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Reidland United Methodist Church Newsletter

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10-3

Service Times: Sunday School @ 9AM | Worship @ 10AM



As we end the series, Herod is still in power. Christ is born, yet it feels as if the world has not changed. The temptation to give up is strong, especially in the face of violence. But the magi don't let Herod's fear-driven demands stop them from honoring the newborn Christ or returning home by a different way. They model for us what it looks like to be led by hope, moving through fear without letting it paralyze us. As this series ends and a new year begins, we proclaim: our journey continues, and fear won't have the last word.

-A Sanctified Art Team

star words

This will be our fourth year doing Star Words together! My hope is that they've become a beloved tradition that you look forward to as much as I do! I love having a guide for each year, and I love the ways the Spirit uses the word to guide me through the year. In this year's series material, "A Sanctified Art" included some theological points around "star words" I thought you all would enjoy reading!

There are several theological statements being made in this "Star Word" tradition:

1. The magi followed a star, which ultimately led them to Jesus. Therefore, we too use all the resources we have available to us—including creative prayer practices and intention words for the new year—to move closer to Jesus.

2. We trust that God uses multiple ways to guide us and speak to us. Star words offer a tool to actively seek and reflect on God's presence among us, both in the moment and in hindsight.

3. We recognize that it is often easy to miss God throughout our daily lives. Having an intention word to consider both in present

days, as well as to reflect on at the end of the year, allows us to see God in ways we may not have seen God before. This is the greatest gift.

4. We know that the most common prayer practice for many involves speaking to God as opposed to silence or contemplation. We believe that star words invite a prayer rhythm of reflection and review that can be a powerful new way to connect with God.

5. By not looking at or sorting through the star words at their selection, we practice the spiritual task of receiving. It is not we who are in control in this moment. Instead, we trust that God is present, and we let go of our desire to cultivate or control.

I look forward to celebrating Epiphany Sunday with you all on January 4th! I invite you to keep these things in mind as you choose your words, trusting that God is at work, always! I can't wait to see how God works through us in new ways in 2026!

--- Pastor Katie Minnis



Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns: Jerry Severns, Lonnie Waddy, Breck Klepeis, Sherry Holland (Christy Etheridge’s mom), Alex Hodge, Joanne Engelland, Craig Brown, Tammy Satterly, Joe Dunkin (Connie Agee’s brother-in-law), Ina Gray, Frank Karnes, Peggy Lopez, Dennis Kinsel, Lewis Carr, Jim Elwood, Linda Murray, Russ Wolfe, Larry Treas, Ryan Lyles, Henrietta Watkins, Chris Lyles, Colin Armer, Cynthia Hubble, Faylynn Siress, Charles Ramage, Bill O’Brien, Lyle Hawkins (ALS). Pray for peace in the middle east, for the families and communities affected by gun violence, political unrest, natural disasters and for peace around the world

Loss of a Loved One: the family of Marjorie Pierce, the family of Abby Wimsatt, the family of Marsha Kay Gurley, the family of Wayne Solomon, the family of Rex Rawlings, the family of Stan Wallace, the family of Martha Ramage, the family of Jeff Hurm (Martha Fast’s son), the family of James “David” McCauley, the family of Dru Mitchell

Cancer Patients: Bridget Garrett, Mike Hamilton, Kelly Abney (Melissa Henry’s daughter in law’s mother), Sherry Brenningmeyer, Jaymie Smith, Cheryl Lawson, Tiffany Jenkins, Donna Bearden, Rita Banks, Dawn Gavin, Bobby Brockman, Yumi Takei Renshus, Katy Walker, Carolyn Pitt, Don Twitty, Patty Dedmon, James Hubble, Jeff Cooper, Linda Smith, Kelly Walker, Andrew Porter, Jennifer Tucker, Tonya Goodale, Mary Anderson

Military: Jake Seidel, Laine Sharpe, Jonnie Worrell, Zach Thompson

Please notify the church office with prayer request updates (we are going to start taking names off after 6 months if we haven't heard an update. We're happy to keep names on as long as needed!)



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We appreciate your tithes to Reidland United Methodist Church. Your gifts allow us to continue the vital ministries within our church and community.

MINI FOOD PANTRY STOCKING SCHEDULE



DEC 29 - JAN 4	LEAP OF FAITH
JAN 5 - JAN 11	PAIRS AND SPARES
JAN 12 - JAN 18	JANET JENNINGS
JAN 19 - JAN 25	CONGREGATION
JAN 26 - FEB 1	SOUL SISTERS
FEB 2 - FEB 8	LEAP OF FAITH
FEB 9 - FEB 15	PAIRS AND SPARES
FEB 16 - FEB 22	JANET JENNINGS



January Birthdays

- 3 Michael Fox
- 5 Curtis Severns
McKayla Siener de la Pena
- 6 Frank Karnes
- 7 Joanna Grimes
- 12 Heidi Engelland Tabor
- 13 James McCauley
- 15 Max Thompson
- 18 Darrell Bollinger
- 19 Marcie Robinson
- 20 Terry Ruud
- 23 Reed Grimes
- 29 Jane Bollinger
Kerra Wheeler
- 30 Donna Kerr
- 31 Marlene Grisham



PCM IS IN NEED OF:
canned soup & skillet meals

United Women in Faith

Tuesday January 6th
@ 10:00 AM
 formerly United Methodist Women

Breakfast Meeting 8AM

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UNITED METHODIST MEN
Saturday January 17th, 2026

March to the Manger

Our total for March to the Manger this year is:

\$12,053

Thank you for giving so generously!



Open House

January 4th from
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Pastor Katie, Quint, and Eevee invite you to the parsonage for our Annual Christmas Open House!

Stop by for snacks, sweet treats, warm beverages and fellowship!



DONATE ❤️



Blood Drive

January 11th, 2026

11:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Reidland UMC Fellowship Hall

REGISTER NOW AT:
REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG



OWLS Luncheon

January 21st, 2026
11:30 a.m.



Meal: Soup Bar



Reidland UMC Education
Committee Presents:

VALENTINE'S FUN FEST

Join us for games,
inflatable slide, crafts,
snacks and lots of
family fun!

Feb. | **14** | 2026

2-3:30PM



REIDLAND
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JANUARY 2026



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IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER,
PLEASE CHECK SNOWMAN 6 ON WPSD
OR THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE!



4 **EPIPHANY**


3:00-5:00 PM

 Parsonage
 Open House

11 Baptism of
 the Lord


Blood Drive

 11:45AM-
 3:45PM

18 Guest Speaker:
 LACY BOLING, PGM


25

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6PM- Advent
 "Undecorating"

12

6PM- Preschool Board

19

MLK • DAY

 CHURCH OFFICE
 CLOSED

26

6

10:00 AM
 UWF Meeting

13

5:30PM- SPRC
6PM- Worship

20

6PM- Church Council

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6PM- Education

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6PM- Hospitality

14

21

11:30 AM
 OWLS Luncheon

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6:00 PM
 Pew & Brew 2.0

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6:00 PM
 Pew & Brew 2.0

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6:00 PM
 Pew & Brew 2.0

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6:00 PM
 Pew & Brew 2.0

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8:00 AM
 UMM Breakfast

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