



THE MINI MESSENGER FOR JANUARY 2015

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ROCKINGHAM, NC

Food arrives in time for Christmas in Ebola-ravaged village

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A \$15,000 Ebola response grant from the United Methodist Committee on Relief has made Christmas a lot brighter for 350 families in the Topoe Village, outside of Monrovia, with the distribution of much needed food.

“This is going to make my Christmas better,” said Soko Kanneh, one of the recipients of a month’s ration of rice, fish, beans, salt and vegetable oil. Mammie Myers, a pregnant woman, walked away with a 25-kilogram (55-pound) bag of rice on her head. “It came on time, thanks to the church,” she said of the food.

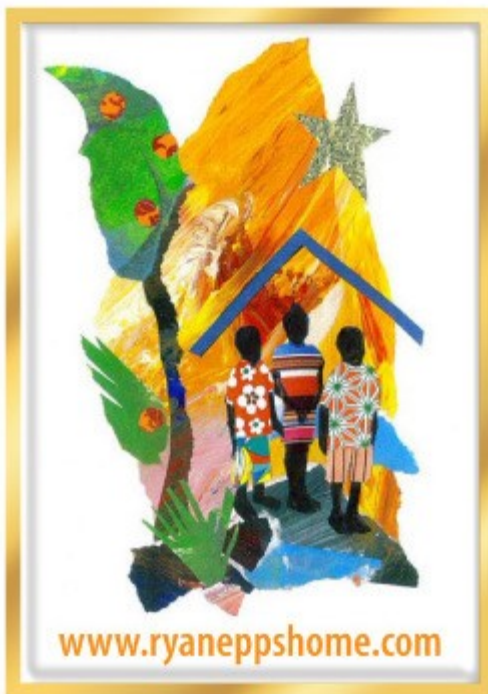


The stock of rice before the distribution at the Henri Wilmot Dennis United Methodist School.

Photo by Julu Swen, UMNS. Henri Dennis United Methodist School and Lott G. Matthew United Methodist Church led the distribution of the food, giving priority to the physically challenged, pregnant, elderly and survivors of Ebola.

Mission Statement

Ryan Epps Home for Children is a safe haven for orphaned boys and girls in Haiti. We believe that children are the future even in such an impoverished place as Haiti. It is therefore our mission to provide these young ones a place which is nurturing, safe, and welcoming. Here they can be raised with attention to their physical, intellectual and spiritual growth in an atmosphere of Christian love.



ZOE Ministry
Empowering Orphans in Africa

Zoe
Sunday
Jan. 25



January Servers

Ushers:	Benson Crofts Team	
Heat/AC	Hilton and Jim Haines	
Crucifer	Jan. 4	Shelby Matheson
	Jan. 11	Mason Bailey
	Jan. 18	Joshua Griffith
	Jan. 25	Michael Saunders
Acolyte	Jan. 4	Olivia Meacham/Shelby Diggs
	Jan. 11	Jessi Graham/Jadyn Johnson
	Jan. 18	Kalei Grant/Abigail Miller
	Jan. 25	Meredith Gerald/Rebecca Clay
TV Ministry	Randall Mace	
Nursery:	Jan. 4	Kim Adams
	Jan. 11	Krista Edwards
	Jan. 18	Meredith Gerald
	Jan. 25	Paige Bailey
Greeters:	Jan. 4	Bill and Carole Frye Thomas and Daphne Smith
	Jan. 11	Susan Eason, Martha Gandy
	Jan. 18	Wiley and Judy Mabe Jeff and Glenda Hughes
	Jan. 25	Charlie and Patsy Bankhead Jean Cain
Fellowship:	Jan. 4	Benson Crofts
	Jan. 11	John Thomas
	Jan. 18	UMM
	Jan. 25	Jeff Hughes
	<u>Hedge Prayer</u>	
First Sunday	Discovery Young Adult Class	
Second Sunday	The Bible Class	
Third Sunday	Cross Currents Class	
Fourth Sunday	Ladies Bible Class	
Fifth Sunday:	Susanne McInnis	
	Hermitage Ministry	
First Monday	East Rockingham UMC	
Second Monday	Madeleine Till	
Third Monday	Robert Cain and Joyce Smith	
Fourth Monday	Randy & Margaret Leak, Audrey Ewing	



United
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The United Methodist Women will have their first luncheon fundraiser of the year on Sunday, January 25 following morning worship service.

January Altar Flowers

Jan. 4	Martha Hamer
Jan. 11	Doris Denney
Jan. 18	Daphne Smith
Jan. 25	Open

The 2015 Flower Chart is up! Please mark the dates you would like to put flowers on the altar. Cost is \$38.00. If your date is taken we can still do flowers on the organ. Cost is \$28.00. Call the office to let us know who you are honoring.



Dear Church Family,

Kim, Chuck and I would like to thank you for the love shown to us during the years of Charles' health problems. Thanks for all your kindness, prayers, cards, calls, flowers and visits. A special thank you to my friends who prepared and served lunch to my family and friends.

May God bless each of you. Keep us in your prayers.

Love,
Sharon

Important Dates for January

Jan. 5	Handbells resume	5:30 pm
Jan. 6	Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes	
Jan. 7	Wonderful Wednesday resumes	
Jan. 7	Choir practice resumes	7:00 pm
Jan. 8	Merry Makers	11:00 am
Jan. 8	BoNite for FUMC	5-8:00 pm
Jan. 12	Trustees meet	6:30 pm
Jan. 13	Finance meets	6:30 pm
Jan. 18	UMM	8:30 am
Jan. 20	Haiti lunch	11:30 am
Jan. 20	SPRC meets	6:30 pm
Jan. 25	UMW Lunch	after worship
Jan. 27	Church council	6:30 pm