

the Doorway

Behold, I stand at the door and knock... (Rev. 3:20)



A Welcoming Community Living and Sharing The Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

We will begin our worship in September by finishing our summer study in Galatians. Then we will spend three weeks on Jesus' parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-31. This is perhaps Jesus' best-known and most loved parable. I think we will discover that three weeks are not enough for this marvelous and beautiful story. In addition we will have several copies of *The Prodigal God*, Tim Keller's book on this parable, available for purchase or borrowing.

9-4-16 Galatians 6

9-11, 9/18, and 9/25, Luke 15:11-31

COMING SOON

TUESDAY EVENING WORSHIP – The details are not quite set yet but in the near future we will begin to offer a new worship service on Tuesday evenings.

Place: The Sanctuary, **Time:** 7:15 to 8 p.m. The message for this service will essentially be the same as the message from the previous Sunday. So, if you've been away for the weekend, or you have to work on Sundays, or whatever, you won't have to miss worship. Plans are to celebrate **Holy Communion** at this service on the third Tuesday of every month.



DAY IN THE COUNTRY

for Riverside Church Family, Friends, and Guests

Sunday, September 4 starting at 3:00pm

Raindate: September 11

GlenOaks Farm

21305 Cotton Slash Road, Marysville, OH 43040

(see map on back page)



We aren't having a pig roast this year, but you may roast a hot dog and make s'mores over a campfire.

What will be furnished: hotdogs, buns, condiments, s'mores fixins, chips, carrots.

What you should bring: your own drink, and if you wish to eat something healthier, feel free to bring a picnic lunch for yourself.

Activities include: Hayride, campfire with wiener roast and s'mores, beanbag game, horseshoes, fishing (bring your own gear and bait) trail walking, horse viewing.

Lots of picnic tables and chairs are available, but you may want to bring your own picnic blanket or lawn chairs.

Help is needed: Sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – JOIN US

THIS FALL for a *Deep Blue* adventure about Joseph and his amazing coat, Moses in the rushes, the trek in the wilderness and the Ten Commandments! We will be enjoying stories, science experiments, arts and crafts, music and games while discovering these great stories and learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today! Ages 3 years (potty trained) through 5th grade. See you September 4!

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Life Changing Teaching

NEW CLASSES – All welcome!

DEAD SEA SCROLLS – Sundays, 10:30am – Starts 9/11 (Conf. Rm.) – Round Table with a DVD, by Prof. Gary A. Rendsburg, PhD from Rutgers Univ. The year is 1947 and a Bedouin shepherd tracks his stray goat into a cave above the shore of the Dead Sea at a desolate place named Qumran. Inside, he discovers a pair of tall, thin clay pots, and inside he finds nothing less than the greatest archaeological discovery of the 20th century – the Dead Sea Scrolls.

THE MEANING of LIFE – Mondays, 1:00pm – Starts 9/12 (Conf. Rm.) – DVD lectures by Prof. Jay L. Garfield, of Smith College. Let's examine today's issues and the best historical approaches to this topic. *Facilitator:* Pete Snook

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays, 6:30pm – Starts 9/14 (Prayer Rm.) – *Life Lessons: Books of 1 and 2 Peter* by Max Lucado. Has your peace been stolen? Dreams crushed? Hope lost? Life doesn't always turn out like we want. The disciple Peter knew tough times – threats, punishment, jail, beatings, and yet he knew how to stay strong. He wrote a survival manual and described how to act and respond when life isn't fair. Contact Mary Kay Freshour (614-557-3406) if you want a book, the price is \$10. We meet for 12 weeks (no class on Nov. 23).

ON-GOING STUDIES – All welcome!

SOUL FOOD – Sundays, 7:00pm (Conf. Rm.) – Ezekiel, led by Bruce Davis.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays, 6:30am (Lounge) – Start your morning in God's word and then head to work.

- 9/1 1 Kings 13 9/15 1 Kings 15
- 9/8 1 Kings 14 9/22 Psalms 63-64
- 9/29 1 Kings 16

Life Enriching Community

OUR RIVERSIDE FAMILY

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to OUR OCTOGENARIANS (and UP)

- Jan Schall – Sept. 4
- Joanne Stall – Sept. 15
- Alyce Thompson – Sept. 18
- Ron Foster – Sept. 22

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 50+

- Roy / Agnes Butler–Sept. 2 (54 yrs.)
- Dave/Sharon Moore–Sept. 3 (55 yrs.)
- Ray/Pat Bostic–Sept. 6 (64 yrs.)
- Dutch/Carolyn Miller–Sept. 19 (64 yrs.)
- Dave/Barb Parker–Sept. 24 (56 yrs.)

WELCOME TO GOD'S WORLD!

- Eleanor Grace and Emma Louise born August 8 to Dean and Katie Dufresne.
- Sylvia Violet Rader, born August 19 to Stephen and Kirby Rader.

BAPTIZED on August 7

- Cole William Storm, born Oct. 1, 2015 to Travis and Janelle Storm

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to

- Steve and Rachel Smith at the death of Steve's father, Richard Smith, on August 9.
- Sande and David Griebner and family at the loss of Sande's mother, Kay Blandford, on August 11.

If we've missed you, please call the office or email Linda (rumcua@rroho.com).

WRITE TO BONNIE GAMARY –

332 AEW/ECS, Unit 61804, APO AE 09321-1804. She returns from the National Guard in mid-January.

LIFE BEGINS – will begin its Fall series of Potlucks on Friday, September 2 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. *Life Begins* is a fellowship for the 55+ group. New people are welcome. Come check it out!

ALZHEIMER'S / DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thu., Sept. 22, at 10am, held in the Prayer Room and led by Ardith Nolte, 457-1627.

HEALTH & WELLNESS – the Bulletin Board has articles on:

1. Parkinson's Disease – following the changes
2. Caring For the Caregiver – be good to yourself too
3. To Your Health – the benefit of a happy social life
4. Living with Parkinson's – non-motor problems
5. Where the Germs Are
6. Itchy Scalp? 5 Common Problems & Fixes

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE –

That is the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Mary O'Brien (614-487-0477) or Joyce Stoner (614-787-2025). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

PRAYER in the SANCTUARY:

Mon.–Thu. at 4pm, our pastors pray for the prayer requests received in the services and from the prayer boxes. You are welcome to come and pray.

LOST AND FOUND BOX – is on the coat rack shelf (nearest to the parking lot). We will empty the box the first of every month.

Life Enriching Community

AA meetings

Mondays, 8:30pm (Lounge) &
Wednesdays, 7:30pm (Room 204/205)

AI Anon meeting

Wednesdays, 7:30pm (Lounge)

NA meeting

Thursdays, 7:00pm (Lounge)



VASES NEEDED...
for taking flowers to our shut-ins.

If you have any vases or large yogurt containers (or something comparable) please drop them in the kitchen and Debbie Boyer will use them when visiting our shut-ins.

MOM'S in PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

(formerly Moms in Touch) – has been impacting the lives of children and schools for over 30 years by gathering women all over the world to pray. This year's **Upper Arlington Kickoff** will be **Sept. 1 from 7–8:30pm** at the **home of Anna Jones, 3855 Norbrook Dr., 43220**. To be a part of this kickoff contact Susan Dick, sueandherm@yahoo.com, 614-893-4997 or Anna Jones 614-562-2518, abjones3855@gmail.com. For information about groups outside of UA contact Area Coord., Kathy Stauffer, 614-886-3303, kathystauffer5@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – To request a beautiful, handmade shawl for someone experiencing a difficult life event or a life change, just fill out a pink form (found in the Narthex) or email the church office at rumcua@rroho.com. The shawls are prayed for during the making and at worship. They can be made available with short notice.

Please join us to knit/crochet or learn!

Life Saving Outreach

OUR FREEDOM BAG MINISTRY

– for women being released from the Ohio Reformatory for Women continues on September 10. Come work with us any second Saturday. Remember that you do not have to sew to be part of this group!

We continue to accept fabric donations. Drapery or jeans-weight fabric 36 inches by 48 inches wide is ideal (One yard or more of 48 inch wide material).

From month-to-month, as schedules permitted, we have had thirty-five women participate in this project. As fall begins, please put this opportunity into your plans... to use your hands to give a tangible, encouraging word in Jesus' name.

So far, with the church's support of time, prayers, fabric and money you have touched the lives of over 250 women.

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

– CURRENT NEEDS – Baby Food, Formula, Toilet Paper, Flour, Packages of Sugar, Detergent, and Dog/Cat Food.

NNEMAP GROOMING KITS – 1,500 grooming kits to NNEMAP clients in the fall. Kits contain soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, comb, razor, shampoo, lotion, and a wash cloth. *Please help us fill individual 2-gallon ziplock bags with nine specific grooming items.* The bags along with an attached product list will be available in the Narthex. Please buy full sized products.

NO CHRISTMAS TREES & GREENS

– will be sold this year. The farm was sold. NNEMAP will consider this next year.



LIVING WATER – It's time to start signing up for our next Living Water mission trip! Our next trip will be the week of June 25, 2017, to the Leon region of Nicaragua. On this trip we will drill a well in a village that does not currently have access to safe drinking water, we will teach hygiene lessons, and we will share the gospel of Jesus. If you have always wanted to go on one of these trips but didn't have the financial resources we now have some scholarship money available thanks to some generous donors. We even have a person who is willing to watch you house, your pets, take care of your lawn, etc. if that is what has been stopping you. To sign up or ask questions contact Jim Lockwood at jrlkwd@gmail.com or 614-442-1580.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

1. HELP BUILD on SAT., SEPT. 17 – 8:30am to 3:30pm (5060 Winslow Drive in Whitehall) Please sign up in Narthex. Breakfast at 7:00am at Bruce/Linda Davis' home (1467 Mulford Rd., Grandview Heights, 43212). RSVP: Linda (614-582-1729) or Bruce (614-668-9619).

Habitat Weather Line is: 614-422-4828 Ext: 7039. Questions? Contact Evelyn Locklin elocklin@hotmail.com or 614-312-9848.

You can also work **ANY Thur.** (8:30a–12:30p) and **ANY Sat.** (8:30a–3:30p) **EXCEPT:** October 1.

2. RAISE MONEY for HABITAT – VOLUNTEER at the PARADE of HOMES – SEPT. 3–18, host, greet or represent Habitat. Volunteer with a friend(s)! For more information about shifts contact Alex Mullins directly at amullins@habitatmidohio.org or 614-419-2403. Flyers are available at the welcome center. Parade of Homes info at www.biaparade.com. The Parade is just east of the Zoo.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sundays at 5:30pm

Starts September 11

Also meets September 18 and 25



Sergeant Joe Sabbath is charged with keeping the peace in the sleepy little town of Bethlehem, and he likes things QUIET! When word reaches him that a band of rowdy shepherds is inbound from the fields outside of town, boisterously celebrating with wild tales of angels and such, he is determined to get to the bottom of this case!

Of course, what he discovers is no simple "disturbing the peace" beef. It seems he's stumbled upon the caper that changed the world!

Join Ms. Vicki and her friends at Children's Choir on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm beginning September 11 for crafts, musical games, singing, dancing, instruments, snacks, and of course, bring your "Dragnet" spy gear!

Our kids provide special music for Sunday morning services and also present two musicals every year.

For children ages 3 ½ - 12 years (potty trained, please!). For more info, contact Vicki Rich at 614 330 - 4357 / vrich@rroho.com.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

AGAPE CHOIR and CHANCEL CHOIR will have their **FIRST JOINT REHEARSAL** on Thursday, Sept. 15.

- **AGAPE CHOIR** – Thursdays at 7:30pm – **Starts** September 15 – We also meet September 22.
- **CHANCEL CHOIR** – Thursdays at 7:30pm – **Starts** September 8 – We also meet September 15, 22, and 29.

BELL CHOIR – Thursdays at 6:30pm – **Starts** Sept 8 – We also meets September 15, 22, and 29.

DID YOU KNOW...

THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR) – provides funds for emergency disaster response and ongoing needs around the world. Currently you can give toward **flood relief in Louisiana** and to the **ongoing refugee crises** around the world, or more. Make your check out to RUMC, designate where you want your gift to go and we will do the rest. If you want to know more go to the UMCOR website (umcor.org)

RUMC 2016 Financial Status

Jan.-July	Need	\$390,700
Jan.-July	Giving	<u>\$344,300</u>
	Shortfall	\$46,400

Windows Capital Campaign

Amount needed	\$60,000
Received to date	<u>\$29,700</u>
Amount yet to raise	\$30,300

Youth Fellowship

Life Size CLUE Party!

SR. HIGH

Wednesday, Sept. 7
6-9:00pm

JR. HIGH

Sunday, Sept. 11
5:00pm

COFFEE HOUR

Tuesdays, 3-5:00pm
Starts Sept. 13

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 18
11:30am-1:00pm

JR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 9-10:00am
Starts Sept. 11

SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 7:15-8:45pm
Sept. 8, 15, 22

SR. HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, Sept. 18
5-7:00pm

Call, text, or email Jenna anytime with questions (614-558-8498). More info at rumcua.org – on 'Youth' tab. Also, stop by the office, but it's best to call/text Jenna first to confirm she is in.

"For this son of mine was DEAD and is ALIVE AGAIN; he was LOST and is found." (Lk 15:24)

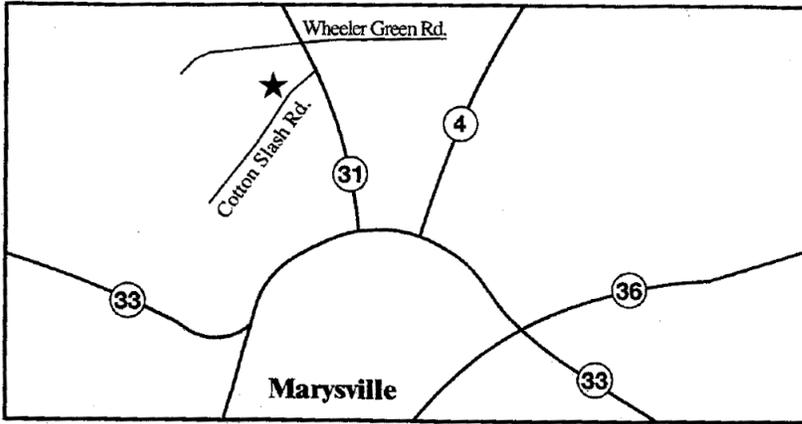


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