



Having a Heart for Missions

As tables began to fill with mission partners on Sunday, February 11, I felt the excitement in the room build. More importantly, however, there was conversation. Conversation about what each organization provides and who they serve in the community. They showed the ways fresh produce, warm showers, reading tutors, hygiene bags, casseroles and cupcakes are bringing relief, hope, and friendship. It was space and time dedicated to recognizing the worth of every person, and finding ways to fulfill our call to love one another through acts of kindness, justice, peacemaking, teaching, comforting, healing, and nurturing. How we embody these acts of mission are as varied as the organizations we work alongside and support.

During our Hearts for Mission Sunday, our partners were well represented, each addressing particular needs, from Ronald McDonald House caring for families with hospitalized children to Fisher House providing for our veterans. Augusta Locally Grown and GAP help bring nourishment into food deserts while Project Refresh provides clean clothes and showers to the homeless and housing insecure.

Other partners present ranged from local to international, including photos of students Reid Memorial sponsors in Haiti and information on our new ACE mission opportunity. In total, we had 14 partner organizations on hand plus information on giving through our own Alternative Gift Market that will come back again this year before Christmas.

Just as each group has found its call to serve in a particular way, so too are we called to reflect on our gifts, our resources, our passions, and our faith to lead us to find our mission fields, near or far. If you have not participated in any volunteer opportunities with our partners, I encourage you to read through the list below and ask, "where do I see myself serving?" and "how might I equip others to serve?" Finally, pray. Pray for our mission partners. Pray for the people they serve and the hard situations they are willing to enter. And pray for Reid Memorial as we discern the paths of service for our church.

ON BEHALF OF MISSIONS

—Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

*Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!*

Psalm 96:3





ADOPT A UNIT Reid Memorial received a need/wish list from three deployed units and collected snack, hygiene, and game items to remind them that they are prayed for and appreciated back home. We hope to continue to support local units deployed overseas again, as the opportunity arises.



AUGUSTA LOCALLY GROWN supports small farms and gardeners by making their all-natural, locally-grown, sustainably-grown fresh foods available for sale in Augusta at affordable prices and with options to use SNAP. ALG is committed to the idea that a community is healthiest when it feeds itself. You can support ALG by shopping their food market at The Hub each Thursday or by ordering through the online market.



FISHER HOUSE serves as a way to continue to honor and care for our veterans and their families. Cost free accommodations are provided at Fisher House for families who live 50 miles or more from the VA medical center. This provides the emotional support the patient needs, and relieves the financial strain on the family. You can help by donating food for the pantry or freezer, coffee, laundry supplies or bottled water.



GOLDEN HARVEST FOOD BANK Their mission is simple: to transform lives by feeding our hungry neighbors today and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow. In a time when 1 in 9 people in our area struggle with hunger and 1 in 6 children are food insecure, the work of this mission is vital. Currently, Golden Harvest provides approximately 11 million meals to neighbors across 25 counties throughout GA and SC.

HERITAGE ACADEMY believes in nurturing the child, as well as the family and community, through its education program for grades K-8. Reid Memorial continues to support their mission. Reid Memorial not only gives benevolence funds to support this school, but youth and adults have also participated in needed work projects, such as painting, on the campus.



GAP MINISTRIES Reid Memorial regularly supports GAP through benevolence funds and monthly food/supply drives for the creation and distribution of walking bags for the homeless. Reid Memorial also hosts the fourth Sunday evening meal each month. This includes preparing spaghetti casseroles, bread, salad, and desserts, then serving those meals to those in need. It's never too late to get involved!



HAITI OUTREACH MINISTRIES Due to political and social unrest in Haiti, Reid Memorial has been unable to participate in country with mission trips. We continue to support agencies that provide for the community through health clinics and sponsorship of students of all ages. Currently, Reid Memorial is sponsoring three children's educations.



AMERICAN CARIBBEAN EXPERIENCE (ACE) is a Christ-based outreach ministry dedicated to community transformation in the parish of St. Mary, Jamaica through strategic initiatives in education, enterprise, healthcare, and discipleship. ACE enables volunteers to join in its outreach through a variety of hands-on experiences (from construction to health care) to provide self-sustaining solutions to local problems, and in turn, empower the people of St. Mary, Jamaica.



LOAVES & FISHES

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET The best gift doesn't always come in a box tied with a bow, but rather, comes from the joy of helping others. The Loaves & Fishes Gift Market was born out of this desire to provide gifts "outside the box" for organizations and agencies that meet the needs of the least of these.

This Market will allow you to contribute to our missions partners in honor of family, teachers, colleagues, friends, and loved ones. During the Christmas season, look for the Loaves & Fishes Gift market table in the Fellowship Hall to see just how many wonderful opportunities there are to make an "outside the box" gift and share the joy of the season with those who may most need to be reminded that they are loved.



PORCH DE SALOMON loves, serves, and encourages "the lost, the least and the last" of Guatemala's Lake Atitlan basin, by hosting short-term service teams. Reid's Youth have participated in summer mission trips in past years and we hope to continue to support the good work they are doing in these communities.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is the refugee and disaster response program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). When natural disasters occur, we often feel helpless to help. Collectively, through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance we can bring hope, healing, and restoration to areas caught in crisis.

PROJECT REFRESH is a mobile shower and laundry unit that moves about the city to neighborhoods where their services are most needed. Our RockStars (kids in 3rd - 5th grades) viewed the portable showers, learned about the services provided by Project Refresh, made Valentine Cards, and prepared toiletry bags for those served by Project Refresh. What a great experience!



RISE AGAINST HUNGER Breaking the vicious cycle of hunger, poverty, and lack of sustainability begins with a meal. Rise is continuing their mission to ensure that children between the ages of 0-6 have access to quality education and nutritious meals. By packaging nutritious meals, responding to crises, or supporting a sustainable initiative, you are making a real difference.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS come together to talk about who is in need, grieving or ill, to pray for them and to knit those prayers together with beautiful yarns and intricate patterns. When the cooler weather comes, they share hand-knitted caps and scarves with those whose lives are lived with little shelter from elements.



RISE AUGUSTA offers a variety of programs. At books fairs, students are given a book bag and free books of their choosing. RISE provides tutors to students, and free eye screenings for every first grader in a local school. For students ages 17-22, there is the STRIVE program. RISE is an ongoing mission to improve the lives and futures of our children through education, encouragement, and tools for success.



RMHC

THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE Family Support Services Program provides housing and supportive services to families while their child receives urgent medical care at Children's Hospital of Georgia or J.M. Still Burn Center. Families are never charged for staying at the RMH.



TURN BACK THE BLOCK is revitalizing the Harrisburg neighborhood through homeownership and the creation of quality housing. TBTB has established 9 homeowners, 7 newly constructed homes, 8 renovated homes, a centrally located renovated office/warehouse, and maintains over 20 vacant lots. Reid has been involved in helping promote community through block parties and other neighborhood events.



THORNWELL Each November we celebrate Thornwell Emphasis Month. Through our prayer and submission, Jesus can use us to guide vulnerable children and families to know Him and experience His goodness. Thornwell welcomes people of all ages to become a part of their ministry by volunteering their time and talents or by donating. Your gift will make all the difference. Give now at thornwell.org.



WESTABOU MONTESSORI SCHOOL has a little over 100 students. The school is located in Harrisburg and serves a wide socio-economic population. RMPC and Westabou have been mission partners for approximately two years.

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HOLLYWOOD PREMIER 2024

We had a wonderful afternoon on Sunday, February 4th. Through the combined efforts of congregational life and the music department, the congregation came together to play!

Beginning the afternoon with a brief concert, listeners were treated to favorites, both old and new, from the movies. Music was provided by members of the music department and friends.

Following the concert, and just a short walk down the red carpet, we entered the CLC, which had been transformed by Judy Brigham, into a dazzling event space. Richard Hinman and crew constructed an 8-foot-tall recreation of the classic Hollywood Squares wall. Members of our congregation and staff occupied the squares, dressing and acting as well-known characters. We know how to have fun here at Reid Memorial!

-S.C. Toe
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



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TREASURER'S REPORT

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FULL YEAR 2023

Financially, 2023 was an exceptional year for our church. We ended the year with a surplus of \$76 thousand on revenues of \$1.5 million, total giving by our congregation rose 17%, and pledges for next year rose another 12%. These are astounding numbers and reflect the remarkable generosity of our congregation. Also, the Property Trustees sold the two Johns Road lots, given by the Morris family, and donated the \$802 thousand proceeds to the church. This gift and insurance payments on our hail claim will fully fund the \$3 million renovation of roofs throughout the campus. The Lord blessed Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church in 2023.

<i>Compared to budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Better (Worse)</i>
Revenues	\$1,523,293	\$1,446,925	\$ 76,368
Expenses	1,443,706	1,442,610	1,096
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 79,587	\$ 4,315	\$ 75,272

<i>Compared to last year</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>Better (Worse)</i>
Revenues	\$ 1,523,293	\$1,261,811	\$ 261,482
Expenses	1,443,706	1,248,663	(195,043)
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 79,587	\$ 13,148	\$ 66,439

Copies of the Treasurer's Report and detailed Financial Statements are available on request

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His
steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

RMPC RE-ROOFING PROJECT



PHENOMENAL PROGRESS

Since late last fall work has been progressing well to replace our hail damaged roofs. Our contractor, Roofing Professionals, Inc. (RPI), has been diligent and omnipresent with their teams of technicians. As of early February, the sanctuary, chapel, colonnade, steeple roof, Fellowship Hall, MDO and Atrium roofs have been replaced. The Mansard roofs along Johns Road and around the CLC/gym and office area are proceeding quickly.

Currently, the roof work is about 60% complete. By March, we should be at 75% without any unusual delays. All of the roofs were hail damaged and insured for that kind of loss. However, there are some non-hail damage issues that must be addressed that are not covered by insurance such as water leaks through masonry in the steeple and several other walls. While working in the steeple area, we re-routed the rain drains and replaced the very old and expensive halogen up lights on the spire with efficient and modern LED lights. Be sure to see the change that made after dark! While we have some work ahead of us, we are satisfied with our progress and the results.

We have an excellent team of professionals guiding us and close member and staff support. Most of all, we have heard no whining about disruptions, parking or traffic issues and such. Thanks to you, our congregation, this has been a good experience.

-Phillip Christman
RMPC ROOF PROJECT REP



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Bring a LOVED ONE to Chapel
February 7th



Savannah River Ecology Visit
January 23rd



REID MEMORIAL
MOTHER'S DAY OUT
PRESCHOOL

Doughnuts for Grown-Ups February 27th



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fun & Creative Activities for Kids
Ages 3 months to rising 1st grade

Reid Memorial MDO & Preschool SUMMER FUN

\$25 Non-refundable Registration fee
\$75/week

From 9:00am - 1:00pm

WEEKS
Tuesday-Thursday
June: 4-6th, 11-13th, 18-20th, 25-27th
July: 9-11th, 16-18th

Registration online will open March 13th!
SPACE IS LIMITED!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
asanders@reidchurchaugusta.org
706-737-4414

SPRING CHAPEL PROGRAM

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

May 1, 2024 | 12:00PM
Reid Sanctuary
2261 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

SEASON OF LENT

If you've ever seen the movie *Chocolat*, you will recognize one of the main interpretations of Lent being represented by the Compté de Reynaud portrayed by actor Alfred Molina. The Compté believes that Lent is all about deprivation and suppressing desires, he admonishes anyone who thinks otherwise, and, generally, adopts a "holier than thou" posture throughout the film - or at least until his tightly controlled world falls apart. The problem with the Compté's approach to Lent is that it lacks grace, it lacks the sort of self-reflection that leads to new ways of being, not just giving something up or trying to pretend that you aren't subject to the same temptations as others.

If there is a narrow way for Lent, it is through our identification with Christ's suffering and his identification with ours. As Mother Teresa once said: "As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."



During our midweek worship services we will gradually be adding symbols of Lent to the table as a way to focus our thoughts and hearts on the story of Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection, and the ways in which all of those events are still very much alive in us as his disciples. We invite you to come each Wednesday at 6:15 to the sanctuary and join us throughout Lent for this time of quiet worship for a holy season.



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So if we are to give anything up for Lent, let it be our resistance to God's love, let it be our lack of trust, let it be the locked doors within us where we try to sort it all out by ourselves instead of inviting God in to forgive us, transform us, love us. Pope Francis lends his wisdom to Lent as well, reminding us that "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

In the weeks ahead, may we be tireless in our seeking God's mercy, energetic in sharing God's love, and vigilant to the work of the Spirit in the darkness, as those little cracks of light grow ever wider.

—Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

MARCH 24

10:30AM

Maundy Thursday

MARCH 28

7:00PM

Good Friday

COMMUNITY SERVICE
BELLE TERRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 29

12:00PM

Easter Sunday

MARCH 31

8:30AM WORSHIP

REFRESHMENTS BETWEEN SERVICES

10:30AM WORSHIP



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CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL (U-9, U-11, & U-19)



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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

FLOWER ARRANGING, FEBRUARY 21ST

We had a fabulous time at the flower arranging event yesterday! A special congratulations to Pam Lien and Pat Moye for their prize winning arrangements!

We were even able to make a few additional arrangements to take to our friends and family members who needed a lift! A big thank you to Flowers on Broad for being an amazing host!

-Emma Slater
S.A.M COORDINATOR



UPCOMING EVENTS

RMPC Senior Adult Ministries

GreenJackets Baseball Game

Enjoy from the comfort of the Lawn Ace Lounge - no stairs! Food package & dedicated server included with your ticket.
ONLY \$30 per person

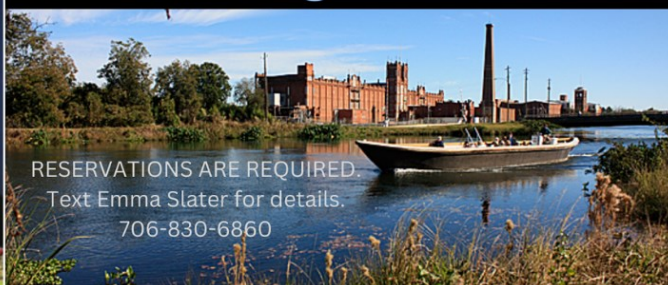


Sunday, May 19th
@ 1:35pm

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
Text Emma Slater
706-830-6860

RMPC Senior Adult Ministry

Petersburg Boat Tours



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
Text Emma Slater for details.
706-830-6860

Civil War Boat Tour

Tues, 4/23
1:30pm

Friday Music Cruise

Fri, 4/26
6:30pm

Petersburg boats are uncovered - dress for the weather. Umbrellas are provided if weather requires. Flat-soled shoes are recommended, as you will be descending five narrow steps to reach the boat deck.

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Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

COMING TO
REID MEMORIAL
THIS JUNE!



**ANNUAL
PICNIC**
May 5th

Reid Memorial
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the home of Marianne & John Franklin
950 River Oak Dr, North Augusta, SC

You Are Invited To

*Graduation
&
Youth Sunday*

May 19th 2024 @ 10:30
during Worship

Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church



Please pray for our Summer Mission Team: Brandi Casto-Waters, Adam Fritsche, Lillian & Richard Magruder, George McCall, Jones Miller, Danny & Jon Newman, Kathleen McNeely, Pam & Harry Snowdy, Sara, Lily Grace, Thomas, & Kirby Yawn, Bobby McRae, as well as Allison & William Valloton, who will be serving alongside ACE, American Caribbean Experience in Jamaica.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 13** SAMS Genealogy Lecture at the Augusta Museum of History (12:00pm)
- 16** RockSTARS
- 24** Palm Sunday Worship
GAP Ministry Service Day
- 27** Easter Egg Hunt (5:30-6:30pm)
- 28** Maundy Thursday Service (7:00pm)
- 29** Good Friday Community Service at Bell Terrace Presbyterian (12:00pm)
MDO/Preschool CLOSED
- 31** Easter Worship (8:30am and 10:30am)
Easter Refreshments between services

APRIL

- 1** Easter Monday Holiday- Office CLOSED
- 7** No Sunday School
- 8-15** MDO/Preschool CLOSED
MASTERS WEEK (RMPC no Wednesday activities or meetings)
- 14** No Sunday School
- 20** RockSTARS
- 21** Adult Sunday School Session Five Begins
- 23** SAMS Petersburg Boat Civil War Tour (1:30pm)
- 26** SAMS Petersburg Boat Music Cruise (6:30pm)
- 28** GAP Ministry Service Day

MAY

- 1** MDO End of the Year Chapel
- 5** Annual Picnic
- 17** Last day of MDO/Preschool
- 18** RockSTARS/ Turn Back the Block
- 19** Youth/Graduation Sunday
Pentecost Sunday
SAMS Green Jackets Baseball Game (1:35pm)
- 26** No Sunday School
GAP Ministry Service Day
- 27** Memorial Day Holiday-Office CLOSED

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