

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

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NEW MEMBER CLASS/REFRESH – Sundays in February. Our first new member class/orientation for 2017 will meet each Sunday evening during the month of February **from 5:30 to 6:30pm** (same time as children’s choir). Each week we will view and discuss a short video from the ALPHA Course. The topics include:

- Feb. 5 Who is Jesus?
- Feb. 12 Why did Jesus die?
- Feb. 19 How can I have faith?
- Feb. 26 Who is the Holy Spirit?

Childcare will be provided. We also invite any current members to come as well. Come and fellowship with those interested in joining and REFRESH your own faith and love for Jesus!

FEBRUARY WORSHIP – Here are the scripture and topics for worship in February.

Feb. 5 – Psalm 44, Can we talk to God about anything?

Feb. 12 – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Stewardship, taking care of everything God has blessed us with.

Feb. 19 – 2 Kings 5, Elisha and Naaman. We’ll spend two weeks on this very interesting passage from the Old Testament.

Feb. 26 – 2 Kings 5, Second time around!

TUESDAY EVENING WORSHIP – Place: The Sanctuary, **Time:** 7:15 to 8 p.m. The message for this service will be essentially the same as the message as on 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. Also we will celebrate Holy Communion at this service on **the third Tuesday** of every month.



UPDATED WEBSITE AND SERMONS AVAILABLE – you can find our current sermons on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/rumcua>) or our updated website (www.rumcua.com). Check them out!

LIVING WATER MISSION TRIP TO RWANDA – September 9 – 16, 2017. Currently six members of Riverside have signed up to join Living Water and Jordan Griebner on this mission trip to drill a well in Rwanda. Talk to Herman Dick or Liz Easton for more information.



LIFE BEGINS – Lunch on Feb. 3 at noon in fellowship hall.



CELEBRATIONS COMING IN 2017

On Sunday, May 7, 2017, Riverside will be celebrating the following anniversaries:

- 175 years of Riverside Church
- 100 years of Riverside at the Zollinger Road location
- 70 years of Riverside Pre- School / Child Care Center

Our next planning meeting is open to all and will be in Mon., Feb. 20, at 7:00pm. If you would like to be part of the great anniversary events or help with the planning, please notify the office.

COOKIE WARS! SUNDAY, FEB. 5

before & after church

Buy iced cut-out cookies
(made from scratch)
& help the Youth
pay for their summer camps!



Life Changing Teaching

Life Enriching Community

WINTER CLASSES:

FINANCIAL PEACE – by Dave Ramsey continues to meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm in room 202. Questions? Contact Don Adams (614-395-2397 or dadams@rrohio.com).

THE DANIEL PLAN – 40 Days to a Healthier Life by Rick Warren continues to meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm in fellowship hall. Learn the essentials to a healthy life – faith, food, fitness, focus and friends. Led by Pastor Herman.

DANIEL PLAN GATHERINGS – Participants who took the class last summer meet one Thursday a month (date TBD) at 1:00pm and 7:00pm to sample healthy foods, discuss challenges and successes, and learn more about the Plan.

ON-GOING STUDIES – All welcome

DEAD SEA SCROLLS – Sundays, 10:30am (Conf. Rm.)

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

THE MEANING of LIFE – Mondays, 1:00pm (Conf. Rm.), led by Pete Snook.

WOMEN'S GROUP – Wednesdays, 6:30pm, (Prayer Room) – Led by Sande Griebner.

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

01/05 2 Kings 3 01/19 2 Kings 5
01/12 2 Kings 4 01/26 2 Kings 6



PRAY FOR OUR NATION – and our new administration.

We'll also be praying for Israel. All are encouraged and invited to attend. We'll

meet every other Tuesday evening (Feb 14 and 28) in the prayer room from 6:30pm-7:10pm (prior to the worship service). We will not meet if the service is cancelled due to inclement weather.

OUR RIVERSIDE FAMILY

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to OUR OCTOGENARIANS (and UP)

- JW Smith – Jan. 28
- Lillian Marquand – Feb. 7
- Anetta Krieger – Feb. 18
- Jeanette Sheffield – Feb. 27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 50+ yrs.

- Larry and Karen McKanna – Feb. 10
- Carl and Elizabeth Scott – Feb. 20
- Don and Pat Adams – Feb. 24

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- Len, Donna, and Corey Richards at the loss of their son and brother, River (Calvin) Richards on Dec. 18, 2016.
- Bill Pease at the loss of his sister, Rose Crocker on Dec. 26, 2016
- Courtney and Ted Ruppert at the loss of her mother, Cynthia Dettilion on Dec. 27, 2016.
- Brian, Tina, and Jacob Scheltz at the loss of Tina's step-father, Harry Riga, on Jan. 5.
- James Benson family at the recent death of Sally, his wife. Sally is Charlotte (Mike) Bowers' sister-in-law.
- Susan and Doug Anderson and family at the recent death of Susan's mother, Barbara Davis.

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

JULY TRIP TO THE ABBEY IN

KENTUCKY – Sally Workman will be making her annual trip to the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky on July 17-21. Ladies, if you are interested in going please call Sally at 614-451-7907. She will call the Abbey on March 1 to reserve this week.

STEPHEN MINISTRY – Caring for People through People

When an event shakes up your world, you can either let it hurt you or help you. If you would like help in turning a life crisis into an opportunity of growth and faith, a STEPHEN MINISTER is ready to walk with you through the hurt.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you" Psalm 55:22a

If you have any questions about the Stephen Ministry at Riverside, please call one of the Leaders:

Mary O'Brien (614-487-0477) or Joyce Stoner (614-787-2025).

ALZHEIMER'S / DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP –

Thu., Feb. 23, at 10am, held in the Prayer Room and led by Ardith Nolte, 457-1627.

HEALTH & WELLNESS – the Bulletin Board has articles on:

1. Stress Incontinence: taking the next step
2. Statistics in Medicine: making sense of numbers
3. Orthostatic Hypotension: a dizzying condition
4. Heart Valve Disease: a stealthy condition
5. Compression Stockings: using them correctly
6. Second Opinion: dry eyes

AA meetings

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

AI Anon meeting

Wednesdays, 7:30pm (Lounge)

NA meeting

Thursdays, 7:00pm (Lounge)

Life Saving Outreach

LIVING WATER – We have only 3 or 4 spots still open on our June 25 Living Water mission trip to Nicaragua-Leon. Don't wait too long to sign up for this life changing trip. We will be drilling a safe water well in a village desperate for clean water, and sharing the gospel of Jesus at the same time. Contact Jim Lockwood at jrlkwd@gmail.com or phone him at 614-329-9144 for more information.

In other news, we want to thank everyone who voted for Living Water as the favorite charity in the Houston Chevron Marathon Run for a Reason program. Living Water came out on top and won \$51,000 which will provide about 2000 families safe drinking water in their villages. Congratulations to Claire, Jordan, and Hannah Griebner who ran in the hot and humid Houston weather in the 13.1 mile race with Team Living Water which raised over \$150,000 for Living Water. Thank you Claire, Jordan, and Hannah, and thank you Chevron!



RECYCLE POTS AND PANS – NNEMAP has begun a partnership with this new program that works to keep older kitchen items from going into landfills. These items are collected for new mothers working with the Moms2Be program. If you are interested in donating used kitchen and for more information go to abbe@luckypennyfarm.com.

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – Toilet Paper!!! Feminine Hygiene Items, Packages of Sugar, Detergent/Flour, Cat Food/Dog Food. Hygiene items are always low! We need: dental items, razors, and shampoo. Place items in the designated cart outside the office.

RIVERSIDE'S



SUNDAY, APRIL 2, at 5:30pm

The proceeds of this auction will support the building of our 26th and 27th **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** houses!

Please bring your donations beginning Feb. 18 and leave them at the far end of the lounge. You can find letters in the narthex to give to businesses (for donations).

IDEAS FOR DONATIONS:

- New or Homemade Items, New Items for Kids, and Gift Baskets
- Some "Big Hit" items for donations are:
 - **Tickets** – for a performance, sporting event, or golf outing
 - **Gift cards** – buy at the grocery store and get money off your gas purchase
 - **Certificates** – for services you will provide (we can design & print them)
 - Home repair or yard work
 - Sewing or alterations
 - Time at your vacation home
 - Help in a particular area you are skilled in
 - Offer to bake your best pie, cake, dessert
 - Provide a meal
 - Help someone with a hobby you enjoy, like scrapbooking
 - Take a portrait
 - Give a ride on your giraffe, antique car, or motorcycle!
- Ask a business you frequent to donate material items, services, gift cards, or gift baskets. *Many businesses like to donate to an auction that benefits Habitat for Humanity!*
- **TO ASK A BUSINESS:**
 - Please take a letter that explains our project and provides the necessary tax information. The letters are located near the visitor center in the narthex.
 - When you pick up a letter, please fill out the hot pink registration sheet (in the holder). This will prevent a business from being approached more than once.
 - The person who requests the donation is responsible to pick up the item and to bring it to the church. Some businesses may choose to mail their donation to the church.

Questions? Please contact Jeanine Vaughn 457-0989 or Nancy Gabriel 876-0477.

Life Saving Outreach

COLLECTING COATS FOR KIDS –

Donate new coats (or clean, gently used ones), gloves, mittens, scarves and hats to Weinland Park Elementary School. Place items in the designated cart outside the office. *Thank you!*



FREEDOM BAG MINISTRY –

See you on **Sat., Feb. 11 at 10:00am** to help make bags for women just released from the Ohio Reformatory for Women. You do not have to sew to help out! Always second Saturdays at 10:00am.

Use your hands to give a tangible, encouraging word in Jesus' name. Fabric donations: drapery or jeans-weight fabric 36 inches (or more) by 48 inches wide is ideal.

Music at RUMC

CHILDREN'S CHOIR MEETS:
every Sunday at 5:30pm

CHOIR REHEARSALS

BELL CHOIR 6:30pm Thur., Feb. 2 & 16

CHANCEL + AGAPE CHOIRS REHEARSAL: Feb. 16 & 23.

CHANCEL ONLY: Feb. 2 & 9. This group is joined by Agape Choir at some rehearsals. Chancel Choir wears robes and help lead the congregational singing from the choir loft.

Youth Fellowship



Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 19
1-2:30pm

COFFEE WITH JENNA –
Tuesdays (3–5:00pm)

BIBLE STUDY

JR. HIGH: Sundays, 9:00am
SR. HIGH: Thursdays, 7:15pm
at Pilutti's home.



Sundays, 5–7:00pm

JR. HIGH: Feb. 12 and 26
SR. HIGH: Feb. 19

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT – Wednesday,
Feb. 8 from 6-8:00pm.

2017 SUMMER TRIPS

ASP: July 11-17
Sr. High Lakeside: June 25–July 1
Jr. High Lakeside: July 3–7
Jr. High Mission Trip: July 24–28

*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.*

ALL YOUTH LOCK-IN COOKIE WARS –



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, at 8:00pm

We need all the help we can get for our **4th Annual Riverside Youth Cupcake/ Cookie Wars!**

You can earn a LOT of fundraising credit for helping bake, decorate, and sell cookies for any of the three teams.

We meet at the church on Saturday night, Feb. 4, at 8:00pm to start baking cookies from scratch, and won't quit until they're all decorated, packaged, and ready for sale! You won't get much (any) sleep, but you will have a great time and eat a lot of cookies.

You will have decorating supplies to decorate your cookies according to your theme, and you can also dress up to match your theme!

2017 ALTAR FLOWER CHART – It is posted on the bulletin board by the office. Please add your name and remembrances to the dates you want to donate altar flowers (\$45). Or contact Linda at the church office at 486-5201.

SIGN UP FOR E-GIVING: and have your offering debited from your account. Go to rumcua.org for the link, select the QPay Electronic Giving tab.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Traditional – 9:00am, Sanctuary
Contemporary – 10:30am, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Middle School at 9:00am
Children & Adults at 9:00 & 10:30am
3½ years (potty trained please) to 5th grade

TUESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

7:15–8:00pm, Sanctuary

NEW MEMBER CLASS – see p. 1
All Sundays in February at 5:30–6:30pm

Riverside’s Silent & Live Auction
benefitting **Habitat for Humanity** – see p. 3
Sunday, April 2 at 5:30pm



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