

**IGNITE    INVITE    INVOLVE**

Riverside United Methodist Church ignites faith, invites others, and involves service.

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (Matthew 28:18-20)

We are on the servant journey toward unity with God and the fullness of Christ. (John 17:20-23, Ephesians 4:11-13, Philippians 3:8-14)

We are transforming individual lives in community to bear the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23).

This is our vision and to help us “fan into flame the gift of God, which is in” us we are embarking on a six week sermon and study series.

**REVIVAL: Faith As Wesley Lived It**

John Wesley’s message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed.

Join Adam Hamilton for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley’s story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

We will begin our journey on Sunday, January 11 through February 15. Books are \$10.00.

Small group opportunities include Builders Sunday School Class lead by Susan Reno, Master’s Charges Sunday School Class and Tuesday nights @ 7:00 p.m. at the church lead by Barry Turner, Tuesday Night Bible Study lead by Jan Phelps (Tuesday nights @ 6:30 p.m. @ Frank & Betty Campbell’s, 3401 N Locust St) and Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m. @ the church lead by me.

Adam Hamilton in his blog writes, “My hope in writing *Revival* was to help Wesleyan Christians remember their story and to see how Wesley’s insights into the Christian life continue to be keys to a vital spirituality today. Preparing the book and study deepened my own faith, renewed my passion for Christ, and compelled me to a deeper commitment to living the gospel in my daily life.”

“As a part of preparing the book I traveled to England with a film crew. We filmed a six-session DVD on location in the places described in the book that were important in Wesley’s life. I’m really excited about the DVD as it takes viewers on a tour of Wesley’s England, seeing the sights they would see if they went on a Wesley Heritage tour of England, and I believe the DVD helps foster great discussion about the material in the book. I think small groups and Sunday school classes will really enjoy it.”

The Sunday morning messages at 9:45 a.m. are as follows:

January 11	Precursors to Revival	Revelation 2:1-4
January 18	A Longing for Holiness	I Peter 1:13-16
January 25	A Crisis of Faith	Romans 4:3-5, 5:1-2b
February 1	Preaching and Pursuing Grace	Ephesians 2:8-10
February 8	Sanctification: Perfected in Love	James 2:14-18
February 15	The Latter Years	Romans 13:11-12

I hope you will join us for worship and join a Sunday School class or small group as we seek to fan into flame our faith so that we can join Jesus in making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Shalom in Christ,

John A. Young

## Birthdays

### January

2<sup>nd</sup>    Mary Jane Eiler  
3<sup>rd</sup>    Laura Shadoin  
15<sup>th</sup>    Kay Farling  
16<sup>th</sup>    Pauline Miller  
20<sup>th</sup>    Drew Pittenger  
30<sup>th</sup>    Joe Speece  
31<sup>st</sup>    Jordan Murphy



### February

1<sup>st</sup>    LaVerne Lemaster  
4<sup>th</sup>    Mary Schumacher  
5<sup>th</sup>    Joan Strait  
7<sup>th</sup>    Darwin Keyton  
8<sup>th</sup>    Shirley Modesitt  
9<sup>th</sup>    Inga Hill  
14<sup>th</sup>    Andy Pittenger  
15<sup>th</sup>    Joyce Kendall  
19<sup>th</sup>    Bill Campbell  
21<sup>st</sup>    Betty Bailey

## Anniversary

February 26<sup>th</sup>    Tom and Janet Schamp

## Kids' Hope Christmas Party 2014

The 2014 Kids' Hope Christmas Party was a wonderful evening with a great turnout of children, parents, mentors and prayer partners. Thank you to all who contributed their time to make this a special evening for our Kids' Hope children and families.





## Notes To and From Our Church Family

To my Riverside family: Thank you so much for the flowers, the visits, and most of all the prayers during my recovery from surgery and the hives which followed. Special thanks to the members of the Master's Charges and the Tuesday Night Small Group for providing food for over a week (Mick is especially grateful for the food). You are all precious friends and we thank God for you, not only during my recovery, but every day.

*Jan (and Mick)*

Riverside family: You will be in my heart and thoughts often in the coming weeks. My life is blessed by my Riverside family! *Mary Ann Beauoy*

Happy New Year. Thanks to all friends and family for your prayers, cards and visits and for just caring. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Love to you all, *Julia Cougill*

Dear friends, Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for us throughout this year. Your partnering with us has enabled us to continue the work God has called us to do in Zambia. May God continue to bless you, as you are a blessing to others. Yours in Christ, *Ken and Deb Vance*

Thank you for the generous financial donation to Covenant Partners Ministries. We appreciate your support of this ministry. God bless you, *Pastor Linda and everyone at Covenant Partners Ministries*

### **THE SKIES OPEN UP IN FLORIDA**

A few days before Halloween the Florida skies opened up with a SHOWER OF HALLOWEEN CARDS. How very special for we transplants, to savor the memories of Halloween Past. With grateful hearts, we both thank you all. The cards were a pleasant surprise, and we started to look forward to the mail each day...Wow!

We have so many great memories of Riversiders who gave their time, effort, candy and love to the youth of the community. We have thought this Riverside outreach was worthwhile. Because it led folks to Christ? Probably not, but the positive impact and influence you have on the youth can only be for God's glory. Will these youth and families come to Riverside. History says no. But what about later in the youth's life? Will this positive church experience be an influence? We think YES. Did that bottle of water at fair time have an influence on one of our members. IT DID!

For the cards, the special messages and your thoughtfulness, we thank you. For the positive influence on the community youth. We thank you. No, none of us are as young as we were, but we encourage you to think young and keep up this great outreach. With much love,

*Earlene and Bob (and Bobo)*

Dear Christian Friends (*RUMC Methodist Women*): Your gift, sent as an Indiana Conference Advance Special, has been received. This generosity evidences your commitment to the ministry at Lucille Raines Residence. Thank you. Lucille Raines Residence is an extraordinary ministry. The common denominator for LRR residents, men and women who have become undone by their own doing, is a desire to live clean and sober. In a caring, loving and sharing atmosphere, residents experience the support needed to become whole persons again. With gratitude for your support and a prayer that God's blessings will enrich, encourage and enfold you always. Gratefully,  
*Carolyn M. Marshall, Executive Director*

Dear Friends of Riverside Church, I am so thankful for your thoughts and prayers. Cards, visits, and flowers gave me so much faith in getting better. I am home now and getting better each day.  
Love, *Norma Wheeldon*

## Give thanks with a grateful heart for...

Everyone who came out and helped decorate and then undecorate the church.

Joyce Kendall, Pat Ashcraft and Dorothy Bowman for preparing the communion elements each month.

Eric Murphy for painting the beautiful Christmas scenes on the doors and windows around the church.

## Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes

Save the date of Saturday, February 14, 2015. This is the date of the annual Walk-a-Mile fund raising event. If you've attended in the past then you already know the thrill and pride you feel as you are walking alongside your friends and neighbors as you support the people who call the Muncie Mission their home. Remember we all meet at 8:00am at the Muncie Central Fieldhouse to get registered, and the walk to the Mission begins at 9:00am. Information regarding how you can donate will be available at the church. For more information click the following link:

[www.munciemission.org](http://www.munciemission.org)



## Winter Lay Academy

Learning and leading courses fulfill a two-fold purpose. They equip all of us to become better Christian leaders, and they provide advanced courses for Lay Speaking Ministries. If you are not currently a lay speaker you may be interested in pursuing that office once you have experienced the courses.

The emphases in Lay Speaking Ministries are LEADING, CARING and COMMUNICATING. We all need good communication skills to lead others and share our faith stories, but **YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED TO PREACH** (unless that is your desire) after taking a lay speaking or learning and leading course. The dates are January 25 through March 1 at RUMC from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration forms can be found on the table in the Narthex.

## Boy Scout Troup I / CREW

Venture Crew 1 started October 15<sup>th</sup> 2014. The Crew is open to young women and men ages 14 - 20. The crew have learned leadership skills, first aid, leave no trace camping, and have cooked meals in the kitchen and even in the parking lot when it was 30 below! The crew went on hikes, campouts and got to shoot bows, handguns, rifles, and even shotguns. They climbed towers, paddled canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. At summer camp they even had to climb the equivalent of nine flights of stairs just to go to breakfast. They gave their knowledge to Cub Scouts at day camp as staff members and even helped Scouts advance in teaching the skills they have learned. The year ended with the crew earning five Outdoor Bronze Medals and six new Venture Awards.

We thank Riverside UMC for all of their support and for giving our Crew and Troop a place to meet.    *Scott Dowd, Crew 1 Advisor*

From Left to Right,  
Jack Antrim, committee  
Donna Cunningham, committee  
Ryon Heron, scout  
Bill Myers, Scoutmaster Troop 1  
Todd Hughes (back row), committee  
Isabella Hughes (red hair), Secretary  
Breanna Antrim (front row), Vice Pres  
Karissa Dowd (glasses), Treasurer  
Nikki Cunningham (front row), Vice Pres  
Scott Dowd, Advisor  
Pastor John Young, Charter Rep  
Sophia Whiteside, President  
Cathy Dowd, Associate Advisor  
Susan Klinge-Dowd, Assoc. Advisor  
Michael Dowd, Committee Chairman



## Endowment Committee Annual Report

Consolidated statement of value in the  
United Methodist Foundation of Indiana  
as of Sept 30, 2014 -- \$276,562.35  
Two 18 month CD's -- \$22,942 and \$11,687; earning 1.75%  
Respectfully submitted, Jack Stanton

## News From The Missions Team

Thank you to everyone who helped spread “Joy to the World” by purchasing animals for Heifer. Your contribution will help lift families out of poverty and allow them to pass the gift onto others. As of Sunday, December 28 together Riverside gave \$1,955.00 to Heifer International. On Giving Tuesday the United Methodist Church matched \$700, on December 23 a donor to Heifer International matched \$540, and on December 29 a donor to Heifer matched \$715. Therefore our gifts of \$1,955 so far have been doubled for a total of \$3,910. Heifer has been helping families overcome hunger and poverty for 70 years — and thanks to our proven model of Passing on the Gift, our gifts that change the lives of several families will go on to revitalize entire communities. Through your generosity, Riverside also donated 140 towels and wash cloths to the YWCA. They were very appreciative as they were in desperate need of towels.

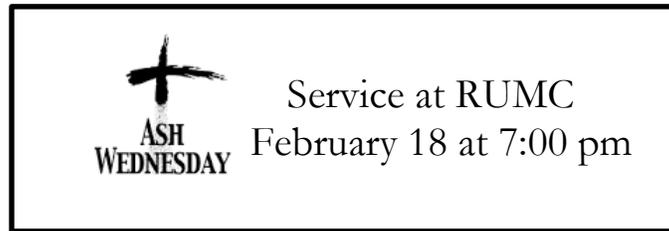
### January 11 – Mission Kick-off for 2015!

The Mission team is planning some new and exciting activities to support our mission outreach. This year we have pledged to support Africa University through the United Methodist Conference commitment, our missionaries Sarah Turner and the Vances, and to help the people of Sierra Leone through the Ebola crisis. We will be raising funds through Mission Jars, dinners, and Riverside’s Homecoming, a fantastic talent show planned for Saturday, April 18. Just think of all the musical talent we currently have and have had in the past. It will be a night that will bless you! We will be sharing the details of these activities at our Mission Kick-off dinner following worship on Sunday, January 11. Mark your calendars and plan to come and hear about our mission plan.

Riverside has such a giving spirit. We have helped build schools in Sierra Leone, provided money to dig wells for clean water, and scholarships for Operation Classroom students. Be ready to open your hearts and to be blessed by reaching out and sharing God’s love in 2015 – A Year for Mission Outreach.

### **Woodcarving Classes.....**

continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday’s of each month at  
10:00 a.m in Fellowship Hall.



## COVENANT PARTNERS MINISTRIES Community Day Dates

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

Bags are due: Monday, February 23 for distribution on Wednesday, February 25.

*Please put the following in a paper bag with handles:*

- 1 hand soap, 1 dish washing liquid,
- 1 box of tissues, 4 rolls of toilet paper,
- 1 small bottle/box laundry detergent.

## 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 you cancel a meeting, 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 calling 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.”

**Greeters for January / February**

Date	Outside Door	Inside Door	Sanctuary Mingler
Jan 4	Bill and Nellie Campbell	Sandy Jordan	Kay Rankin
Jan 11	Jack Stanton & Dorothy Bowman	Marge Salisbury	Barry Turner
Jan 18	Jerry & Ann Golden	Karen Blank	Nancy Campbell
Jan 25	Mark & Amy Clevenger	Pat Brown	Sandy Abbott
Feb 1	Dylan & Samantha Lewark	Darwin Keyton	Linda Keyton
Feb 8	Joe & Judy VanWinkle	Lynn Wright	Cindy Miller
Feb 15	Dick Murray & Jan Johnson	Laura Shadoin	Susan Reno
Feb 22	Larry Campbell & Ron Brown	Marlene Boyer	Kay Rankin

**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 Road, Muncie 47304

Julia Cougill, 1812 E 17<sup>th</sup> St, Muncie 47302

Kay Farling, Brookdale Place at Willow Lake, 2725 Lake Circle Dr. #216, Indianapolis 46268

LaVerne LeMaster, 5801 W Bethel Ave, #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, Devon Court, Muncie 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 Drive, Muncie 47304

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

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