

September 2017

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

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Pastor

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Office Manager

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As many of you are aware, our Office Manager Heather has tendered her letter of resignation. I, for one, am saddened at losing a wonderful colleague as Heather. As the Pastor, I had a wonderful opportunity to experience her expertise in administration, her acumen in developing multiple formats of social media and web development, her attention to organizational structure, her wonderful sense of humor, her genuine love for God and God's people, as well as her incredible work ethic. This past year Heather walked with us through the preparations of the 60th Anniversary of RPC, reorganized the office after Hurricane Matthew, helped me in transitioning here at RPC, tirelessly recovering information after the lightning strike, cleaned up our outdated manuals, reformatted many of our publications for a cleaner and more professional look, heard our joys and concerns, brought excellent insights on projects, and prayed for us continually. She will be sorely missed and our love and prayers go with her as she continues to discern the Lord's leading and direction for her.

I will be working with the Personnel Commission to work on a plan for staffing, hiring personnel, and transition as we move into the Autumn and program year. In this, I ask for your continued prayers as well as patience as we move through this transition moment in the full confidence that the Lord will continue to guide and direct us forward for His glory. I will keep you informed as to how we are moving through the process and update you accordingly.

I ask that you would join with me in keeping Heather and her family in prayer and pray for God's wisdom and direction in this time of transition.

Grace and peace in Christ.

Rev. Michael Hafele

September Birthdays

- 1 Larry Pals
- 3 Laura Ginn
- Nancy Ragland
- 7 Marilyn Cromer
- 8 Marge Anderson
- Michiko Fisher
- 10 Paul Pfeiffer, Jr.
- 11 Grace Boushell
- 13 Ann Shea
- 14 Linda Trasport
- 16 Charles Kessel
- 18 Edward Tibbits
- 19 Grace Rudy
- 22 Rebecca Burns
- 24 Helen Carter
- 29 Jen Fanning

If your birthday is not on this list and you would like it to be, please call the church office at 783-6085.

September Worship Calendar

September 3
COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10 AM

September 10
RALLY DAY
Sunday School 9 AM
Worship 10 AM

September 17
Contemporary Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10 AM
(One Room Schoolhouse Resumes)
Traditional Worship 11:15 AM

September 24
Contemporary Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10 AM
Traditional Worship 11:15 AM

Riverside goes back to two services on September 17

WHO ARE WE AT RPC?

Rally Day – Sunday, September 10th at 11AM

Come, join in the fun and find out all the wonderful things that are happening at Riverside. There will be free hot dogs, chips, baked beans and cookies. Earn tickets by visiting booths with info about what's happening at Riverside and play some fun, silly games. Use the tickets to buy prizes or take your turn at dunking Pastor Mike at the dunk tank. Other prizes include candy, small toys, temporary tattoos, a photo booth and a bounce house for young children. If you are the chair of a commission or committee and want to have a booth, just let me know. If you have any questions or would like to help please call me. See you on September 10th. Kathie Spaeth 613-2423



September News from the Riverside Presbyterian Women

Hope all have enjoyed their summer break and are energized to beginning our fall activities. Our circles' Bible study for 2017-2018 is entitled "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier. Lesson one is entitled "In Community with Jesus Christ." This lesson focuses on Hebrews' emphasis that Jesus, the Christ, is the basis of all of our faith and action both as an individual and as a faith community. Rebekah (Third Thursday 9:30 AM) and Hannah Ruth (Third Tuesday 1:00 PM) are our daytime circles and Deborah (Third Wednesday 7:00 PM) is the evening circle. All circles meet in Knox Parlor.

The Presbyterian Women's Council met this summer to plan upcoming PW activities for the 2017-2018 year. Also information was updated for the new yearbook to be available this fall. We look forward to welcoming all, returning and new members, to join Riverside's Presbyterian Women in studying God's word and participating in the PW activities.



September in the Kid's Corner One Room School House

FALL ROUNDUP IS HERE!!! Our fall curriculum will resume on September 17th. Classes will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 AM (between both worship services) in the Pfeiffer Room adjacent to Fellowship Hall. The children will have their own room in which to study, do crafts, and display their artwork.

Miss Vicki and her group of volunteers will happily welcome all students, new and old on Sunday, September 17th to begin their new study of "Grace and Gratitude" in the books of Exodus, Ruth, and Samuel. September studies will encompass the creation story, Ruth's acceptance of "Your God will be my God" and her welcome in a strange land, and ending with Samuel's call to faith in the still and quiet from God.

Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship while learning God's word.

Welcome back to all !!!



Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993 Samaritan's Purse has been delivering more than 135 million shoe boxes to children in over 100 countries. The vital ministry of Samaritan's Purse is a wonderful way to get Riverside involved in evangelizing and discipling children worldwide. Every gift is an opportunity for the Gospel. With your gifts in the shoeboxes and God's word (in their language) they will learn about God's salvation through His Son Jesus Christ - The Greatest Gift. Please return all boxes by mid-November to Fellowship Hall in order to be shipped around the world.

See Cliff Schmitt (321) 783-5029 or JB Olds (321) 784-1582. Watch for the shoebox table in Fellowship Hall.

There is a box in the Narthex for any items - soap, washcloths, etc., you may wish to drop for future gifts to needy groups in the community and the world.



The Merritt Island Presbyterian Women invite the Riverside Presbyterian Women to join them for a day long retreat right here in our own Fellowship Hall.

The retreat will be held **September 30, 9 AM to 6:30 PM.** There will be brunch, tea, dinner, crafts and other activities. Also chocolate!

The cost is \$60 if registration is received by August 27. Add \$5 more after that. If you have any questions, call Kathy Coon 321-480-5573 or Marilyn Smoot 321-223-4842.



Family Promise of Brevard, with Riverside as a host congregation, has served 84 families, including 165 children, since its inception. With an average stay of 30 days in the program, more than 85 percent of our families have moved on to stable housing through this “pathway home.”

Our turn to serve comes up again in December. In the meantime, you can help support Family Promise financially by donating to this year’s Helicopter Ball Drop for a chance to win \$2,500. Balls will be dropped from a helicopter at the conclusion of the golf event Nov. 4th. A \$25 donation gets you 3 balls, or you can get 8 balls for \$50, or 20 balls for \$100. The ball landing closest to the pin takes the cash prize. Winner need not be present to win.

Balls can be purchased online at www.familypromiseofbrevard.org, or see Joe Marshall, Judy George, or Pam Weiger. Let’s all pitch in to provide a hand up for homeless families!

Indonesia Riverside Sunday School Update

If you don’t think that God cares about the little things in our lives, pray anyway! The Sunday School in Indonesia that Riverside supports had an answer to prayer about one of those little things that often seem so big to us. And now for the update . . .

We praise God that He answered our prayers. We have been praying for one of the school teachers who taught extra curriculum at the school during the same time we had our Sunday School program. Most of our kids went to the class that he taught. This made our Sunday School attendance very low. We talked to him and he was willing to change the time so that the kids would be able to come to our Sunday School program. When we came to the school where we teach, right after the teacher finished his class we started our Sunday School program. We are so happy that God works in our lives and He cares even about the small things.

Dear Riverside;

It has been my pleasure to serve as your office manager over the course of this last year. It has been challenging, interesting and rewarding and I am thankful for the experience. So many of you, from day one, made me feel welcome and appreciated and continued to do so throughout my time here. I have come to care very much for all of you and leaving was a difficult decision, but I must move on to pursue my music and writing further.

Despite the challenges you have faced with multiple staff transitions, a hurricane and lightning strikes, you all still manage to continue to care for and minister to one another as Christians. I hope that you never lose this gift, as it is part of what makes Riverside special.

With love,

Heather



Sunday, September 10
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

All donors will receive a voucher for a **FREE** movie ticket, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Plus all donors receive a special offer from Crayola Experience - purchase one admission ticket and receive a second admission **FREE**.

*Victims of Hurricane Harvey need your help!
Blood is needed. Please consider donating to
help these people in need.*

September 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



3
COMMUNION
SUNDAY
9a Sunday
School
10a Worship

4
7p NA Meeting

5
9³⁰a Senior Fit
9³⁰a Worship
Com.
6³⁰p Fellowship
7p Education

6
7³⁰a Men's Bible
9³⁰a Stitchin' Sis
9³⁰a Care & Sup.
10a Prayer Circle
7p Women's
Bible

7

8
9³⁰a Senior Fit

9

10
RALLY DAY
9a Sunday
School
10a Worship

11
7p NA Meeting

12
9³⁰a Senior Fit
7p Deacons

13
7³⁰a Men's Bible
Study
10a Prayer Circle
7p Women's
Bible

14
7p Choir
Practice

15
9³⁰a Senior Fit

16

17
8⁴⁵a Worship
10a Sunday
School
11¹⁵a Worship

18
7p NA Meeting

19
9³⁰a Senior Fit
1p Hannah Ruth
7p Session

20
7³⁰a Men's Bible
Study
9³⁰a Stitchin' Sis
10a Prayer Circle
7p Deobrah Cir.

21
9³⁰a Rebekah
Circle
7p Choir
Practice

22
9³⁰a Senior Fit

23

24
8⁴⁵a Worship
10a Sunday
School
11¹⁵a Worship

25
7p NA Meeting

26
9³⁰a Senior Fit
7p OMEC

27
7³⁰a Men's Bible
Study
10a Prayer Circle
7p Women's
Bible

28
7p Choir
Practice

29
9³⁰a Senior Fit

30
9a MI PW
Retreat