



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**

August 2017



I'M HEARING GOOD THINGS

I have good news and bad news. Now that I'm completing my first month at Riverside, I felt like I should

update you on a few things. For example, I want you to know that I've been praying for you. I have started praying for each person connected to the church by name. Granted, it will take me some time to pray through the long list of members and constituents of the church, but I do want you to know that I'm doing this and, at some point, I'll be mentioning your name to the Lord. I hope you hear that as good news today.

Also, I have truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you in the varied contexts that we've had the chance to meet. For some, it's been a Bible study. For others, it's been a conversation in the narthex between worship services. For others, it's been a random moment in the community where we've crossed paths. Someone recently asked me a great question. They said, "Now that you've been with us for a number of weeks, do you like us?" I will tell you what I told them ... I do. I really do like you. I've found the congregation of believers at Riverside to be warm and welcoming, friendly and faithful. I hope you hear that as good news today.

Finally, I'm about half way through my current schedule of cottage meetings and look forward to the ones that remain on the calendar. Later this autumn, I'll share a detailed report of our conversations. But I want to take a moment to give you an update on what I'm hearing at these listening posts. The truth is I'm hearing good things. I'm hearing good things about what Riverside does well. I'm hearing good things about what you tell me you want to see improved. I'm hearing good things about what you are dreaming about for your church's future. I'm hearing good things and I can't wait to tell you the details in a few months. I hope you hear that as good news today.

Now, I mentioned earlier that I have good news *and* bad news. I think we all recognize that there is always some bad news in the world and we don't have to go too far to find it. So here is what I think – the good news is that, because of Jesus, the bad news is overcome by the Good News! As the hymn writer put it, "Though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." ([This is My Father's World](#)) In the Gospel (The Good News), Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) I hope you hear that as good news today.

In Christ,

David



COTTAGE MEETINGS (about 60–90 minutes)

A cottage meeting is simply a listening post in which Pastor David Cady can meet with a group of 8-12 people, in someone's home. Through dialogue, we will get to know our new pastor, and he will get to hear what God has been doing in our midst and where the Holy Spirit may be leading in the future. These listening posts will be invaluable to Pastor David. **Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center** or contact the church office (614-486-5201) or rumua@gmail.com). Dates that still have openings are below and **all meetings are at 7:00pm (unless noted as 2:00pm.)**

Tues., Aug. 15 at **2:00pm**
Sun., Aug. 20 at **2:00pm**
Mon., Aug. 21
Wed., Aug. 23
Tues., Sept. 5 at **2:00pm**

AUGUST 6 – Philippians 2:1-11 and Mark 10:35-45, Practical service is how we live out our faith in response to grace.

AUGUST 13 – YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY!!!

TUESDAY EVE WORSHIP – 7:15–8pm, in the Sanctuary. Been away for the weekend, have to work on Sundays, or whatever, – you won't have to miss worship. Same message as the one on Sunday. Communion will be Aug. 8 (the Tues. following the first Sun. of the month).

Life Changing Teaching

NEW CLASS! FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – Starting Sunday, September 24 from 5:30-7pm – The classes will be held each Sunday evening through November 26 (No class November 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving).

To register, go on line to:
<https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu?snid=footer.classes.fpu>

Dave Ramsey.com/FPU-class-finder, click on “take the first step” and go to bottom of screen and click on “find a local group”. To register, find Riverside Church. This web-site also has information about the class.

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.

08/03 Luke 11 08/17 Psalms 79-81
 08/10 Luke 12 08/24 Luke 13
 08/31 Luke 14

DANIEL PLAN GROUP – Herman and Susan Dick’s group continues to meet at 7:00pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, held in the conference room.

FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY — Mondays, 7:15–8:00pm – Fun, informal exercise with Tina Husted and Susan Dick. Bring a towel or mat for the floor. *All ages and fitness levels are welcome!*

SOUL FOOD – will resume Sept. 10.

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)

Life Enriching Community

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)

- Harriet Lowder Aug. 1
- Ruth Ann Bull Aug. 22
- Helen Evans Aug. 24
- Mary Miller Aug. 25
- Marilyn Phillips Aug. 27
- Tom Yost Aug. 29

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 50+ yrs.

- Byron & Ardith Nolte Aug. 20
- Blaine & Carolyn Bierley Aug. 24

WELCOME TO GOD’S WORLD!

- Jackson Wayne McKanna born June 28 to Brandon and Jaimie McKanna.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to

- Margaret Mahood at the death of her brother, Edward Wharton on June 22.
- Susan Marshall & family at the death of her husband, Curt Marshall on July 2.
- Alan and Erica Thompson and family at the recent death of Alan’s step-father, Herb Dahlman.
- Norma Mueller, family, and friends at the death of her husband, Rich Mueller, on July 11.
- Jeanette Sheffield and family at the death of her daughter-in-law, Tracy Sheffield on July 23.

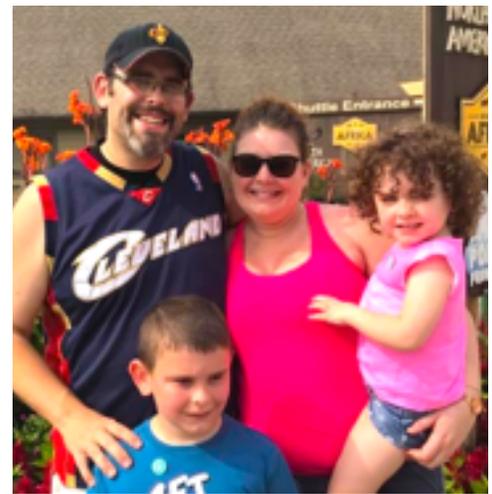
HEALTH & WELLNESS – the Bulletin Board has articles on:

1. Staying Positive with Age—attitude as a route to health & happiness
2. Ankle Arthritis—options for pain relief
3. Health Risks after Cancer—not just recurrence
4. When Sex Hurts—it doesn’t have to
5. Trigeminal Neuralgia—a shooting facial pain
6. Second Opinion—What are the health benefits of chia seeds

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC – NATE MOUTOUX

Nate received degrees in Music Education and Biblical Studies from Philadelphia Biblical University (PBU). He has been leading worship for 15 years at PBU and in several churches throughout greater Philadelphia.

He is originally from North Royalton and Parma Heights in Northeast Ohio. Nate is an avid sports fan and follows all Cleveland sports teams as well as The Ohio State University. He enjoys reading, listening to Podcasts, watching movies and playing Fantasy Football.



Nate, Mindy, Isaac, and Madeline (taken recently at the Columbus Zoo)

He married Mindy Moutoux in 2008. They met at a music rehearsal while attending PBU (Mindy also studied Music Education and Biblical Studies). They have led music together in churches for all 9 years of their marriage. Mindy works as a Manager at Brio Tuscan Grille at Easton Town Center.

They have two children. Isaac, age 8, will be entering 3rd grade this fall. He loves playing video games, building Legos, and reading. Madeleine, age 3, will be entering Preschool in the fall. She loves all things Disney, Paw Patrol, and singing at the top of her lungs. Also a part of the family are two Cats: Pip and Squeaker.

Life Enriching Community

STEPHEN MINISTRY – Where Two or Three Are Gathered in My Name I Am Among Them...

In Matthew 18, Jesus promises to be with us. That's one of the great miracles of Stephen Ministry. When a Stephen Minister meets one-on-one with his or her care receiver, Jesus is present too. He brings the power of his transforming love, and the peace, healing, and comfort that only God can give.

If you know someone who would benefit from a relationship with a Stephen Minister...or if you might like someone to talk with...please call one of the Leaders:

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



THE PARKING LOT

GARDEN – Any vegetables that are ready to pick are yours to enjoy! And thank you Pastor Herman for all of your hard work.

COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED –

We will be scheduling communion servers for 9 & 10:30 Sunday worship. If you are interested in helping please contact Linda in the office by August 15.

CHURCH PARISH HOUSE

AVAILABLE FOR RENT – 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Baths, 2 Car Garage, \$2995/month. Interested? Contact Tina Husted at 614-306-7036.

RIVERSIDE LOGO SHIRTS FOR SALE – profits will benefit our Youth. You can find a sample shirt and the sign-up sheet (with pricing) at the Welcome Center.



Life Saving Outreach

LIVING WATER TRIP – On Sunday, June 25, Riverside's team traveled to Managua, Nicaragua. Our team: Gwen McCartt, Sean McCartt, Dael Clark, Eric England and his father, Mike England, from Illinois, Dan Bremer, Melissa Buller and her sister, Abby Buller, of Nashville, Liz Easton and Collin Easton.

They went to La Ceiba, a community about an hour and half outside of Managua. The community members were waiting for our team and were very welcoming. The Mayor gathered everyone together and opened in prayer – it was very moving.

On that first day they were able to drill 180 feet with no glitches – it was amazing! The women on the hygiene team taught classes to the women and the children of the community on hand washing, brushing teeth, proper nutrition and also how to use and store their clean water. They also had bible studies – including the woman at the well, the parable of the lost sheep, and the house built on the rock. Some of the drill team members came to help act out the bible stories which the children loved!

By the end of the week our team had a 150 foot well with clean water and many amazing relationships that they will never forget. The community said they were forever grateful that Living Water was able to provide them with clean water – and we will be forever grateful for the memories and many blessings we received from the people of La Ceiba. It was a wonderful week.

COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES for Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program (NNEMAP) –



We will be collecting during VBS and the first half of August.

Place all school supplies in the NNEMAP box. There will be a school

supply list, by grade, hanging on the NNEMAP box, to help you assemble your purchases.

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY – 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).

TIME TO SERVE HABITAT LUNCHESES –

Riverside will provide lunch for Habitat workers on Sat., Sept. 9th and we will serve workers from 2 houses this year.

Anyone wishing to help serve or provide food please contact Nancy Gabriel 614-876-0477.



OUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE HAS BEGUN! –

At 1756 S 6th St. – Volunteers are needed Thursdays 8:30a-12:30p and Saturdays 8:30a-3:30p. No work on Aug. 5 (Pelotonia) and Sept. 2 (Labor Day), Women's Builds on Oct. 7 and Nov. 4.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1-3pm

**SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO COME
JENNA & BEN ARE HAVING 2, NOT ONE!**

**DIAPERS & WIPES BABY SHOWER
CONGREGATION IS INVITED** (gals & guys both)

Bring diapers and wipes... If you can, bring more than one so we can double the love... and double the fun!

More information to come

Oliver Joe



Wyatt Lee

Life Saving Outreach

FREEDOM BAGS (Prison Ministry) – Women being released from ORW and DCI will receive a fabric bag, adding dignity to their new life! **We will resume sewing on Sept. 9** (2nd Sat. of each month) from 10am–3pm. You can measure, cut, iron or sew a fabric bag. Look for pamphlets and sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center. Remember to bring a sack lunch! Additional dates are: Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and for 2018: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14 and May

Stewardship

RUMC 2017 FINANCIAL STATUS

June YTD Giving:	\$315,100
June YTD Need:	<u>\$353,700</u>
Shortfall:	\$38,600

Our spending year to date (YTD) is below our budget; therefore the current shortfall is due to the timing of tithes and offering received. Over the last four years, giving to the general fund has tended to be more favorably weighted to the last three months of the year.

Because our spending tends to occur evenly throughout the year, we have been running deficits for much of the year. Our June YTD deficit is the second highest of the preceding four years. Though we are not alarmed, we wanted to communicate our current financial situation. We are blessed to currently have unspent (but committed) reserve funds to cover this deficit temporarily.

I invite you to review your financial commitment to see if it is “on pace”. We are grateful for the generosity of this congregation with its time, talents and treasure so that the Kingdom of God might be made present to as many as possible.

Ben Bremer
Finance Committee Chair.

Music at RUMC

MEN’S ENSEMBLE – We are looking for a few good men and will rehearse on Thursday evenings of August 17 and August 24, at 7:30pm. We will be working on a choral arrangement for tenors and basses, which we will sing as special music for Sunday, August 27, at the 9am service. Contact Vicki Rich for info, vrich@rrohio.com.

CHANCEL CHOIR – We will resume rehearsals beginning Thursday, August 31, at 7:30pm. We will be diving into new music this fall, and will be featuring a fantastic new Christmas cantata by Pepper Choplin, “Night of the Father’s Love.” If you loved “Once Upon a Tree,” this musical is for YOU! For a preview, visit <http://www.stantons.com/ll-title/night-of-the-fathers-love/438860/?s=1>. Our Chancel Choir rehearses Thursday evenings and sings every Sunday at the 9 AM service throughout the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

FALL KICK OFF FOR AGAPE, BELL, AND CHILDREN’S CHOIR – Check next month’s newsletter for dates.

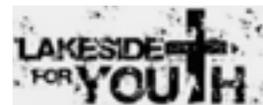
JOHN STAHL HAS RETIRED AS DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

We are planning a celebration for John! Watch for details.

Youth Fellowship

**YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY
AUGUST 13**

Celebrate fun times and spiritual growth from our summer trips!



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP KICK OFF AND LUNCH!

**Sunday, August 27
from 11:30am to 1:00pm**

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.



Remember to sign up for a Cottage Meeting.

They are a lot of fun!

After a recent Cottage Meeting, guests were treated to milkshakes and sundaes by “Soda Jerk In-Training” David Cady. The venue was Ken and Jeanine Vaughn’s authentic 1950s diner!



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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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