

Ministry Guide

2026-2027



REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As our campus is renewed this fall, **God is renewing us**, too. Together, we're building more than updated spaces. We're **growing as disciples, deepening relationships, and making room for others**. Inside you'll find opportunities for every age to worship, learn, serve, and connect. We hope you'll join us as we continue building **a place where love dwells**.

Sundays @ RMPC

Beginning in August, most Sundays at Reid Memorial follow a familiar rhythm, with opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship, and service for every age.

9:15 am

Sunday School

During the Sunday School hour, there are activities for everyone!

Nursery through grade 5 check-in at 9:10 am in room 104.

Adult classes are held in rooms 201 and 202.

10:30 am

Worship

The heart of Reid Memorial is its worship.

All are welcome!

Children's Church & Nursery

Children are always welcome in worship.

After the Children's Moment, ages 0-4 are invited to the nursery, and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to Children's Church.

After worship, parents can pick up their children in the nursery or in room 104.



10 am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal



4:30 - 6 pm

Children & Youth

Activities for children and youth (birth through 12th grade).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Afternoon Youth Group: 4:30–6 pm (*beginning on August 23*)

Where love dwells, young people have a place to belong. Sunday afternoons are filled with games, laughter, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to grow in faith together. Through Bible study, discussion, and plenty of fun, youth build lasting friendships while discovering what it means to follow Christ in everyday life.

4:30–4:45 pm Middle & High School students gather in the gym

4:45–5:15 pm Game Time for all Youth

5:15–6:00 pm Bible Study in the the Loft

Friday Morning High School Breakfast Club: 6:30–7:30 am (*beginning on September 18*)

Students are invited to meet at Chick-Fil-A on Friday mornings before school for a Bible study.

Mission Service Days: Where love dwells, love is shared. Throughout the year, Mission Service Days offer hands-on opportunities to serve our neighbors and put our faith into action. Some projects are designed especially for youth, while others welcome children, adults, and families to serve side by side. Together, we discover that serving others is one of the ways we grow as disciples and share Christ's love with our community.

9/19/26 – **Love Lives Next Door:** Serving Our Neighbors (8:30–11 am)

10/29/26 – **Turn Back the Block:** Halloween Event (4:30–7 pm)

11/14/26 – **Thanksgiving Blessing Bags** – Sacred Heart (10 am–noon)

12/12/26 – **Salvation Army:** Bell Ringing (11 am–3 pm)

1/23/27 – **Mission Activity** (10 am–noon)

2/20/27 – **Nursing Home Visit:** Partnering with SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) (11 am–1 pm)

3/20/27 – **Project Refresh:** Shower Event (9 am–noon)

4/17/27 – **Augusta Canal:** Clean-up (10 am–noon)

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER 2026–27

Fall Kick-Off – August 16 (4:30–6 pm)

SELAH Youth Retreat, Fripp Island, SC – October 9–12, 2026

6th–12th graders are invited for a weekend at the seaside to experience God's gift of Sabbath. The cost to participate is \$300 and you can register your youth through the church website starting on August 16.



Youth Sunday – October 18 (10:30 am, *during worship*)

Friendsgiving – November 22

Christmas Party – December 6

Joint Fellowship Event with ROCKStars (3rd–5th graders) – January 10

Youth Ski Trip, Winterplace, WV – February 12–15, 2027

Join us on the slopes! 6th–12th graders will travel to West Virginia for a weekend ski retreat. Skiers (+ snowboarders) of all abilities are welcome. Registration will begin in December.



Exam Study Break – May 16

Montreat Youth Conference: 9th–12th grade – June 13–19

CROSS Middle School Mission Trip: 6th – 8th grade, Charlotte, NC – July 11–16

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday Mornings:

9:15 - 11:30 am Nursery and childcare is available for children ages 0 - 5th grade.

10:30 am Worship & Children's Church: **Children are always welcome in worship.** Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex or at the door to the sanctuary from the fellowship hall. Worship baskets are on the table by the children's wing entrance. After the Children's Moment, children ages 0-4 are invited to the nursery and children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to Children's Church. Children's Church is an interactive Bible lesson, craft, and prayer time. After worship, parents can pick up their children in the nursery or in room 104.

Sunday Afternoons: 4:30 - 6 pm (*beginning on August 23*)

4:30 - 5 pm Preschool Bible Study (3-5 year olds), Room 110
Young Musicians (1st-2nd grade), Room 205 in Children's Wing
Kirkin' Choir (3rd-5th grade), Choir Room

5 - 5:45 pm Preschool Fellowship (3-5 year olds), Room 110
Holy Moly Bible Study (1st-2nd grade), Room 210
Elementary Bible Study (3rd-5th grade), Conference Room

5:45 - 6 pm Game Time & Pick-Up (ages 0-5th grade), all children can be picked up in the gym

**Nursery is available for ages 0-3 year olds from 4:30-6 pm*

Preschool, Holy Moly, and Elementary Bible Studies:

Where love dwells, faith takes root from an early age. Through these Sunday afternoon Bible studies, children discover God's love, explore Scripture, build friendships, and grow in faith in fun, age-appropriate ways.

Led by Ms. Joy Maple, these classes help young disciples learn that they have a place in God's story and in the life of our church.

Young Musicians Choir:

This group of children in **grades one and two** experience a variety of music activities. Rhythm games and songs help establish two fundamental skills for singing: matching pitch and keeping a steady beat.

The Young Musicians sing in worship 2-3 times, September through April. The Young Musicians rehearse on **Sunday afternoons, 4:30-5:00**. Rehearsals begin on August 23 in Room 205.

A parent or guardian is asked to bring your child to the first rehearsal. Please contact Dr. Wayne Lord if you have any questions.

Kirkin' Choir:

For children in **grades 3-5**, this is a unique introduction to choral music with a focus on building music reading skills and developing good singing habits.

At rehearsals, the children learn hymns and prepare short introits and anthems to sing in worship. Dr Wayne Lord and Ms. Pam McCorkle teach the Kirkin' Choir on **Sunday afternoons, 4:30-5:00**. The first rehearsal is August 23 in the Choir Room.

Adult volunteers are needed to assist when the children sing in worship.

A parent or guardian is asked to attend a parent meeting following the first rehearsal.



ROCKStars:

Reaching Out in Christian Kindness

This special program is designed to give our 3rd-5th graders meaningful opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus through age-appropriate service and outreach projects. These mission experiences help children learn the joy of serving others, while deepening their understanding of God's love in action. We believe this is a valuable part of their spiritual growth and development. Please be in touch with Ms. Joy Maple if your child would like to be a ROCK Star this year.

Schedule of mission experiences:

- 9/9/26 - **Love Lives Next Door:** Serving Our Neighbors (8:30-11 am)
- 10/17/26 - **Turn Back the Block:** Assemble Treat Bags (10 am-noon)
- 11/14/26 - **Thanksgiving Blessing Bags** for the Homeless (10 am-noon)
- 12/12/26 - **Salvation Army:** Bell Ringing (11 am-3 pm)
- 1/23/27 - **Parable of the Talents:** Discussion & Planning (10 am-noon)
- 2/20/27 - **Parable of the Talents, part II:** Partnering with SAM (10 am-noon)
- 3/20/27 - **Project Refresh:** Assemble Hygiene Kits (10 am-noon)
- 4/17/27 - **Augusta Canal:** Clean-up (10 am-noon)

SPECIAL EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER in 2026

Fall Kick-Off Event - August 16 (4:30-6 pm)

Blessing of the Backpacks - August 2 (10:30 am, during worship)

First Day of RMPC MDO & Preschool - August 12 (school hours are 9 am - 1 pm)

Third Grade Bible Presentation - August 23 (10:30 am, during worship)

Kids' Retreat at Camp Bishop Gravatt, Aiken, SC - August 28-29

3rd-5th graders are invited to explore *The Three Trees* over a fun-filled weekend of fellowship and learning. Ms. Joy Maple, Mr. Nathan Folks, Mr. Michael Rigsby, & Ms. Rachel Iannotti will serve as chaperones. The cost to participate is \$65 and you can register your child through the church website.



Back to School Bash - September 13 (4:30 - 6 pm)

MDO & Preschool Thanksgiving Feast - November 19

Holiday Bible School: "Frosty Shows the Way" - November 23-25

Preschool-5th grade children are invited, from 9am to noon, to spend part of their Thanksgiving break with Frosty the Snowman and their RMPC friends. Together we'll explore Jesus' life and resurrection with bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Registration opens in September. 6th-12th graders are encouraged to volunteer as crew leaders.



Preschool "Simply Christmas" Chapel - December 16 (noon)

Children Lead Worship: Christmas Pageant - December 20 (10:30am, during worship)

Life Together in Christ

AT REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Where love dwells, community flourishes. Throughout the year, congregational gatherings and opportunities to serve our neighbors bring people of all ages together to celebrate, laugh, learn, and grow in faith. Whether we're sharing a meal, lending a helping hand, or simply enjoying one another's company, these moments strengthen the bonds that make Reid Memorial a place where everyone belongs.

Congregational Life Calendar

Fall in Love with Fellowship – Churchwide Luncheon, September 20

Woven Together – Kirkin' Churchwide Luncheon, November 1

Carols from Reid – Reception, December 13

Let us Build a House Where Love Dwells – Churchwide Luncheon, January 24

Between the Alleluias – Easter Reception, March 28

Aloha...Ride the Missions Wave – Churchwide Luncheon, April 25

Mission Service Days

Plans are in the works for mission service days that will bring people of all ages together to serve our neighbors. Watch for more information in the coming days, but we hope you'll pencil in the following dates:

September 19: "Love Your Neighbor" Churchwide Service Day

October 29: Halloween Event with Turn Back the Block

November 23-25: Gobble Kits

December 6: White Gift Box Packing

December 12: Bell Ringing with the Salvation Army

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Sunday Suppers with The Salvation Army Center of Hope:

Members of RMPC are volunteering at the Center of Hope on the first and third Sundays of the month. Adults and teenagers aged 13 and up are invited to volunteer. Email **Scott Allen** to sign up (hsallen@augustaga.gov).

Project Refresh Shower Service Days:

Assist with Project Refresh's mobile shower service. Upcoming opportunities include October 10, from 9:30-12:30, at the Masters Table and November 21, from 9:30-12:30, at Jessye Normal School. Email **Cheryl Wilson** to sign up (cwilson475@comcast.net).

MUSIC at REID

Concert Series

Where love dwells, music has a place. Throughout the year, the Music at Reid Concert Series welcomes our community to experience inspiring music that lifts the spirit, celebrates the gift of song, and brings people together. Whether you're a lifelong music lover or simply looking for a time of beauty, reflection, and connection, there's a seat for you.



September 12, 4 pm

***Limited Time Only* directed by Dr. Alicia W. Walker**

Back by popular demand, Limited Time Only is a chamber choir of music educators, singers, and church musicians in the South Carolina Midlands.



October 23, 7 pm

***Augusta University Singers* directed by Dr. Marcel Ramalho**

University Singers is the primary choral ensemble in the Department of Music and for Augusta University. The choir performs choral literature from all eras in a wide range of styles, languages, and cultural contexts.



December 13, 6 pm

Carols from Reid

The choirs and handbells of Reid Memorial present a special program of carols and readings in a worship setting to celebrate the story of Christmas.



February 7, 3 pm

ViMaDeAn Duo

Founded in 2010 at the Yale School of Music, ViMaDeAn Duo features violinist Anastasia Pentrunina and percussionist Denis Petrunin. They have premiered music, conducted masterclasses, and worked with numerous composers and artists bringing new compositions to diverse audiences on five continents.

April 18, 3 pm

Raúl Prieto Ramírez

Ramírez is San Diego's Civic Organist and Artistic Director of the Spreckels Organ. Performing a wide-ranging classical and popular repertoire on the pipe organ with the flair and bravado of a matador, this Spanish master has a riveting way of entertaining general audiences of young and old, music experts and casual listeners, like remarkably few others.



GROWING in FAITH

Opportunities for Adults

Music Ministry

Where love dwells, songs of faith take root. Whether ringing handbells or lifting voices in song, choir members grow as disciples while leading the congregation in worship.

Master's Ringers Handbell Choir:

Adults and high school students with music reading ability are invited to ring. If you play or played an instrument in school, you are the perfect person to play handbells.

The choir rehearses on **Monday evenings, 6:00-7:30**, and plays in worship regularly. Each year, the ringers are invited to participate in a handbell retreat at Lutheridge in Arden, NC. Rehearsals resume on Monday, September 14.

Be in touch with Dr. Wayne Lord if you have any questions.

Chancel Choir:

This is the principal choir of RMPC, leading in worship each Sunday, September through June. The choir rehearses on **Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30**.

Singers of high school age and adults are welcome to sing in the choir. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of singing in the Chancel Choir, you're invited to attend rehearsals before making a commitment, or to meet with Dr. Wayne Lord to learn more.

Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 2.

Sunday School, 9:15-10:15 am

Where love dwells, we grow together. Each Sunday morning, adults gather to deepen their faith through engaging discussions, timely topics, guest speakers, and opportunities to explore how God is at work in our lives and in the world. Whether you're joining for the first time or are a longtime member, you'll find a welcoming place to learn, connect, and prepare your heart for worship.

LOVE BEYOND OUR WALLS:

RMPC Mission Partners

August 2-30

Room 201: Throughout August, our Adult Sunday School class will feature guest speakers from ministries making a difference in our community and around the world, including Augusta Training Shop, the Salvation Army, Turn Back the Block, Porch de Salomon in Guatemala, and Augusta Locally Grown. Join us and discover volunteer opportunities and meaningful ways to put your faith into action.

ENJOYING GOD:

Celtic Spirituality

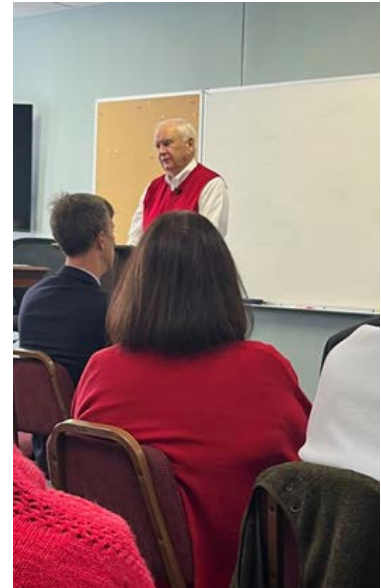
September 13 - October 25

Room 201: Join **Boyd Lien** for an exploration of John Phillip Newell's book, *Listening for the Heartbeat of God*. Together, we'll reflect on Newell's invitation to discover God's presence in creation, in one another, and in the rhythms of everyday life.

PRESBYTERIAN 101

September 13 - October 25

Room 101: Curious about what it means to be Presbyterian? Led by **Brandi Casto-Waters** and other guest speakers, Presbyterian 101 explores the history, beliefs, worship, and governance of the Presbyterian tradition while offering a chance to ask questions and learn more about life at Reid Memorial. This class is required for incoming deacons and elders, but is open to everyone.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

A COMING CHRIST IN ADVENT
November 8 - December 20

CHRIST CRUCIFIED:
A Lenten Journey
February 21 - March 21

EASTER HOPE:
Resurrection Images
April 18 - May 23

Growing Throughout the Week

Where love dwells, faith is nurtured every day. Throughout the week, adults are invited to gather for Bible studies, book discussions, prayer, and other opportunities to learn, reflect, and grow alongside one another. Whether you're looking to deepen your understanding of Scripture, engage meaningful topics, or build lasting friendships, there's a place for you to continue your journey of faith.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday mornings, 6:45-7:30 am, on Zoom: Led by **George McCall**, this group is working its way through the book of Revelation. All are welcome. Email George McCall for the Zoom link. (George.McCall@ksb.com)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday mornings, 10:00-noon, Room 202: For over 19 years, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has been making prayer shawls, hats and scarves for those experiencing homelessness. Knitters (and those who want to learn to knit) are invited to join in. Contact **Pam Lien** if you have any questions.

YOUNG WOMEN OF FAITH

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 pm September 16 - November 18, Room 204: Post-college women in their 20s, 30s, and 40s are invited to join **Rosy McCreary** for a *no-prep, come-as-you-are* Bible study.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Plans forthcoming - weekly Bible or book study for women of all ages.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY (SAM)

Led by **Emma Slater**, SAM meets monthly for activities designed to build community such as concerts, presentations, and luncheons.

SOLAS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings, 9:00 am, Room 101: Starting on September 15, join **Boyd Lien** in continuing exploration into the Gospel of John.

LOGOS BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am, Room 201: Beginning September 9, journey back to the beginning as **Jerry Howington** leads an exploration of the book of Genesis—the foundational story of God's creative and covenantal work in the world. Along the way, participants are invited to continue the conversation and build community together over a monthly lunch outing.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 24 & 25 in Aiken, South Carolina
Registration is now open on the church's website for the fourth annual women's renewal retreat. This year's theme ***UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Ongoing Transformation***, reminds us that God is continually at work in each of us, shaping, strengthening, and transforming our lives.

Join your RMPC sisters for a short trip away to recharge your mind, body, and spirit as we explore *Under Construction* and Philipians 1:6.



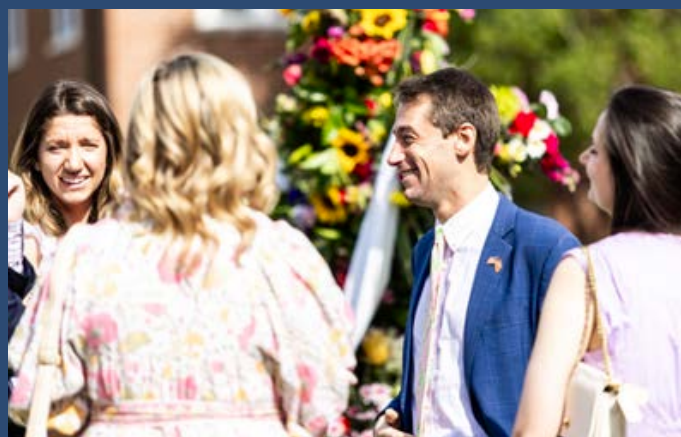
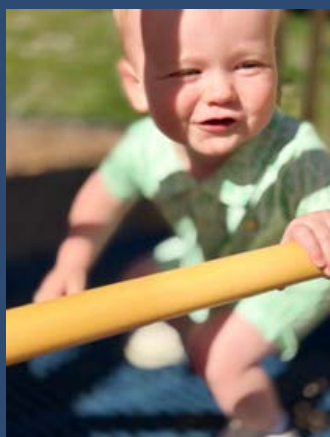


There is room for you here, too.

At Reid Memorial, we believe God's love makes room for all of us.

If you are ready to take the next step
or simply want to learn more about membership,
reach out to Brandi Casto-Waters.
bcastowaters@reidchurchaugusta.org

We'd love to help you find your place in this faith community.



Fall 2026

AUGUST

- 8/2** **Summer Service Sunday School begins -**
 Love Beyond Our Walls: RMPC Mission Partners
 Blessing of the Backpacks
 Farewell Luncheon for Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
- 8/12** **First Day of School for RMPC MDO & Preschool**
- 8/16** **Children & Youth Kick-Off Event**
- 8/23** **Third Grade Bible Presentation**
- 8/23** **Children & Youth Fall Kick-Off**
- 8/27** **SAM Event - Mahjong Lesson**
- 8/28-29** **Kid's Retreat**

SEPTEMBER

- 9/2** **Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume**
- 9/9** **LOGOS Bible Study Resumes**
- 9/12** **MUSIC at Reid Concert: *Limited Time Only***
- 9/13** **Adult Fall Sunday School Session Begins**
 Back to School Bash
- 9/14** **Master's Ringers Handbell Choir Rehearsals Resume**
- 9/16** **Young Women of Faith Bible Study begins**
- 9/18** **High School Breakfast Club begins**
- 9/19** **Love Lives Next Door - Serving Our Neighbors:**
 ROCKStars & Church-wide Service Event
- 9/20** **Fall in Love with Fellowship Churchwide Luncheon**
- 9/25-26** **Women's Retreat**

Fall 2026

OCTOBER

- 10/9-12** SELAH Youth Retreat
- 10/17** ROCKStars: Turn Back the Block - Assemble Treat Bags
- 10/18** Youth Sunday
- 10/23** MUSIC at REID Concert: *Augusta University Singers*
- 10/29** Turn Back the Block - Mission Service Event

NOVEMBER

- 11/1** Kirkin' O' the Tartan
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
Woven Together Kirkin' Luncheon
- 11/8** Advent Sunday School begins: A Coming Christ in Advent
- 11/14** ROCKStars: Thanksgiving Blessing Bags for the homeless
- 11/19** Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
- 11/22** Youth Friendsgiving
- 11/23-25** Holiday Bible School / Gobble Kit Assembly

DECEMBER

- 12/6** White Gift Box Packing Day
Youth Christmas Party
- 12/12** Salvation Army Bell Ringing
ROCKStars & Church-wide Service Event
- 12/13** CAROLS from REID Concert / Reception to follow
- 12/16** Preschool Simply Christmas Chapel
- 12/20** Children Lead Worship: Christmas Pageant
- 12/24** Christmas Eve Worship Service

