

MARCH 2018

Down by the Riverside

Holy Week at Riverside

Palm Sunday - March 25

10 AM Service

Celebration of the Chapel

Maundy Thursday - March 29

7 PM Service in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday - March 30

The Sanctuary will be open at 6PM for Reflection

7 PM Service

Easter Sunday - April 1

**7:00AM Sunrise Service for the Community
at Fischer Park**

8:45 AM & 11:15 AM Service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt between Services

Communion Service— April 8th

One service of worship at 10AM

One service at 10AM until December 2, 2018.

March Birthdays

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| Jim | Deal | 3/1 |
| Lu | Moore | 3/1 |
| Joe | Marshall | 3/2 |
| Hannah | Lyons | 3/5 |
| Ann | Rybicki | 3/9 |
| Mary | Dunagan | 3/13 |
| Linda | Harris | 3/13 |
| Kate | LaDuke | 3/13 |
| Barbara | Cox | 3/14 |
| Thomas | Gregory | 3/14 |
| Garnet | Subak | 3/14 |
| George | Spaeth | 3/15 |
| Julia | Olds | 3/17 |
| Bev | Kasimier | 3/19 |
| Margaret | Fjeldheim | 3/20 |
| Lynn | Teeter | 3/20 |
| Renetta | Smith | 3/24 |
| Sue | Colley | 3/27 |
| Kathy | Coon | 3/29 |

March Worship Calendar

March 4
COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:45 AM Contemporary Service
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Traditional Worship

March 11
Ordination & Installation
8:45 AM Contemporary Service
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Traditional Worship

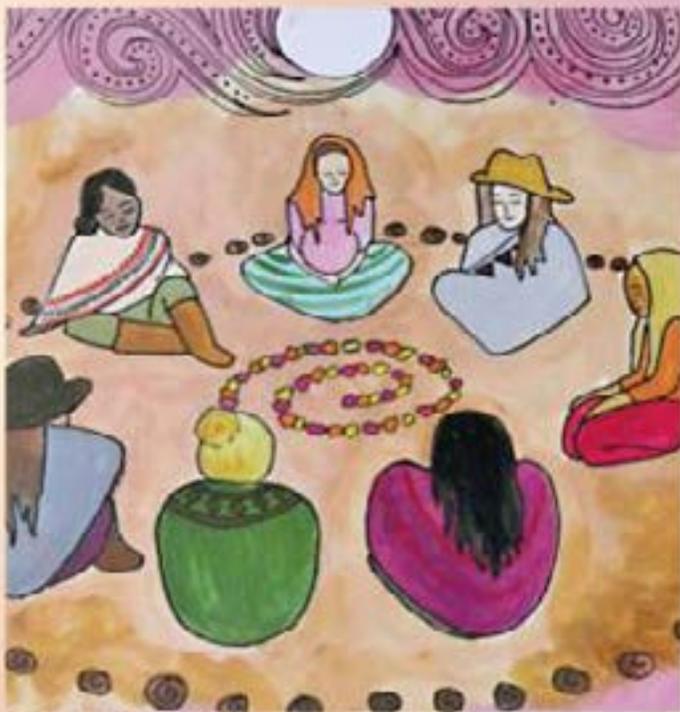
March 18
8:45 AM Contemporary Service
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Traditional Worship

March 25
PALM SUNDAY
10:00 AM SERVICE
Celebration of the Chapel



Easter Flowers

What could be a more wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one than to purchase an Easter flower to decorate our sanctuary on the day we celebrate our Lord's resurrection? A Deacon will deliver many of the plants to members of our church family who can no longer join us for church activities. Envelopes to order flowers will be available in the Sunday bulletin on March 11 and March 18. You can either place the completed order in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Deadline for returning your Easter flower order is March 26th.



Sisterhood, Celia Atkinson

Women Called To Lead with Love

BY JUDY RECORD FLETCHER

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday
March 4, 2018

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday

March 4, 2018 is Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. By action of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly (Orlando, 1993), Celebrate the Gifts of Women appears in the planning calendar each year on the Sunday closest to March 5, International Women's Day. Congregations and individuals are encouraged to celebrate this day each year, recognizing the gifts women bring to God, the Church, and the community.

The 2018 theme is "Women Called to Lead with Love." When we think of women called to lead with love, there are two characteristics that these women demonstrate:

- 1) the gift of hospitality and
- 2) the gift of building consensus as the way to make decisions.

Acts 2:43-47 reveals that the most important of these practices included: 1) continuing worship in the temple and sharing in prayers – worship, 2) recalling teachings of the apostles – education or kerygma, 3) sharing as any had need – service or diaconia, and 4) meals and fellowship in homes – koinonia. Women certainly were a part of these practices as the early church took shape.

THE STITCHIN' SISTERS
wish to say thank you to the wonderful women that donated soup and crackers and helped serve and clean up on February 25th.

We also thank the congregation for their donations totaling \$356. These funds will assist us in creating quilts and afghans that will comfort children in need.



Give instead of Giving Up



this Lenten season

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...
-Matthew 25:35

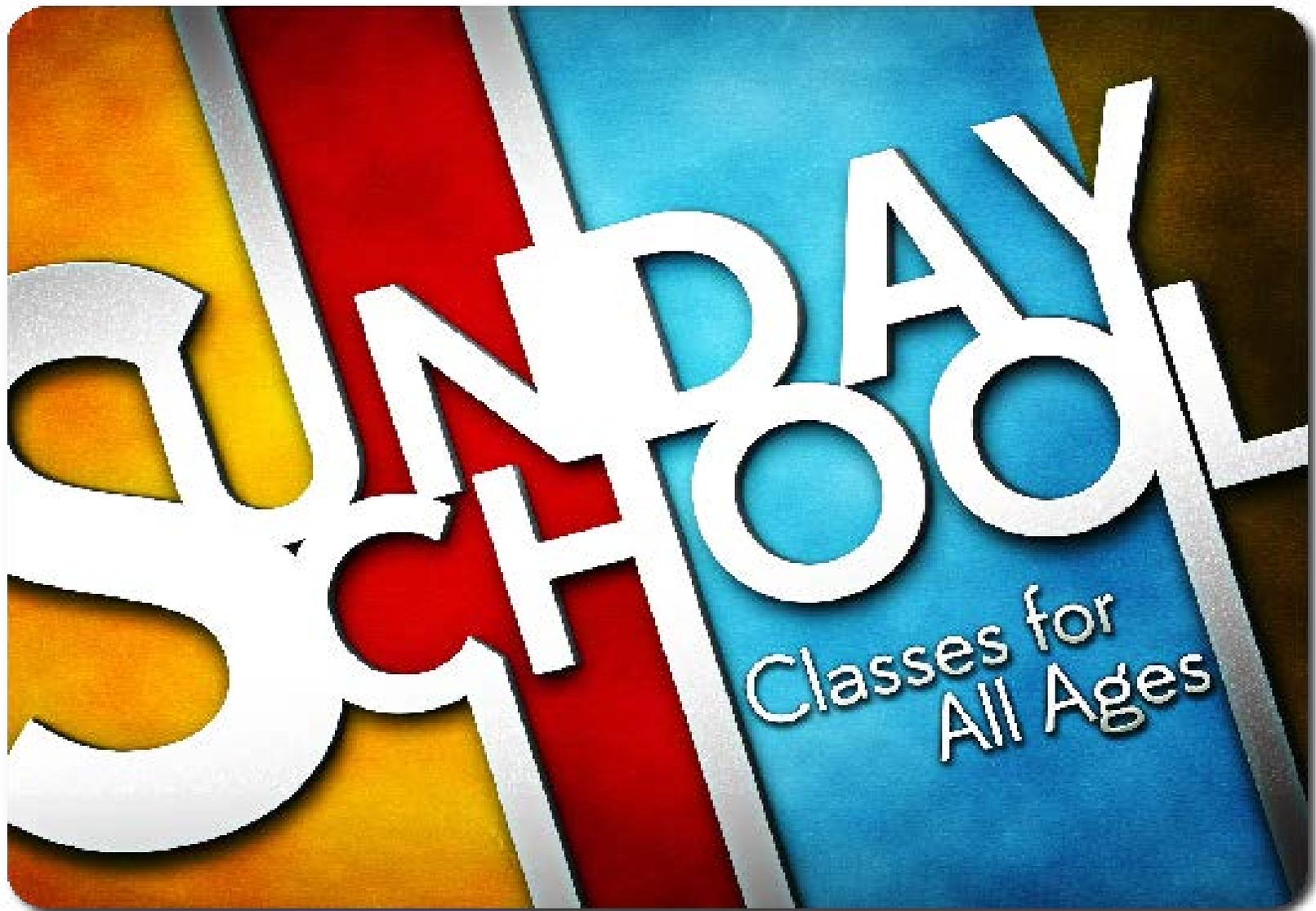
"Give instead of Giving Up"

Food Box for families at Cape View Elementary School

Please include items inside this box such as:

- Box of cereal
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Applesauce
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Single serving soups (with pull tab openings)
- Ramen noodles
- Trail mix
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Individually packaged chips/pretzels/Goldfish
- Canned vegetables
- Vienna sausages
- Ravioli/Spaghetti-os
- Pudding

Boxes will be sent home/delivered to students for Spring Break.



NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

APRIL 8TH

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

The course is "Christianity and Islam: So Much In Common, So Far Apart" by Ronn Kerr.

The study takes neither a "how to convert Muslims" nor a "we're all the same" approach. It provides students with a greater appreciation of both Jesus and Muhammad; both the New Testament and the Quran; and both Christianity and Islam. One of the most common comments from students who have taken the course is that they learned a lot about Islam and just about as much about their own faith. The class begins after Easter, on April 8th and will finish May 20th. It will be held from 9:00 to 9:50 AM with Betty Peterson as leader, assisted by Penny Bernard. Each student should purchase the textbook for \$10, and signup sheets will be available in mid March.

The current Adult Sunday School classes, Science and the Bible with Jak Burton and the Lectionary Study with George Spaeth & Pastor Mike are continuing as well and will meet at 9:00 am beginning April 8th.

The Children's Sunday School and the One Room Schoolhouse will continue to meet until Memorial Day from 9:00 to 9:50 AM.



EASTER EGG HUNT AT RIVERSIDE
Kids, gather your Easter baskets and get ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday, April 1st. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM for a short devotional.

Toddlers and children through elementary school age, are welcome to participate. All children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are invited. Grab those baskets and let's go hunt some EGGS !!!



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

“Praise him with tambourine and dance, praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.”
(Psalm 150)

“The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.”
(Psalm 29:4)

Singing together as a church family is a blessing. It helps us express our praise and prayers and unites us. As we sing in worship, God listens to our hearts, and he speaks to us.

Music has enormous power in our worship, whether it's the sound of our voices being lifted in hymns and songs of praise or prayer, or songs that help us learn about God's truths and goodness. When we sing together as a congregation we are hearing testimonies of faith all around us! Sometimes in worship, we just listen to the sound of an organ, guitar or other instrument. All of our music helps us “be” with God to hear his voice, to bless him, and be a blessing to one another.

Likewise, when we sing in choir, we open a door to our inmost selves and find that God is waiting there. It is also true that one of the blessings of this ministry is it enables those who hear us to open that door within themselves. What a privilege it is that we can use our gifts to pass on God's love that has been given to us. You are invited, and would be welcome with open arms to join us in our music ministry. Chancel Choir meets Thursdays, 7 to 8:30; Children's Choir meets Sundays at 9:45; Hand-Bell Choir, which is ringing instead of singing, meets Tuesdays at 6.

Come join us!

Thank you to those who participate. To God be the glory!

Your Gifts Make these Ministries Possible



Pakaring, I.Y. - PHP
You help a partner educate a new generation of farmers of color by giving one-on-one classes about racism, class, and other challenges. They educate and provide hands-on training to regenerate farming and whole-foods cooking to build vitality and resilience of farmers and communities.

Senegal/Lesotho - SDOP
You empower PDA, PHP, SDOP and various ecological partners to improve food security and economic status of communities, families and individuals through technical training, follow-up technical support, and small grants for project activities.

Philippines - PHP
Your support enables food and climate advocates as they work toward public understanding on the link between climate change and food disparity. Advocates of Asia, this program advocates stronger policy laws involving food, water, land and climate.

Madagascar - SDOP
The sustainability people forward proposals, by and for a low-income group. The project works to certify group members in professional bicycle repairs and shop operations.

U.S. and Cuba - PDA
You responded to catastrophic hurricanes and provided essential food, water and supplies for affected communities and continue to work with our partners as long-term recovery needs are determined.

Mexico - PDA
You enabled emergency response to the devastating earthquake and capacity building of Mexican Commission of Religious and Presbyterian churches.

India - SDOP
You enable a group here to engage in fishing to increase their capacity to work together as fishermen by utilizing a common area and cooperatives. The project is for fishing equipment to increase their ability to compete with other fishing groups and to have a means to process and store perishable products.

South Sudan - PDA
Famine and violence in the world's youngest country resulting in the quiet death of South Sudan. You helped food relief projects for South Sudanese displaced people and refugees, as well as supported livelihood, food security and peacebuilding projects.

Myanmar - PHP
You enable a project to build a seed bank to store seeds and aid in recovery from disaster or disease that is regaining crops. This project allows seed preservation and banking systems to be diversified and shared across the region in a farmer-to-farmer training approach. The seed bank stored rice crop seeds, provided support for research, technical leaders and impact local farmers.

PDA: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
PHP: Presbyterian Hunger Program
SDOP: Self-Development of People



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken Palm Sunday, March 25. This offering helps the Presbyterian Church (USA) to help people both here in the U.S. and around the world through grants with churches and organizations. Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) receives 36% of the offering, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) 32% and Self-Development of People (SDOP) 32%.

From a Farmworker Association of FL grant in Lakeland, FL (PHP) to assistance to those affected by Hurricane Irma in Cuba (PDA) or the help given the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda (Africa) to provide assistance to agricultural projects, water supply and electricity programs (SDOP), our offering can and does make a difference. Check out the interactive map on the PCUSA website for more details on projects around the world that Presbyterians are involved in or have helped with the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. You can make a difference is someone's life.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friday, March 23rd

Noon - 4:00 PM

Saturday, March 24th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please sign up in the Narthex or phone the church office at 783-6085 if you are able to help with a Church Work Day in March! The Church is in need of a general campus cleanup to include the following: Chapel preparation for demolition, painting the Choir Room, sprucing up the Memorial Garden and Campus Grounds. Meet in Knox Parlor.

Please bring a pressure washer on Friday if you have one!

Your help is greatly appreciated!



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Our thanks go to the congregation for their support of the February 25th Soup Sunday. Your donations will further the mission outreach activities of Riverside's Stitchin' Sisters. Local organizations will be the recipients of the Stitchin' Sisters quilts at an annual event held in the spring.

The Presbyterian Women will join in to celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday on March 4th. They will assist and participate in both worship services.

We ask the ladies of Riverside as well as winter residents and visitors to please save the date of Saturday, March 24th, for a Communion Service and White Breakfast. The communion service will begin at 8:45 AM in the sanctuary to be followed by a breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Jane Wesson will officiate at the service and Dick Gerhardt and his men will cook and serve the breakfast.

Tickets at \$5.00 each will be available in Fellowship Hall after both services on Sundays, March 11 and 18. Come and join us in this communion service and fellowship.



March in the Kid's Corner One Room School House

In March, the students of the One Room School House may start each 10:00 Sunday morning with Children's choir directly following first service, or may come to the Pfeiffer Room after Fellowship Hall time. Our March lessons include giving, remembering, serving, and celebrating. We learn from the story of the widow's two small coins, that no gift to God is too small, particularly when we give in Gratitude, trusting God. We continue the month by emphasizing this season of Lent, remembering the Last Supper. These two lessons contain not only the sacrament of Communion, but also Jesus acting as a servant in washing the feet of the disciples. Our final March lesson arrives with Palm Sunday, celebrating Jesus as the coming king. Hosanna! These lessons continue to provide guidance to the young members of our church family to praise, thank, and celebrate our God, and to serve others. Miss Vicki Geiler and her group of volunteers welcome children pre-kindergarten through third grade (and sometimes beyond) for lessons enhanced with activities.

Come and join us in the Pfeiffer Room next to Fellowship Hall. And we can always use an extra set of adult volunteer hands!

Brevard-Indian River Presbyterians

(BIRP)

Participating Churches

Cocoa Presbyterian Church, Cocoa
Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Indialantic
First Presbyterian Church, Palm Bay
First Presbyterian Church, Sebastian
First Presbyterian Church, Titusville
First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach
Merritt Island Presbyterian Church, Merritt Island
Palmdale Presbyterian Church, Melbourne
Pineda Presbyterian Church, Melbourne
Presbyterian Church of the Good Shepherd, Melbourne
Riverside Presbyterian Church, Cocoa Beach
Rockledge Presbyterian Church, Rockledge
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Titusville

Hello from Madagascar

Below is an excerpt from an Email from Doug Tilton. Doug Tilton is one of our PCUSA mission co-workers who works in southern Africa (including Madagascar). He has sent this update on what has been going on there. Doug was a speaker at our October Mission Week Conference for the Brevard Indian River Presbyteries (BIRP).

Here's a little something from our trip in November 2017 with the Peacemaking Travel Study Seminar. I'm planning to do a longer piece on Mahatsinjo and the water issues more generally soon.

1. In 2015, the PC(USA) helped the small community of Mahatsinjo, three hour's drive south of Madagascar's capital, Antananarivo, to install a gravity-fed water system. The system consists of two water reservoirs that feed nine communal taps. The village's 850 residents provided most of the labour, digging trenches for two miles of pipe. They also formed management committees to take care of each of the taps. The water also supplies the village's primary school, where a toilet was also installed, and a fruit tree nursery.

2. The water system has also helped to facilitate the work of local silk weaving cooperatives. This area of Madagascar had historically been a centre of silk spinning and weaving. From 2002, the Development Department (SAF) of the FJKM began working with six local organisations to revive the silk weaving tradition in the community. Local women spin silk from silkworm cocoons, dye it using indigenous plants, and then weave beautiful scarves and cloth from the silk using traditional looms (as Madame Blandine is doing here). Having ready access to water has dramatically reduced the time and labour required to boil the cocoons, to dye the silk and to produce each scarf. The women say that in addition to generating income, the silk initiative has earned them enhanced respect and a greater voice in community affairs.

Grace and peace,
Doug

This is evidence of our mission dollars helping and promoting self-help.

Gail and Joe Marshall
Riverside's BIRP Representatives



Family Promise
of Brevard

Building Communities • Strengthening Lives

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No Place Like Home

EMERALD CITY

MARCH 2, 2018

6:00 PM



church at

viera

9005 N. WICKHAM RD.
MELBOURNE, FL 32940

Live Bands • Inflatables & Magician

Food Trucks & Vendors • Race-themed Costume Contest & Awards

Race Shirts for those registered by 2/14!

Event Sponsorships Available

Visit www.FamilyPromiseofBrevard.org

SIGN UP TODAY!



Race Fees:

Through 3/1/18: Adults \$25, Kids \$15

Race Day 3/2/18: Adults \$30, Kids \$20

For more information visit
www.RunningZone.com

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, March 1st

Running Zone - 3896 N. Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL 32935

10:00am-6:30pm: Packet Pickup & Registration

Friday, March 2nd

Church at Viera - 9005 N Wickham Rd, Viera, FL 32940

4:45pm: Packet Pickup & Late Registration

5:45pm: Late Registration Ends

6:00pm: 5K START!

7:15pm: Kids Run!!

*Awards immediately following race

THANK YOU TO THE CLASS OF 2017 OFFICERS

We give a big thank you to those Elders and Deacons who have served and left the Session and Diaconate at the end of the 2017 term:

Sherrell Fischer, David Bartine, Dick Gerhardt,
John Tumelson, Judy Bartine, Jack Sprunger
Dan Coon and Paula Yost are returning and serving on the Class of 2020.

We thank you for your service to our congregation!





welcome

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018-2020

Ordination & Installation of Deacons and Elders, March 11th at both Services

Laurie Casto

Penny Bernard

Dan Coon

Mason Gibson

Sue Colley

Mick Ray

Marianne Pluchino

Paul Pfeiffer

Linda Boehmer

Mark Gordon

Carl Plaucher

Bob Howard

Art Hitch

Lisa Martin

Paula Yost

Cliff Schmitt

Judy Howard

Bea Lewis

Kathie Spaeth

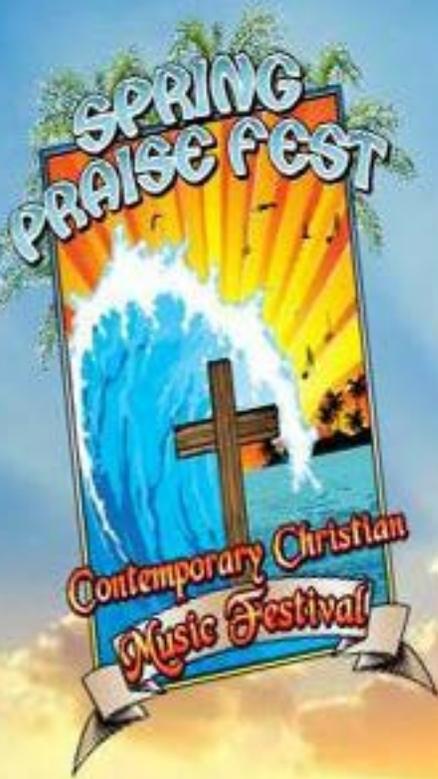
Jan Hawkins

Jorge Castillo

Mary Mullin

Becky Reed

Jenni Woods



Spring Praise Fest 2018
Saturday, March 17th 2018
11:00 AM – 7:00 PM



The Concert For Christ!

The Spring Praise Fest is a FREE non-denominational, outdoor, contemporary Christian music festival held on the third Saturday of every March at the Riverfront Park Amphitheater in Historic Cocoa Village, Cocoa, Florida, overlooking the beautiful Indian River. This year, the 12th Annual Spring Praise Fest will be Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 11am to 7pm.

Every year, we have a lineup of some of the most dynamic contemporary Christian music bands from around Brevard County, sharing the Word of God through their music. As you will see through our website, this is a family oriented event for people of all ages: All are welcome! We have many FREE activities for kids of all ages, including bounce houses, face painting, water fountain, and family games.

Most people bring blankets, and/or lawn chairs to sit back, relax, and enjoy a family oriented day of music and fun! Come, and enjoy the day with us!

As many of you know, the first Spring Praise Fest was held in Riverside's front parking lot. The next year we moved over to Riverfront Park and have been there ever since. In 2016, Riverside passed the organization and running of Spring Praise Fest over to Club Zion, but that doesn't mean that you cannot still be involved. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Debbie Dunn at thegoodnesswithin@gmail.com. We also need volunteers at the Prayer Tent. Bless someone (and yourself) by being available to pray for them. Contact Paula Yost when you see her at church or give her a call (321-455-6653) if you can help with a 1-2 hour shift in the Prayer Tent.

The Dr. Vernon Boushell Concert Series

presents...

Handel's

MESSIAH

Easter Portion

**Riverside Chamber Orchestra,
Richard Sabino, Conductor**

**Riverside Community Chorale,
Beth Green, Chorusmaster**

Sunday, March 11, 2018

3:30 pm

For a free ticket, call 321-525-7825 or visit riversidepres.org



3400 N. Atlantic Ave.
Cocoa Beach, FL

March 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| 4 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:45a Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Worship 2p Concert Rehearsal | 5 1:00p Bible 7:00p NA Meeting | 6 9:30a Senior Fit 9:30a Worship 6:00p Bells 7:00p Education | 7 7:30a Men's Bible 9:30a Sisters' Stit'chin' 9:30a Care & Support 10a Prayer Circle 6:45p Lenten | 8 9:30a Senior Fit 7:00p Choir | 9 | 10 2p Concert Rehearsal |
| 11 ORDINATION & INSTALLATION 8:45a Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Worship 3:30p Concert | 12 1:00p Bible 7:00p NA Meeting | 13 9:30a Senior Fit 6:00p Bell Choir 7:00p Deacons | 14 7:30a Men's Bible 10a Prayer Circle 6:45p Lenten Class | 15 9:30a Rebekah 9:30a Senior Fit 7:00p Choir | 16 | 17 2p Concert Rehearsal |
| 18 8:45a Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Worship | 19 1:00p Bible 7:00p NA Meeting | 20 9:30a Senior Fit 1:00p Hannah 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00p Session | 21 7:30a Men's Bible 9:30a Sisters' Stit'chin' 9:30a Care & Support 10a Prayer Circle 6:45p Lenten | 22 9:30a Senior Fit 7:00p Choir | 23 Church Work Day Noon - 4 pm | 24 8:45 Communion & White Breakfast Church Work Day 10 am - 2 pm |
| 25 PALM SUNDAY One Service 10a Celebration of the Chapel | 26 1:00p Bible 7:00p NA Meeting | 27 9:30a Senior Fit 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00p OMEC | 28 7:30a Men's Bible 10a Prayer Circle 7p Women's Bible | 29 9:30a Senior Fit MAUNDY THURSDAY 6p Reflection 7p Service | 30 GOOD FRIDAY 7p Service | 31 |
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