



On Sunday, May 18 thirty two attended the Visioning Workshop facilitated by our Fruitful Congregation Journey coach, Reverend Gary Eberhart.

Lovett Weems in *Bearing Fruit: Ministry with Real Results* writes, “A central part of listening to God and looking for God's vision is asking questions. They may include the following:

- What is God trying to accomplish here?
- What can we do that would serve God's reign at this time in this place?
- How does my personal calling match what God desires?
- How can my personal gifts, graces, passion, and opportunities be put to use here?”

Note that these questions have a dual focus. The first focus is on what God wants to do in and through Riverside. The second focus is on how God can use me to accomplish what God wants to do.

I am reminded of God’s encounter with Moses in the burning bush as recorded in Exodus 3:7-10.

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

God sees the misery and suffering of God’s people in Egypt and comes down to rescue them. It is God’s vision and it is given to Moses and Moses is sent to set God’s people free. It is the pattern we see again and again in scripture. God chooses to act through people just like you and me. In Acts 4:13 we read, “*When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*” Like Moses and Peter and John and all the others whom God has chosen to carry out God’s vision God can and will use us to transform Muncie and set all the captives free. However, that will only happen when we spend time in prayer and reading the scriptures so that we will know God’s voice when God’s spirit speaks in our hearts. And it will only happen when we offer ourselves to God in humble, obedient service.

There is much misery and suffering in Muncie. We see it every day in the newspaper and on the news. What touches your heart? What is God calling you to do? What can we do together with God to transform Muncie?

Weems writes, “When the word of the Lord comes to people in the Bible, they listen and obey to their triumph and ignore it to their peril. The word of the Lord is sometimes a whisper and sometimes a full-volume calling from God to the ear of the faithful. Either way, leadership is found in our ability to say to others, “Here is what I believe God wants us to do,” and know that what we advocate is grounded in something beyond our own ideas. The best visions are never about our wishes but about God's will for our community and our servanthood of God's vision. Fruitful Christian leadership begins the day that we are able to align the calling of God in our lives with the mission and context in which we serve. Then the vision emerges out of our community as God's people together discern the calling of God in all of our lives in light of our mission and context. It is the next faithful step toward becoming a mission-shaped church.”

What are you hearing from God? What do you see around us here in Muncie? Are you willing to offer your “five loaves and two fish” trusting that God will use them to feed a hungry multitude? See [Matthew 14:13-21](#).

Shalom in Christ, John

RIVERSIDE UMC BIBLICAL CORE VALUES

The following six Biblical Core Values were discerned at our Biblical Core Values workshop on Sunday, April 27. Please consider the scriptures cited and then listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit to see if the passages capture your sense of the core value. Listen to see if there are other passages of scripture that speak more clearly to you in support of the core value. Then send your discernment and insights to pastor John at john.young@inumc.org or drop them by or mail them to the church office.

Community: Caring about and addressing the needs of others

Matthew 25:31-40 ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Prayer: Communicating with God

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:16 ¹⁶ Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Worship: Attributing worth to God

2 Samuel 7:22 “How great you are, Sovereign Lord! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.”

John 4:24 “God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Healing: Helping people become whole in body, mind, and spirit

John 14:12-13 “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

Bible knowledge: A familiarity with the truths of the Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:14-17 ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Encouragement: Giving hope to people who need some hope

Psalm 10:17-18 You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry,

¹⁸ defending the fatherless and the oppressed. [Continued on page 3]

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Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Colossians 2:2-3 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

SUMMER MUSIC SPECIALS

Do you love music? Do you sing, play an instrument, whistle, or dance? Do you want to praise the Lord and uplift the Congregation with your talents? Do you have a friend, neighbor, grandchild, or sister who would love to perform in church? Colin and Emily Hart invite anyone and everyone to participate in special music for services over the summer. Whether you are young or old, new or experienced, we want you to dust off your old trombone, hum a few scales, and spread the word to your family and friends to get ready for a summer of joyful noise! Please contact Emily Hart at 812-360-2800 or eakathman@bsu.edu to schedule a Sunday to perform special music or if you have any questions."

NEW CHOIR SEASON BEGINS

The Riverside Choir will begin a new season of song, community, and praise with our first rehearsal on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. Our first performance will be worship on Sunday, September 14. We were so blessed with the level of participation last year - let's make this year just as fantastic! Please contact Emily and Colin Hart at 812-360-2800 or eakathman@bsu.edu with any questions, requests to change rehearsal times, or ideas for repertoire!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED

Thank you so much for the flowers, food, cards, visits and prayers during my recent recovery. Each and every one meant so much—especially while I was confined to the house. Riverside, and Riversiders, are all so precious to me. Once again, thank you.

-Dorothy Bowman

Thank you for the donation of cleaning supplies to Covenant Partners. What a blessing. Thank you for the generous financial donation to Covenant Partners Ministries. We appreciate your support of this ministry.

-Pastor Linda and everyone at Covenant Partners Ministries

"Your thoughtfulness meant so very much." Thank you so very much for all your prayers and cards. I am getting along fine. God Bless You All

Mary Schumacher

Give thanks with a grateful heart for...

- *Pat Brown for organizing, preparing and serving at the Kids Hope Mentors and Prayer Partners luncheon.*
- *Missi Young and Susan Reno for leading the Exploring the Way Study.*
- *The ladies who baked, packaged and passed out cookies for Father's Day gifts: Janet Schamp, Linda Keyton, Jan Phelps, Sandy Hunter and Sandy Abbott.*
- *Everyone who came out on Saturday the 14th of June to work on the church grounds.*
- *Everyone who donated food and/or helped serve the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Mitchell Elementary School in May.*

Birthdays

July

- 1 Joe Mitchell
- 2 Amy Clevenger
- 6 Julia Cougill
Gwynneth Pittenger
- 8 Ruby (Kelsey) Miller
- 10 Peggy Polk
- 12 Marge Salisbury
- 18 Jerry Golden
- 26 Frank Campbell
- 30 Cindy Miller
- 31 Eva Case



August

- 1 Ann Golden
- 2 Ruth Garringer
- 4 Bob Harvey
- 7 Jerry Hill
- 9 Odessa DeHaven
- 10 Donna Pittenger
- 13 Mary Ann Beuoy
- 14 Jeanette Taylor
- 16 Marlene Boyer
Erika Pugsley
- 24 Rex Pittenger
- 31 Larry Souders



Anniversaries

JULY

- July 18th Maurice and Nancy Carver
- July 24th Rex and Cindy Miller
- July 28th Herb and Karen Blank



AUGUST

- August 9th Larry & Jeanine Souders
- August 24th Larry & Nancy Campbell
- August 25th Doran and Joyce Kendall
- August 26th Rich and Aonde Carraway
Rex and Donna Pittenger
Fred and Elaine Wallace

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Charles Gronendyke has a new telephone number: 765-730-2470. Please remember to notify the office any time your address or your telephone number changes.

DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP

Dr. James Harnish author of *A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church: A Guide for United Methodists* which we used as our Lenten study and sermon series in 2013 will be leading a workshop in our East District on Friday, September 26 and Saturday, September 27. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



Riverside UMC's Community Garden

Emily Hart is utilizing a section of the community garden at Riverside as part of her senior thesis project this summer and next school year. Majoring in Community Development and Environmental Sustainability, Emily wants to use the power of gardening to bring people together and help heal the earth. Emily and Alan McGee (who has agreed to be the garden caretaker) have been busy planting various crops and flowers and invite anyone and everyone with a green thumb or just a sense of fun and community to come help! Once vegetables are ready to harvest, anyone may take what they will use from the community section of the garden. Please contact Emily at eakathman@bsu.edu if you are interested in helping with the garden this year.

TRUSTEES

We thank the trustees who have been hard at work on Wednesday mornings from 9 – noon making repairs and improvements around the church from installing lights in the trophy cases, cleaning carpets, repairing holes in plaster and woodwork, replacing light bulbs and smoke detectors, to repairing exit lights and storm windows, and much more both inside and outside the church.

Much still needs to be done from minor repairs to major projects. The slate tiles along the ridge of the sanctuary are separating and need to be removed and replaced with an aluminum ridge. The estimated cost for this project is \$6,500.00. The joints in the brick on the sanctuary wing need repair (tuck pointing) and then need to be sealed to stop water damage to the interior walls and prevent further damage. The wood under the eaves needs repair and to be covered in some way to prevent further deterioration. The steps leading to the landing and entrance on Wheeling Avenue need repaired and drainage from the landing needs improvement to prevent accidental falls and water seepage through the wall in the lower entry hall. The window well wall on the north side of the building is bulging inward and will need major work to prevent a future collapse. Please pray for wisdom in prioritizing and funding these projects. If you would like to contribute to these projects and help us prepare for the future God has planned for Riverside please mark your gift FUTURE.

Assistive Listening Devices

In a recent meeting the Church Council approved the purchase of a personal electronic listening device system. The receiver unit works much like transistor radios. 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 two receivers and two more are on order. Ask an Usher if you would like to try one out.



NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM

Summer is a great time to serve others. Think of some ways that you could reach out and help: help a neighbor or friend with yard work, fix a meal for someone who is ill or just needs a special treat, clean out a closet and donate to Covenant Partners or Muncie Mission, volunteer at Habitat for Humanity, the Soup Kitchen, Second Harvest, Covenant Partners Community Day or any other project – the list is really endless! Make this a “Summer to Serve” as you choose ways to serve others and spread God’s love.

Riverside Mission Opportunities: Covenant Partners Sacks for July and August and helpers for Community Day, volunteer to help with Riverside’s Habitat Work Days August 1 & 2, work at the Christian Ministries Food Pantry August 20, 21, 22.

Thanks for all that you do and ENJOY your “Summer to Serve”.

COVENANT PARTNERS MINISTRIES COMMUNITY DAY DATES

Bags are due: Monday, July 21 for distribution on Wednesday, July 23.

Bags are due: Monday, August 25 for distribution on Wednesday, June 25.

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.

SARAH TURNER’S CALL TO THE MISSION FIELD

This past spring break I went on a mission trip to the island of Eluethera in the Bahamas. Our team spent a week at Windermere High School serving the people of the Bahamas. It was during this week that I developed a heart for the students of Eluethera. By the end of the week, I knew that God was calling me to serve the students at Windermere High. This coming August I will be moving to Eluethera to teach at Windermere High School and share the grace of Jesus Christ with the people on the island. In order for me to be able to teach in Eleuthera, I will need to raise funds to support my ministry. I would like to ask you to join me on this journey through prayer and through your financial support. If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation to support my ministry, you may go to the following website <https://ntxmissions.org/turner>. Thank you for your prayers and support on this journey God has called me on.

You may also give through Riverside. Mark your donation to the church “Sarah”. If you would like to support Sarah on a regular basis through Riverside contact Jan Phelps in the church office 288-4257 or riversideumc1@sbcglobal.net.

2014 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWAY WORK CAMP

We are planning our 2014 Away Work Camp trip for the week of September 21, 2014. We are going to Madison, Indiana. This is the first time we have gone somewhere in Indiana. Madison is on the Ohio River and has many older buildings that have been restored along with many small shops. At this time, I am not sure where we will be staying or what we will be doing. The cost will be \$95 per person. This is a great opportunity to have some fun and help someone less fortunate to have a new or refurbished home. Anyone is welcome to join the group if they are willing to have some fun and do whatever they can to help with the camp. They do not have to attend Riverside UMC. You do not need to be a skilled handy person. We will have a meeting of the campers in August or September to make more detailed plans for the trip. Watch the bulletin for the date and time of the meeting. If you are interested in joining the group or in obtaining more information contact Committee Members: Joe Speece, H 759 5017 E-mail jmspeece@aol.com and/or Nancy Campbell 759 9819 to get on the mailing list to get the latest information.

2014 HABITAT FAITH BUILD

Riverside has committed to assisting with the 2014 Habitat Faith build which is planned for the months of July and August. They will be rehabbing a home at 1011 E. Memorial. As part of our commitment we are planning to work on Friday August 1, 2014 and Saturday August 2, 2014. We are not sure what we will be doing but they should be doing finishing work which could include painting, installing trim and other things necessary to finish the house. We are to provide 12 people. The work day will be from 9 to 3 with lunch at noon. We will also need people to bake cookies and help prepare lunch both days. This is an excellent opportunity for those that would like to be involved with Habitat but are unable to join the work campers. If you are available and willing to help contact Joe Speece at 759 5017 or jmspeece@aol.com or Nancy Campbell at 759 9819. There will also be a sign up sheet in the entrance.



KIDS HOPE

Riverside, Kids Hope Needs You! Please think about being a mentor. You can change the world by helping a child get a good start in life. Kids need hugs and encouragement. Don't worry about the new math you don't have to know it. We will give you the training you need. Please say yes.

Kids Hope Training is Saturday September 6th, 9 to 12 at Riverside.

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

Betty Lacey, Bethel Pointe Health & Rehab, 3400 W Community Dr., Muncie 47304

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

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

WELCOME - HOST AND MINGLER SCHEDULE

Date	Outside Door	Inside Door	Sanctuary Mingler
July 6	Dick Murray & Jan Johnson	Marlene Boyer	Leta Settle
July 13	Jack Stanton & Ann Beuoy	Lynn Wright	Cindy Miller
July 20	Jerry & Ann Golden	Barry Turner	Laura Shadoin
July 27	Fred & Bob Wallace	Jennifer McGunegill	Wilma Grile

Aug 3	Joe & Judy VanWinkle	Janet Schamp	Debra DeHaven
Aug 10	Frank & Betty Campbell	Pat Ashcraft	Judy Turner
Aug 17	Mark & Amy Clevenger	Susan Reno	Sandy Hunter
Aug 24	Jerry & Jo Anne Thomas	Karen Blank	Kay Rankin
Aug 31	John & Sarah McKillip	Sandy Jordan	Jan Phelps

School Supplies for Mitchell Elementary Students

As you're undoubtedly aware, in recent years we have donated school supplies and sneakers to Hearts and Hands United who organized all the donations from other churches and organizations and distributed them to the students throughout the community at the Tools for School event.

This year this project is changing slightly. Riverside is partnering with Mitchell Elementary School and will be providing school supplies to 25 students that were selected by the Principal and Guidance Counselor. The selection criterion was for those in need and those that would be very appreciative. In the upcoming weeks you will be given the opportunity to both select a student and purchase their school supplies or you may make a donation and someone serving on the committee will shop for you.

On the 11th of August at 5:30 pm we have the opportunity to gather at Mitchell Elementary School and actually meet the families and the students that will be using the supplies. Having an opportunity to formally meet the families and spend a brief amount of time with them was missing from the Tools for School project. Even if you are unable to purchase school supplies or donate for the purchase you are certainly invited to join us at Mitchell School on the 11th of August. You may be that one person that a family may connect with.