



# RIVERSIDE REPORTER: JUNE 2022

The first Sunday of June celebrates the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) when the Holy Spirit pours out on the early church--bringing passion and even language for mission and ministry that follows Jesus. *We received the Spirit in order to serve the world in the name of Christ.*

This story is in our sanctuary, too: our Pentecost window shows the holy spirit descending like a dove, pouring out over the disciples gathered in the center circle (each with tongues of fire over their heads) -- and the Spirit of God is over the missional work that moves out toward the corners around them.

- Upper left of center: Stephen kneels in witness and martyrdom (Acts 7:54-60)
- Upper right of center: Saul's conversion strikes him blind on the Damascus Road and his life (and name) are changed (Acts 9:1-19)
- Lower left of center: Peter preaches while Mark takes notes and assembles the earliest of the written Gospels (Acts 2:14-42)
- Lower right of center: Paul stands before a map of the Mediterranean churches he visited for the sake of evangelism (Acts 13-14)

And over all of these moments (at the very top beside the dove) we see scenes from the Emmaus story where Jesus breaks bread and walks beside us - -even in ways we may not recognize.

May this also be our church's story today:  
*We received the Spirit in order to serve the world in the name of Christ.*

*Rev. Emily Knight*

# Faces of Leadership

*for RPUMC family ministry*



As we continue to look for the right person to hire as our minister of family discipleship (if you know anyone who would be great in this position, please let someone on SPRC/Finance know) --we are so grateful for the people who are offering leadership in this 'in between' season. From left to right: Lara Manalo, Tami Crowell, and Amanda Figart have been coordinating Sunday school for kids and youth. Bobby Brazell is the family ministry representative to church council--and has stepped up to coordinate some youth ministry gatherings for the summer and fall. **(New update) Gealean Roeters just began helping with behind-the-scenes administrative details--which means the email address is back up and running. Parents and volunteers, be expecting some email updates.** And April Joos has been doing an amazing job loving and teaching kids in the Sunday morning nursery. If you would be willing to help with any of these areas (or VBS) please call the church office or send an email to [families@riversideparkumc.com](mailto:families@riversideparkumc.com)

## *Youth Ministry Dates*

June 26th: Youth & Parents Meeting, 12 pm  
June 29th: Youth Lock-in and service night  
July 11-15: Vacation Bible School, 9 am - 12 pm  
July 15: Post VBS Party, 12 pm  
July 18-22: Warren Willis Retreat  
August 6: Save the Date  
August 14: Family Ministry Zoom Call







# *Young Adult Game Night*

Second Saturday at 7 p.m.

June 11th + July 9th

RPUMC Fellowship Hall

Questions? Email [Kaitlyn.Fuller@outlook.com](mailto:Kaitlyn.Fuller@outlook.com)

## **PRAISE TEAM SINGERS NEEDED**

SIGN UP TIME SLOTS AND REQUIREMENTS  
WILL BE POSTED IN THE BREEZEWAY

Auditions are being held  
June 5th 12:15-1:30pm



## **5th Sunday Pancake Breakfast**

On Sunday, May 29th, the United Methodist Men hosted a free pancake breakfast between worship services. The turnout was great. The food was delicious. It was a great opportunity to connect with people new to the church.



But even if you weren't able to attend,  
there is good news:

The UMM are going to do it again!  
Mark your calendars for the 5th Sunday  
of October (the 30th) for another  
pancake breakfast. Thank you to the  
United Methodist Men for organizing,  
cooking, and inviting us to gather in  
fellowship with food!



2022 Florida  
Annual Conference  
Rebuilding the  
**CHURCH**  
Re-mem-bering the  
**BODY**

CREATING A SPIRITUAL HOME FOR ALL



June 9-11th, Florida United Methodist Churches will again gather in-person for the 2022 annual conference. This year's theme is "Rebuilding the Church, Remembering the Body" and Beth Joyner is our church's elected delegate to the Lakeland gathering. Look for more updates when she returns.

A 'bishops offering' will be collected to support two mission funds: one to provide technology grants for rural, small membership churches in florida and a second to support "Encounter with Christ in Latin America and the Caribbean" (a permanent fund which provide grants for ministries in this region that empower evangelization, leadership development, ministries with youth and children, and ministries with persons of indigenous culture). Connectional giving like this allows RPUMC to participate in global missions abroad and local-to-florida work in rural areas. Thus, supporting our Acts 1:8 call to be witnesses of Christ "in [cities like] Jerusalem, in [regions like] Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'



## New Chair(s) of Trustees



Chris Schmitz has done an incredible job as our chair of trustees; crawling into the attic, scaling the roof, even braving signatures and paperwork. We continue to celebrate Chris' leadership as he steps away from the position and undergoes surgery (thus exemplifying sabbath, self-care, and empowering others to leadership).

Chris will remain on our board of trustees, but the rest of our 2022 trustees meetings will be led by our new co-chairs: Pam Pearsall and Joe DiSalvo.



Thank you to Pam and Joe for stepping in mid-year and thank you, Chris, for showing faithfulness and care in so many ways.

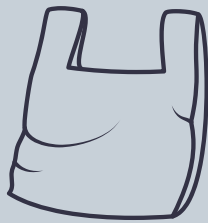


# Wednesday Night Ministry

More volunteers will be needed during the summer. Jobs range from a sit down job organizing boxes and desserts to runners delivering the meals. Thank you to our newer volunteers, Sandy Murphy, Donna Paganucci, and Andie Dettore.

Please join the WNM team by calling the church office at (904) 355-5491 or texting me/ (904) 868-5370.

Bonnie Dudley, chair of Wednesday Night Ministry



*Items Needed:*  
Socks, Shirts,  
and Grocery Bags (plastic)

# Senior Adult Fellowship

The 1st Friday Senior Fellowship  
will not meet during  
June, July, and August.

# United Methodist Men

*Next Meeting:*

June 9th at 6:30 pm  
The Loop  
4591 Lakeside Dr.

The UMM will not meet in July and August. The next meeting will be held on 9/8/22. Location to be determined.

contact Clark Burner for more info:  
gcburner@att.net

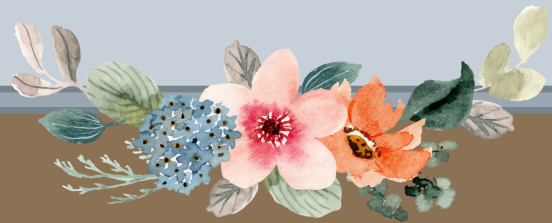
# Women In Mission

Attention - All Women of the Church-

The Women in Mission (WIM) will be hosting a fellowship meal on July 16th at 9:30am. All women will be invited and if we can't fit in the River Room at the beautiful Beau Rivage, we will move it elsewhere!! Somewhere larger but not as spectacular. But the more the merrier. The purpose is to get to know each other better, especially our new women in the church. We also want all women to know what your WIM is up to and how all can be a part of it.

Be looking for announcements, e-mails, a July Reporter article and possibly Carrier Pigeons to get the date and time out. You won't want to miss it.

Bonnie Allen  
Chairperson, WIM  
(Women in Mission)



## Circle of Hope

The Circle of Hope is taking a summer break and will resume meetings in September on the first Tuesday (9/6). We ended the year by treating the teachers at Bayview Elementary to an appreciation luncheon during the annual Teacher Appreciation Week.



## Circle of Joy & Peace

The Circle of Hope will not meet during June, July, or August. Their next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23rd at 11am





# Racial Justice Group



**Uncomfortable talking about race? Let's talk about it.**

**Community + Conversation**

Join us for an evening of deep discussion and personal connection centered around the topic of race that is accessible to everyone.



Scan the QR Code to register.



**Do you have extra produce or herbs in your garden?**

**If so, please consider donating to the Yellow House Art Gallery  
577 King Street**

**They have a farm stand with a sign that says "Take what you need, donate what you can."**

**6.29.22 11:30 - 1:00 pm**

Join 904WARD for our quarterly virtual bookclub to discuss

**The Sum of Us  
by Heather**



## **VBS 2022: "Let It Shine!" July 11-15th 9am-noon**

*Jesus is the light of the world  
God is with us through the shadows.  
God's light shines through you, so let it shine*

**Online registration is open!**

***\*With a 'vbs afterparty' for middle school & high school students\*  
(think pizza and a bible study for older students just after VBS ends)***



# *Congratulations!*

## SENIORS AND GRADUATES



FRANKIE CROWELL



BRENNA DUPRIES



GAVIN GRADY



LAUREN FOLSOM



ISABELLA LAFFY



EMILY MATTHEWS



EMILY POPP



HAYES WILKIEMEYER



WHIT HEMPHILL



ALLISON MATTHEWS



EMILY MERTON

*Jeremiah 29:11*

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



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NOAH THURGOOD



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**Frankie Crowell**, daughter of Tami & Kevin Crowell, is graduating from Bishop John J. Snyder High School and will be attending FSCJ in the fall.

**Brenna Dupries**, the daughter of Julie & Mat Hemphill, is graduating from Stanton College Preparatory and will attend the University of Florida as a student in their honors program.

**Lauren Folsom**, granddaughter of Linda LaBell, graduated from Lowndes High School in Valdosta, Georgia and will be attending Mercer University in the fall.

**Gavin Grady**, son of Christine & T.J. Grady, is graduating from Stanton College Preparatory High School and will attend the U.S. Naval Academy following a year of prep school.

**Isabella Laffy**, daughter of Kurt Laffy, graduated with honors from the dual enrollment program, receiving an associate degree from St John's River State College and Creekside High School.

**Emily Matthews**, daughter of Melissa & Doug Matthews, has graduated from Providence High School and will be attending University of Central Florida in the fall.

**Emily Popp**, daughter of Allyson Popp, graduated from Paxon High School. She will be attending Georgia Southern University in the fall.

**Hayes Wilkiemeyer**, grandson of grandson of Bonnie & Tom Dudley, graduated from Westminster High School in Atlanta, GA. He will be attending Colgate University in the fall.

**Whit Hemphill**, son of Matt and Julie Hemphill, graduated from Pace University in New York with a BA in Arts & Sciences

**Allison Matthews**, daughter of Melissa & Doug Matthews, has graduated from Flagler College with a Bachelor of Art degree in Communications with a minor in Psychology.

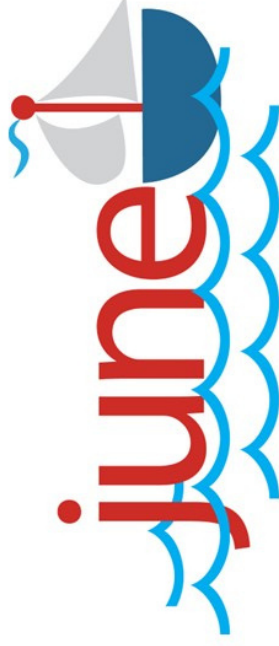
**Emily Merton**, daughter of Barbara Merton, graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and a minor in Political Science. She will be returning to FGCU in the fall to begin her masters/post baccalaureate program in School Counseling. She is currently traveling through Europe before beginning her next adventure.

**Dakota Storm** received her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from University of North Florida. Dakota will be teaching kindergarten in Gainesville in the fall.

**Noah Thurgood**, grandson of Harriet & Mike Thurgood, graduated from the University of North Florida, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology.

**Ty Strong** received his master's degree in Executive Leadership from Liberty University.

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  |                             |   | 1<br>5:30pm Free Dinners<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                      | 2<br><b>6:30pm Race Cards Event</b>           | 3   | 4                                       |
| 5 <b>COMMUNION</b><br>9am Contemporary Worship<br>10am Sunday School/Groups<br>11am Traditional Worship<br>12:15pm Auditions for Praise Team | 6                           | 7                                       | 8<br>5:30pm Free Dinners<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                      | 9<br>6:30pm UMM Meeting at The Loop (Ortega)  | 10  | 11<br><b>7pm Young Adult Game Night</b> |
| 12<br>9am Contemporary Worship<br>10am Sunday School/Groups<br>11am Traditional Worship<br>12pm Leadership Retreat                           | 13                          | 14<br>6pm SPR/Finance Committee Meeting | 15<br>5:30pm Free Dinners<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                     | 16  | 17  | 18                                      |
| 19<br>9am Contemporary Worship<br>10am Sunday School/Groups<br>11am Traditional Worship  | 20<br>6pm Board of Trustees | 21<br>6pm Church Council                | 22<br>5:30pm Free Dinners<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                     | 23<br>1pm Bible Study at Riverside Park Apts. | 24  | 25                                      |
| 26<br>9am Contemporary Worship<br>10am Sunday School/Groups<br>11am Traditional Worship<br>12pm Youth/Parent Meeting                         | 27                          | 28                                      | 29<br>11:30am Racial Justice Book Club<br>5:30pm Free Dinners<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir | 30  | The YMCA Camp will be held on campus weekdays from May 31st—August 12th.<br><br>The Prelude Chamber Music Camp will be on campus held June 20th—25th. |   |





- 1st Mickey Hough
- 4th Sistie Pope
- 5th Sarah Mardini
- 7th Allison Matthews
- 9th Tom Dudley
- 10th Faye Dale
- 11th Andrew Brinson
- 12th Kelli Neufeld  
Nancy Schubiger
- 13th Jordan Mardini
- 14th Kevin Jensen
- 15th Kim Mathis
- 16th Libby Murray
- 22nd Logan Laffy
- 23rd Tami Crowell
- 24th Maddie Knight
- 25th Grace Murray
- 26th Emily Rehberg
- 28th Connie Hodges
- 29th Caroline Jennings  
Selena Owens
- 30th Betty Young

## Committee Meetings:

Finance/SPR Committee (Zoom)  
Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees (Zoom & In-Person)  
Monday, June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council  
Tuesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m.

## 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 4/30/2022

|                 | Actual    | Budget    |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Contributions   | \$143,386 | \$157,849 |
| Expenses        | \$149,552 | \$162,747 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -\$6,166  | -\$4,898  |

## May God's love surround...

### Home

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

### College Students

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





# RIVERSIDE PARK

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*Worship with Us!*



## Worship Online:

**Facebook live Sundays  
@9am Contemporary  
@11am Traditional**

**facebook.com/RiversideParkUMC**  
(the service is also uploaded to  
YouTube on Monday mornings)

## Worship in Person:

**in the Sanctuary  
Sundays @9am & @11am**

*(masks available for those who  
need one, designated pews are 6  
feet apart, and hand sanitizer is at  
all entrances)*

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