



On Sunday, April 27 thirty two attended the Biblical Core Values workshop facilitated by our Fruitful Congregation Journey coach, Reverend Gary Eberhart. We considered the importance of building on our Biblical Core Values as we seek to discern God's vision for our shared ministry in the name of Jesus the Risen Christ. The church organization must have a set of values that provides it with a common and consistent sense of direction. These core values serve as glue and a guiding force that hold a visionary ministry together in the midst of transition. A ministry's key values or beliefs are the shaping force of the entire institution. Values are the basis for all your behavior, the bottom line for what you will or will not do.

We considered 25 values, rated them individually as to how important they are to what we do as a community of faith, and then tabulated those the group ranked as important or most important. The group then agreed that these six values represent the top core values that are important to what we do together in ministry.

Community: Caring about and addressing the needs of others

Prayer: Communicating with God

Worship: Attributing worth to God

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

Bible knowledge: A familiarity with the truths of the Scriptures

Encouragement: Giving hope to people who need some hope

I invite you to send me scripture verses that speak to you of these values. I also invite you to send me stories of how these values have touched your life through people or programs here at Riverside UMC. And I also invite your feedback and comments on the importance of these or other values to us as a community of faith.

Knowing our core values will help us discern God's vision for our shared ministry. Our coach will conduct a **Visioning Workshop on Sunday, May 18 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** to assist us in clarifying and providing a more focused vision to guide us into the future.

Knowing our core values and discerning God's vision for our shared ministry will help us to create an intentional discipleship pathway for moving people from where they are on their spiritual journey to becoming fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. The discipleship pathway will be designed for everyone, whether a non-believer or one who is maturing in their faith. This discipleship pathway will represent a lifelong process. This faith development plan will be a Wesleyan model that encourages all persons:

- to connect and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ
- to help them be transformed by studying the beliefs and principles of the Christian faith
- to provide connection opportunities with other believers for support and accountability through small groups
- to identify and connect with God's purpose for their lives
- to connect with opportunities for risk-taking mission and service
- to invite others into a relationship with Jesus and His church

Having done the above we will then be able to develop a strategy that will help us intentionally connect with those we are already reaching through our many outreach ministries and invite them into the discipleship pathway.

All of this will take your prayerful support and participation so that together we will become more fruitful in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Jesus commissions the disciples and us in Matthew 28:18-20 saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Shalom in Christ, John

Festival of Motherly Love & Choir Favorites, Sunday, May 11

On Sunday, May 11 we will be celebrating the Festival of Motherly Love in honor of all the mothers and motherly figures in our lives. To help commemorate the love and caring shown by these wonderful ladies, and to draw a blessed year of music to a close, the choir will be performing a set of some of our favorite songs, including “You’ll Never Walk Alone,” “On Eagle’s Wings,” “Awesome God,” and “Hiding Place” during the service.

Colin and Emily would like to thank everyone who has participated in choir this year, and would like to thank our incredibly supportive congregation, especially the mothers of our church, for helping make our first year as music directors a success.

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 Colin Hart at cphart42@gmail.com to schedule a Sunday to perform special music or if you have any questions.

Birthdays

May
2nd Shelby Murphy
4th Mark Clevenger
9th Nancy Carver
12th Earlene Harvey
19th Kalie Holt
20th Jolene Murphy
22nd Carl Baney
28th Florence Shelby



June
1st Noah Holt
8th Debby Pittenger
9th Barbara Hewitt
12th Drew DeHaven
13th Fritz Dolak
14th Mick Phelps
16th Jeanne Richardson
18th John Young
22nd Herb Blank
22nd Larry Campbell
23rd Norm Thompson
25th Della Stafford



Anniversaries



May 18th Fritz & Deb Dolak
May 26th Joe & Sara Mitchell

June 2nd Joe & Betty Speece
June 3rd Mick and Jan Phelps
June 6th Jerry & Ann Golden
June 6th John & Missi Young
June 12th Gary & Laura Shadoin
June 17th Barry & Judy Turner
June 26th Harry & Florence Shelby

Notes from Your Church Family

Thank you to our church family for the prayers, cards and concerns at the loss of our son Brad Smith.

Joyce and Doran Kendall

Thank you very much for the opportunity to raise some money for the American Cancer Society. We have enclosed 10% of the profit made from the event (for RUMC). Although, it is not very much, we still made money for charity...and that was what it was about! We hope that we left the facilities satisfactorily.

Thank you and we hope we can do the same next year.

Nathan Reese and the Warriors (Relay for Life Team)

Thanks to all of you who sent cards, brought flowers and called about my recent surgery. Most of all thank you for being a praying church.

Jan Phelps

Thank you for your generous financial donations, the meals and your support of Covenant Partners Ministries. We are humbly grateful for your faithfulness to God, and how that translates into love of God's people. We are here, in this place, because of our Lord, and you. We can do the work God has called us to do—because of you.

Covenant Partners Ministries and Pastor Linda McBride

I am writing to thank you for your faithful payment of your 2013 tithes and district askings.

Because of your faithfulness, the budget of the Annual Conference is supported, our denomination's shared ministries are supported, and the necessary underpinning has been provided for all of the additional mission giving, Advance Special, special offerings, and related efforts which depend upon our connectional structure.

Because of your faithfulness to tithing, a young child was able to make her first public commitment to Christ through our camping program, a pastor's spouse was able to be treated for a life-threatening disease without experiencing catastrophic financial drain, and a college student received guidance from a university chaplain. Along with these ministries you have enabled our church to be connected to people in need around the world.

May God continue to bless you with generous hearts and with abundant resources to share.

Bishop Michael J. Coyner, Indiana Area, The United Methodist Church

Give thanks with a grateful heart for...

Everyone who serves in the Greeter, Host or Mingler Ministry throughout the year.

Leona Barber for planting the lovely pansies and for sharing her Easter and St. Patrick's Day decorations that adorned the narthex.

Barry Turner for running a roto-tiller to prepare the Riverside Community Garden for planting.

The Trustees who have been working Wednesday mornings to prepare our church for the future God has planned for us.

Riverside UMC's Community Garden

Emily Hart will be 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. This May, Emily will begin planting various crops and flowers and invites 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.

Emily is also looking for seed and plant donations for the garden. If you or someone you know has extra fruit, vegetable, or flower seeds or plants, please contact Emily.

2014 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AWAY WORK CAMP

We are planning our 2014 Away Work Camp trip for the week of September 21, 2014. At this time, I am not sure where we will be working. I have contacted Habitat affiliates in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan along with some tornado clean ups in Illinois and Indiana. The most promising are Hart, Michigan and Madison, Indiana. I will be making a decision on a location in the next few weeks. I will then know where we will be staying and have some idea of what we will be doing. As always we will be doing some site seeing in the area and having fun. 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 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. (submitted by J. Speece)

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.

News from the Missions Team

Riverside's heart for missions and service kept busy in March. Breakfast and the evening meal were served at the Christian Ministries Sleep Room March 9 -15. Thirty-two people were involved in preparing and serving the meals to the homeless men at the shelter. The men were very appreciative of the delicious home-cooked meals. Thanks to everyone who helped with this mission project.

On March 30, Riverside members prepared and helped serve an evening Lenten Soup Dinner to 60 people at Covenant Partners Church. Thanks to everyone who provided soup, breadsticks, cookies, and drinks.

During March and April all of the food collected for Christian Ministries was counted for the Feinstein Challenge. Also the money collected from the Lenten Boxes was included in the Challenge. These donations will help Christian Ministries receive a percentage of the \$1 million dollars donated to Food Pantries through the Feinstein Foundation. Riverside will be helping in the local Food Pantry June 11, 12, 13 so watch for the sign-up sheet.

UPCOMING MISSION EVENTS

Kids Hope will provide a lunch for the teachers at Mitchell School during Teacher Appreciation Week the first week in May. On May 18, there will be an Appreciation/Celebration lunch following church for the Riverside Kids Hope Mentors, Prayer Partners and spouses. It will be a time of sharing and celebrating another GREAT year!

Mark your calendars for August 1 & 2. Riverside will be helping with the Faith Build for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Muncie. We will need lots of workers and people to help with lunches and snacks. It is a great opportunity to support community outreach and a time to fellowship together.

The annual Habitat Mission Trip is scheduled for the week of September 21. Joe Speece is coordinating this trip. If you are looking for a rewarding experience, fun, fellowship, and GREAT food, plan to come join the team. (See article on page 4 in this newsletter)

COVENANT PARTNERS MINISTRIES COMMUNITY DAY DATES

Bags are due: Monday, May 26 for distribution on Wednesday, May 28.

Bags are due: Monday, June 23 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.



All Pro Dad

Riverside started All Pro Dad in February, we wanted to start in January but the weather wouldn't cooperate. All Pro Dad is a program to help Dads realize how important they are in their child's life. Once a month we invite dads and their kids to have breakfast together at Mitchell School. We give dads a chance to tell something positive about their child and we give the child a chance to tell why they have a great dad. We invite a guest speaker or we have a video about being involved with their child.

Dads need to step up and be more involved with their child. What a difference this will make!



KIDS HOPE

Thanks Riverside for a great year. You stepped up when you were needed. We had sixteen kids who got to know sixteen adults who cared about them. I also want to thank our Prayer Partners for praying for the mentors and kids. We needed your prayers. Finally I want to thank the substitute mentors, you make my job recruiting mentors easier because the mentor know they can take a week off and not let the child down by not being there.

Please start thinking and praying about being a Mentor or Prayer Partner next year. This is a very important ministry of Riverside, we touch many lives with this program and we need your help in making it work.

God Bless You All
Barry Turner



6 Hour Study “Poverty”

Saturday, June 21 from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Avondale UMC 1314 West 10th St, Muncie, 282-4345

Registration begins at 8:30am. Light refreshments will be provided. The program begins at 9:00 with Lisa Morris sharing an interactive study on “Poverty.” Bring your own sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Bring a non-perishable food item for a local pantry. No charge for this study, but RSVP Bev Kennedy at bevkenedy@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

United Methodist Women sponsored Mission U registration is now open

GREENCASTLE, Ind. – Mission u is for everyone – women, men, youth, children, laity, clergy – you! Mission u is where people of all ages come together to grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context through study, fellowship, worship and fun. Each year, three tracks are featured at the school. This year’s studies are:

- Spiritual Growth: “How is it with your Soul”
- Geographic: “The Roma of Europe”
- Social Issue: “The Church and People with Disabilities”

The regular weekday Mission u will be held Tuesday, July 22 through Friday, July 25. Registration deadline is July 1. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

An all day Mission u Sample School will be held Saturday, July 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. Registration deadline Is July 21. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

Both sessions of Mission u will be held at United Methodist-related DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. Scholarships are available for first time attendees, youth, children, young women (age 18-39) and clergy. Contact your local UMW president for an application form.

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, 4713 W Robinwood Ct, 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 #109, 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	Lobby Mingler	Sanctuary Mingler
May 4	Ron Brown and Larry Campbell	Susan Reno	Pat Brown	Nancy Campbell
May 11	Bob and Earlene Harvey	Karen Blank	Herb Blank	Laura Shadoin
May 18	Dick Murray and Jan Johnson	Sharon Harrison	Bob Harrison	Hester Mitchell
May 25	Jack Stanton and Wilma Grile	Cindy Miller	Lynn Wright	Janet Schamp
June 1	Mark and Amy Clevenger	Ann Beuoy	Pat Ashcraft	Dorothy Bowman
June 8	Jerry and Ann Golden	Sandy Hunter	Betty Lacey	Mary Schumacher
June 15	Fred and Bob Wallace	Sara Mitchell	Joe Mitchell	Marlene Boyer
June 22	Jack Richardson and Pat Ashcraft	Sandy Abbott	Sally Wetzal	Janet Schamp
June 29	Joe and Judy VanWinkle	Sandy Jordan	Earlene Harvey	Bob Harvey

The Well on Wheeling

The last evening of this season of The Well on Wheeling will be Saturday, May 24. Pizza is served at 5:30 pm followed by a joy-filled hour of singing with the Hart Family. If you've not attended, you don't know what you're missing. All of us should take advantage of the opportunity to sing along with (or just listen to) such talented musicians. Plan now to attend.

Colin Hart Receives Two National Recognitions

Colin Hart, half of our music directing team, has won two prestigious awards as a junior at Ball State University. The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide which has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of college theater in the United States. At this year's national festival Colin was awarded THE LITERARY MANAGERS AND DRAMATURGS OF THE AMERICAS (LMDA) FELLOWSHIP having won the regional award for dramaturgy. This is an impressive achievement for a college junior when graduate students are also considered for the award. Dramaturges contextualize the world of a play; establish connections among the text, actors, and audience, and create conversations about plays in their communities. Colin will attend workshops at The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, CT and a national conference in Boston.

Colin is also the university's first theater major to be selected as an Udall Scholar. Just 50 students nationwide win the scholarship, which recognizes undergraduates committed to environmental careers and/or Native American tribal issues. Hart's win seems out of the typical fields of consideration for the prize — until he speaks about what most fuels his creative passion.

"I want to explore sustainability in the arts — both as a topic and as a practice," said Hart, a Bloomington native. "It's a unique area of interest, but one that's important because I believe art plays a role in any major social change, including protecting and healing the environment."



UMCmarket.net

If you shop online you can create micro-donations to Riverside UMC.

UMCmarket is the United Methodist Church's gateway to micro-donations through online shopping. UMCmarket has been vetted and proven by the United Methodist Church's General Council of Finance and Administration, GCFA, as a new way to create income-streams to our local churches and their ministries. All donations acquired through the member's shopping go directly to our churches or church-related organizations.

Our GCFA has partnered with hundreds of stores who've agreed to give back a portion of your purchase. It's their way of saying "thank you" to UMCmarket for referring customers to them. The money they give back goes automatically as a donation to Riverside UMC when you've selected it in your account.

To join UMCmarket go to UMCmarket.net. Enter your e-mail address and create a password. Click on the organizations tab and then type "Muncie R" in the search box and then enter. "Riverside Muncie, IN" should appear just below the search box. Click on it and then click on the join organization button. Then click on the "Download our micro-donations plug-in and donate to your church when you shop." The plug-in will automatically let you know if an online store is participating with a pop-up window. Or you can go to the UMCmarket homepage and select a category to see what stores are participating.

As you may have recently heard, the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) announced that the UMCmarket shopping/donation program has moved to UMCmarket.net. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion this change may cause. However, working with our trusted service provider ZebraPlace, we believe this change to UMCmarket.net will better meet the needs of our constituents and we thank the people of The United Methodist Church for their continued support of innovative donation opportunities that enable ministry in their local churches.



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to transform the world

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Pittsburgh, PA 15206.
Make checks payable to "CCO"
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To contact me:

briggles@ccojubilee.org
571.379.3640

*My experience at Jubilee
2014 helped me gain a
broader vision of my
personal faith through
powerful messages, heart-
felt music, new friendships,
connecting with many
people from around
neighboring states, and
learning how to truly live.
Jubilee taught me that to be
connected with God, we
must connect with those
around us. No matter what
area we study, where we
live, or what we do in this
life, we can always connect
with those around us and
spread God's grace!*

Kasey Needham
Incoming President
CCO BSU 2014/16

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CCO Ministry at Ball State with Bob Riggles



Bobby, Jill, Lilli Jo, Turner and ... ?

Riggles⁵ = Exponential Fun

For those of you that have not heard yet, we have been blessed with the news that we are in the second trimester of pregnancy with our "snowflake baby." Lilli Jo and Turner are beaming with excitement at the prospect of becoming big sister and big brother in September!

As life and ministry continue to increase in pace and opportunity, we are moving to a quarterly newsletter format. Our prayer is that this will be a faithful stewardship of time and resources.

Multiplying Ministry

While biological growth is one way to increase our outreach, we are excited to be multiplying student leaders on campus and beyond. Our student leaders have submitted our *Intent to Organize* and we should see official campus recognition by the end of the semester. This should position us for a strong fall launch! We have already been using space on campus for student meetings, small groups and worship.



Worship and Leadership Development

Another sign of fruitful multiplication is replicating ministers. Rick Belbutoski, one of our seniors, interviewed with the CCO this spring. Out of over 150 prospective applicants, he was a leading candidate for positions in IN, OH and PA. With a lot of prayer, discernment and joy, he accepted a full-time staff position at IPFW (Indiana/Purdue at Ft. Wayne) – *Way to go Rick!*

Jubilee 2014 in Pittsburgh



Jubilee Student Conference

Jubilee is the annual CCO conference held in Pittsburgh that helps students see God's influence and presence in the professions and careers to which He is calling them. We joined over 3000 people to learn that *Everything Matters* when you are a follower of Jesus.

Whether their passion was music, science, justice, education, history, engineering, art... there were speakers and experiences to strengthen and encourage their lifelong journey as followers of Jesus. After Jubilee, one of our students, Erin, shared:

*I learned how God brings exactly what His people need, when they need it...
I feel like it taught me to let go of the worry in my life and allow God to come in and
move me where He wants me to follow.*

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,

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

www.ccojubilee.org