



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**

July 2017



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

"Welcome to your new home." Someone from Riverside recently said this to me during one of my first days at the church. It was a very

encouraging thing to say and it made me feel welcome. Now by the time you read this, we will have already spent a couple of Sundays together in worship. Hopefully I will have had the opportunity to meet you or, if not, will get the chance to do so in the near future. To be fair, I have a lot of names to try to learn and remember whereas you only have one. Furthermore, remembering to call me Pastor David really isn't going to be too difficult for you, now is it?

As we get better acquainted, one of the things that I think will help facilitate our transition to Riverside is to hold cottage meetings over the next few months. A cottage meeting is simply a listening post in which I can meet with a group of 8-12 people, usually in someone's home, and spend some time in dialogue with folks from the church. I have engaged in cottage meetings in previous pastoral appointments, but feel it will be particularly important at Riverside since you have not had a pastoral transition in twenty-five years.

During a cottage meeting, those present would have an opportunity to get to know me by asking questions. Likewise, I will also have an opportunity to hear what God has been doing in your midst and where the Holy Spirit may be leading in the future by

asking some questions of my own. At the end of any given evening, which should take between 60-90 minutes, we will all be a little more familiar with one another.

I want to stress that these listening posts will prove to be invaluable to me, so I hope that you will plan to attend one. Be sure to watch for opportunities to sign up to participate in a cottage meeting in the near future. If you wish to host a cottage meeting, please contact the church office. I look forward to getting to know you.

In Christ,

David

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A COTTAGE MEETING?



Please call or email the office
(614-486-5201 or rumua@gmail.com).

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. **No Tuesday Evening Worship on July 4.**

REGISTER NOW FOR VBS!

<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=39794>



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>

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

Life Changing Teaching

ON-GOING STUDIES – All welcome

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays, 6:30am (Lounge) – Start your morning in God's word and then head to work.
 07/06 Psalm 71-72 06/20 Luke 9
 07/13 Luke 8 07/27 Luke 10

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

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

Life Enriching Community

STEPHEN MINISTRY – “CHRIST 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).

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)

- Bob Patterson July 1
- Pat Smith July 1
- Noretta Weese July 11
- Pat Robinson July 14
- Bob Sprouse July 15
- Roseann Foster July 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 50+ yrs.

- JW & Pat Smith 57yrs. on June 17
(sorry we missed you in June)
- Bill & Pat Carleton 62 yrs. on July 24

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to

Dan and Michelle Hardin at the death of his mother, Monah Hardin, on May 25.

BAPTIZED IN JUNE

- Maria Elena, "Meg," Wesley
- Clare Annelise Unalan born July 27, 2011 and Grant Kazim Unalan born November 24, 2008 to Kaz and Kristin Unalan.
- Danielle Lee Ball born December 31, 2007, daughter of Josh and Maybelle Ball.
- Andrew Philip Henry born December 31, 2008 and Margaret Ann Henry born November 29, 2012 to Jennifer and Stephen Henry.
- Alice Shi

HEALTH & WELLNESS – the Bulletin Board has articles on:

1. Women and Heart Disease—take risks seriously
2. Acupuncture—unconventional relief
3. Shoulder Strength—adding resilience
4. Cognitive Behavior Therapy---a practical approach
5. Second Opinion—my legs sometimes become swollen, but they don't hurt and it doesn't feel like anything else is wrong. Why might this be happening?
6. Should I see a Doctor for a Mole That Bleeds Occasionally?

Dear Riverside Family,

I find myself almost without the words to thank you for such a thoughtful and meaningful final weekend. The dinner was wonderful. The speakers were so kind. We appreciated everything they said. And when we heard that you were paying for our Living Water trip to Rwanda this fall we were overwhelmed.

Sunday was hard. But I stand by the title of the message: "Jesus isn't going anywhere." That's because He lives in all of us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We will miss you all, but know you are in good hands with David and Herman.

Finally, let me say a word about the "Clap-out." That was amazing.

So let me leave you with this. One day, because of our faith in Jesus, I believe we will all experience a "Clap-in" in heaven. And from that moment on there will be no more goodbyes.

And remember we are only a mile or so off I-77. Our address is 9610 Cockerham LN. Huntersville, NC, 28078. We'll have a sandwich waiting.

In Christ,

The Griebners



RIVERSIDE CO-REC SOFTBALL TEAM – Riverside is a part of the Northwest Church Co-Ed Softball

League. Join us for fun and a chance to get to know other team members.

For questions, contact Manager Rob Radcliffe at 614-395-3842. Games are on Sundays at Fancyburg Park 1.

Game schedule is:

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| July 9 at 3:15pm | July 23 at 4:30pm |
| July 16 at 3:15pm | July 30 at 2:00pm |

Life Saving Outreach



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
- **Snacks** – shop for, make, and serve snacks
- **Leaders & Teen Assistants** – supervise & move kids to and from various activities
- **Recreation** – teach kids Bible points through fun games
- **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.
- **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@rrohio.com / 614 330 4357.



SET-DESIGN WORK DAYS

FRIDAY, JULY 14 10:30a–1:00p

Goals: General projects, and the mid to ending stages of set design. **Superman's Fortress of Solitude** should be installed in the narthex. The work is downstairs in the yellow undercroft. The installation of the Fortress is in the narthex. It usually involves cutting and painting styrofoam, spray painting outdoors, using boxcutters to cut corrugated cardboard for set design and posters. Wear old clothes!

TUESDAY, JULY 18 5:30-7:30p

Goals: Completion of general projects, and the mid to ending stages of set design. **Gotham City Skyline** should be installed in the narthex. The work is downstairs in the yellow undercroft. The installation of Gotham skyline is in the narthex. It usually involves cutting and painting styrofoam, spray painting outdoors, using boxcutters to cut corrugated cardboard for set design and posters. Wear old clothes!



STAGE SET-UP

SUNDAY, JULY 30 2:00–6:00pm

Goals: Clear the stage and transform the fellowship hall and classrooms into "Hero Central."



VBS TRAINING DATES

- Sunday, July 16 5:00p VBS Training Session - choir room
- Sunday, July 23 5:00p VBS Make-Up Training Session - choir room
- Thursday, Jul 27 2:00p VBS Hospitality Training - narthex
- Thursday, Jul 27 3:00p VBS Registration Training - narthex
- Sunday, July 30 VBS hospitality & Registration Make-up Training

Life Saving Outreach



MidOhio NW Volunteers, have our 2017 house assignment at **1756 S Sixth St.** It's a Rachel model 2-story house, 4 bedrooms. We

expect to begin building early in July. We will **not work Saturday, August 5**. Volunteers must be 16 years old.

This site is 1 block north and 1 block east of our 2015 home. We will be partnering with Mifflin Presbyterian again and we will be sponsoring several women build days.

To add some challenge to this year build, Habitat will be building another home next to our build. This will be an open build and John Fisher will be the house lead for both projects. The schedule for our build will likely stay the same. The schedule for the second build will be full days Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Meet the family – Arica Williams and her son Craig (5) are anxious to leave behind their one bedroom living conditions and move into their new Habitat house at the end of this year. Arica moved into her mother's house a few months ago to help care for her after an extended illness and she is ready to start fresh and provide a safe home for her son.

Arica is an extremely hard worker; she has been employed at Kroger for over eight years and is finishing up an AmeriCorps assignment at a local property management company. In between working two jobs and caring for her son, Arica enjoys spending time with family and playing games with Craig.

When asked what she is most looking forward too, Arica responded, "Making my family proud. I like to set goals and accomplish them and I have been eager to be a homeowner for many years!"

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

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – CURRENT PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Vegetables and Fruits, Canned Beans, Canned Meats and Ravioli (pop-top cans), Cat Food/Dog Food. Hygiene items are always low (dental items, razors, shampoo and feminine hygiene items).

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS IN THE SANCTUARY – Each window was meant to remind the viewers, many of whom were illiterate of a Bible story.

Lois Krull is preparing a tour of the windows. If a specific Bible story depicted in a window(s) made a difference in your life, Lois Krull would love to hear your story. Please call her at 614-439-0428.

CHURCH PARISH HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENT



4 Bedroom
2 1/2 Baths
Two Car Garage

\$2995/month
Effective July 15

Interested?
Contact Tina Husted
614-306-7036

Music at RUMC

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC – John Stahl is retiring and we will have more information about a celebration for him (soon).

Our new Contemporary Music Leader, is Nate Moutoux (pronounced Moo toe). Nate, his wife and children moved to Columbus from New Jersey. They arrived June 28.

John Stahl will be working alongside Nate for a few weeks.

Youth Fellowship

JR. HIGH



July 3–7

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP:

be HIS hands and feet

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.



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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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