

The Riverside Reporter

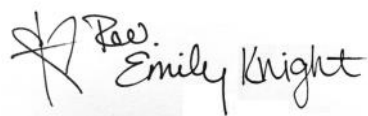
July 2017

Dear Riverside Park Family,

Looking back: July's arrival means we have been worshipping together for a year! Can you believe it? The time has flown, but I also feel like this church and this city have been home for so much longer. Thank you, again, for welcoming Matt and me into your hearts and lives. I am truly blessed and honored to be your pastor.

Looking forward: Below you will find a list of criteria for measuring what the conference and district are calling "vital congregations" or "congregational vitality." The good news is that these categories are specific and helpful in holding us accountable to our mission (Are we connecting to our community? Are new folks turning their lives to Christ? Are church members connected to discipleship groups where they experience spiritual growth?). The bad news is that RPUMC is *not currently* considered "vital."

I expect this to change over the next year, but it will be a team effort. The categories themselves are less important than what they represent: actively growing faith and vital, abundant life in Christ--the kind that we cannot wait to share with others! So buckle up, church, and please be in prayer. Each of us is needed!

 Rev. Emily Knight

The bold categories are our areas for growth:

- ◆ **Average worship attendance: growth in three of the last five years.**
- ◆ **Professions of faith: At least two new disciples! New folks turning their life to Christ!**
- ◆ **Reaffirmations of faith: Folks returning their hearts to Christ--especially those who haven't done so in a long time**
- ◆ Children and youth: 20% of average worship attendance should be children and youth. ✓
- ◆ Average giving per worshiper: 1.85% or greater of the average household income of the homes in an eight-minutes-drive-time around your church. ✓
- ◆ **Community Impact: 1% or more of the population in an eight-minutes-drive-time around our church attend worship**
- ◆ First-time guests: First time guests in a year should equal our average worship attendance (this is about four new guests each Sunday) **New**
- ◆ Gospel Invitation: The saving, Good News of Jesus is shared at least once a month in worship AND we invite folks to follow Jesus. **New**
- ◆ **Discipleship: 50% of Adults are connected to a discipleship group or small group**
- ◆ Apportionments and Insurance Premiums: Apportionments and insurance premiums are paid at 100%.

Ushers for July

1st Sunday: Team #1: Mark Cashen, Bill Hodges, Shirley Davis, & David Middleton

2nd Sunday: Team #2: Ruben Allen, Chris Davis, Dan Fosmire, & Jason Brown

3rd Sunday: Team #3: Debbie Colbert, Alicia Dorsie-Frank, Karen Fleming, Connie Hodges, & Betty Sanders

4th Sunday: Team #4: Jenny Cashen, Julianne Kirchain, Peggy McCord, Darby Wilson-Norman, Shirley Post, Emily Rehberg, & Harriet Thurgood

5th Sunday: Team #1: Mark Cashen, Bill Hodges, Shirley Davis, & David Middleton

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations:

No meeting

Church Council:

No meeting

Board of Trustees:

Monday, July 17th @ 6:00 pm

Finance Committee:

Thursday, July 6th @ 6:00 pm

Nurture Committee:

Sunday, July 9th @ 12:00 pm

Outreach Committee:

Sunday, July 9th @ 12:15 pm

Worship Committee:

No meeting

Nursery Volunteers for July

1st- Shirley Davis & Bonnie Dudley

2nd- Kim Renne & Barbara Roper

3rd- Lorie Anderson

4th- Pam Allen

5th- Volunteer Needed



We are gearing up for Rockin' Back to School! Join us Saturday, August 5 from 9 – 12 noon. This year, we are encouraging monetary donations in lieu of actual supplies but if you must shop, we suggest colored pencils, Ticonderoga #2 pencils, or sets of markers. Thanks!



A huge thank you and best wishes to Gealean Murray and Brian Alvarado who step down from the RPUMC staff this month. Gealean has worked in our nursery for 3 years--loving our children, trimming nails, and empowering our parents--and this past year, Brian has led our contemporary worship service with incredible authenticity and a servant's heart. The good news is that neither of them are leaving the church! Gealean has earned her realtors license (currently working with Keller Williams Realty) and Brian's own business has been picking up (BP Exterior Services, LLC--A window and door installation company). We are grateful for the time these folks spent on our staff and we celebrate the extra time they will now spend with their kids and community.

Members of our church family and friends who need special attention:

Home

- † Betty Nolen
- † Ruth Crouse in Alachua, FL
- † Ruth Jacobs in Gainesville, FL

Heartland

- † Memorie Gordon
- Riverside Presbyterian House*
- † Florence Dickie
- † Juanita Daley



Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a huge success!! It was such an awesome and amazing week! Thanks to ALL who helped in the planning, making of props, shopping, decorating and were there every morning bright and early ready to lead as well as learn right along with the kids! This week would have never been possible without all of you dedicated volunteers! What a blessing to have such a wonderful, loving church family willing to give of their time for others! This is one of the best and most rewarding things we do for the kids here at Riverside Park, not just our own kids, but those who attend the YMCA Camp as well as the community children. We had 125 Nerds, Geeks, Hackers and Techies! Every morning we learned our Bottom Line for the Day, Memory Verse, sang fun songs and even had JB Robot teach the kids a song he wrote himself!

Every year we support a local mission for VBS. This year our mission was Family Promise— a mission that has recently become important to our church family. The kids were excited to bring change in every morning and raised a total of \$211.75!

We are ALL Uniquely and Wonderfully Made!!

"Let your light shine so others can see it.

Then they will see the good things you do.

And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 NIV

INTERESTED IN AN ONLINE BIBLE STUDY?



Summer schedules tend to mean travel, but most of us still have access to FaceBook. Pastor Emily is looking to connect a group (or groups) of people who want to read the book of James in the month of July. Connect from wherever you are! Newbies and scholars welcome!

Contact Pastor Emily with questions:
pastoremy@riversideparkumc.com

Looking to use your gifts in the church?

We especially need volunteers in the nursery during both services, ushers and liturgists at 11am, creative thinkers to brainstorm about upcoming worship, and someone to help prepare communion for the traditional service.

Contact Pastor Emily at (904) 355-5491 by email:
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- 1st Doug Matthews
- 2nd Cade Renne
- Morgan Richards
- Kelsey Shields
- 3rd Carly Gunby
- 5th Susan Stone
- 9th Joye Hampton
- 10th Paige Bush
- Tim Riechmann
- 12th Caden Bridges
- Bonnie Dudley
- 13th Rachel Bush
- Will Markert
- 14th Mark Thurgood
- 15th Gealean Murray
- 16th Brian Allen
- 17th Derrick Hittell
- 19th Heidi Cooper
- Joanne Lipp-Carlson
- 20th John Cogburn
- Nikki Crissinger
- 21st Juanita Daley
- 22nd Kylie Rodriguez
- 23rd Dan Francabandiero
- Chuck Pickren
- 25th Alex Anderson
- Mia Anderson
- Ruth Crouse
- Shirley Early
- Courtney Quinones
- Alex Winter
- 27th Ashley Alston
- 29th James Cashman
- Malachi Moore
- 30th Robbie Parrish
- 31st Jack Barnard



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
8:15 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship
9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Service
10:10 a.m.	Sunday School Hour
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Service

Church Office hours:	
Monday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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