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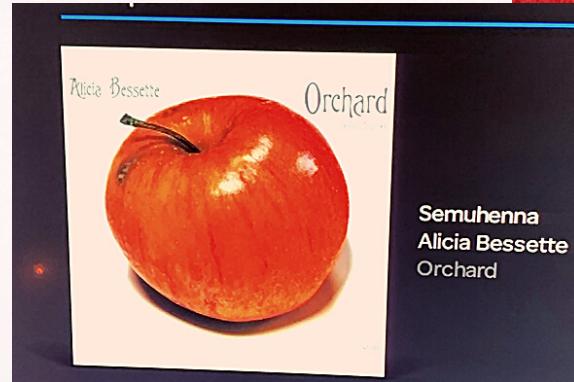
## NOVEMBER 2021

Back in September, I preached a sermon series about listening for God--encouraging us notice (and share) the 'God moments' where the Holy Spirit shows up--whether it's a voice you hear in the middle of the night, a bird that sings at the right moment, or a take-out meal sent to comfort and sustain your family through a difficult season. Some of you have told me about prayers that have been answered or dreams that felt significant --even the simple affirmation that you've found welcome and 'a sense of home' in this church.

Then, on October 12th, I was delighted to get this text from Caroline Jennings:

*Hi Emily...so was sitting here talking to God...  
saying how much I like fall smells (like apples)  
and I asked "Is that found in Heaven?  
Can that be part of my Heaven?"*

*At that time I got up to do something, glanced  
over at my TV and saw this picture (to the right):  
Let me tell you...I listen to this station 5 days a  
week and have NEVER ever seen this in rotation.*



This was such a little moment. just a conversation with God about the smell of apples and the hope of heaven... and it *could* have been a coincidence... But I had been praying that morning, too:  
Asking God for leadership and guidance.  
*"Remind me that you're here, Jesus..."*

...then my phone buzzed  
and God basically said, "How bout dem apples?"

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Poe. Emily Knight

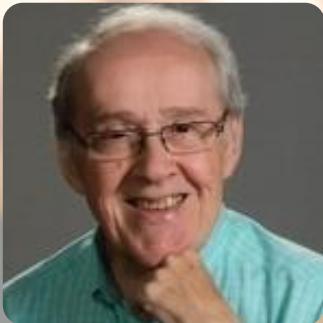


# All Saints Sunday: Nov 7th:

A service of Remembrance & Peace with Holy Communion

We give thanks to God for beloved members who now rest from their labor:

**Dan Francabandiero Ruth Jacobs Geneva Rentz Connie Skinner**



## Christ the King Sunday November 21st

join us for a special service of  
glory and thanksgiving to God:

*To Jesus Christ be glory and power  
forever and ever. Amen.* ~Revelation 1:6

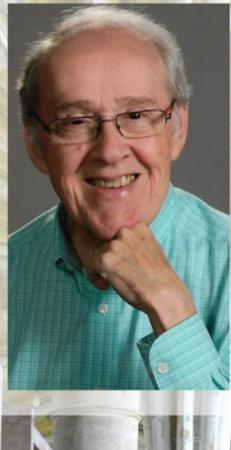
~Bless New Leaders for 2022 ~ Celebrate New RPUMC Members ~  
~Offer up pledge and ministry cards for 2022~



## First Sunday of Advent: November 28th

*"Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us.  
Let us find our rest in thee."  
(United Methodist Hymn #196)*

from Creator to Christ: let us  
open the biblical names of God!



# Memorial Concert honoring Dan Francabandiero

**November 14, 4:00 p.m.**

GUEST MUSICIANS AND THE RPUMC CHANCEL CHOIR  
TO HONOR THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR FRIEND  
AND PREVIOUS MUSIC DIRECTOR, DAN FRANCABANDIERO

**Senior Adult Fellowship:**  
**Friday, Nov. 5th**  
**11-12:30**  
**Lunch & Bingo.**  
**Please RSVP**  
**(904) 355-5491**



## CHURCH CONFERENCE NOV 16TH @ 7 PM

EMAIL FOR ZOOM LINK:  
[J.HAMPTON@RIVERSIDE PARKUMC.COM](mailto:J.HAMPTON@RIVERSIDE PARKUMC.COM)

**MEMBERSHIP AUDIT  
CLERGY COMPENSATION  
THE LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT**



### RPUMC Church Conference:

*Online via zoom.*

*RPUMC church members are encouraged to participate and vote on the three agenda items.*

## Future of UMC Presentation



Please join Rev. Alex Shanks, Assistant to Bishop Ken Carter, as he shares about the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation legislation and the upcoming General Conference.

**RPUMC Sanctuary  
6:30 pm  
Thursday, November 18, 2021**



The Florida Conference  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Family Bonfire Night*

**Saturday, Nov 20th  
6-8pm  
Church Courtyard**



### Florida Conference Presentation

*Gather in the Sanctuary  
(or view-only zoom call).  
Registration encouraged.  
Additional gatherings TBA*

**Hanging of the Greens:  
Sunday, Nov. 21st  
~noon~**

After the traditional service on Christ the King Sunday, we will order pizza for all who stick around to fluff garland, hang wreaths, and assemble the huge sanctuary tree.

# Family Discipleship

## Family Bonfire Night!

If you're reading this then you're officially invited to join us for a 'bonfire night' at the church on Saturday, November 20th. We'll be gathering in the courtyard from 6-8pm to roast marshmallows, play games, and simply be with one another. We hope to see you there!

**When: Saturday, November 20th 6-8pm**

**Where: Church Courtyard/Playground**



## Sunday Mornings

### • Family Lounge

- **What:** A space for families with young children to gather and watch service streamed. Kid friendly, snack equipped, parent approved.
- **When: During Service (9am and 11am)**
- **Where: Nursery**

### • Faith Formation Groups

- **What:** Families gather for snacks, prayer, and scripture time. There's something for all age groups, adults included, so we hope you can join us as we grow in faith and community!
- **When: Sundays @ 10**
- **Where: Fellowship Hall**

## Advent 'Gift Tag Challenge'

For Advent this year we are challenging families to take on The Gift Tag Challenge! The Gift Tag Challenge will not only help kids discover the gifts that God has given them, but it will also create opportunities to serve others with those gifts in a pay-it-forward kind of way. This activity will prompt kids to think of an individual or family to gift tag by sharing God's love with them and encouraging them to continue to spread the love by gift tagging someone else! Are you ready to get your kids to share their gifts? Tag . . . you're it!

More Information to Come!

## Family Ministry Faith Formation



Serving Wednesday Meals

Acolyte Training



Trunk or Treat

World  
Communion  
Sunday

~ RRUMC October Moments ~



Senior Adult Fellowship



# Leadership & Nominations Report

United Methodist Churches emphasize "the priesthood of all believers"--i.e. the importance of leadership not just of the pastor but the whole church. Each fall, a team gathers to nominate leaders for our church's administrative committees and critical missional needs. This team (which included Tim Bush, Emily Rehberg, Leigh DiSalvo, Dakota Storm, Beth Joyner, and Pastor Emily—along with input from Pam Pearsall and Chris Schmitz who were out of town) has met and, now that nominations have been accepted by the individuals and approved by church council, we are excited to share the report with the whole church. We encourage you to affirm these individuals by church conference vote on November 16th.

## Thought Process for Nominating Leaders

1. Prayer and attention to our mission and vision
2. We want leaders who are passionate, active, and called: especially those who have expressly shared an interest in leading ministry areas (and a nod to those who haven't served in the past).
3. We want to affirm and continue leaders who are willing/called to continue in their current roles.
4. Mission, ministry, and future focus--especially for church council
  - We want roles for ministry areas that already exist within in the church (places where leaders easily come to mind—like Jim Lewis for senior ministry) and leadership in areas we need (like Wednesday night ministries)—not just 'positions' for the sake of positions.
  - Church council members should be voices for ministry areas. We did not add 'ad hoc' church council members for this purpose. Especially since church council meetings are open and too many people can be unproductive/overwhelming (we already have 23 on the slate).

### Nominations Committee:

(with Pastor as chair and Tim Bush as vice)

·Continuing for next year: Chris Schmitz, Emily Rehberg,  
Leigh DiSalvo, Beth Joyner

·**New: Britt Scott, Bobby Brazell,  
Chris Renne, Harriet Thurgood**

### Board of Trustees

·Current and continuing: Chris Schmitz; Susan Bush; Robby Monk, Chuck Pickren, Pam Pearsall  
·**New: Diane Carrigg. Joe DiSalvo.  
Caroline Jennings. Danny Marks**

### Staff Parish Relations/Finance Committee

·Current and continuing: Frances Mathews, Kaitlyn Fuller, Rich Goodwin, Tim Riechmann, Jesse Manalo, Tim Ware, Cynthia Round, Jeff Cornett  
·**New: Karen Fleming. Charlie Schubiger. Carly Gunby**

·Also part of this team: Layleader (Tim B.), Conference Rep (Beth J.), & Treasurer (Mark M.)

## Church Council 2022

### \*Current and continuing\*

- Lay Leader: Tim Bush
- Council Chair: Kevin Crowell
- Annual Conference Rep: Beth Joyner
- Recording Secretary: Joye Hampton
- Children's Home rep: Jeff Cornett
- Beyond 50 Ministry: Jim Lewis

- Family Ministry: Dakota Storm
- Young Adult Leader/campus ministry rep: Kaitlyn Fuller
- Vice Chair: Ron Richardson
- SPRC/Finance chair: Jesse Manalo
- Connection/Care Team: JoAnn Goodwin
- Youth rep: Brenna Dupries (Ava Manalo, alternate)
- Trustees Chair: Chris Schmitz (pending trustees election)

### \*New or different for Church Council 2022\*

- Church Treasurer: Mark Matthews
- Membership Secretary: Nancy Schubiger
- Margaret's Memories: Nicole Remo
- Family Ministry Council rep:  
TBD from Family Ministry Council
- Anti-racism initiative: Linda Labell

- UMM President: Clark Burner
- Wednesday Night Ministry team: Bonnie Dudley
- Outreach/Evangelism: John Larsen and Jane Riechmann (co-chairs)
- Hospitality/First Connections: Tim Ware
- Spiritual Growth & Nurture: Leigh DiSalvo

### Additional (non-council) Leadership Positions:

- 'Interpreter of connectional giving' -*to communicate information about apportionments.* to be elected and serve within the finance committee.
- Camp & Retreat Rep: should be elected and serve within the family ministry team.
  - Church Historian: Bettye Stilley
  - Financial Secretary: Jack Barnard

### New or 'Rebuilding' Ministry Teams:

**These teams (represented on church council) are critical ministry areas that we want to rebuild. Each team still needs additional participants (and we want as much church participation as possible). Let us know if you would like to serve (or nomination another amazing person) to serve in one of these areas:**

**·Family Ministry Team** (*to empower students and families to live life abundantly in Christ)*  
Dakota Storm and...?

**·Hospitality/First Connections** (*to welcome and connect with neighbors and guests who join us*) Tim Ware and...?

**·Wednesday Night Ministry team** (*to vision, organize, and empower our Wednesday ministries*)  
Bonnie Dudley, JoAnn Lipp, Pam Pearsall, and...?

**·Spiritual Growth & Nurture** (*to encourage thriving small groups—i.e. women's circles, Sunday school classes, bible studies—by supporting leaders and coordinating smallgroup information with the church*) Leigh DiSalvo, Bonnie Allen and...?

**·Outreach/Evangelism** (*to witness God's love out in the neighborhood & connect with/offer invitation to our neighbors*) Jane Riechmann, John Larsen, and...?

**Connection/Care Team:** (*to visit, send cards, and extend care to members who may not be able to join us for worship*) JoAnn Goodwin, David Holladay, Connie Hodges and...?

# RPUMC's Gallery Project: "Articles of Faith" by Ron Richardson of Testament Photography



What do biker jackets, and ship builders have in common with cathedral windows? They speak to the world about our faith in Christ! Just take a look at Ron Richardson's photography display in the church's 2nd floor hallway (or visit RPUMC's website, youtube channel, or facebook account for Ron's next video with details from five more images).

"Articles of Faith" includes only three photos of people, but the most conspicuous image might be Tomahawk (left).

Says Ron, *"This picture helps remind me that I should not make judgments about someone based on their appearance. This 'bonus image' (to the right--not part of the installation) was my first view of Tomahawk. Rather than be intimidated, I knew he was someone I wanted to speak with. If that went well, perhaps he would be willing to spend time in front of my camera. He rewarded my boldness with an extended portrait session, interesting conversation, and a Bible."*



## Small Groups & Service



Have you noticed the new bulletin board in the sanctuary breezeway? To help people plug in, we're 'posting' small group and service opportunities in one place. If you're looking for a way to connect (or re-connect) to a Bible study, Sunday school, women's circle, ministry team or service opportunity within the church, stop by the bulletin board and grab a card! (or call the church office for more information)

# October Memorials & Special Gifts

## Dan Francabandiero (memorial gift)

*A gift to the pastor's discretionary fund from Mark and Jenny Cashen*

## iGive.com Donation (Special Gift)

We received \$49.13 from iGive. Visit [iGive.com](#) and learn how your online purchases can benefit Riverside Park UMC at no extra cost to you.





**Provide for the Future.  
Serve the present.  
Honor the past.**

***The finance committee is working to support next year's missions and ministries and will invite members to offer up pledge cards (as a mission promise to God) on the Sunday before Thanksgiving: Nov 21st. More details to come...***

# Poinsettias for Christmas



Every year we decorate our altar area with poinsettias at Christmas. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives. The poinsettias will be displayed on Christmas Eve and can be picked up after the 7:30 service or after worship on Dec. 26th. If you would like to purchase one or more poinsettia, please use this form below and return to the church office with your payment no later than Monday, December 13th.

Poinsettias are \$15 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #

If you would like a booklet mailed to you, please provide your address here:

Address City, State Zip

# of Poinsettias                      Total \$

Check #  Cash

# NOVEMBER



All worship services will be in-person and streamed live on Facebook. Please check the website or the RPUMC Family group on Facebook for any updates. Worship service videos will be posted on YouTube and the church website the following business day.

Office Hours	
9 am—3:30 pm	Monday-Thursday
9 am—1 pm	Friday

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7pm Circle of Hope	3 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4	5 11am Senior Adult Fellowship	6
7 COMMUNION	8 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship	9 6pm SPR/Finance Committee Meeting	10 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	11		13
14	15 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship 4pm Memorial Concert	16 6pm Trustees Meeting	17 7pm Church Conference (via Zoom)	18 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 6:30pm Future of UMC Presentation	20 6-8pm Family Bonfire
21	22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship 12pm Hanging of the Greens 5pm Chancel Ringers	23	24	25 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26 THANKSGIVING (Office Closed)	27
28	29 1st SUNDAY of ADVENT 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship 5pm Chancel Ringers	30				



1st	Adam Tompkins
2nd	Cooper Crowell Martha Swoope
3rd	Jacob Mardini
5th	Karen Fleming Jack Skinner
6th	Nicole Remo Johnny Tompkins
8th	Rachel Delong Linwood Doane
11th	Mason Bridges Sharon Joos Lyn Lewis Sandra Pauley
12th	Rachel Moseley
18th	Pat Doane
21st	Ava Manalo
23rd	Marty Holmes Kirk Neufeld Mary Lou Roberts
27th	David Hodges
28th	Jesse Manalo
29th	Scott Allen Emily Wilson

## Committee Meetings:

Finance/SPR Committee (Zoom)  
Tuesday, November 9 @ 6:00 pm

Board of Trustees (Zoom & In-Person)  
Monday, November 15 @ 6:00 pm

Charge/Church Conference (Zoom)  
Tuesday, November 16 @ 7pm

Church Council (Zoom)  
Thursday, November 18 @ 6:00 pm

## Stewardship & Generosity

Give your gifts and tithes online:  
Set up one-time or recurring giving through your bank's  
bill pay service. Or visit <https://tinyurl.com/RP-Give>

Give your gifts and tithes by check:  
you can bring or mail them to  
Riverside Park UMC  
819 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204

## Operating Fund Year-to-Date as of 9/30/2021

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$322,488	\$261,829
Expenses	\$350,960	\$363,395
Deficit/Surplus	-\$28,472	-\$101,566

## May God's love surround...

### Home

- † Emory Cook
- † Joe Dorsie
- † Shirley Early
- † Jo Herron
- † Steven & Theresa Jarvis
- † Betty Nolen
- † Connie Skinner
- † Jim Todd



### College Students

- Isabella Array
- Zachary Bradley
- Taylor Bohannon
- James Cashman
- Tommy Cashman
- Topher Cogburn
- Tre Devine
- Lindsey Grady
- Hogan Litwin
- Allison Matthews
- Emily Merton
- Kaden Neufeld
- Kyle Neufeld
- Matthew Popp
- Dallas Renne
- Hannah Stomps
- Dakota Storm-Lewis



# RIVERSIDE PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Empowering others to live life abundantly in Christ."



## Worship with Us!



**Worship Online:**  
Facebook live Sundays  
@9am Contemporary  
@11am Traditional

[facebook.com/RiversideParkUMC](https://facebook.com/RiversideParkUMC)  
(the service is also uploaded to  
Youtube on Monday mornings)

**Worship in Person:**  
**in the Sanctuary**  
**Sundays @9am & @11am**  
(everyone wears masks,  
designated pews are 6 feet apart,  
and hand sanitizer is at all  
entrances)

Church Office: (904) 355-5491  
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Monday - Thursday 9-3:30  
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