



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**

June 2017

Dear Riverside,

I find it almost impossible to know what to write. June 18 will be my last Sunday at Riverside. For a long time after I announced my retirement I didn't think about it much because it was so far off. I didn't know how many sermons or days I had left. But about the first of May that changed. Suddenly the days and messages were easier to count. Now, of course, the time is at hand.

I will probably say something similar to this on June 18, but I decided to put a few of my thoughts in writing before then. So here goes. As a young pastor not knowing what lay ahead I can honestly say I never dreamed I would serve a church, or have a ministry, as rewarding as my time at Riverside. So much of who I am now as a person, pastor, and believer has been shaped by our time together and our common experience of God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I know that who I am in Christ is in large part a result of who you are in Christ. And, yes, I know that goes both ways.

In John 14:1-4 Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." This makes me smile for several reasons. First, because Jesus was speaking

to those He was soon to leave and He wanted them to know it was going to be all right. Second, because He wanted them to know that He was about to do something – die and rise again – to make everything right again in the end. And third, it makes me smile because you know the way to the place (Charlotte) where we are going and you are all welcome! Although not all at the same time, please.

Finally, I know my circumstances are far, far different, but I was led to Acts 20 and St. Paul's farewell words to the church at Ephesus. He is on his way to a very uncertain fate in Jerusalem and then Rome. I'm not, but I still find his words in Acts 20:24 helpful to me. Paul says, "my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." You have encouraged me to do this for the past 25 years. I do not know what lies ahead, but I trust from all that we have shared, that God will help us each to finish the race by the power of His Holy Spirit.

In Christ,

TUESDAY EVE WORSHIP – 7:15 to 8pm, in the Sanctuary. The message is the same as the one on the previous Sunday. If you've been away for the weekend, have to work on Sundays, or whatever, you won't have to miss worship. Holy Communion is on the third Tuesday of every month.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION!

**PASTRIES, COOKIES,
APPETIZERS,
& VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

June 3 – Saturday

- 10am-4pm Drop off your goodies
- 10am-2pm **4 Volunteers needed**
Prep work

June 4 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 7:30-9:30am – **4 volunteers needed**
Set-up food in Narthex
- 9:30-10:30am – **2 volunteers needed**
Replenish food on table
- 12:30-1:30pm – **2 volunteers needed**
Clean up after the 11:00am service

If you can help call Jaleh at 325-5511.

SUMMER FUN – kids ages 3½ - 11
(more info on page 3)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
July 31-Aug. 4 Invite your friends!

MUSIC CAMP: Thursdays in June,
7-8:30pm

**DAVID & SANDE GRIEBNER'S
Retirement / Farewell Potluck**
in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 17 at 5:00pm

Bring a dish to share.
Meat, drinks & tableware provided.

PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER FUN!



Save the dates for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 31 - August 4, 2017

For kids, ages 3 1/2 - 11

Power up for a super adventure this summer! At Hero Central, you and your kids will discover your strength in God! You will learn to "Do Good! Seek peace and go after it!" (Psalm 34:14b). You will also learn that God's heroes have *heart!* They have *courage!* They have *wisdom!* They have *hope!* They have *power!*

VBS takes place July 31 - August 4, at 9–11:30am, with a grand finale party on Friday, August 4, at 11:30am–12:30pm.

For a sneak peak,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wy-o3V3qrQ>

MUSIC CAMP

Join Ms. Vicki and her friends on **Thursday evenings during the month of June, beginning June 1, 2017 at 7–8:30pm.** We will have a great time of musical games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and guest musicians who share their instruments with us.

This year we will explore Bible stories from the Old Testament, including: The Creation Story, Noah's Ark, Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors, Moses in the bulrushes, and the Mighty Exodus through the Red Sea! We will have a blast with folk songs like "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More," "Arky, Arky," and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." We will sneak in Steve Martin's "King Tut" just for fun!

Music Camp is open to all children, ages 3 ½ - 11 (potty trained, please!) No sign up is necessary.



For a sneak peak, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wy-o3V3qrQ>

Questions? Vicki Rich vrich@rroho.com / 614-330-4357.

Life Changing Teaching

ON-GOING STUDIES – *All welcome*

MANY STUDY GROUPS ARE OFF FOR THE SUMMER – and resume in the fall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays, 6:30am (Lounge) – Start your morning in God's word and then head to work.
 06/01 Luke 3 06/22 Luke 6
 06/08 Luke 4 06/29 Luke 7
 06/15 Luke 5

FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP

OPPORTUNITY – With the Daniel Plan in mind and a desire to be fit to better serve our Lord, join Tina Husted and Susan Dick for fun, informal exercise. Bring a towel or mat for the floor. *All ages and fitness levels are welcome!*

- Mondays, 7:15–8:00pm
- Tuesdays, 11:45–12:30am (not June 6)

Life Enriching Community

"LIFE BEGINS" POTLUCK

Our last dinner before Summer!
Friday, June 2 at 6:00pm

We'll start again Friday, Sept. 1 at 6pm. New members encouraged.

RIVERSIDE CO-REC SOFTBALL

TEAM – Riverside is a member of the Northwest Church Co-Rec Softball League. Join us for fun and get to know other team members. To register, call the Manager, Rob Radcliff, at 614-395-3842. All games are at Fancyburg 1. Game schedule for Sundays in June is:

June 4	3:15pm	June 18	4:30pm
June 11	3:15pm	June 25	2:00pm

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)

AA/AI Anon Big Book Study

Fridays, 7:00pm (Lounge)

OUR RIVERSIDE FAMILY

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to OUR OCTOGENARIANS (and UP)

- Pat Scott June 1
- Pat Carleton June 3
- Jerry Lowder June 3
- Joan Kimes June 13

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 50+ yrs.

- Jim & Elaine Blosser– 54 yrs. on June 15
- Paul & Savonne Childress– 55 yrs. on May 18

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to

- Christian sympathy to Jenny, Brett, Jacob, Grant, Gavin, and Ella Southworth at the death of Jenny's father, John, on April 26.
- David Cady and family at the death of his mother, Jeannine Cady. on May 13.
- Dan and Michelle Hardin and family at the death of his mother, Monah Hardin, on May 25.

WELCOME TO GOD'S WORLD!

- Roy Lee Miller born on May 5 to Chris and Lindsay Miller.

BAPTIZED IN MAY

- Hannah Mae Winhoven born May 12, 2016 to Jason and Marje Winhoven and big sister, Amelia.
- Maddox Lloyd Cruze, born Feb. 28, 2014 to Justin and Jennifer Cruze.
- Zachary James Blosser born October 21, 2016 to Doug and Jen Blosser.
- Sadie Louise Davis born February 22, 2017 to Cruz and Laura Davis.
- Gabhran Downer
- Vivian Lawless
- Darlene Ann Kreider

CONFIRMED AS MEMBERS

Carter Anderson	Akalia Knepper
Madison Blue	Vivian Lawless
Luke Bracken	Anna Leach
Gabhran Downer	Kate Leach
Delaney Evans	Rachel Leach
Connor Harper	Hayley Pool
Julianne Johnson	

HEALTH & WELLNESS – the Bulletin Board has articles on:

1. Headaches as You Age: finding relief
2. Health Tips: removing a tick
3. Urinary Tract Infections: preventing recurrence
4. Tick Bites: know what to do
5. Exercise Intervals: efficient and effective
6. Second Opinion: what's the best way to treat a minor burn?

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(Lakeside) **Tuesday, June 6, 4:30 pm**
 - Celebration of Ministry Service (Ordination & Retirees) with the sermon by Bishop Tracy S. Malone, East Ohio Conf. All are welcome to attend the Worship service in Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside to **celebrate Rev. David Griebner's retirement** with a small reception immediately afterwards. The reception will be held at Otterbein North Shore (9400 North Shore Blvd.). The worship service will last approx. two hours. RSVP to Sande Griebner at 614-805-7474 if you plan to attend.

STEPHEN MINISTRY and THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

EYES AND EARS OF JESUS – We are the eyes and ears of Jesus on earth today. It is our duty to be watching and listening to people around us, recognizing when they have needs for care. If you find someone with a need, listen and care. If you find the need is something greater than you can provide, tell the person about our Stephen Ministry and put them in touch with Pastor David or a Stephen Leader—Mary O'Brien or Joyce Stoner. Jesus is depending on us to be his eyes and ears on earth.

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).

Life Saving Outreach

NNEMAP – The CenturyLink Foundation helps support NNEMAP. During their annual online fundraiser they **will match each donation up to 75–100%**. From **June 5–16** go to: (www.centurylink.com/fooddrive) and get your gift to NNEMAP matched!

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS: Lots of Toilet Paper – Packages of Sugar, Detergent, Flour, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Canned Meats and Ravioli (pop-top cans), Cat Food/Dog Food. Other hygiene items are always low (dental items, razors, shampoo and feminine hygiene items).

LIVING WATER MISSION TRIPS –

On June 25th our eighth Living Water mission team will travel to the Leon region of Nicaragua to help drill our 17th well, and on September 9th our ninth team will travel to the Ruhango district of Rwanda to help drill our 18th well.

The teams will travel to a remote community where there is currently no source of safe water. The purpose of these trips is to demonstrate the love of God by helping the local Living Water staff in each country to drill a sustainable clean water well, teach safe hygiene practices, and share the gospel of Jesus.

The cost of each of the wells the teams will be drilling has been paid for by the generous contributions of the Riverside congregation to our Living Water Fund.

Lack of access to clean water is still the leading cause of death in the world, and through your contributions to Riverside's Living Water Fund over 13,000 people in developing countries in Africa, India and Central America now enjoy access to clean, cool, safe water right in their communities. All in the name of Jesus.

FREEDOM BAGS – We will not meet as a group in June, July, or August, so plan ahead for our fall launch on September 9!

Music at RUMC

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

Youth Fellowship

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 4

CEDAR POINT TRIP

Wednesday, June 7

Meet at Church at 7:00am
We will return about 10:30pm



JUNE 11–17

SR. HIGH LAKESIDE

June 25–July 1

SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

7–8:30pm, Sunday, June 18

2017 SUMMER TRIPS

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.

VBS MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES!

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a job for...
Volunteers of RUMC!

It takes a lot of adult and youth volunteers to rescue the little ones from the powers of darkness! We need help with:

- **Missions** – teach kids about Living Water
- **Music** – lead worship songs
- **Drama** – participate in skits
- **Snacks** – shop for, make, and serve snacks
- **Crafts** – show kids how to make crafts
- **Leaders & Teen Assistants** – supervise & move kids to and from various activities
- **Recreation** – teach kids Bible points through fun games
- **Sound & Video** – assist in the sound room for both the Opening & Closing Praise Celebrations each day
- **Photography** – capture the magic on video and camera
- **Nursery** – care for the wee ones of the volunteers, (under 3 ½).
- **Registration** – meet & greet, direct traffic flow, hand out name badges
- **Set Construction** – help with projects that transform our narthex and fellowship hall into cityscapes and a fortress of solitude: making signs, cutting and painting styrofoam and cardboard boxes. Work days will be scheduled for June & July.
- **Can't do any of the above? Join us for Prep Days** in June, to cut both paper & cloth and to organize craft kits. Even YOU can do a super job of stuffing Ziploc bags!
- **Pull a superhero star** from the bulletin board and commit to bringing the needed item for VBS. Some items will be borrowed; some items will be donated. Items may be dropped off in baskets located beneath the VBS bulletin board. *Gift card donations should be delivered to the church office.*
- **Pray!** We plan to serve over 100 kids who will be learning about discovering their strength through God!

To Help, contact Vicki Rich for info:
vrich@rohio.com / 614 330 4357.

June 1, 2017

Dear Members of Riverside,

At the Church Council meeting on May 24, 2017, the following motion was unanimously passed:

Motion to put to a vote before a Church Conference, subject to District/Conference approval, to sell the parsonage located at 2871 Halstead Road, Columbus, Ohio, and put the net proceeds in the RUMC Endowment, in a special fund, to provide income to offset the expense of a pastor's housing allowance and to provide some inflationary gain to the special fund, should the congregation decide to purchase a parsonage in the future.

Here is the background for that motion:

1. There is a trend now among many churches to not provide a parsonage for their pastors but rather to provide a housing allowance (monthly payment) which allows pastors to own a house and enjoy the benefits of home ownership. Our new pastor who starts on June 25th and his wife own their own house.
2. At the March 22, 2017 Council meeting, the Staff/Parish Relations Committee, the Trustees Committee, and the Finance Committee were asked to study the pros and cons of owning a parsonage versus providing a housing allowance for future pastors and report back to the Church Council at the next meeting.
3. After much discussion at the May 24th Council meeting, there was unanimous agreement to recommend selling the parsonage. The motion above provides for the sale proceeds to be kept in a separate fund that will grow over time to both provide income to offset some of the monthly housing allowance and also to provide the means to purchase a parsonage in the future if needed.
4. Below is the analysis that was used at the Church Council that helped to reach the conclusion to sell.

The sale of the parsonage must be approved first by the members of Riverside and then by the District/Conference. You will soon receive notice of a Church Conference to be held at the church where you may vote on whether or not to sell the parsonage.

Jim Lockwood, Milt Rowe, Don Adams
Chairmen of Church Council, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations

RUMC Parsonage Rent v. Sell

RENT	Rent @		SELL	Sell & Invest	
	\$2,500/mo.	\$3,000/mo.		@ 4.5%	@ 5.0%
Rental Income	\$ 30,000	to \$ 36,000	Net Sales Price	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Real Estate Taxes	\$ (7,300)	\$ (7,300)			
Repairs & Maint. (1.0%)	\$ (4,000)	\$ (4,000)			
Net Income	\$ 18,700	to \$ 24,700	Endowment Interest	\$ 18,000	to \$ 20,000
Parsonage Budget	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	Parsonage Budget	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Housing Allowance	\$ (24,000)	\$ (24,000)	Housing Allowance	\$ (24,000)	\$ (24,000)
Net Impact	\$ 6,700	to \$ 12,700	Net Impact	\$ 6,000	to \$ 8,000

Assumptions:

1. Rental Income net of any management fees and rental turnover.
2. Future rental income to incorporate inflationary impact on taxes and maintenance.
3. Maintenance expense range is 1-3% property value.

Assumptions:

1. Proceeds of Sale to be put into a separate Fund in the RUMC Endowment.
2. Annual Interest earned above the housing allowance to remain in the separate endowment fund.
3. Sales price is net of selling costs.

RENT:

Some Pros:

- House continues to appreciate
- Have a Parsonage if needed in the future
- Existing Parsonage has been well maintained

Some Cons:

- Potential rental turnover
- Unforeseen Landlord efforts

SELL:

Some Pros:

- Sellers Market
- More certainty in Financial Results
- No ongoing Parsonage efforts

Some Cons:

- Work involved in buying a new parsonage if needed
- No appreciating asset



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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



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