

November-December 2014 Reminder



As we enter November with All Saints Day we are reminded to be grateful for those who have shared their lives with us and have died. And Thanksgiving reminds us to be grateful for all the good God has shared with us throughout the year.

In Martin Seligman's twenty-two year study at the University of Pennsylvania, summarized in his book *Learned Optimism*, he determined that optimism is the most important quality you can develop for personal and professional success and happiness. Optimistic people are more effective in almost every area of life. Why? Because they approach the world with gratitude and hope rather than fear and regret.

Optimists have four special behaviors, all learned through conscious practice and repetition.

First, optimists look for the good in every situation. They always find blessings for which to be grateful. Henry Ward Beecher wrote, "If one should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes, and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it and how would it draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction. The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessing. Only the iron in God's sand is gold!"

Second, optimists always seek the valuable lesson in every setback. They're thankful even for hardships, interpreting difficulty as instruction rather than obstruction. Paul in Romans 8: reminds us "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Third, optimists always look for the solution to every problem. Instead of blaming or complaining when things go wrong, they take action in the hopes of improving their situation. They ask questions like, "What's the solution? What can we do now? What's the next step?"

Fourth, optimists think and talk continually about their goals. Hopeful tomorrow will be better than today, they are future-oriented rather than backward-looking. In Jeremiah's letter to those in exile he wrote, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11) And Proverbs 23:18 declares, "There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."

As we continue our "servant journey toward unity with God and the fullness of Christ" may we, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Shalom in Christ,
John



[The Well on Wheeling—Transportation](#)

Attendance at The Well has been great and we hope it will continue to grow. We will face a challenge in the coming months due to dusk coming earlier and making it difficult for some to attend. Therefore, we are asking for volunteers willing to transport someone to and from RUMC who is not able to drive or drive after dark. Please note on the Blue Connection Card or contact the church office at 288-4257 or riversideumc1@sbcglobal.net if you can help on the 1st and 3rd Saturday's of each month, arriving at church by 5:30 pm.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Due in large part to our wonderful volunteers you are able to enjoy Coffee and Snacks in the Joseph W. Rankin Library on Sunday mornings. Please add your names to the signup sheet in the library to volunteer. Tom and Janet Schamp will be happy to show you how to operate the coffee brewer.

Birthdays

November

- 3 Harry Shelby
- 6 Ron Brown
- 8 Emily Hart
- 21 Dick Garringer
- 22 Missi Young
- 23 John McKillip
- 28 Julia Pittenger
- 29 Hester Mitchell
- 30 Dale DeHaven



December

- 1 Betty Campbell
- 1 Sandy Hunter
- 4 Nancy Campbell
- 5 Sarah Turner
- 7 Virginia Sharp
- 9 Jack Richardson
- 18 Kay Rankin
- 21 Bill Terhune
- 27 Sara Mitchell
- 29 Anna Mae Schenck
- 30 Jeanette Perkey



Anniversaries

- December 3 Ron & Pat Brown
- December 4 Bill & Nellie Campbell
- December 16 Mark & Amy Clevenger
- December 20 Dale & Debbie DeHaven
- December 20 Jack & Jeanne Richardson
- December 27 Fritz & Ruby Miller

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[The First Couple of Months \(Sarah Turner\)](#)

Well, it has been almost two months since I moved to Eleuthera, and what a two months it has been. I have encountered spiders in my classroom, scorpions in my bed, and I am adjusting to teaching 2 brand new subjects. It has been an adventure for sure, but an adventure I love being on. I have learned to embrace teaching Science, I love my “pet” lizards in my house, and I appreciate God’s gift of a breeze more than I ever have. God is teaching me to appreciate the simple things again, and I am seeing Him move every day. I have never walked so closely with Him before, and I have never experienced so much joy before. I am loving every step of this journey. So, let me take a little time to share with you how He is using me.

I get to teach Science to 7th, 8th, and 9th graders, and I teach Health to 7th, and 8th graders. I will admit to being a bit nervous about teaching new kids in a new culture, but I have found peace in knowing kids are kids wherever you go. I have nine 7th graders and nine 8th graders who are inquisitive, creative, sweet, and full of energy, and a couple of them surprise me every day. I have sixteen 9th graders who keep me on my toes. They are rambunctious, smart, funny, and they are trying to figure out who they are. I have come to love every one of them. Every day we have the opportunity to not just teach these kids about God, but teach them what it means to have a relationship with God. It is my prayer every day that the students at Windermere begin to run after Him, and I hope that I can be an example for them.

The organization Young Life is here on the island and 4 other teachers and I get to run a club at Windermere on Tuesdays after school. We sing songs, play games, watch funny videos, put on ridiculous skits, and most importantly share the Gospel with these kids in an engaging and relational way. Being involved in Young Life, gives me the opportunity to develop discipleship relationships outside of the school environment. It also gives the kids an opportunity to see me not just as a teacher, but as someone who wants to support them in all aspects of their lives. I was a Young Life leader in college, and I love being a part of Young Life again.

It has been a great couple of months. I am adjusting to my life in the Bahamas, and I am slowly learning how to become a part of the community here. The people are warm, caring, and have welcomed me into their community. I look forward to opportunities that will allow me to become more a part of the Savannah Sound community and develop relationships with the people here. I am coming to love this island and the people here. Thank you for joining me on this journey, and I look forward to sharing more of it with you in the future.

How You Can Pray:

- For my students’ hearts and their desire to have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
- That God would continue to show me how to teach Science to these kids. (It is a stretch for me.)
- For my relationships with the people in the community and that I would be a reflection of Him.



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[GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART FOR...](#)

Life Touch Hosts: Janet Schamp, Judy Turner, Linda Keyton, Florence Shelby, Jerry Golden and Missi Young. Kay Rankin for organizing photos for inclusion in the new photo directory.
To those who donated coats, hats and gloves to Coats Against the Cold.
Marlene Boyer and Leta Settle for creating beautiful settings on the altar each Sunday.
Everyone who donated candy and/or donated money toward the purchase of hot dogs, beverages, etc. for our annual Trunk-n-Treat festivities. Thanks to Darwin and Linda Keyton, Dorn and Joyce Kendall, Frank Campbell and Sandy Hunter for organizing this very popular event again this year.
Bev Reese, Becky Dorn and Alan McGee for caring for the flowers that were planted around the church grounds.
Our trustees for their Wednesday work days doing many unseen things that help our church function.

[THANK-YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY](#)

“Dear Riverside UMC: You have made a difference in the lives of your neighbors! Thank you for your gift to Christian Ministries in the amount of \$139.16 received on October 2.”

Robert Rhoades – Board President

[NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM](#)

Riverside had 9 walkers participate in the CROP Walk on Sunday, September 28. We surpassed our goal and contributed \$1,655.21 to this year's walk. Way to go Riverside!

We need your help and support for the following upcoming mission projects:

- During the month of November we will be collecting new or gently used bath towels and washcloths for the YWCA.
- We will be offering Carson Community Coupon books for \$5.00. Friday and Saturday, **November 14 & 15** will be the shopping days to use the coupon books at Carsons. Christian Ministry will receive all of the proceeds. See Karen Blank on Sunday for coupon books.
- On **Sunday, November 16**, Riverside will be serving a meal at Covenant Partners following their Sunday evening worship service. Look for the sign-up sheet to help with the meal.
- Riverside will need Food Pantry workers on Wednesday –Friday, **December 10, 11, 12**.
- Volunteers will be needed to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the mall on Tuesday, **December 16**. (See information on next page.)
- The Heifer Christmas project will begin on **November 30th**, the first Sunday in Advent, and will continue until the end of December.

Share your time and talents and reach out to the community this holiday season.

2015 will be an EXCITING year for Missions. Following church on **Sunday, January 4**, the Missions Team will be sharing Riverside's mission goals and projects for 2015! Mark your calendar and plan to be there. Be on the lookout for future information.

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COVENANT PARTNERS MINISTRIES COMMUNITY DAY DATES

Bags are due: Monday, November 17 for distribution on Wednesday, November 19.

Bags are due: Monday, December 15 for distribution on Wednesday, December 17.

Please put the following in each bag: 1 hand soap, 1 dish washing liquid,
1 box of tissues, 4 rolls of toilet paper, 1 small bottle/box laundry detergent.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Riverside United Methodist Women will hold a Thank Offering Service on Thursday, November 20 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Louise Dennin, Director the The Children's Clothing Bank will be presenting the program. Following the program, dessert will be served. All are invited to this meeting. Come and enjoy the program and the dessert.

UMW will again sponsor the decorating of a Christmas tree with hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens which will then be given to needy children within our community. Please help us decorate this tree by bringing your contributions and placing them on the tree. Thank you for your help with this project.

2014 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWAY WORK CAMP

Twelve Riverside work campers traveled to Madison, Indiana. We found accommodations at the North United Methodist Church where we also attended worship on Sunday morning. On Monday we began to make improvements to Madison's ReStore and clean and organize their tool trailer. The team built dividing walls in the warehouse, cleaned and painted one of the sales rooms and a bathroom, organized one of the warehouses and built some carts for displaying merchandise. We fit in some sightseeing including Clifty Falls State Park, Lanier Mansion and other historical sites. The group enjoyed walking along the Ohio River and watching the boat traffic. We also found some excellent food and ice cream. The Jefferson County Habitat was pleased with the work completed, and we were ready to start thinking about next year. -- Joe Speece

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY

We will be providing bell ringers for the Salvation Army on Tuesday, December 16. Our sites are once again at the Muncie Mall in front of JCPenney and MCL Cafeteria. There will be time slots available between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm. If you're a singer, or play an instrument, consider singing and/or playing—that's a big attention-getter. While the mall is definitely heated, remember that you'll be near the doors and cold air may blow in every time someone enters or leaves. Signup sheets will be in the lobby as the time approaches.

Kids Hope / All Pro Dads

Kids Hope is off to a GREAT start at Mitchell School with 19 mentors and prayer partners. The students were really excited to get the year started. On Thursday, December 18, Riverside will host a Christmas party for the Kids Hope students, their families, mentors and prayer partners.

All Pro Dads is a program that connects dads with their children. Dads need to be involved with their child's life and spending time with them is very important. Riverside sponsors a breakfast once a month at Mitchell School so dads can do that. On Thursday, November 20th we will have a Game Night at Riverside where dads and their kids can have fun together. We will need some refreshments and helpers that evening, so be looking for a sign-up sheet in the future. – Barry Turner

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34th ANNUAL THANKS-SINGING FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 9, 2014

3:00 pm

Northside Church of God
1505 North Tillotson Avenue

Including signing choirs from Union Missionary Baptist Church and Heritage Apostolic Tabernacle, Northside Choir, Adult Thanks-Singing Combined Choir, Brass Ensemble, and congregational hymns.

Please bring canned foods and non-perishables for Christian Ministries' Food Pantry

WOODCARVING CLASS and "PROBLEM SOLVING"

Would, or do you like to carve? If you already carve, or think you would like to learn, please join us on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We have lessons, learn from one another, help one another, watch others carve and, in general, solve the problems of the world as we talk and carve. If you would like to join us just to watch and ask questions, that's fine too. We hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, November 6. – Mick Phelps

INDUSTRY UMC CRAFT BAZAAR

Vendor booths are available for the Industry UMC Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 15, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. A soup lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be all-you-can-eat soup with crackers and cornbread for \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 10. Orders for pies and candy for the holidays will be taken (samples on hand). Location: Industry UMC, 1912 S. Mock Avenue, Muncie.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

The Church Council approved the purchase of a personal electronic listening device system. The receiver unit works much like a transistor radio. You simply turn it on and adjust the volume to your liking. The ear piece hangs over one ear leaving the other ear open for conversation (just not during Pastor John's message) with your neighbor. At the present time there are four receivers. Ask an usher if you would like to try one.

HOST AND MINGLER SCHEDULE

If you are unable to be here as scheduled please contact Tom Schamp.

Date	Outside Door	Inside Door	Sanctuary Mingler
Nov 2	Ron Brown & Larry Campbell	Nancy Campbell	Pat Brown
Nov 9	Jerry & Jo Anne Thomas	Janet Schamp	Karen Blank
Nov 16	Sandy Abbott & Sandy Hunter	Sandy Jordan	Marlene Boyer
Nov 23	Jack Stanton & Ron Brown	Lynn Wright	Cindy Miller
Nov 30	Mark & Amy Clevenger	Karen Blank	Dorothy Bowman
Dec 7	Jerry & Ann Golden	Marge Salisbury	Mary Schumacher
Dec 14	Fred & Bob Wallace	Darwin Keyton	Linda Keyton
Dec 21	Wilma Grile & Pat Ashcraft	Laura Shadoin	Kay Rankin
Dec 24	Sandy Hunter & Fred Wallace	Susan Reno	N/A
Dec 28	Joe & Judy VanWinkle	Barry Turner	Judy Turner

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SPECIAL MEMBERS

Below is a list of members who are unable to attend our services. Please contact the church office at 288-4257 if you know of others who were not included on this list.

Eva Case, Morrison Woods, 4100 N Morrison Rd., Muncie 47304

Julia Cougill, 1812 E 17th St, Muncie 47302

Kay Farling, Brookdale Place at Willow Lake, 2725 Lake Circle Dr. #213, Indianapolis 46268

LaVerne LeMaster, 5801 W Bethel Ave., Featherstone #3, Muncie 47304

Pauline Miller, 2113 N Maplewood Ave, Muncie 47304

Fritz and Ruby Miller, 99 Lakeshore Drive, Melbourne, FL 32901-7845

Jeanette Perkey, 5801 W Bethel Ave, Devoncourt, Muncie, IN 47304

Anna Mae Schenck, Fall Creek Retirement Village, 625 E Water St, Apt 8, Pendleton 46064

Della Stafford 5801 W Bethel Ave #517, Muncie 47304

Jeanette Taylor, Golden Living Center, Memory Care Unit, 2701 Lyn-Mar Dr, Muncie 47304

Bill Terhune, Harbour Assisted Living of Fort Wayne, 3110 E Coliseum Blvd # 215, Fort Wayne IN 46805-1554

Louise Whitaker, 5801 W Bethel Ave #501, Muncie 47204

Weather Related Church Closing Information

The Trustees wish to advise you that if the city declares a snow or other emergency and requests that travel be restricted to essential or emergency travel only, Sunday services will be cancelled. This would also pertain to any meetings scheduled during the week. We, however, encourage you to use good judgment when the streets and roads are hazardous to travel on when a State of Emergency has not been declared.

If a meeting is cancelled, please contact Tom Schamp (765) 749-4410. He will contact WLBC 104.1, WTHR Ch 13 and Fox59 Ch 11. An e-mail will be sent to those who have given their e-mail address to the church. If possible, an announcement will also be placed on the church's answering machine. If in doubt, please call the church 288-4257 or Pastor Young at 288-3826 or his cell at 278-8733.

Committee chairs may also consider establishing a telephone chain call procedure for their committee. If a snow or other emergency prohibiting travel is not declared we will have church for those who can make it safely to Riverside. If you do not feel safe traveling to church, please stay home. If you have a responsibility at church for the Sunday in question, please stay home, but notify the church of your decision to do so. That will keep us from worrying about you being stuck in the snow and allow us to recruit a replacement among those who are able to travel.

You don't have to be in church to worship God. Jesus in John 4 tells the Samaritan woman that location doesn't matter. We are to "worship the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). However, Luke tells us that "on the Sabbath day [Jesus] went into the synagogue, as was his custom" (Luke 4:16). And Hebrews 10:25 admonishes us "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."



The General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church is pleased to present UMCmarket, a tremendously rewarding opportunity to earn money for your church. UMCmarket makes it possible for Riverside UMC to receive donations from retailers every time you make an online purchase. The best thing is that you don't need to change anything from how you shop today. This allows United Methodists to do together what we cannot do alone.

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Using our Easy Give Button App is the easiest way for you and to shop and donate. Once it's downloaded, you will see the UMC Cross and Flame icon in your browser toolbar. This Easy Give Button will allow you to shop directly at store websites and let you know that you are connected. As we like to say, "Green Means Go!"

We hope you will sign up, try us out, and share with your friends and family. It's easy and free, so why not rally your fellow followers of Jesus the Christ to do the same? See how fast your donations will make a difference!

“Putting the Movement Back Into Methodism in Indiana”

Saturday, December 6, 2014, 10am-3pm

Riverside invited to attend the December 6th event, "Putting the Movement Back into Methodism in Indiana" featuring Alan Hirsch because those of us in the conference leadership view Riverside as having a real heart for our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We see your church—because of its involvement in the Fruitful Congregation Journey as having a heart and passion for reaching out, reaching the unchurched, new generations, the least and the lost. We believe that it will be catalytic for all of us to come together and explore how we might re-ignite the movement that we were back in the 1800's. It will begin to affect the way our leading churches—including yours—lead the rest of the conference.

Robert Schnase, Bishop of the Missouri Conference, writes in his latest book, *Seven Levers*, "Methodism began with 'go to' instincts, but has become a 'come to' denomination. Let's turn this around! Let's do it on our watch! Join us on December 6th, when Alan Hirsch helps us do some initial thinking.

— Ed Fenstermacher, event coordinator

Please let Pastor John know if you are ready to put the movement back in Methodism and will attend.john.young@inumc.org, 278-8733



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to transform the world

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Please Pray For:

- Student Leaders
- Wesley Fellowship (Wednesdays)
- CCO/College Connection
- QUADS (Campus Small Groups)
- Jubilee Conference (Feb)
- Faculty Relationships
- Shared Worship and Work
with UMC Churches
- Multi-Cultural Reach

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Cardinal UMC Campus Ministry and CCO at Ball State with Bob Riggles



Bobby, Jill, Lina Jo,
Turner and Eli

What a packed and amazing kick-off to a new school year!

- A new addition to our family (Eleanore Anne, born September 18th)
- A CCO/BSU grad on to staff with CCO at Indiana/Purdue Fort Wayne Campus
- Roll out at BSU Activity Fair and Spiritual Life Fair for CCO / Cardinal UMC Ministries

We are so thankful for the prayers and support that are making this ministry possible as we connect students to Christ, deeper discipleship and a place in the local church.



Welcoming Rick Belbutoski to the
CCO ranks at New Staff Training



Fall Retreat

Making an Impact

We had our first ever CCO Indiana Fall Retreat, *The Racial Divide*, where we invited students from our ministries at Butler, Purdue, IPFW and Ball State to gather for a time of spiritual growth and community building. I love this **Facebook Post** from Marissa, one of our BSU freshman that sums up the weekend:

This weekend was one of the best and most thought provoking weekends I've had in a long time!!! Laser Tag, board games, and a sleep-over Friday night-CCO retreat with new friends and a great message throughout the whole day, complete with worship songs around a campfire Saturday-ending the weekend with great worship at my 2nd church home :)



Wednesday Nights

We continue to expand our relationships and ministry on campus and off. Thanks to our presence at Activity Fair we were able to connect with over 100 students during orientation that were interested in learning more about our newly formed campus spiritual life group. As we continue to follow up and build relationships with those and other students we are meeting, they are connecting through our Wednesday Bible Study, small groups (QUADS) on campus, one-to-one discipleship and counseling, and our monthly **First Friday Family Feasts** in our home.



Student Life Displays

Thank You

Tyler, was one of the students that came to our Fall Kick-Off on the personal invitation of another student leader. It was a joy to see this shy awkward young man come up to me after one of our events and share with an overflowing excitement:

This is awesome! This is exactly what I need... I wanted to grow in my faith, but some of the other groups I've been to, I just didn't feel like I fit in. I fit in here!

Thanks for helping make space for students like Tyler. In addition, as always, Jill and I want to thank you for your continued support. Your prayers and financial contributions help make this ministry possible. With your help, we will continue to see transformation in and through the Ball State community.

Yours In Christ,

Bob Riggles



Monthly Family Meals

The CCO partners with churches, colleges, and organizations to develop men and women who live out their Christian faith in every area of life.

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Riverside UMC
Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, Dec. 24
7:00 pm

- November 30 “Checking to Find Peace”..... Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- December 7 “Decking with Love”Mark 1:1-8
- December 14 “Dashing to Spread Joy”1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- December 21 “Dashing to Others with Hope”Luke 1:46-55
- December 24 “Finding the True Meaning of Christmas”Luke 2:1-20