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On Monday, February 22 I attended Our Life Together which is an annual gathering of Indiana United Methodist clergy. We sang “Be Still, My Soul” which was written in German by Katharina von Schlegel in 1752 and translated by Jane L. Borthwick in 1855. It echoes Psalm 46 which begins, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble,” and moves through the end of all war to proclaim, “Be still, and know that I am God;” in verse 10.

Alex Hershey, who is planting a new church, shared his struggle and the question that came to him from God, “Do you trust me?” Both the hymn and the question spoke to me. Do we trust God enough?

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Do we trust that God is faithful and will guide the future, as he has the past? Do we trust that God will lead us to a joyful end? I don't know about you, but sometimes I wonder where God is leading us as a community of faith. Sometimes I wonder how we as a congregation will survive. I need to trust that God will guide the future as He has the past. And though I cannot see what the future holds I can trust that all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Verse five is not in our hymnal. It invites us to begin the song of praise.

5 Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise  
On earth, believing, to Thy Lord on high;  
Acknowledge Him in all thy words and ways,  
So shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.  
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine  
Through passing clouds shall but more brightly shine.

The challenge for us today is to let our souls be still and to know that God is God. To trust that the God who brought Riverside to where we are today will be faithful in every change and will lead us into the full joy that Jesus promises to us in John 15:9-11,

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

May we follow Jesus and acknowledge Him in all our words and ways.

Shalom in Christ,

*John*

## Lenten Activities

|      |                        |                        |
|------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 3/6  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | An Extended Invitation |
| 3/13 | 5th Sunday             | Seeing Jesus Today     |
| 3/20 | Passion/Palm Sunday    | The Way of the Cross   |
| 3/27 | Easter                 | Resurrection           |

### Saturday Men's Lenten Breakfasts

**7:30 – 9:00 am**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| March 5  | New Burlington UMC, 8080 S CR 475E, Muncie          |
| March 12 | Daleville UMC, 8104 S Hickory Ln., Daleville        |
| March 19 | The Garden at Gethsemane, 1201 W McGalliard, Muncie |

### Wednesday Noon Lenten Services

#### Christian Ministries Community Lenten Services

Every year Christian Ministries hosts Lenten Services leading up to Easter. Shaffer Chapel AME, 1501 E. Highland Ave., Muncie will be hosting our community wide Lenten Services for 2016 each Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. The service is followed by lunch with a \$5.00 donation suggested.

Wednesday Lenten Services culminate with a Good Friday service on Friday, March 25 to be held at High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street, Muncie at 12:00 p.m.

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| March 2  | Rev. Jonathan Mitchell from Kirby Ave. Church of God |
| March 9  | Pastor Bill Bruneau from The Compass Church-Yorktown |
| March 16 | Rev. Kathleen Wright from Bethel AME                 |

### High Street UMW Invitation

The women of High Street UMC would like to invite the women of RUMC to their March Lenten UMW meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 1:30 pm in Parish Hall. Refreshments at 1:30, and at 2:00, Pastor Sherrie Drake will lead a program of "Lenten Meditation."

Reservations: Call Mary Swanger at 282-9197.

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

**Good Friday, March 25 at 7:00 pm**

A combined service with Jeremiah Kinney of Remedy City Church and John A. Young of Riverside sharing meditations on the seven last words (phrases) of Jesus from the cross.

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|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1) Luke 23:33-34  | "Father, forgive them."                  | Jeremiah Kinney |
| 2) Luke 23:39-43  | "Today you will be with me in paradise." | John A. Young   |
| 3) John 19:25 –27 | "Woman, here is your son."               | Jeremiah Kinney |
| 4) Mark 15:33-34  | "My God, why have you forsaken me?"      | John A. Young   |
| 5) John 19:28     | "I am thirsty."                          | Jeremiah Kinney |
| 6) John 19:29-30a | "It is finished."                        | John A. Young   |
| 7) Luke 23:46     | "Into your hands I commend my spirit."   | Jeremiah Kinney |

**Birthday Blessings**

| March |                 |
|-------|-----------------|
| 3-1   | Dale Hunter     |
| 3-5   | Louise Whitaker |
| 3-11  | Elaine Wallace  |
| 3-12  | Darci Dehaven   |
| 3-19  | Maurice Carver  |
| 3-20  | Judy Turner     |
| 3-21  | Karen Blank     |
| 3-21  | Barry Turner    |
| 3-26  | Sarah McKillip  |
| 3-26  | Beverly Reese   |
| 3-29  | Jo Clevenger    |
| 3-30  | Fred Wallace    |
| 3-31  | Lila Thompson   |

| April |                  |
|-------|------------------|
| 4-1   | Melinda Shocklee |
| 4-5   | Tammy Holt       |
| 4-6   | Pat Ashcraft     |
| 4-7   | Nicole Affolder  |
| 4-7   | Pat Brown        |
| 4-7   | Gary Shadoin     |
| 4-17  | Allison Mitchell |
| 4-29  | Susan Reno       |
| 4-29  | Jeanine Souders  |

*Happy Anniversary  
Carl and Aloyse Baney  
March 11*

## Notes To and From Our Church Family

Thank you to Amy Clevenger for doing the altar changes in our absence so willingly and beautifully.  
*Leta Settle and Marlene Boyer*

A big thanks to my church family and friends! Much appreciated were the many cards, calls and notes I received. Thank you, too, for the prayer blessings. *Marlene Boyer*

I am so thankful for my church family. You have been so thoughtful concerning my health issues. Your prayers, cards, and calls are so appreciated. Thanks especially to the Caring Friends and the Close Knit Friends for the many cards and prayer shawl that have come to me because of your concerns. May God bless you abundantly.  
*Virginia Sharp*

Dear RUMC, thank you for the donation of the goodies for the Christmas dinner and the gifts for the Christmas shop to Covenant Partners Ministries. We appreciate your faithful support of this ministry.  
*Pastor Linda and Everyone at Covenant Partners Ministries*

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## Women's Circles: Missions Giving 2015

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Lucille Raines</b>               | <b>\$200.00</b> |
| <b>Christian Ministries</b>         | <b>\$400.00</b> |
| <b>Covenant Partners</b>            | <b>\$150.00</b> |
| <b>Delaware Children's Clothing</b> | <b>\$50.00</b>  |
| <b>First Choice for Women</b>       | <b>\$100.00</b> |

## MISSION UPDATES – REPORT 2015

2015 was a fantastic year for Riverside and the missions we support! Thanks to all of you, we were able to help others with donations, time, and money! We are indeed a giving church!

### YEARLY BUDGET ITEMS

Our church's yearly budget includes supporting the following:

- Covenant Partners: \$1,200
- Kid's Hope: \$1,000
- Ken Vance's mission at the Kafakumba Training Center in Zambia: \$2,300
- All Pro Dad: \$1,400
- Cardinal Campus Ministries at BSU: \$5,000
- Miscellaneous: \$100

TOTAL budgeted yearly: **\$11,000**

### OUTREACH MINISTRY GOALS

In addition, this year we committed to 3 key outreach ministries.

Through YOUR help with donations, your quarterly mission jars, and our fundraising talent show, we raised:

- Money for Mission Jars: \$3,166
- Festival of Music: \$2,517
- Miscellaneous donations: \$1,135

TOTAL raised for Outreach Ministries: **\$6,823**

Of this amount, we completed our pledge of \$3,000 to the Africa University Campaign in 2015 and sent \$1,500 to Baoma in Sierra Leone in support of Beyond Ebola - Hunger, and \$1,500 for Sarah Turner's teaching ministry in January 2016!

### LOCAL AND SPECIAL MISSIONS

And...your generosity doesn't end there! We also did the following:

- Walk-A-Mile money raised (for Muncie Mission): \$1,242
- CROP Walk money raised (25% for Christian Ministries, 75% to end hunger in the world): \$1,406
- Heifer Project money given: \$2,000
- Carson Coupon Books (to Christian Ministries): \$50
- Men's group donations to support special needs: \$200
- Support of people in need through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$826
- Bishop's Christmas Eve offering (for children in Indiana, the United States, and around the world): \$573
- Donations for special needs to Lucille Raines: \$200
- Miscellaneous Missions donations (went to Mitchell School): \$260
- UMCOR One Great Hour of sharing (going to UMCOR): \$697

TOTAL raised for these missions: **\$7,454**

**AND...it doesn't stop there!** We donated our time and products for the following:

- 20 donated coats for Coats against the Cold
- Volunteers served meals 2X a day for a week for the Christian Ministries Sleep Room
- Donated over 40 items to help the women of the YWCA
- Donated 27 bags of school supplies for Tools for Schools at Mitchell Elementary

## MISSION UPDATES – REPORT 2015 (continued)

- Donated 726 cans of food to Christian Ministries
- Donated 823 bags of necessities for Covenant Partners individuals
- Fed Covenant Partners a meal twice last year
- Donated time for Habitat for Humanity
- Rang bells for the Salvation Army
- Volunteers walked in the CROP Walk and Walk-a-Mile
- Volunteered in the Christian Ministries Pantry

We did all of the above because Riverside has a big heart for missions. We cannot thank you enough for reaching others through your time and generosity. We wish we could name every person who gave or donated in some way, but we would be sure to leave someone out...and there are many other ways we have reached out on our own that are not listed here.

*“You can’t have a perfect day without doing something for someone who’ll never be able to repay you.”— John Wooden*

## 2016 News from the Missions Team

### THANK YOU-

- Sunday School classes and individuals for Heifer donations
- M&M jar money
- Men’s Morning Bible Study Group for providing 2 Microwaves to families via Covenant Partners
- Jerry and JoAnn Thomas for donating a futon to a family via Covenant Partners
- For 135 cans of soup on Souper Bowl Sunday
- To those who donated food and paper goods for the Covenant Partners Soup Dinner on Feb. 28
- To those who worked at the Food Pantry Feb. 24, 25, & 26
- For supporting Muncie Mission Walk-a-Mile
- Covenant Partner Sacks – we need 70 each month

### UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

- March 6-12 –provide meals for the Men’s Sleep Room

### UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

- April 17 – M&M jar collection and Mission Dinner
- April 22 & 23 – Habitat Work Days

Mark your calendar and plan to help with upcoming projects.

The Mission Team thanks you for all your support.

## Walk-A-Mile



The number of walkers from Riverside was low this year but the excitement and enthusiasm was high, unlike the temperature that struggled to get out of single digits that day. Pastor John Young and Missi, Barry and Judy Turner, Karen Blank and Mick Phelps joined hundreds from the Muncie community as they walked in the 12th annual Walk a Mile fundraiser event on Feb 13. RUMC's goal was \$1,500. Donations from Riverside totalled \$1,988.71!

## COVENANT PARTNERS MINISTRIES Community Day Dates

**Supply bags are due: Monday, March 28**

**Supply bags are due: Monday, April 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,  
shampoo

## 2016 SPRING HABITAT CHURCH WORKDAYS

Riverside has committed to assist Muncie Habitat with its mission to eliminate poverty housing in Muncie, Indiana. We are committed to work on Friday and Saturday April 22 & 23. At this time we do not know where or what we will be working on. Since they are doing mostly restorations we will be either tearing out or putting back together an older home as we did last year. We are to provide 12 people to work on the house. The work day will be from 9 to 3 with lunch at noon. We are also committed to provide lunches each day. If you have questions contact Joe Speece at church or 759.5017 or jmspeece@aol.com. If you would like to help with the lunches please contact Nancy Campbell at church or 759.9819 or campbell1322@att.net. We will have a signup sheet by the mission bulletin board beginning in early April.

## What a Difference a Year Makes... Posted on February 24, 2016 by Sarah Turner

My 11th graders this year were my 10th grade homeroom class last year, and last year was a rough year for us. I didn't teach them and I only saw them twice a week for homeroom, so it made it really hard for them to get to know me and me to get to know them. Plus, I was the new teacher, and they didn't want anything to do with me. Those two mornings were the hardest mornings of my week. Some days it took all I had to walk in there for those 15 minutes. I'll be honest...there were a few times that I asked God, "Why." Why did you give me the hardest class? Why are they so hard to build relationships with? Why are their walls so high? Why do I let them get to me? It was a rough road for us last year, and I was relieved when I found out that I would not be their homeroom teacher again this year. (Yes, I know that I probably shouldn't say that but God has made it very clear that I am supposed to be transparent on this journey. So, there is the truth.) Then my schedule changed at the beginning of this year. I would no longer be teaching science to the middle grades, but I would be teaching social studies to all the grades. That meant I would be teaching my old homeroom, which were now 11th graders. I was excited to be teaching social studies, but I was a little nervous to have them in class. What did God have planned? He planned to changed my heart and slowly break down the walls around theirs. It took a few weeks, but I soon realized the dynamics of our relationship was changing, and I was watching in awe. Little by little they were letting me in. I finally had

an ear with them that not many people have. Not only that, but my heart has changed toward them. I have come to love them and cherish the time I have with them.

I will be the first to say that this is all God's doing. He is present in my classroom. He gives me guidance and wisdom in building my relationships with them. He keeps me persevering. He is moving in them. In my journey with this class, God has reaffirmed two beliefs about ministry for me. Number one-relationships are key. Number two- - showing up matters. Without relationships, trust isn't there to share truth, and we can't build relationships without showing up. I think that one of the reasons they began to let me in was that I kept showing up even when it was hard. (I was only able to do this because of God.) Somewhere in the midst of that rocky road, we walked last year and the beginning of this year, I earned their trust and for that I am so grateful.

They are a class that is enamored with the world. A lot of them are choosing the world over God. They are seeking to find their identity in the world because they think they can find freedom there. They are buying into Satan's lie. However, some of them are feeling the pull of the Holy Spirit but are not sure if they want to go in His direction. I continue to show up and build relationships with them in the hopes that they will see God in me. I pray that I never forget that it is Him who changes hearts, and I am just a tool He chooses to use from time to time. There is nothing more that I want than for these young men and women to fall head over heels in love with Jesus and to pursue a passionate relationship with Him.

Please pray that God continues to move in them and that they choose Jesus over the world. They have captured my heart. Oh, what a difference a year makes. *Sarah Turner*

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## Look Good...Feel Better 2016

Look Good...Feel Better is a free program designed to help women deal with appearance related cancer treatment concerns. Licensed cosmetologists provide help with skin care, makeup application, and helpful instruction for wig, turban and scarf usage. Participants receive a free makeup kit with samples from Lancome, Estee Lauder and Mary Kay.

IUH Forest Ridge – Third Tuesday each odd month – 2:00 PM    RSVP 765.593.2960

IUHBMH Room B -- Third Wednesday each month – 10:00 AM    RSVP 751.5302

## Keeping It Clean In 2016 -- A Better Life – Brianna's Hope

“A participant driven, faith-based compassion filled support and recovery group for those battling the battle with addiction.

[www.ablbh.org](http://www.ablbh.org) or Facebook: Rick Koop, McRandy Davis, A Better Life-Brianna's Hope

### Meeting Opportunities

Mondays

6:30-8:00 pm

303 North Walnut, Hartford City

Contact: Bob Antrim @ 765-669-0580

Dustin Jones @ 765-618-5344

Tuesdays

6:30-8:00 pm

8520 S. Edwards, Daleville

Contact: Rick Koop

765-716-1941    (continued- pg. 8)

**Keeping It Clean In 2016 – Meetings**

Wednesdays

6:30-8:00 pm

122 W. Main St., Redkey

Contact: Randy Davis

765-730-4979

Thursdays

6:30-8:00 pm

2200 N. Fuson Road, Muncie

Contact: Brian and Jennifer Bell

765-760-0806

**Greeter Schedule for March and April**

| Date     | Outside Door   | Inside Door     | Sanctuary Mingler |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Mar 6    | Frank Campbell | Betty Campbell  | Wilma Grile       |
| Mar 13   | Barry Turner   | Judy Turner     | Leta Settle       |
| Mar 20   | John McKillip  | Sara McKillip   | Pat Ashcraft      |
| Easter   | Ron Brown      | Pat Brown       | Sandy Hunter      |
| April 3  | Mark Clevenger | Amy Clevenger   | Marlene Boyer     |
| April 10 | Bill Campbell  | Nellie Campbell | Sara Mitchell     |
| April 17 | Bob Harrison   | Sharon Harrison | Susan Reno        |
| April 24 | Mick Phelps    | Jan Phelps      | Mary Schumacher   |

**Caring Friends Card List**

A little about “Caring Friends” -- this group meets the first Monday of each month at 3:00 pm to reach out to people through cards, visits, flowers to hospital/home, and in other special ways.

Wilma Carney, 1600 N Walnut St, Muncie 47303

Maurice and Nancy Carver, 9509 N. Sugarwood Court, Muncie, IN 47303

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

Florence Irey Crum, 1601 N. Morrison Rd., #511, Muncie, IN 47304 (mother of Julia Pittenger/Susan Reno)

Mary Jane Eiler, 108 Roosevelt Road, Muncie, IN 47303

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

Don Fields, 121 1st Avenue NW, Carmel, IN 46032, (father of Missi Young)

Dorothy Hawkins, Lynd House, 2401 E McGalliard, Room 108, Muncie, IN 47303

Nadine Johnson, 4100 N Morrison Rd, Muncie, IN 47304 (mother of Judy Turner)

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

Roberta Phelps, PO Box 34, 338 N Fulton St, Parker City, IN 47368, (mother of Mick Phelps)

Rex and Donna Pittenger, 1715 W. Harvard, 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

Sarah Turner, c/o Agape Flights GHB 27997, 100 Airport Avenue, Venice FL 34285

Helen Manet-Valos, Golden Living Center, Room 213, 2701 Lyn Mar Dr., Muncie 47304 (mother of Shirley Modesitt)

Melissa Wallace, 1412 W. Tree Lane, Muncie, IN 47302, (daughter of Fred and Elaine Wallace)

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

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