b>8</b> 9am - Preschool 10am - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am - Centering Prayer* 10:30am - Small Group: Whaley 6pm - Fellowship Committee 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2 7pm - Deacons	<b>9</b> 9am - Preschool 9am - Staff Meeting 1:15am - Presbyterian Women 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 4pm - Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm - Tai Chi 7:15pm - Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm - Small Group: Biddle	<b>10</b> 9am - Preschool 4pm - God Alive 6:15pm - Fellowship Dinner 7pm - Small Group: Sackett 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 9am - Preschool 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 5:30pm - CARE Committee 5:30pm - Tai Chi 6pm - BSA Council Meeting 6:30pm - Hip Sober Chicks 6:45pm - Adult Scout Leadership Training	<b>12</b> 9am - Preschool 11:45am - AI-Anon 5pm - Girl Scout Troop 170	<b>13</b> 10am - Wrapped In Love Brunch
<b>14</b> 9am - Worship: Chapel 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm - Earth Care Committee 5:15pm - Youth Music 6pm - Youth Group - Youth Sunday Prep	<b>15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10am - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am - Centering Prayer* 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2	<b>16</b> 9am - Preschool 9am - Staff Meeting 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 1:15pm - Worship & Music 4pm - Small Group: Dixon 5pm - Mission Committee 5:30pm - Tai Chi 7pm - Stewardship & Finance 7:15pm - Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm - Small Group: Biddle	<b>17</b> 9am - Preschool 12:15pm - Preschool Staff Meeting/ Planning 4pm - God Alive: 6:15pm - Fellowship Dinner 7pm - Small Group: Sackett 7pm - Confirmation Class #1 7pm - Preschool Committee 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 9am - Preschool 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 5:30pm - Tai Chi 6:30pm - Hip Sober Chicks 7pm - Third Thursday Evening Prayer Service	<b>19</b> 9am - Preschool 11:45am - AI-Anon 6pm - Youth Fundraiser: Parents Night Out	<b>20</b> 9am - Sacred Choral Clinic @ Duke 1pm - Living the Word

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<b>21</b> 9am - Worship: Chapel 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm - Discover RCPC 5:15pm - Youth Music 6pm - Youth Group	<b>22</b> 9am - Preschool 10am - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am - Centering Prayer* 10:30am - Small Group: Whaley 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2 7pm - Session	<b>23</b> 9am - Preschool 9am - Staff Meeting 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 1:30pm - Pump-A-Pint Blood Drive 4pm - Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm - Tai Chi 7:15pm - Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm - Small Group: Biddle	<b>24</b> 9am - Preschool 4pm - God Alive 6:15pm - Fellowship Dinner 7pm - Confirmation Class #2 7pm - Small Group: Sackett 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 9am - Preschool 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 5:30pm - Tai Chi 5:30pm - CARE Committee 6pm - Young Adult Outing at Isabella's 6:30pm - Hip Sober Chicks	<b>26</b> 9am - Preschool 11:45am - AI-Anon	<b>27</b> 8am - Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby 10am - Youth Sunday Rehearsal
<b>28 YOUTH SUNDAY</b> 9am - Worship: Sanctuary 10am - Sunday school 11am - Worship: Sanctuary 12:15pm - Discover RCPC 12:15pm - Visitation Committee 6pm - New Member Dinner @ the Jarrett's	<b>29</b> 9am - Preschool 10am - Monday Morning Prayer Group 10am - Centering Prayer* 10:30am - Small Group: Whaley 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - BSA Troop 2	<b>30</b> 9am - Preschool 9am - Staff Meeting 10:30am - Primary Purpose: AA 4pm - Small Group: Dixon 5:30pm - Tai Chi 7pm - Hospitality Committee 7:15pm - Raleigh Court Ringers 8pm - Small Group: Biddle	<b>31</b> 9am - Preschool 4pm - God Alive - 4th & 5th Graders Chili Making @ Ms. Leigh's 6:15pm - Fellowship Dinner 7pm - Confirmation Class #3 7pm - Small Group: Sackett 7:15pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	*Centering Prayer meets at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church on Mondays at 10:00 AM		