



As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving followed by Advent and the season of anticipation and preparation to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ we have much to be thankful for and much to anticipate. We can be thankful for all that we do together to support missions here in Muncie and around the world. We met our pledge of \$3,000 to support scholarships at our United Methodist Africa University in Zimbabwe. We will be sending \$1,500 to Beyond Ebola – Hunger to help people cope with the devastation caused by the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone, West Africa and we will be sending \$1,500 to support Sarah Turner our missionary teacher on the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

Radical Hospitality and Kingdom Cooperation

We have much to anticipate as Riverside welcomes a new church start to share rooms in our education wing on Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, November 1. We hosted Commonway's evening service and now they are a growing thriving church. Jeremiah Kenny, the pastor of Remedy City Church, met the CCO campus pastor from Commonway who introduced him to Bob Riggles our CCO campus pastor who introduced him to me when Bob heard they were looking for a new place to worship. Our trustees and church council have approved offering hospitality to this new church start as they seek to grow. We share a common vision of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Remedy City Church currently welcomes around twenty people to worship. They will worship in the youth rooms upstairs and their children's ministries will meet in the cradle room, toddler room, and rooms 104 and 105 on the lower level. We will share child care when needed. The Master's Charges Sunday School class will meet in room 103.

Their worship service begins at 9:30 am followed by prayer at 10:40 am, so be prepared to welcome new people and for the sounds of youth and children.



Identity

Remedy City Church is called to care. We are a new church start-up in Muncie, Indiana, whose people want to respond to God's call for Christians to care about one another, their communication of Jesus Christ as our remedy, and the people of the city/community in which God has placed them.

Vision

We are called to care.

C1) about our church community: We are called to help one another move from where we are to where God wants us to be. Where does God want to take you?

C2) about our communication of Christ: We are called to tell good news to church and city, Christian or not. How does the cross of Jesus Christ speak to your life?

C3) about our city: We are called to show how God's forgiveness radically changes a person from the inside out. How can we help?

<http://remedycitychurch.org/>

God's spirit of risk taking mission and service and radical hospitality is moving in and through Riverside. Shalom in Christ,

John

November

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| Ron Brown | 11/6 |
| Harry Shelby | 11/3 |
| Emily Hart | 11/8 |
| Dick Garringer | 11/21 |
| Missi Young | 11/22 |
| John McKillip | 11/23 |
| Julia Pittenger | 11/28 |
| Hester Mitchell | 11/29 |
| Dale DeHaven | 11/30 |



December

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| Betty Campbell | 12/1 |
| Sandy Hunter | 12/1 |
| Nancy Campbell | 12/4 |
| Sarah Turner | 12/5 |
| Virginia Sharp | 12/7 |
| Jack Richardson | 12/9 |
| Kay Rankin | 12/18 |
| Bill Terhune | 12/21 |
| Anna Mae Schenck | 12/29 |



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| December 3 | Ron and Pat Brown |
| December 4 | Bill and Nellie Campbell |
| December 16 | Mark and Amy Clevenger |
| December 20 | Dale and Debbie DeHaven |
| December 20 | Jack and Jeanne Richardson |

NOTES TO AND FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

I want to thank everyone for the cards and words of condolence when my brother died unexpectedly in August; plus the cards, words, concerns and prayers while I was sick. It meant so much.

Linda Keyton

“To our brothers and sisters at Riverside UMC, Thank you for the financial donation to Covenant Partners Ministries. What a blessing. We appreciate your faithful support of this ministry.”

Pastor Linda and everyone at Covenant Partners Ministries

Give thanks with a grateful heart for...

- those who came out on Oct 7 to prepare the church grounds for the colder months of the year.
- everyone who donated coats and other winter garments for the Coats Against the Cold event at the fairgrounds.
- Pastor John for speaking at our All Pro Dad breakfast at Mitchell Elementary on Oct 8.
- everyone who donated candy and/or donated money toward the purchase of candy, hot dogs, beverages, etc. for our annual Trunk-n-Treat festivities. Thanks to Frank & Betty Campbell, Barry Turner, Dorn and Joyce Kendall, and Dale & Sandy Hunter for organizing this very popular event again this year.
- the anonymous donor who purchased the piano cover to keep our grand piano in tune.

Stewardship Report

As of September 30 our expenses have exceeded our income by \$9,870.90. We have “borrowed” \$9,000 from our general savings account to meet expenses so far this year. \$4,500 was designated for the heating and cooling units that were replaced in our three offices. \$4,500 was “borrowed” from savings to meet expenses. We are awaiting a final accounting and payment from insurance for the repairs due to the water damage from the heavy rains this summer. We are grateful to the Builder’s Class for their generous contributions to cover the cost of a new convection oven and a new check valve to replace the one that did not prevent the water back-up.

We have had a good response to our Consecration Sunday stewardship campaign for 2016 with an increase in the amount pledged. We are double checking our figures before issuing a proposed amount for budgeting for 2016. Thank you for your faithful fulfillment of your 2015 pledges.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Riverside United Methodist women will hold a Thank Offering Service on Thursday, November 19 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Leslie Hatcher from First Choice for Women will be presenting the program. Following the program dessert will be served. All are invited to this meeting. Come and enjoy the program and dessert.

Circle members are to bring their Thank Offering and items for the Christmas Mitten Tree.

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

Let's make Riverside a Green Church and help preserve God's good creation!

- ❖ In order to reduce Riverside's waste output, we are widening the scope of the recycling program within our building.
- ❖ Please recycle the following materials:
- ❖ Newspaper, glossy inserts, magazines, books, copy paper, cardstock, cardboard, paper board, paper towels (used to dry up water only, please), all kinds of aluminum (cans, foil, pie plates, etc.), tin, steel, glass, plastic #1-7 (check the container for its number), and Styrofoam cups and dishes.
- ❖ All of our trash cans will become recycling containers for your used bulletins, waste paper, coffee cups, and more!
- ❖ Trash cans in the Joseph W. Rankin Library, kitchen, and Fellowship Hall will be labeled and are fine for food waste, greasy disposable dishes and grimy paper towels or napkins, and candy wrappers.
- ❖ Please contact Emily Hart at eakathman@bsu.edu with any questions.

Kids Hope & All Pro Dad at Mitchell Elementary School

Kids Hope is off to a GREAT start at Mitchell School with 13 mentors and prayer partners. The students were really excited to get the year started. Riverside will host a Christmas party for the Kids Hope students, their families, mentors and prayer partners (date TBA). All Pro Dad 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.

MISSIONS NEWS

Riverside has been so generous the past few months reaching out to meet the needs of the community and around the world. Listed below are the areas of giving:

- \$3,000 sent to our United Methodist Africa University in Zimbabwe to complete our conference pledge to endow scholarships.
- CROP Walk - \$1,587.05
- M&M jars for Missions, Sept. 27 - \$836.99
- Covenant Partner Meal served to 53 on Oct. 18

November and December will offer many opportunities to serve others. During the month of November we will be collecting the following items for the women at the YWCA: shampoo/conditioner, bar or body soap, shavers, towels, and twin sheets. There are containers by the mission bulletin board to place these items through November. The Heifer Project will be November 29 –Dec. 31. Riverside will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army on Thursday, December 17. Christian Ministries Food Pantry work days for Riverside are Wed-Fri, Dec. 9, 10, 11. We will be sending \$1,500 each to Sierra Leone and Sarah Turner, our missionary in the Bahamas by the end of the year. Our next Quarterly Mission Dinner will be Sunday, January 17 so keep filling your M&M jars.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE HEIFER PROJECT

Have you ever thought about giving a cow, sheep, goat, or a llama to someone on your Christmas list? I am sure it would be the most unique gift they would receive! As you are making out your Christmas list for this year, remember to include the Heifer Project. Heifer International works with families all around the world to end hunger and poverty while caring for the earth. The idea behind Heifer is “that it’s better to teach a man to fish so he can feed himself than to give him a fish that will feed him just once”. Each family who receives an animal agrees to give one of it’s offspring to another family in need. One animal could eventually benefit an entire community. You have the opportunity to be a part of this project by giving a gift that keeps on giving.

During the Advent season, the Mission Team will be ready to help you with your Christmas shopping by offering animals from the “Joy to the World Collection.” You may purchase an animal or a share of an animal in honor of that special friend, co-worker, relative, or grandchild.

You can stop worrying about Christmas shopping and join us in spreading “Joy to the World” by supporting Heifer International.

Heifer Animals

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| Llama | \$150 or \$20/share | Ducks | \$20 |
| Goat | \$120 or \$10/share | Bees | \$30 |
| Sheep | \$120 or \$10/share | | |
| Heifer | \$500 or \$50/share | | |

Covenant Partner Community Day Dates -- Earlier Week

Bags are due: Monday, November 16 for distribution on Wednesday, November 18.

Bags are due: Monday, December 14 for distribution on Wednesday, December 16.

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.
- 1 Shampoo/conditioner

From Sarah in Eleuthera.....A Busy Two Months...

I came back to Eleuthera in August and hit the ground running. Two months later I am still running. It has been a crazy two months. We have had two hurricane watches which caused us to miss some school days. I have experienced snow days, ice days, flood days, and fog delays but I have never experienced hurricane days. I have to admit, these days were filled with trepidation because of the unknown. Thankfully, the two hurricanes did not hit our island and we are so grateful for all the prayers. However, the southeastern islands in the Bahamas were hit hard, so I ask that you continue to pray. There was a lot of devastation and it will take months, maybe years, to repair the damage and the lives of those affected.

The possibilities of hurricanes have not been the only thing that has kept us busy at Windermere this year. We have also encountered a few changes concerning our staff. I am no longer teaching science and health science. The social studies position opened up and I was able to step into the position. I am so excited to be teaching what I love again. I didn't realize how much I missed it until I wasn't teaching it anymore. I love the moments when the students realize how instances in history have impacted our lives today. Not only do I get to teach social studies again, I get to teach every single student at Windermere. This definitely keeps me on my toes and very busy. I never imagined that I would be prepping to teach 10 different classes but that is what I get to do this year. It is a lot of work but I love every minute of it.

Not only have I inherited the social studies position at Windermere; I have also inherited the leadership role for Young Life at Central High School on the island. We have gotten off to a slow start and it isn't necessarily the way I wanted to begin the year. We have had to figure out some transportation issues and how to deal with losing some incredible leaders. I think this is my biggest challenge at this point. The kids miss these leaders terribly and I am doing the best to fill the gap but it is not easy. So I ask you all to pray for me and the students during this transition. Pray that God is moving in the hearts of these young people and they are continuing to desire a relationship with Him. Please pray for the developing relationship that I have with them and that I might be used by God to bring them closer to Him.

I have started a Young Women's club at Windermere and this is really outside of my comfort zone, but I know that God has asked me to do this so I took a leap. I am doing my best to pour into the lives of six young women and to speak truth into their lives. We have been able to have some really open and honest conversations about the challenges young women face in today's world. God has had me ask some amazing Godly women to pray for each of these students individually. I am really excited to see how God moves in the lives of these young women. Each one of these young women is incredibly gifted and is in the process of figuring out what they want their relationship with God to be like. I ask that you would pray for these young women as well. Please pray that they would seek to find their identity in God and not the world, and that they would come to believe that Jesus is their forever love.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. I am so excited to see how God moves in this coming year. I truly believe that big things are going to happen this year and I can't wait to share when they happen.

In His Love,
Sarah

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Because of our wonderful volunteers you are able to once again enjoy coffee and snacks in the Joseph W. Rankin Library on Sunday mornings. Please help by providing the goodies and making the coffee one Sunday this winter. Just add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Library. Tom and Janet Schamp will be happy to show you how to operate the coffee brewer.

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY

We will be providing bell ringers for the Salvation Army on Thursday, December 17. Our sites are once again at the Muncie Mall in front of Macy's and Sears. There will be time slots available between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm. If you are a singer, or play an instrument, consider singing and/or playing—that's a big attention-getter. This year the mall is requiring we stand between the doors. This area won't be as cold as being outdoors; however, we will not be as warm as being inside so please dress accordingly. Signup sheets will be in the lobby as the time approaches

UMCMARKET

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.

How it Works

Every store at UMCmarket is happy to pay a percentage of the purchased amount as a donation to your church. There is no additional cost or charge for either you or the church.

Signing Up is Free!

You can easily sign up for free. When you go to UMCmarket @ UMCmarket.org you will click on the "Get Started" button. You will have the option to sign up with your Facebook account or enter your email and create a password. You will then be prompted to download our Easy Give Button and find Riverside Muncie, IN. With these three simple steps, you are ready to shop and donate!

Easy Give Button

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!

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."

Advent and Christmas at Riverside

Advent 2015

Not A Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem Study & Sermon Series by Adam Hamilton

You may order a copy by noon on Monday, Nov. 16
at the table in the narthex - \$12.00

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| 11/27 Friday | Help with the Hanging of the Greens at 10:00 a.m. |
| 11/29 1 st Sunday | Beginning with the End: Mary's Story Acts 1:8-14 |
| 12/6 2 nd Sunday | The Piercing of Mary's Soul, Luke 2:14, 34-35, Romans 5:1, 6-8 |
| 12/13 3 rd Sunday | Amazed, Astounded and Astonished, Luke 2:41-51 |
| 12/20 4 th Sunday | Mary, Full of Grace, Luke 1:26-38 |
| 12/24 Christmas Eve | Not A Silent Night, Luke 2:1-20 |

POINSETTIAS

We will be ordering poinsettias through the Boy Scouts again this year to support our Troup 1. They are purchasing them locally from G&M as last year. The cost is \$12.00 and can be ordered in red or white. Order blanks will be available November 8, or you can call the church office at 282-4257 and place your order.

Rejoice! Rejoice Believers! **A Christmas Cantata**

The Christmas season is one of celebration for followers of Christ as we remember and celebrate his humble entry onto planet earth. This year we will mark his coming with a special offering from our Riverside Choir. Be sure to invite a friend to worship Sunday, December 13th as the choir performs John E. Coates *Rejoice, Believers* Christmas Cantata, a blend of familiar classics such as *Joy to the World*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, and *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* alongside original compositions and spoken narration! Come be part of the celebration and rejoice!

Riverside UMC Prayer Web

We collect prayer requests and God sightings on the back of the blue Connection Card on Sunday mornings. They are shared on Monday morning via email and regular mail. If you are not receiving them and would like to, please contact the office at 288-4257 or Riversideumc1@sbcglobal.net. We also have a phone chain for emergency prayer requests. Prayer requests can also be emailed or called in to Pastor John at john.young@inumc.org or 278-8733.

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.

Wilma Carney, 1600 N Walnut St, Muncie 47303

Julia Cougill, 1812 E 17th St, Muncie 47302

Florence Irey Crum, 1601 N. Morrison Rd., #511, Muncie, IN 47304

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

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

Phyllis Perry, Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792

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

Harry Shelby, Bethel Pointe, 3400 W Community Dr., Muncie, IN 47304

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

Helen Manet-Valos, Golden Living Center, Room 213, 2701 Lyn Mar Dr., Muncie, IN 47304

Louise Whitaker, 5801 W Bethel Ave #501, Muncie 47304

Max & Mary Whitaker, 555 Salem Ave., Waterman Village, Mt. Dora, FL 32757

HOST AND MINGLER SCHEDULE

Beginning Nov 1 Remedy City Church will also have a Greeter at the main entrance therefore; we will only need one Greeter. If you are scheduled please decide who will be the Greeter.

| Date | Outside Door | Inside Door | Sanctuary Mingler |
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| Nov 1 | Ron Brown | Pat Brown | Hester Mitchell |
| Nov 8 | Sarah McKillip | Karen Blank | Laura Shadoin |
| Nov 15 | Dick Murray & Jan Johnson | Sharon Harrison | Nancy Campbell |
| Nov 22 | Jack Stanton & Wilma Grile | Lynn Wright | Cindy Miller |
| Nov 29 | Mark & Amy Clevenger | Judy Turner | Barry Turner |
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| Dec 6 | Larry & Nancy Campbell | Sandy Hunter | Mary Schumacher |
| Dec 13 | Fred Wallace & Ron Brown | Sara Mitchell | Kay Rankin |
| Dec 20 | Pat Ashcraft & Joan Strait | Sandy Abbott | Marlene Boyer |
| Dec 24 | TBA | TBA | N/A |
| Dec 27 | Joe & Judy VanWinkle | Sandy Jordan | Leta Settle |