



Rustburg United Methodist Church

IN HIS SERVICE – January 2026

Nolley Family lighting the Christ Candle.



Christmas Eve view of Rustburg.



Advent & Christmas at RUMC



December Food Pantry Work at RUMC



New Year's Eve RUMC Bible Study Lunch at Long Mountain Grill



Christmas at Betty & Jimmy Cyrus'



Fashionistas: Donnie Hamlett & David Phillips.



Rev. Brooks & Donna C. serving hot chocolate at Rustburg Parade.



United Women in Faith

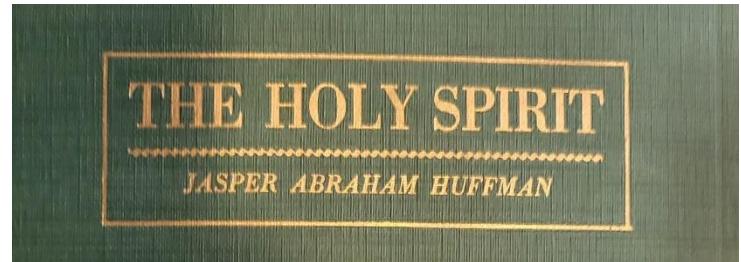
Please come and join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Small Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM.

We'll have our regular meeting at **January 14** at 10:00 AM.

Love in Christ;
Donna Cameron | President of UWF

Bible Study

Led By: Dr. C.R. Brooks
12 Noon & 6:00 PM
Wednesdays: January 7,14,21,28



We are using the *Standard Lesson Commentary* and *The Holy Spirit* by Jasper A. Huffman for 2026 Wednesday Bible Study.

You can find the Commentary – NIV or King James translation – at Mardel's, Amazon, etc. Huffman's The Holy Spirit can be downloaded via PDF off the internet.

The last Christmas card I opened on the Monday before Christmas touched me so deeply, I have to share the thoughts:

Pictured on the front are the three wisemen with the caption:

'WISE MEN came with treasures of earth in their hands... and left with the Treasure of Heaven in their Hearts'.

Inside message:

'Jesus still gives us the greatest treasure of all – Himself!'

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21 NRSV

Happy New Year!
Bernice Dooley



"Admiring the Light," by Shannon Hall

Children's Sunday School Activities

1. Nov 2, 2025 – We had a movie day after worship, where they watched the movie *Light of the World*. The children enjoyed a pizza lunch with popcorn and ice cream.

“We had so much fun and the movie was wonderful.”
2. Nov 16, 2025 – The children made Chrismons after worship with Shannon Hall and Lisa Bailey. They worked with the children to teach them the meaning of each different shape and decorate each one that the children chose.

We were also joined by Reverend Brooks who also enjoyed making Chrismons. The children enjoyed Chick-Fil-A nuggets with chips, ice cream, and other snacks.
3. Nov 30, 2025 – The children begin to present the Chrismons that they made to the congregation. They presented one or two each Sunday throughout Advent and explained the meaning that they had learned representing each shape. After each Chrismon was presented to the congregation the Chrismons were hung on their tree out in the Narthex.
4. Dec 13, 2025 – The children were invited to help hand out stuffed animals that Donna and Sarah had provided. The children arrived early on Saturday morning around 7:30 am and enjoyed juice and warm cinnamon rolls before going outside to start handing out the stuffed animals to children for Christmas. They had so much fun interacting with the recipients. The Children were so touched by doing this that they have asked to work with the food pantry every month if possible. When it was all said and done, they handed out close to 200 stuffed animals.
5. Dec 24, 2025 – Presley sang “Silent Night” with Alice Watson during the candle light Christmas Eve service.
6. Dec 28, 2025 – The children worked with Alice Watson during Sunday School to learn the song “To All a Merry Season” to sing in church. They did a wonderful job they like to be involved in the service and anyway they can be.



Our children have been very busy lately and we will have more to come.

Donna Hamlett and Sarah Hamlett

Rustburg UMC Food Pantry

Saturday, January 10th

9:30 – 11 AM

Equal Opportunity
Provider

“I love ❤️ our Community!” Volunteers abound! Neighbors served!
What a blessing to continue this ministry! THANK YOU for your support and service.

III 2026 RUMC Directory

We'll be sending out a Draft Copy of the 2026 RUMC Directory sometime this month. When it's e-mailed (or looked at in the Narthex) please give it your perusal and make certain your information is up-to-date: *Name, photo, physical address, telephone number, e-mail address, date-of-birth, anniversary.* ↗

Please send any items to Donna ASAP at: donnaleecam@gmail.com

PS: Have any old RUMC Directories? Please lend to Donna Cameron for Rustburg UMC's **150th Anniversary**. We would like to have a Homecoming Celebration this summer and would like to include as many people as possible.



AVOIDING SCAMS

But people who long to be rich soon begin to do all kinds of wrong things to get money: things that hurt them and make them evil-minded and finally send them to their ruin. For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin.

Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

It's that time again: time to re-post the 'scams' article. Usually, we see an uptick in the winter of folks-who-need-Jesus attempting to impersonate the pastor or other leaders of the church, asking for gift cards, etc. There are ways to check if such communications are legitimate...and all of them start by checking the e-mail address, texter, or caller. Is the number or address the one that's on record? Are all the dots in the right space? If there's even the slightest doubt, call the person directly.

Common church scams are:

- Clergy Impersonation
- Gift Card Fraud

Warning signs include:

- Unexpected requests for money or gift cards, especially from leaders.
- Messages with bad grammar, typos, or vague instructions.
- Requests to keep the request a secret.
- Urgent pleas for help with limited details.
- Emails/texts from unfamiliar numbers/addresses even if they seem known.

This past summer we even had a person impersonate a church member to ask for a copy of our Directory (Cheryl spotted them right away). In many ways it is promising that we keep our data so off-line and off the beaten path that the scammer has to ask! The FBI has this to say: "No one — and no device — is immune from the threat. Every organization and every individual needs to take smart, reasonable steps to protect their own devices and systems and to learn how to spot and avoid scams. The only way we can protect ourselves is by our own vigilance." Remember: if a communication feels suspect, go ahead and talk to the person directly. And if you would like to report the scammer you can do so at the [Campbell County Sheriff's Office](#) and through the FBI's [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#).

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

USE COMMON SENSE

Do you know the caller or visitor? Have you seen their credentials?

IF YOU HAVE A DOUBT

Close the door, disconnect the call, or delete the email.

PROTECT SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Never share your social security number, bank account, birth date or credit card information in person, over the phone or through email with individuals you DO NOT know.

REPORT SCAMS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Report scams to your local law enforcement agency. To report a consumer complaint, or identity theft, call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP, or do so online at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#).



Bring a wrapped re-gift for BINGO prizes. Be creative with your wrapping to make it interesting. This will be a great time of fun and fellowship to ward off the "Winter Blues".

When: Saturday January 31st from 1-3 p.m.

Where: RUMC Small Fellowship Hall

No need to RSVP for this event. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Gladden 434-258-6409

Magnolia Ladies 2026 EVENTS

Be on the lookout in the newsletter and on the screen for 2026 Magnolia Ladies Events

Coming Soon!



JANUARY

Sun. 01/04 **Epiphany Sunday | Communion**
Tues. 01/06 **Missions Committee, 6 PM**
 Worship Committee, 6:30 PM
Wed. 01/07 **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM**
 Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 6 PM
Thurs. 01/08 **Handbells, 6 PM | Choir, 7 PM**
Sat. 01/10 **Food Pantry, 9:30-11 AM**
Sun. 01/11 **Men's Group Meeting, 8:30 AM**
 Administrative Board, following Worship
Tues. 01/13 **Education Committee, 6 PM**
 Communications, 7 PM
Wed. 01/14 **United Women in Faith, 10 AM**
Thurs. 01/22 **Deadline for February Newsletter**
Sun. 01/25 **Noisy Offering/Missions Moment: Elijah Fund**
Sat. 01/31 **Magnolia Ladies Brown Paper Bag Bingo, 1-3 PM**



Wed. January 7,14,21,28: **Bible Study w/ Rev. Brooks, 12 PM & 6 PM**

Thurs. January 8,15,22,29: **Handbell Rehearsals, 6 PM**
Choir Rehearsals, 7 PM

Happy 150th Year RUMC!

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DECEMBER RUMC OFFERINGS

Offerings: **\$11,408.68**

Budget: **(\$17,329.50)**

Shortfall: **(\$5,920.82)**

January Greeters

4 Marie and Bill Arthur
11 Wanda Coates
18 Sarah Hamlett
25 Mae Drinkard



05 Nikki Bailey
07 Shirley Phillips
Annette Patrick
09 Jerry Booth
13 Christi Metcalf
Aaron Wiley
14 Donna Cameron
17 Sue Buchanan
20 Clarence Coates, Ryan
Nolley, Sydney Nolley
23 Presley Wiley
24 Ray Dooley
29 Homer Phillips



January Ushers

Jerry Booth and Marvin Tweedy

February: Jimmy Cyrus Donnie Hamlett
March: Robert Bailey Jimmy Jewell
April: Michael Metcalf Ricky Pillow
May: Jerry Booth Marvin Tweedy
June: Jimmy Cyrus Donnie Hamlett
July: Robert Bailey Jimmy Jewell
August: Michael Metcalf Ricky Pillow
September: Jerry Booth Marvin Tweedy
October: Jimmy Cyrus Donnie Hamlett
November: Robert Bailey Jimmy Jewell
December: Michael Metcalf Ricky Pillow



January Sunday School

Donna & Sarah Hamlett
Alice Watson
David Hawkins
Pam Booth



27 Edward (Buster) & Mary Frazier

RUMC Contact Info:

Acolytes: Cheryl Martin
Care & Share: Shirley Phillips
Children's Church: Shannon Hall
Greeters: Betty Cyrus
Nursery: Mary Bailey
Ushers: Jerry Booth



Prayer Requests: The family of Kathleen (Jon) Bagby, Roman, child of the Wardell's (house fire), family of Susan Cascone, Barbara Coleman and her husband Monnie, Jessie (Shug) Phillips and family, Atha Bailey, Nancy Bennett, John Wyatt Newcomb, Bill Torrence, Cindy and Danny Torrence, Danny DeJarnette, Pastor Sung and family, Jackie

Robinson (church custodian) has asked for prayers for her sister. Buster Frazier, Mary, Kenneth Grubbs, Joyce Rush, Marguerite Eimer, Betty McClung, May Nolley, Frank Merryman, Mary Alice Preston, Tina Shaver, Marsha Henderson, and Bangladeshi families.

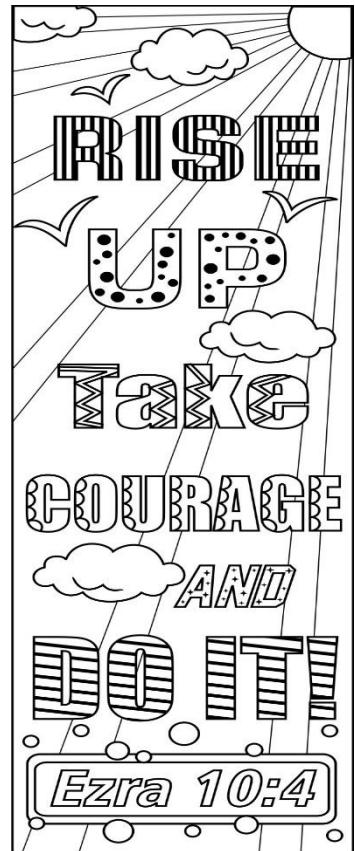
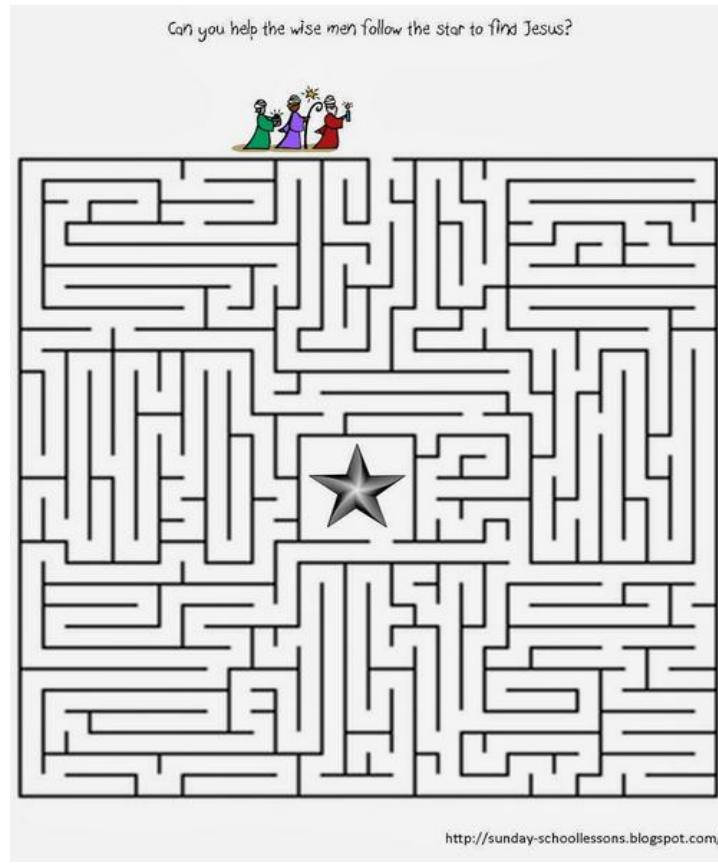
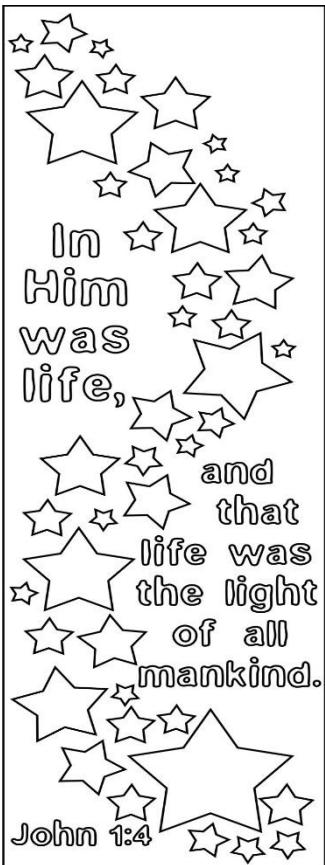
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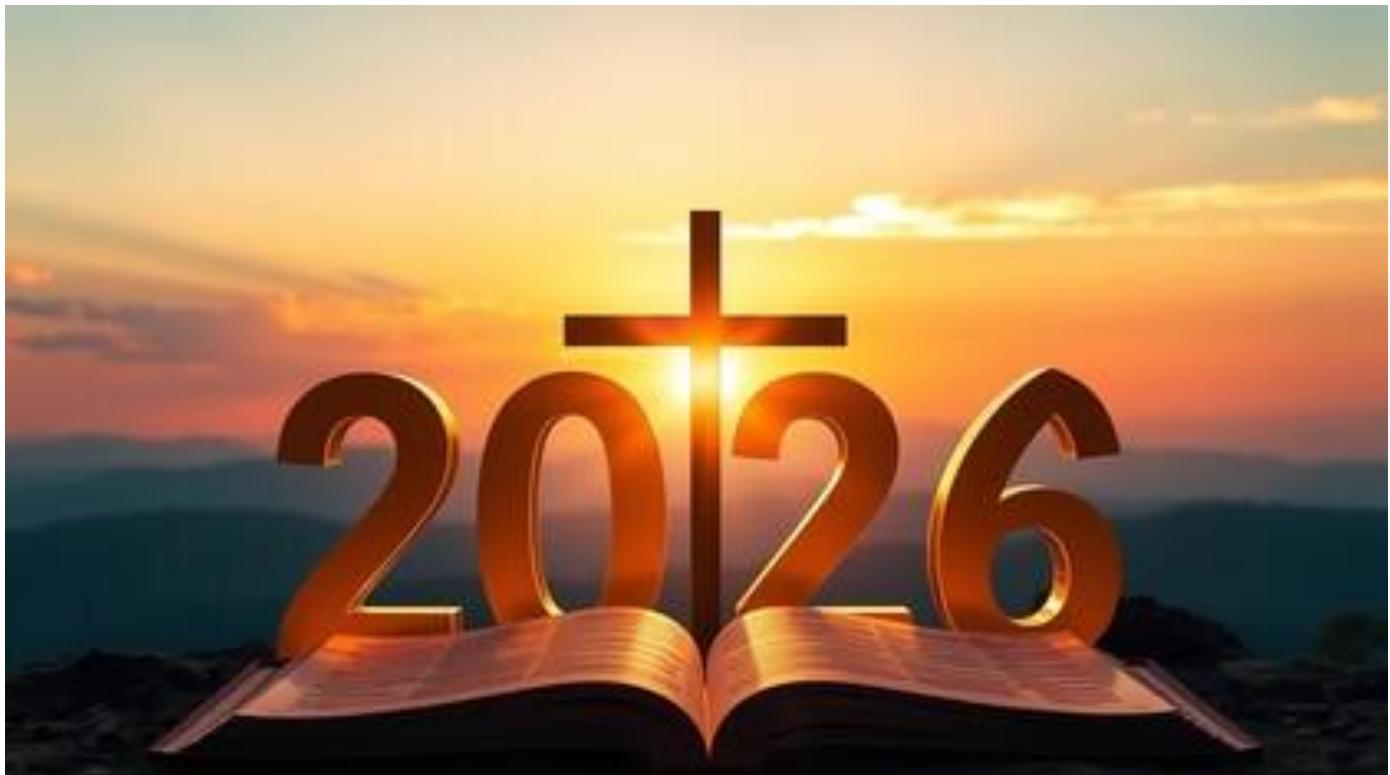
Words to find:

- JANUARY
- EPIPHANY
- CAMEL
- GOLD
- MYRRH
- FRANKINCENSE
- STAR
- WISEMEN
- BALTHASAR
- GASPAR
- MELCHIOR
- KING
- NIGHT
- MAGI
- BETHLEHEM



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Lay Leadership Team: Pam Booth, Annette Patrick

Music Director: Alice Watson | Pianist: Heather Wilson

Administrative Assistant: Cheryl Martin

Communications Coordinator: Lisa Cameron

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: To be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve.

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