

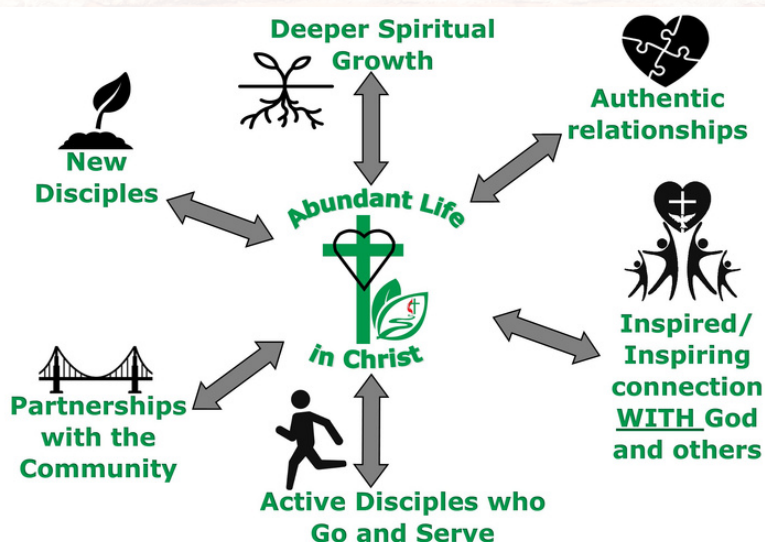
# RIVERSIDE REPORTER:

## SEPTEMBER 2022

We are working to grow into our church vision, focusing especially on two key areas: Authentic relationships and “active disciples who go and serve.” In August worship, we spoke a lot about authentic relationships. September will focus on (you guessed it) service! We will look at the Wesleyan balance of heart, hands and head—looking at what it takes to have a heart of service, active hands that serve, and a servant’s mindset (all as outlined in Philippians 2:4-8, Nehemiah 4:6, James 2:14-17, Matthew 21:28-32, Mark 10:35-45, Colossians 3:23-24).

We will ask questions like: what does service have to do with discipleship? What does active discipleship have to do with abundant life in Christ? How can we serve without burnout? Am I needed? And especially: what are the concrete ways that service helps us to plug in to this abundant life that Christ offers?

*Rev. Emily Knight*



Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)  
Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body  
but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth  
but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with  
which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with  
which he walks  
to do good.  
Yours are the hands,  
with which he blesses  
all the world.  
Yours are the hands,  
yours are the feet,  
yours are the eyes,  
you are his body.  
Christ has no body now  
but yours.  
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## United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet on Thursday, September 8, at 6:30PM at The Loop restaurant, 4591 Lakeside Drive. We will have a brief devotional and dinner, and plan our calendar for the rest of the year.

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## Circle of Hope

Circle of Hope meets Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. (NOTE TIME) in the parlor for pizza, salad, Bible Study (please read from The Women of the Bible Speak: Sarah and Hagar to be able to discuss) and mission updates. Usually meetings are held at 7 PM unless we are eating a light supper! If you are not in a circle and our meeting time works for you, please join us.

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## Circle of Joy & Peace

The Circle of Joy & Peace resumes their meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Bring a sandwich and drink on Wednesday, September 21st at 11 a.m. to the Fellowship Hall. Dessert will be provided.

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## New Circle Forming

A meeting for all women interested in learning more about a new circle will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will make decisions on the best day to meet, how often we will meet, etc. Pam Pearsall is leading this first meeting.

## Scripture Sisters

Hello friends,

I wanted to take a moment and check in and discuss the Bible study I have been leading for several years. The studies have involved RPUMC ladies and a few other women from other churches.

We started with a small study and met in the parlor. We always try to stick to video studies and then read on our own. Later we switched to a Facebook private group, so others could join us from all over.

We always do an Advent and Lent study. Those are very meaningful to us. These studies have been on zoom- way before COVID. I am proficient at getting the video to broadcast on zoom, when technology is cooperative.

This group is very connected and supports each other outside of the weekly zoom calls. We all look forward to that weekly call. Occasionally we have met for an early dinner to discuss the Bible study and how Jesus is working in our lives. We named ourselves the "Scripture Sisters". We are of all ages, stages, and backgrounds. It has evolved from a Bible study group to a life group.

Starting in September we will be studying the book that The Circle of Hope is studying - The Women of the Bible Speak, by Shannon Bream - the wisdom of 16 women and their lessons for today. We will use zoom for our study. We would love to have others join us. It's very relaxed and no pressure. It would be exciting for other women to join us. (We don't have an exact day and time planned yet - we will make that decision together.) Please contact me by email at Ty\_Collen@hotmail.com or by text 904-903-0566

Colleen Strong,  
One of the "Scripture Sisters"



## Senior Adult Fellowship

**September 2nd  
11 a.m.**

Our Seniors group - for "young at heart" folks who want to enjoy a couple of fun hours and a nice lunch, will reconvene on the first Friday of September - the 2nd. We took the summer off because the Y was using our building but it's time to get back together.

Please plan on joining us for a MYSTERY PROGRAM. It does help if you make reservations by calling the church office (904-355-5491). See you soon "OLD Friends"!!!

Bonnie Allen

(Because Jim Lewis is gallivanting around the country as usual )

## Young Adults



If you are 18-35, join the young adults for brunch on Sunday, September 11th following the traditional service. For more information, contact Kaitlyn at [kaitlyn.fuller@outlook.com](mailto:kaitlyn.fuller@outlook.com)

## Three Square



September is the first month for Three Square participants to bring their 3 sequence monthly dinners! Everyone who signed up should know their groups. If you have any questions, please call Jane Riechmann at 904-568-8650.

## New Member Class

The second Sunday of October will begin a 3-week new member class for anyone interested in joining RPUMC or hearing more about our missions and ministries. If you have questions or interest, contact Leigh DiSalvo or Pastor Emily.

## Charge Conference

**October 22 at 1 p.m.  
Ortega Church**

Save the Date for our annual Charge Conference. We will meet at 1 p.m. at Ortega Church, 4807 Roosevelt Blvd. with Rev. Durwood Foshee, the North East District Superintendent. Agenda items include: Membership Audit, Clergy Compensation, and Nominations Report

## Wednesday Night Ministries

The Wednesday Night Ministry team is in need of socks and shirts. Please bring new socks and new or gently used shirts (t-shirts and collared shirts, sizes L - XXL) to the bins by the front door of the McCord building.

If you are interested in volunteering for WNM call the church office at (904) 355-5491, texting Bonnie Dudley at (904) 868-5370 or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wnd2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/wnd2022)

### Items Needed:

Socks, Shirts,  
and Grocery Bags (plastic)





# Youth Ministry Lake Day

9/24 MEET AT NOON IN THE SMALL PARKING LOT

## Youth Ministry

The youth are taking a break from 1st Sunday Lunch and Serve in September due to the holiday weekend. Join us next month as we assemble flood buckets for UMCOR. The Youth will meet in the fellowship hall on October 2nd immediately following the traditional service.





# BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR 3RD GRADERS

(AND 4TH & 5TH GRADERS WHO DIDN'T RECEIVE ONE DUE TO COVID)



**SEPTEMBER 18TH**  
**DURING WORSHIP**

## Nursery Parents Mingle

Parents of nursery aged kids, meet in the nursery at 11 on September 11th. Meet & mingle with other parents. Refreshments will be provided.

## Family Ministry

### 3rd Grade Bibles

On September 18th we will present our new 3rd graders with Bibles as we have traditionally done in the past. However! Thanks to the pandemic, we know there are some 4th and 5th graders who have not yet received their 3rd grade Bibles.

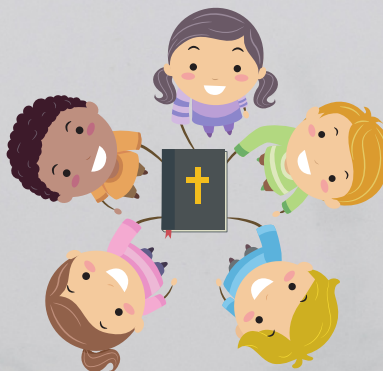
If you have a current 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader who has not received a Bible, and you have not been contacted via email by Gealean, please reach out to [families@riversideparkumc.com](mailto:families@riversideparkumc.com) to ensure your child receives one this year!

### Meet Gealean (pronounced juh-leen)



Gealean Roeters

We are still looking to hire a minister of family discipleship, but—in the meantime—Gealean Roeters has been helping with some of the administrative and background organizing for family ministry events. Gealean has been part of our church for almost a decade and has close ties and connections with many of our youth and children's families. Her favorite food is “anything with pasta” and her favorite animal is a crab. We are so grateful for the work she is doing.





# Back to School Block Party



## Surprise visitor from the past

By Bonnie Allen

Besides the great time we had with the community and our own members at our Back-to-School Block Party on August 6th, we had a big surprise! I was working at the welcome table for physicals, inside the McCord Building, when a couple about mine and Jim's age came in with two girls, I correctly assumed were their granddaughters. The first words out of the woman's mouth was "We're not here for physicals." The woman then introduced herself as the daughter of one of our former ministers - Dr. John Hanger! Her name was Genevieve just as her mother's was. One of the granddaughters was named Genevieve too. The Hangers were here in the late 50's until the early 60's and I've heard so much about what a great minister he was. I came about 7 or 8 years after they left, but his presence was still felt here in the late 60's and even by some members today.

They were on their way back to North Carolina where they live, from a vacation in Ormond Beach and were just going to drive by and show the girls the church from the outside. They had no idea we would be "open for business" that day. I had a great visit with them but wanted them to see the inside of the sanctuary. I sent for John Larsen and he came and took them over and spent time showing them around and visiting. I was sorry our gallery of minister's pictures were not up but John said they would be back up soon.

Genevieve told a funny story about bringing a pet mouse to church in a pocketbook when she was little. She and her friend sat up in the balcony and she took him out and he ran back and forth on the pew between them. I was glad Susan Bush and Clark Burner were here that Saturday. They are lifelong members and were children here when Dr. Hanger was the minister. In fact, he baptized Clark Burner, as an infant.

For any of you who remember the family, she reported that her brother, Howard, who followed in his father's footsteps in the ministry, is still living in N. C. but in poor health as the result of a stroke several years ago.

Saturday the 6th was a good day and a visitor from the past being able to witness that Riverside Park was not only open, but still ministering to the community, made it even better.



Dr. John Hanger  
RPUMC Pastor 1953-1961



## 2023 Leadership and Nominations

Our Leadership and Nominations Committee is planning for RPUMC's ministry and leadership needs for 2023. This includes adding new members to our rolling committees: Trustees, Finance/Staff Parrish Relations, Nominations, as well as nominating ministry team leaders who will also serve on church council. The slate of leaders will need approval from church council and an official vote at our charge conference on October 22nd (meeting at Ortega UMC @1pm). If you have a passion for leadership and service or have any questions about the nominating process, feel free to contact Pastor Emily ([pastoremy@riversideparkumc.com](mailto:pastoremy@riversideparkumc.com)) or Tim Bush (our layleader and vice chair of nominations: contact for Tim Bush) or any of the other nominating committee members: Chris Schmitz, Emily Rehberg, Britt Scott, Harriet Thurgood, Leigh DiSalvo, Bobby Brazell, Beth Joyner.

### Memorial Gift

A gift for Margaret's Memories in memory of Darby Wilson-Norman was made by Cookie Harden.



### 1st Sunday Communion & Canned Goods

Especially on the Sunday when we share God's table, we are mindful of others less fortunate. On the first Sunday of every month, we'll collect canned goods and other non-perishable food items for the Trinity Lutheran Food Pantry. Please mark your calendars and bring your donations to the collection baskets in the breezeway and by the front door of the McCord building.



### Are you interested in serving by ringing handbells?



Our wonderful Chancel Ringers are looking for one additional ringer for the fall. If you were in band or had piano lessons, you would be a great ringer. Please contact John Larsen at [j.larsen@riversideparkumc.com](mailto:j.larsen@riversideparkumc.com) with any questions. Rehearsals resume September 11, 5:00 p.m.



# Save the Date

**Saturday, September 10th at 9 a.m.**  
**Memory Box Day**  
**pre-pandemic style box making**  
**in the fellowship hall.**

## *Margaret's Memories Update...*

Here is what has been going on:

Memory Boxes have been donated to St. Vincent's Southside and Flagler Hospital. Thank you, Tim Bush, for delivering the memory boxes to Flagler Hospital.

The drop in bracelet making was very productive!

The Asian Bazaar at the Blue Bamboo was a great success. Food was top notch and there were some great raffle items. Maisie was a great wingman in helping procure the Top Golf and iFly gift certificates. A special Thank You to Joye for all her help with the Eventbrite sale and many other things she helped with to make the event a success! The funds raised and donated will help defray the cost of attending the conference in October!

Volunteers have been scheduling time to help with quality controlling, crafting, and other projects that make Margaret's Memories possible.

We continue to receive thank you notes and emails from families/friends to thank Margaret's Memories for giving the gift on memories. We are continually told all the handmade items are very touching.

For more information email Nicole at [margaretsmemories@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretsmemories@hotmail.com) or call the church office at 904-355-5491. You can also visit us on the web at [www.margaretsmemories.org](http://www.margaretsmemories.org) and "like" us on Facebook!

Thank you to everyone that makes this mission possible through your service, time, talents, and PRAYERS. **Together we are Saving Memories One Footprint At A Time...**

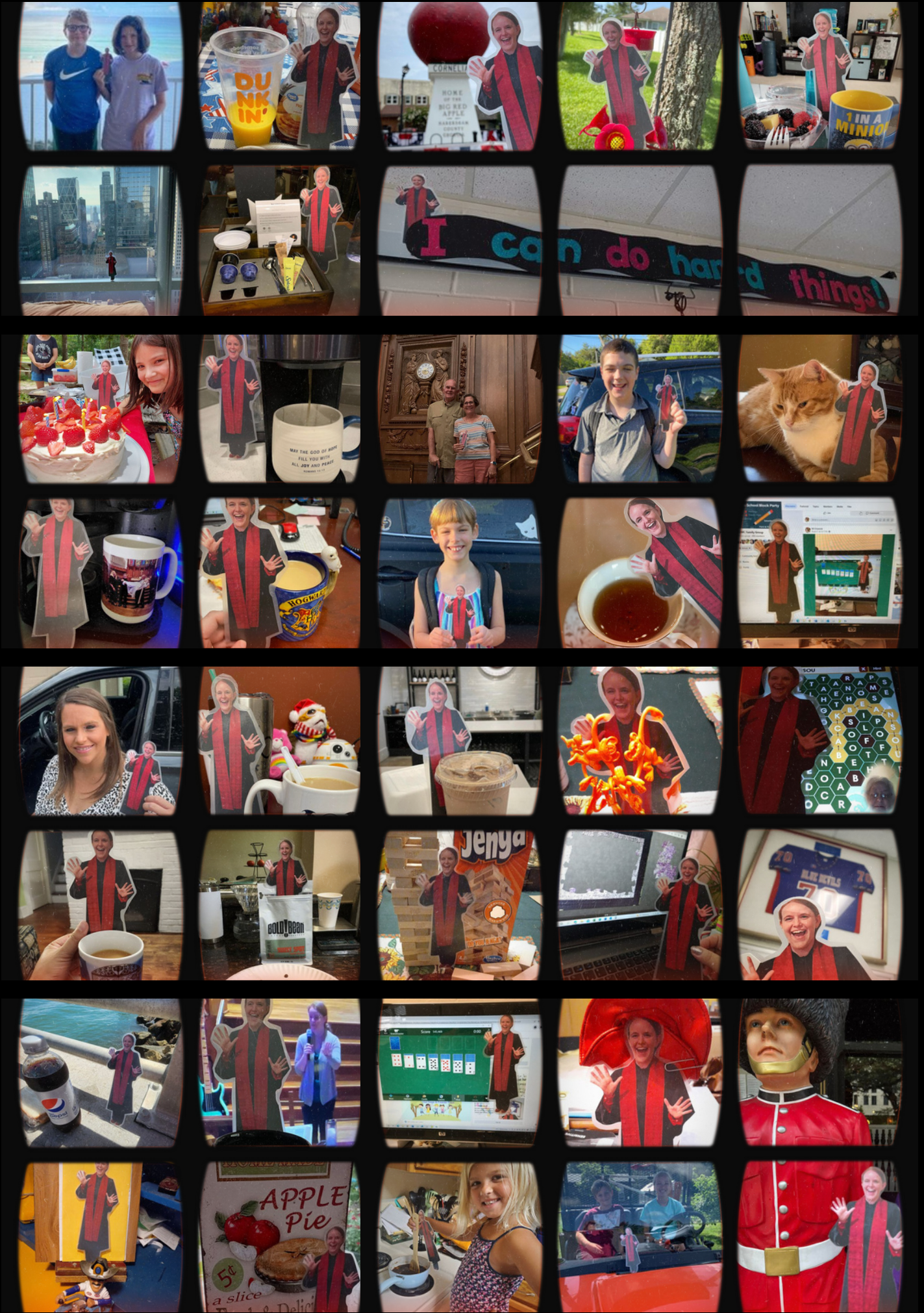
## *Nicole Demo*

**THANK YOU**  
**THANK YOU**  
**THANK YOU**

to everyone who donated raffle prizes  
and those who participated  
in the Asian Bazaar Luncheon









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 11am Yoga 11am Senior Adult Fellowship	3
4 <b>COMMUNION</b> 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship	5 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Nursery Parents Mingle 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Brunch 5:00pm Bell Choir	6 6:30pm Circle of Hope	7 11am Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	8	9 11am Yoga	10 9am Box Making for Margaret's Memories
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- 2nd Robert Moseley
- 4th Jane Riechmann
- 7th Lee Brideson  
Cory Lek
- 8th April Joos  
Sharon Prescott  
Cathy Salzer  
Tiffany Wascom
- 9th Max Cogburn
- 10th Linda Robbins
- 12th Kevin Crowell  
Amy Litwin  
Albert Sloan
- 13th Ruben Allen  
Xavier Diao
- 14th Ed Fleming  
Isam Mardini
- 15th Emily Matthews
- 16th James Wilson
- 20th Shep Riechmann  
Misty Weisman
- 21st Debbie Colbert  
Zada Stroble  
Frances Tavolieri
- 22nd Makarios Brown
- 23rd Krissy Nettles  
Charlie Schubiger
- 24th Jo Herron
- 26th Kaden Neufeld
- 28th Amber Brockel
- 30th Oregon Lybass

## Committee Meetings:

Finance/SPR Committee (Zoom)  
Tuesday, September 13th 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees (Zoom & In-Person)  
September 19th 6:00 p.m.

Church Council  
Tuesday, September 20th 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 7/31/2022

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$238,586	\$261,586
Expenses	\$269,206	\$284,806
Surplus/Deficit	-\$30,620	-\$23,220

## May God's love surround...

### Home

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



### College Students

- Zachary Bradley
- Taylor Bohannon
- James Cashman
- Tommy Cashman
- Frankie Crowell
- Tre Devine
- Brenna DuPries
- Gavin Grady
- Lindsey Grady
- Isabella Laffy
- Hogan Litwin
- Allison Matthews
- Emily Matthews
- Kaden Neufeld
- Kyle Neufeld
- Emily Popp
- Matthew Popp
- Dallas Renne
- Hannah Stomps





# 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**

*(The service is also uploaded to  
YouTube on Monday mornings.)*

## Worship in Person:

**in the Sanctuary  
Sundays**

**@9am Contemporary  
@11am Traditional**

**We will have one service at  
10:30am on 12/11, 12/25, & 1/1)**

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