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November 2017

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

The November newsletter. My goodness! The year has flown by so quickly. The weather is taking its cursory 3 week cool down signifying Florida Autumn-Winter; our Winter Families are returning and reengaging into the life and ministry of RPC. There is relative comfort in the cycles that reinforce the rhythms of life. More often than not we find our rooting within these cycles as reflections of our traditions, some for decades and some of less time, and these traditions are powerful and incredibly meaningful. There is a continuity of our patterns that guide us through this time in a way that reassures us. Simply put, traditions are very galvanizing and this is no less true for the Church. We will be moving toward Advent and Christmas soon enough with our sacred traditions coupling with your personal traditions. That is very good!

When Jesus preaches His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. He takes the hearers on an exploration of what many of them (and some afresh for the first time, of course) have known tacitly as a part of their Jewish tradition and breathes an innovative perspective on their traditional norms. What He does is not to reject those norms but to bring clarity to the genuine intent. He takes what Hervieu-Léger calls a "chain of memory" of the hearers and moves them through a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of God. Jesus doesn't reject the tradition but reveals the movement of God that made it so meaningful in the first place and onto a fresh understanding..

In her book, *The Practicing Congregation*, Diana Butler Bass addresses this critical connection between tradition and innovation for the mainline Church for today. She writes, "Mainline congregations that understand the dynamic relationship between tradition and innovation, etween continuity and change, between the past and present, this that identify themselves as part of a 'lived chain of memory,' are vital communities in which the past becomes part of meaning-making for people striving to make sense of their existence."

What we are seeking is to listen to the voice of Christ preaching to us today giving witness to the essential connection between our past and the present; to connect the 'chain of memory' that has been the continual movement of the Holy Spirit to and through Riverside Presbyterian Church. This is our calling today and in the power of the Holy Spirit, not only will our Session discern the rhythms of today but how the continuity of our faithful past connects us to a faithful and innovative present and future.

Thank you for your continued prayers and listening ear to the voice of Christ in the rhythms and traditions of your faithful present. Grace and peace in Christ,

Rev. Michael Hafele

November Birthdays

Glenn Arnold	11/1
Vicki Geiler	11/1
Eric Pluchino	11/5
Greg Britton	11/7
Tony Kepuska	11/7
Sue Loftin	11/7
Jack Sprunger	11/15
Meme Pearson	11/19
Linda Autry	11/23
Dan Coon	11/24
Wendy Gordon	11/24
Marilyn Grigsby	11/24
Marianne Pluchino	11/24
Lucy Hueston	11/25
Shirley Gerhardt	11/26
Elizabeth Britton	11/27

November Worship Calendar

November 5

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:45 AM Contemporary Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Traditional Worship

November 12

8:45 AM Contemporary Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Traditional Worship

November 19

8:45 AM Contemporary Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Traditional Worship

November 26

8:45 AM Contemporary Service

10:00 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Traditional Worship

We fondly remember those Witnesses that have gone to the Church Triumphant

Jan Mulberry

December 24, 2016

Barbara Janet Reichenbach

January 4, 2017

Mildred (Millie) Marie Strieter

January 10, 2017

David A. Jones

January 27, 2017

Norma Jean Roberts

March 10, 2017

Esther Louise Hanlon

May 22, 2017

Louise Beale Hurd

August 4, 2017

George Denton Clark

August 20, 2017

Robert Welden

September 10, 2017

Doris O'Quinn Orr

September 22, 2017



***** Daylight Savings Time ends November 5.**

Be Sure to Turn Your Clocks Back ***

Upcoming Worship Schedule for Sundays at Riverside Presbyterian Church

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 5TH

Praise Worship Service 8:45-9:45am

Sunday School 10:00-11:00am

Traditional Worship Service 11:15am-12:15pm

3400 North Atlantic Avenue

Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

321.783.6085

Advent and Christmas Seasons Join us as we begin to celebrate

The **Hanging of the Greens** will be November 19. Come sing carols, decorate the Sanctuary tree, and enjoy a Chili Supper. The fun begins at 4 PM. Supper will be at 5 PM.

The **Blue Christmas Service** will be held at 3 PM on Dec. 10th.
Join us for a quiet time of remembrance.

Christmas Eve is a Sunday. There will be no morning Worship Services.
Evening services will be at 4 PM (Family Friendly) and 7 PM (Traditional).

New Years Eve: Only one Service at 10 AM.

Note: No Sunday school Classes will be meeting on Christmas Eve or New Years Eve.



November News from the Riverside Presbyterian Women
The Riverside Presbyterian Women invite all ladies to join in the Deborah Circle, the Hannah Ruth Circle or the Rebekah Circle. Deborah Circle and Women's Bible study meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Hannah Ruth Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1 PM and Rebekah Circle meets the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. All circles meet in our Knox Parlor. This year's Bible study is entitled Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews.

The Church Women United (CWU) will hold World Community Day at 9:30 AM on November 3, 2017 at Grace United Methodist Church of Merritt Island, 65 Needle Blvd, Merritt Island. **Salvation Army Christmas stockings will be handed out at this meeting. Watch for your opportunity to receive one to fill.**

All ladies of Riverside please save the date of Saturday, December 2nd at 2:00 PM to join in our annual Christmas Tea in Fellowship Hall. Let's all come and enjoy this festive time of the year with each other. PW members will meet for the Christmas Tea setup on Friday, December 1st at 1:00 PM.

Gail Marshall, Publicity



November in the Kid's Corner One Room School House

Please take note of class time change. Starting in November class time will begin with hands on activities at 10 AM between the two services. Children who are participating in the children's choir may pick up goodies in Fellowship Hall afterwards and bring them on into Pfeiffer room for the Bible lesson of the day. The children will explore "Growing in the Grace and Gratitude of God" through the heroes of the Old Testament in the books of Ruth, Samuel, David, and Jonah. This is a multiage class for children in grades kindergarten through third grades. Miss Vickie Geiler and her group of volunteers will be awaiting their arrival.



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.

Please note toothpaste and candy are no longer allowed due to Customs Regulations. Return all boxes by November 12th or 19th 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.



Family Promise of Brevard, with Riverside as a host congregation, has served 85 families, including 165 children, since its inception. With an average stay of 34 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!



RPC Music -Join US CHOIR ROCKS!

This is a wonderful time to join the Chancel Choir to sing the beautiful songs of the season. Join in the opportunity to share your faith and minister to our congregation through music. Experience the joy of praising God through music. All are welcome with open arms! **Chancel Choir:** Meets 7 pm on Thursdays in Calvin Hall.

RPC Youth/Children's Choir: Do you children sing? Our youth/children's choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday mornings at the beginning of Sunday School starting November 5th. Come join the musical fun with Diana Amtower! Any questions? Call Diana @ (410) 353-5983

RPC Bell Choir: We meet weekly on Tuesdays, at 6:30PM in Calvin Hall. It's not scary, you only need to know how to count, mostly to 4. Hope to see you Tuesday.



BLOOD DRIVE

**Coming in December
8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

All donors will receive a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Victims of the hurricanes and accidents need your help! Please consider donating to help these people in need.



Free Ticket Is Required
Visit the Box Office or call 321-525-7825 for tickets

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 3:30 PM
Music By Gershwin, Bach, Handel
Riverside Chamber Orchestra
Riverside Community Chorale

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 3:30 PM
An Old Fashioned Christmas
Indialantic Chamber Singers & Brevard Youth Chorus

The background of this section is a photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds.

The Prayer Circle invites you to join
them on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM.
This team of prayer warriors prays for church
members, family, friends, our community and the
world. "Prayer is the natural expression of religious
feelings; and God's blessings are given in answer to
prayer."
Come express yourself and watch for God's
answer.



**ADVENT SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS**

Rev Mike will be leading an Advent Sunday School class using the book, "Every Valley - Advent with the Scriptures of Handel's *Messiah*" compiled by Jessica Miller Kelley.

November 19th - December 17.

If you are interested in attending please sign the sheet in the reception area.

WELCOME TO RIVERSIDE

The Staff at Riverside wish to extend a warm welcome to Elizabeth Britton, the new Office Manager. She is the new Office Manager. If you would like to come by the office to meet her, the doors are open Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Elizabeth can be reached by email at RiversidePres@cfl.rr.com or thru the RiversidePres.org website under the Contact Us tab.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7 ³⁰ a Men's Bible 9 ³⁰ a Stitchin' Sis 9 ³⁰ a Care & Sup. 10a Prayer Circle 7p Women's Bible	2 7p Choir	3 9 ³⁰ a Senior Fit	4
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8 ¹⁵ a Worship 10a Sunday School 11 ¹⁵ a Worship	6 7p NA Meeting	7 9 ³⁰ a Senior Fit 9 ³⁰ a Worship Com 6 ³⁰ p Fellowship 6:30p Bell Choir	8 7 ³⁰ a Men's Bible 10a Prayer Circle 7p Women's Bible	9	10 9 ³⁰ a Senior Fit	11
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19 8 ¹⁵ a Worship 10a Sunday School 11 ¹⁵ a Worship 4p Hanging of the Greens	20 7p NA Meeting	21 9 ³⁰ a Senior Fit 1p Hannah Ruth 6:30 Bell Choir 7p Session	22 7 ³⁰ a Men's Bible Study 10a Prayer Circle	23 Thanksgiving Day office closed	24 office closed	25
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