



July-August Reminder

Jesus in the 14th chapter of the Gospel of Luke turns to his host at a dinner and says, ***"The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You'll be—and experience—a blessing. They won't be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God's people."***

I am excited by the way Riverside has been living out this gospel invitation. Our Habitat for Humanity Workcamp Away served in Cadillac, Michigan and when she sent pictures, Deb Maxey, Executive Director of the Wexford Habitat for Humanity wrote, "You are all AWESOME!" See page 9 for a report from Joe Speece and for information on our participation with the Muncie Habitat Faith Build on Friday July 22, 2011.

Our Kids Hope SERVE Camp was a blessing to the children from our Kids Hope mentoring program at Mitchell Elementary, the United Methodist mission of Covenant Partners, and the outreach ministry of Main Street United Methodist Church. See page 6 for a report from Barry Turner and see the pictures on page 7 and on the bulletin board in the narthex. The children who rode in my van were disappointed when they realized that SERVE Camp only lasted one week and others reported that the children they worked with wanted to come back on Saturday as well.

From July 6-29th Mary Schumacher travels to Baoma, Sierra Leone, West Africa to help Operation Classroom begin the construction of an assembly hall for the over 750 students of the United Methodist Baoma Secondary School. To travel to Africa to do mission work has been a lifelong dream of Mary's and Riverside and Gethsemane have helped her raise the money to make the trip. In addition, our Operation Loaves and Fishes auction of items made and donated by Riversiders netted \$4,638.56 for Baoma Secondary School. \$2,500 was sent as scholarship support for the students last September and \$2,138.56 was sent this June to help with the construction of the Assembly Hall. Joe Wagner, director of Operation Classroom, sent the following in response to an e-mail telling him of our support of Mary Schumacher and the construction of the assembly hall, "THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU." See page 10 for a prayer calendar to pray for Mary as she participates in this important mission project to strengthen education in West Africa.

We continue to provide much needed support to the people of Muncie by providing personal care product bags and helping out with Community Day through Covenant Partners and helping out with the Sleep Room and donating food through Christian Ministries. There continues to be a great need for this assistance.

The blessings of service were promised by Jesus when he washed the disciples' feet and you can ask anyone from Riverside who has participated in any of the above-mentioned projects and they will tell you stories of how they were blessed by the experience of serving. The blessings of service are immediate and include longer, happier, healthier lives here and now and forever more.

Continue to share the blessings and the joy of faithful service in the name of Jesus who lived among us as a servant.

Shalom in Christ,

John

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July...

1 st	Joe Mitchell
2 nd	Amy Clevenger
5 th	Lydia Reese
6 th	Julia Cougill
	Gwynneth Pittenger
8 th	Betty Satterfield
10 th	Peggy Polk
	Benjamin Shocklee
12 th	Marge Salisbury
13 th	Grace Rankin
15 th	Stephanie Turner
18 th	Jerry Golden
20 th	Yvonne Reese
30 th	Cindy Miller
31 st	Eva Case



August...

1 st	Ann Golden
2 nd	Ruth Garringer
4 th	Bob Harvey
7 th	Jerry Hill
9 th	Odessa DeHaven
10 th	Donna Pittenger
13 th	Ann Beuoy
14 th	Jeanette Taylor
16 th	Diane Baird
	Marlene Boyer
21 st	Tim Heniser
24 th	Rex Pittenger
27 th	Henry Dorton
31 st	Larry Souders



July...	August...
2 nd Jim & Beverly Reese	9 th Larry & Jeanine Souders
6 th Matt & Nicole Affolder	24 th Larry & Nancy Campbell
18 th Maurice & Nancy Carver	25 th Doran & Joyce Kendall
26 th Rex & Cindy Miller	26 th Rex & Donna Pittenger
28 th Herb & Karen Blank	Fred & Elaine Wallace
31 st Bill & Pat Terhune	27 th Rich & Aonde Carraway

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Give thanks with a grateful heart for...

The cards, thoughts, and prayers during Herb's recent back surgery. It was much appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor John, Judy and Barry and Bob Harvey for your help! Riverside, you are a wonderful and loving family! Herb and Karen Blank

The ladies that baked cookies that were given to the fathers on Father's Day.

Nancy Thompson and Fritz Dolak for leading the closing hymn on Sunday mornings.

The Worship Team for preparing the sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday.

The Endowment Team for faithfully and prayerfully investing our money so it can further God's kingdom.

Everyone that has contributed to the mission trip to Baoma Secondary School in Sierra Leone, West Africa that Mary Schumacher will participate in July 6-29.

The Caring Friends who faithfully keep connected with those who are not able to be here physically.

Diane Baldwin for her volunteer heart. You will be missed.

The Prayer Partners and Prayer Walkers that walk our city streets praying for our fellow citizens.

Everyone that came out to work on the church grounds and our green space at McGalliard and Wheeling.

Thank you to Tom Schamp for carrying the Covenant Partner sacks upstairs each month...to Wilma Grile for helping to deliver the bags each month...and to those in the congregation for providing the items needed each month. Linda Keyton

Ministry Support

Trustees' Corner

Above and Beyond--Preparing for the Future update:

We're still working on the Above and Beyond project list. Two new heat pumps have been purchased and will be installed as soon as possible. By the time you're reading this the parking lot should have been sealed and striped. No work will be done or equipment purchased until we have the money on account to pay the bills. Thanks to everyone that have already contributed and to those that continue to fulfill your pledges.

Upcoming Projects

An All Church Workday is scheduled for the 9th of July. We will meet at the church around 8:30am and will work on various projects until about noon. In addition to working at the church, some will probably need to work at our green space at McGalliard and Wheeling. Your help is appreciated. Bring rakes and clippers.

Riverside Riders

The Riverside Riders are planning a ride on Saturday the 2nd of July. We will meet at the church at 8:00am. Destination is the Mill Creek Restaurant in Gaston. Why don't you plan to join us?

Riverside Facebook Page

Have you visited the Riverside Facebook page yet? Perhaps you didn't even know we had a presence on Facebook. How do you find it? Just go to the Riverside website www.riversideumcmuncie.org. Beneath the menu of the various pages in our website, you'll see the letter "f" in a box. Just click on it and you'll be able to access our Facebook page. Or, simply type www.facebook.com and search Riverside United Methodist Church. Once there you'll find links to other interesting websites such as The United Methodist Church Facebook page, the Kids Hope USA website, and The Upper Room Daily Devotional website. Let us know if you have suggestions for other links. Of course, the purpose of Facebook is to be able to share with one another.

Hymn Sing

It's finally gonna happen!!! Next **Sunday, July 10th**, we will be having an "**Old Fashioned Hymn Sing**" here at Riverside. It will work very simply. You pick the hymn (from the hymnal) and call it out from your seat; we will sing the first and last verse of each hymn. We wanted to be sure to give you plenty of time to find your favorite hymn, so we're telling you now. Be sure to come next week and enjoy all the music!!!!

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The Ministry of Greeting is for Everyone

While it is very important to greet visitors, greeting regular worshipers is just as essential. It is vital that each person be greeted as the body of Christ gathers together. The welcome of a greeter sets a tone of love. It reminds people that they are entering a special time of worship where they will experience God and God's type of love. If someone had a difficult week, a warm greeting reminds him or her that they are entering a place where they will be treated differently than the way the world treats him or her. A warm greeting is a way of saying to each person: "You belong here, and we are glad that you do." After all, everyone is important to the body of Christ. We must not overlook the need to welcome long-time worshipers because they do not require the assistance of an usher or greeter.

July and August Hosts and Minglers

DATE	OUTSIDE DOOR	INSIDE DOOR	LOBBY MINGLER	SANCTUARY MINGLER
July 3	Fred & Bob Wallace	Sandy Abbott	Janet Schamp	Wilma Grile
July 10	Sandy Hunter	Kay Farling	Mary Schumacher	Cindy Miller
July 17	Jerry & Ann Golden	Jo Clevenger	Judy Turner	Nancy Campbell
July 24	Jack Stanton & Jim Reese	Beverly Reese	Susan Reno	Pat Ashcraft
July 31	Terry Jacobs & Jack Richardson	Ann Beuoy	Margaret Ann DeBoy	Viv Jacobs
Aug 7	Rex Pittenger & Harry Shelby	Wilma Carney	Odessa DeHaven	Virginia Sharp
Aug 14	Jack Richardson & Mark Clevenger	Amy Clevenger	Betty Lacey	Florence Shelby
Aug 21	Joe & Judy VanWinkle	Susan Reno	Cindy Miller	Lynn Wright
Aug 28	Jack Stanton & Dorothy Bowman	Marlene Boyer	Nellie Campbell	Janet Schamp

Having Greeters each Sunday is an important ministry at Riverside.
If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please ask someone to fill in for you.



Kids SERVE Camp

WOW, what an exciting week for the 15 children and 35 volunteers who attended Kids Hope SERVE Camp! Each day was a new adventure! The morning was filled with singing, crafts, recreation, journaling, sharing in community circles, and lessons focused on serving God. The Boy Scouts of Riverside's Troop 1 did a fantastic job planning and supervising the games for the children. A delicious lunch was served each day by our fantastic kitchen crew. In the afternoon, the children participated in hands on "SERVE" projects. These activities included: collecting food, making 100 lunches for the Soup Kitchen, making and taking sun catchers and visiting with the residents at Morrison Woods, working at the Salvation Army Food Pantry, assembling 1,050 bags of Tostitos at Second Food Harvest, painting the Community Garden Fence, picking up trash, weeding and planting flowers at Riverside. As you can tell, we were all very busy! We also enjoyed making paper and tie dying cloth napkins with Susan Eichorn and learning about therapy dogs with Deb Dolak. Tony kept the children energized singing the theme song "Full Throttle" which he wrote. Bill Watson brought the replica of the first Indianapolis 500 winner's car each day and took individual pictures of the kids in the racecar. On Friday everyone was invited to the "Party in the Parking Lot" at Union Chapel. The "Riverside Poppers" passed out 980 boxes of popcorn to a never-ending line from 5:30 -8:30p.m. What a week!

The children who attended were from a variety of backgrounds. The week of serving God touched the lives of the children and all of the adults. Those who participated have stories and memories to share with everyone.

It was an AWESOME week to SERVE GOD! Thanks to EVERYONE who helped make the week such a success, God put together a GREAT team!



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MISSIONS

There will be a Habitat Work Day Friday, July 22nd. You will find more information on Page 9 of the newsletter.

We have an opportunity for assisting First Choice for Women this summer. We will be passing out baby bottles during July or August to collect money to support this not-for-profit organization for pregnant women who decide to keep their babies as opposed to abortion. Money is used to purchase disposable diapers, and necessary items these women need. More later on this

Please support Mary Schumacher for her upcoming mission trip to Africa July 6th-29th. Consider dropping her a note of support as she heads out to this special mission! Thank you, Mary, for your gift of time, giving, and love! Good luck!

Thanks to Barry Turner and his wonderful team during the Kid's Hope Serve Camp June 20-24. What a blessing this was to both the children and to our church!

COVENANT PARTNERS COMMUNITY DAY

Community Day continues in 2011 on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please bring your bags of supplies by Tuesday, July 26th for the next event on Thursday, July 28th. **Here is the updated list of items to include: unscented hand soap (1 bar or bottle), laundry detergent (small bottle or box), dish detergent (16 oz), Kleenex (1 box), and toilet paper (4 rolls).** Also, please see Susan Reno or Mary Schumacher if you would be willing to share part of your day on those Thursdays from 10-2 with the people at Covenant Partners. You will be blessed.

LIBRARY

You may have noticed that there has not been a book of the month lately. There were fewer and fewer people ordering books, so rather than setting a book each month to purchase, we will highlight books that we have in the library. Please contact Karen Blank if you check one out and are particularly touched by it. Please let her know. Those are books that we are sure others would like to know about as well. If you have not checked out our library, please do. There are many great titles to choose from!



**New Address...for Diane Baldwin
103 Alder Circle
St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

Fair Week July 18th-23rd

If you are interested in donating or distributing water to those attending the fair, please sign up at the table in the narthex. For more information, see Tom Schamp

Tools for Schools

The annual **Hearts and Hands “Tools for Schools”** event where over 1500 Muncie and Delaware County students are served free school supplies and shoes will take place the 30th of July at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. The Muncie Cluster, which includes Riverside, has the opportunity again this year to donate school supplies and/or make a monetary donation and someone will purchase them for you. Bill and Nellie Campbell will be coordinating our efforts this year. Please say yes when asked to help.

Riverside Workcampers

Thirteen of the Riverside work campers traveled to Cadillac, Michigan. They arrived in time for a cookout on Lake Cadillac. They found accommodations in the First Presbyterian Church and took showers at the new YMCA. They attended church at First Presbyterian and had breakfast on a deck overlooking Lake Cadillac. Following breakfast, they drove to Suttons Bay, Michigan and did a little site seeing. On Monday, the work began on a two-bedroom home for Chantal and her 1½-year-old daughter, Tiyahna. Chantal and her father worked with the campers. They placed a center beam in the basement and built the floor system. They filled in and tamped around the foundation. They began work on the walls and were rained out on Friday. The campers met some wonderful people, ate lots of tasty food. They fit in some site seeing including an informative visit to a windmill farm for the generation of electricity. Cadillac was pleased with the work they had completed and the campers were ready to start thinking about next year.



2011 Habitat Faith Build

Riverside has committed to assisting with the 2011 Habitat Faith build, which is planned for the month of July. They will be building at 800 N. Central Ave. As part of our commitment, we are planning on working on Friday July 22, 2011. 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 workday will be from 9 to 3 with lunch at noon. 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 on that date contact Joe Speece, 759 5017 or jmspeece@aol.com.

Prayers for Mary Schumacher
Operation Classroom Mission Team
to Baoma Secondary School, Sierra Leone, West Africa

- July 6th Departure day, safety and good health throughout the trip.
- July 7th Arrive in Sierra Leone, ease in getting baggage and transport to Operation Classroom housing.
- July 8th Rest and restoration following the long hours of travel.
- July 9th Ease in acclimation to the food and climate and coping with culture shock.
- July 10th Powerful worship at the church in Freetown.
- July 11th July 11th through July 23rd working on the foundation of the new assembly hall in Baoma.
Ease in getting adjusted to her work.
Insight into how to pray for God's people in West Africa.
Opportunities to sing and read to students.
Wisdom to understand God's purpose and plan.
- July 16th Good times of fellowship with the mission team.
Able to see the progress being made at the building site.
A heart for the lost.
Opportunities to pray onsite for children and others at:
Children's Rescue Center, a UMC Orphanage
Mercy UMC Hospital
Bo Centenary Secondary School, a UMC school
Manjama UMC Clinic
SOS Village and others
- July 23rd An appreciation for the friendships and bonds made.
- July 24th Energy and opportunity to visit:
The bishop and attend devotions with staff.
Sierra Leone National Railroad Museum.
The Chimp Sanctuary
US Embassy
The two-story market, beach restaurants, etc.
- July 28th Ease in preparing for the long trip home.
- July 29th Safe arrival back home and coping with the reverse culture shock.

What if twenty steps
across a room
could change *your* friend's forever?

In his book, *Just Walk Across the Room*, Pastor BILL HYBELS describes how taking a few steps and an interest in someone standing across the room can wind up impacting eternity.

Join us for a Four-Week Church Experience that will refresh your appreciation for the Holy Spirit's mysterious ways, rekindle your passion for people, and revive your belief that the single greatest gift you can give to your friends and family members is an introduction to the God who ...

created them
loves them
and has a purpose for their lives

Over the next four weekends, you'll learn to:

Develop friendships with people far from God
Discover the stories behind their life's journey
Discern what "next steps" will help point them to faith

Just Walk Across the Room: The Four-Week Experience will change your mind about evangelism. Pointing people to faith is something all of us can do —and it shows up on the heels of a simple walk across the room.

August 7-28, 2011

August 7 th	The Single Greatest Gift
August 14 th	Living in 3D
August 21 st	The Power of Story
August 28 th	Grander Vision Living

What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?

On Sunday, September 11, our congregation will embark on an exciting seven-week journey. Our entire church family, both in Sunday school classes and in worship services, will read and discuss an engaging new book about mainline and moderate Christianity titled ***What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?***

During this unique study, we'll discuss several things Christians *don't* need to believe. For example, we don't need to believe that good Christians don't doubt or that it's OK for Christians to be judgmental and obnoxious. However, we'll spend most of our time studying what Christians *do* need to believe. In short, Christians need to believe in Jesus-his life, teachings, example, death, and resurrection. A great benefit of these beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life's most profound questions, including, What matters most? Am I accepted? Where is God? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? And is there hope?

You can help us prepare for this dynamic seven-week experience in the following ways. First, pray for this important event. Second, attend Sunday school and worship every Sunday during the seven-week initiative. Third, purchase copies of ***What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?*** for yourself, your family, and your friends.

Books will be available for purchase in the narthex on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week. Finally, invite family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to visit our church during the seven-week event.

Strength for Service

In the years since September 11, 2001, a new generation of American military personnel has been deployed to war zones around the world. In a time of war, those called into the service of others often turn to spiritual resources for perspective and the strength to persevere. As individuals standing in harm's way by the circumstances of war consider their eternal destiny, published materials that answer life's tough questions are urgently needed and remain in especially high demand.

Strength for Service was brought back to life in 2002 by an Eagle Scout named Evan Hunsberger. After discovering a worn copy of the volume that had belonged to his World War II Corpsman grandfather, Hunsberger devoted himself to the republishing of *Strength for Service*. The original book had been published in 1942 by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, an imprint of the Methodist Publishing House. A popular devotional for armed forces personnel during World War II and the Korean conflict, one million copies of *Strength for Service* had been distributed before the book fell out of print in the 1950s.

Updating its contents only slightly to reflect contemporary language and culture, the newly republished volume remains true to its original spirit while adding reflections and devotions from contemporary religious leaders. *Strength for Service* has found an audience in military personnel deployed throughout the world in a time of war; more than 300,000 copies have been distributed since Hunsberger's original goal was achieved.

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM) has been actively raising awareness and financial support to supply a copy to every man and woman serving in the U.S. armed forces worldwide. As steward of the project, the organization has begun developing plans for subsequent versions of *Strength for Service* that would appeal to public servants and other civilians.

We invite your support and encourage you to contribute to the purchase of copies by Riverside and to promote the continued publication of *Strength for Service* at this critical time in our nation's history. Mark your contribution *Strength for Service* and place it in the offering plate. For more information visit www.StrengthforService.org. We will dedicate the copies we purchase on Sunday, September 11th.