

# Merry Christmas from the RMC Staff!

Dear Beloved People of the Rocky Mountain Conference:

We in the Conference Office wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are in awe of your ministry in 2018, and can't wait to see what 2019 holds for you.

Please enjoy these staff updates, and have a safe, joyful, and sacred holiday season!

Warmly,

Sue, Erin, Daryl, Janice, and Cory



## *Rev. Sue Artt – Conference Minister*

What made you thankful for the RMC in 2018?

During my sabbatical, I lifted up the people of the RMC every day for allowing me time of quiet respite. Thank you so much; I am deeply grateful.

What brought you joy?

Realizing I'm becoming the mystic hermit, relishing quiet reflection.

Most overrated holiday snack:

"Pumpkin" Everything!

Favorite Christmas song:

Judy Garland's "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and the uncredited contralto in Liberace's "Ave Maria."

What are your hopes for 2019?

More light, more love, and more laughter... for us all.



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## *Rev. Erin Gilmore – Associate Conference Minister*

What made you thankful for the RMC in 2018?

Our laity! I'm in awe of the generosity of heart and spirit they bring.

What brought you joy?

My daughter Abby's first experience with the Atlantic Ocean.

Most overrated holiday snack:

Fudge.

Favorite Christmas song:

"A Baby Just Like You" by John Denver + the Muppets.

What are your hopes for 2019?

That we all might have a little more kindness, bravery, and joy.





## *Daryl Schreiber – Executive Administrator*

What made you thankful for the RMC in 2018?

Learning about all the amazing “In the Mud” projects.

What brought you joy?

Witnessing our clergy & lay leaders’ passion for their communities.

Most overrated holiday snack:

Green bean casserole. *[Editor’s note: this is correct.]*

Favorite Christmas song:

“Greensleeves.”

What are your hopes for 2019?

More opportunities for collaboration & connection!



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## *Janice Travis – Financial Associate*

What made you thankful for the RMC in 2018?

The “In the Mud” grants. They’ve done so much good at the local level.

What brought you joy?

My grandchildren are lights of my life. How much fun to be a Grammy!

Most overrated holiday snack:

Fruitcake. My parents loved it; I never saw the point...

Favorite Christmas song:

“Away in a Manger.”

What are your hopes for 2019?

Peace, tolerance, care, and compassion for all. A lot more nice and whole lot less mean!



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## *Cory Kibler – Director of Communications & Ministries*

What made you thankful for the RMC in 2018?

The astounding impact our churches make every day at the local level.

What brought you joy?

Our daughter Elliott. She’s a year old now, and our joy keeps growing.

Most overrated holiday snack:

Green bean casserole and marshmallow yams are both crimes.

Favorite Christmas song:

“Carol of the Bells” is delightfully creepy.

What are your hopes for 2019?

To discover the next chapter of my career, and to watch Elliott grow and learn.



# *See you in the New Year!*