

RIVERSIDE REPORTER:

OCTOBER 2022

How often do we lament that we do not have enough of something?
*Not enough time. Not enough resources. Not enough sleep. Not enough insert
your own answer here here.*

When we don't think we don't have enough of something, our reaction is akin to anxiety, fear, desperation. During the great toilet paper crisis of the early pandemic, you could feel the panic in the air because we were afraid there wasn't enough...

Or we encounter too much of something and our response is anger: "I have had enough of this!!"

We rarely use the word in a good way, but the biblical idea of "enough" is actually full of peace and healing. Scripture says that God's grace IS enough. It's enough to trust that our needs will be covered.

When the disciples looked with panic at the large, hungry crowd and said "we don't have enough to feed them!!!"

Jesus knew that the loaves and fish were enough. More than enough, actually. In a good and abundant kind of way.

Jesus' miracle of feeding thousands is a biblical story that shows us that GOD can do more with our smallness than we could ever imagine. **"Enough" means that we trust God to work beyond our fears.**

Our world has had enough fear and scrambling. We've had enough of it in our own lives and hearts. What the Gospel offers us, instead, is the grace and peace of a God whose abundance pours out beyond our expectations.

*O, Lord, we trust that you are enough.
Even in this moment, your grace is enough.
Your peace is enough, Jesus. Amen.*

*Rev.
Emily Knight*



OCTOBER EVENTS



YOUTH LUNCH & SERVE



CHURCH TOUR

On Sunday, October 2nd, meet up with Tim Bush at the Welcome Table at 10 a.m. Tim will give a tour of the church campus. Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNION & CANNED GOODS

First Sunday Communion & Canned Goods



Next Sunday
October 2nd



FIRST FRIDAY SENIOR CITIZEN'S FUN

Calling all people who admit to being in the "Golden Years" (Jim Allen says they're the "Rusty Years"). We will have our regular First Friday Fun Day on Oct. 7th. Although we don't have a magician lined up like last month, we promise good food and fellowship. We will have a group discussion that day about the future of our group. We will choose a REAL name for the group, and talk about possible programs for the future. Please join us at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. See you there.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Join Pastor Emily in the parlor for three Sundays beginning October 9th at 10 a.m. Learn about the history of the United Methodist Church and RPUMC as well as what it means to be a member of our congregation. New members will be received on Sunday, October 30th.



YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

On October 9th, the Young Adults will meet after the traditional service and pick a place to go for brunch and fellowship. For more information, please email Kaitlyn Fuller at kaitlyn.fuller@outlook.com

CHARGE CONFERENCE

The 2022 RPUMC Charge Conference will be held on October 22nd at 1pm at Ortega Church (4807 Roosevelt Blvd.) Everyone is welcome to attend. Church Council members will be voting on the membership audit, clergy compensation, and the nominations report. For more information, contact Joye in the church office (904) 355-5491.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On October 30th, the United Methodist Men will be serving up pancakes in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and the breakfast is free.



UMM

The United Methodist Men will be meeting the third Thursday of October (10/20) in the fellowship hall at 6:30 PM for a meeting, and to plan the 5th Sunday Pancake Breakfast at the church.

We will have homemade chili for dinner, supplied by Clark. Everyone is invited to bring any side dish to share that goes with chili, like nacho chips, cornbread, or a dessert. An email will be going out to all the UMM who have signed up and given me their email addresses.



BELOVED COMMUNITY

FLUMC's Beloved Community holds monthly 15 minute webinars via zoom on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Here is the schedule for the remainder of the year. To register, click:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TaoB7k7Rfm-sgPU3mRTjw

Oct 5-How to Implement Anti-Racism Ministries I
Nov 2-How to Implement Anti-Racism Ministries II
Dec 7-Celebrating Anti-Racism Ministries in the Florida Conference

The Sept 7th session, "What is MLK's Beloved Community" is available at:
<https://vimeo.com/750006073>

"We are all wired for relationship and community that is authentic and real. More so, it is important for Christians to be together through the Body of Christ. To do this we must be intentional about connecting and being with others. This means building relationships with those that are different from us."

CIRCLE OF HOPE

Circle of Hope, Tuesday, 10/4 at 7 PM in the parlor. Ladies, attending, please read the first chapter (Sarah/Hagar) from *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. You may google to find the best price if you want to have your own book (Walmart shows it for \$14.99 plus tax if ordered online; check out eBay and Amazon too) or Jane Riechmann has 2 copies if you just want to read and return.



Youth Lake Day

A huge thank you to Mark and Jane Riechmann for hosting the September youth lake day. The weather was perfect for students to kayak, swim, float and snorkel. They explored a nearby Christian camp and enjoyed grilled hotdogs and toasting marshmallows for S'Mores. Said Jane, "It was a great time with a great group!"

SUN. 10/30 4-6

for more info: kaitlyn.fuller@outlook.com
 Volunteers and Trunks Needed
<https://tinyurl.com/RPUMC-Trunk-or-Treat>

Margaret's Memories

Here is what has been going on: The Pregnancy Loss and Infant Death Alliance conference and travel expenses are covered 100%! This is due to the generosity of direct donations earmarked for the conference and funds raised by the Asian Bazaar: \$2590!

How the money will be spent: \$590 conference fee, \$432.20 flight \$1145 hotel

It means more to me than I can express in words the support my family and Margaret's Memories has at RPUMC.

We were able to make 73 memory boxes at the box making in September. Volunteers have been scheduling time to help with quality control, crafting, and other projects that make Margaret's Memories possible. Several Memorial Donations have been made over the last month. We continue to receive thank you notes and emails from families and friends to thank Margaret's Memories for giving the gift on memories. We are continually told all the handmade items are very touching.

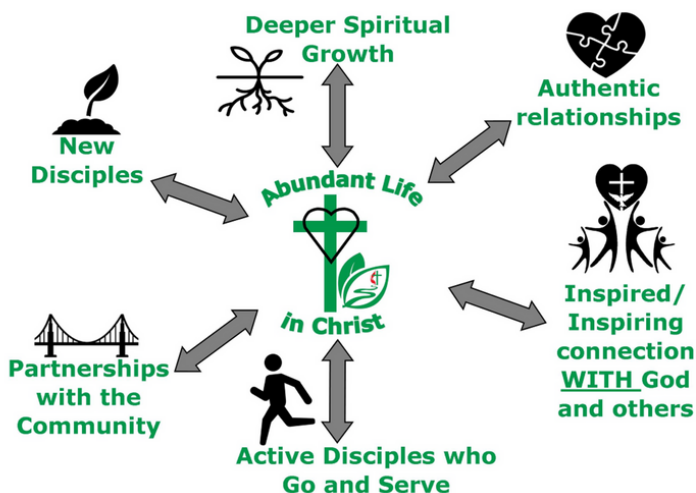
Save the Date: October is Infant and Pregnancy Loss Awareness month. Locally you can participate :

- Mera's Mission Wave of Light on 10/15/22 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Egans Creek Park on Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Bch, FL
- Butterfly Release at Baptist Health on October 22

For more information email Nicole at margaretsmemories@hotmail.com or call the church office at 904-355-5491. You can also visit us on the web at 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 Remo





Tag! You're it!

We have had many discussions about authentic relationships at the church recently. When you stop and think about it, authentic relationships all begin with a name! You give your



name in an introduction. You make a phone call and ask for someone by their name. You write a letter and the salutation begins with a name. Names are just so important.

When our children are born- we give them a name. Our pets...have names. Throughout the Bible, the importance of names is reflected in every book of God's word. We know of the great people of the Bible--Old and New Testaments, by their name. In Isaiah 43 God says: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name, you are mine."

Likewise at church, knowing the person sitting next to you in the pew, or across the sanctuary-- is important! Knowing the names of believers you worship with helps us to start and maintain genuine, authentic relationships.

Fostering authentic relationships is one reason we have now have name tags for all to wear. As you enter the narthex, look for your name. Wear your name tag. Look at others and learn their name. It makes conversation so much easier. We are already a warm and welcoming church at RPUMC. Knowing and calling each other by name makes us even more so.

To affix your name, twist the magnet before pulling it away from the name tag to make it easy. If you have a pacemaker and need a pin instead of a magnet, we can provide that for you. If you don't see your name or if it needs correcting, let us know--tell a greeter or email Joye at the church. We will get a new one for you right away.

Check the narthex to find your name tag. See you next Sunday...and I will call you by name!



YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

UMCOR Flood Buckets

October's Youth Service project is in direct response to unprecedented flooding in several locations throughout our nation. Now more than ever our Youth can step in and make a difference in the lives of people in need.

Our goal is to make TWELVE (12) Buckets.

Donations Needed, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/RPUMC-Flood>

I AM YOUR NEIGHBOR

Love your neighbor as yourself is the second great commandment of Jesus. Similar messages appear in Corinthians 10:24, Galatians 5:14, Hebrews 13:1-2, Philippians 2:3, John 13:34, and Romans 13:9. Perhaps the reason for all those reminders is Jesus knew some of us have short attention spans or that we would search for other commandments that would be easier for us to follow. Each time I read that commandment I have one of those moments where I feel the Sunday sermon is directed at me...and everyone else in the congregation knows it.



Being obedient does not come easy for me. I struggle with loving my neighbor. The number of times I have driven by a needy person at an intersection is at least as large as our national debt. Discovering that "neighbor" means everyone else on the planet and not just the group of people in my social circle made things tougher. Figuring out God will place me in a situation where I will have to love my neighbor as myself whether I want to or not made me want to remove Him from my Christmas card list.

God and I have had many spirited conversations on mission trips. I want to do a type of service that uses my gifts. He wants me to do something where I have no talent and will be uncomfortable. Arguing with Him was pointless.

He withstood all my offers of compromise to do less than He wanted. I wanted to cling to all those things about my identity that I liked. He wanted me to empty myself and become a vessel of His love. I wanted to know how that was going to work. He finally asked, "Can you be obedient in just this one instance? If so, I will guide your actions and your words. Should things not go well, it will be on Me, not you." Busted.

The images in this installation were all created in those times I was able to walk out in faith and love my neighbor as myself. Some encounters were more challenging than others. In several instances, I'm not sure if the other person received as much as I did from the encounter. All their stories have inspired me and enriched my life and yet, I still struggle at times to love my neighbor.

As you consider the images in the exhibit, I encourage you to speak with your family of faith and ask, "How can I desire the best for my neighbors? What actions can I take to help them attain peace of mind? How can I help them find success in their pursuits? How can I show the love that God has for me to my neighbors?"



Ron Richardson

**I AM YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

Art Installation

Riverside Park UMC
2nd Floor Hallway,
McCord Building

Photography by Ron Richardson

LOAVES & FISHES



Stewardship Team: Tim Bush, John Larsen, Tim Ware

This year Riverside Park United Methodist Church will embark on a Stewardship Campaign entitled Loaves and Fishes. The campaign will start on October 9 and culminate on Commitment Sunday which is November 13.

Each week during the 4 weeks from the kick-off until Commitment Sunday we will be sharing about tithing and giving back to God through RPUMC. A weekly bulletin insert will describe our connectional giving, the missions we support at RPUMC, the operational and overhead financial needs of the church and we will have members share on what giving means to them. We will also include the children in explaining why we give money to the church, so that they will begin to understand tithing, and that they, too, can receive a blessing by giving.

When we think of giving....we may feel that our gift is too small. What can our contribution mean in a world of need? How can it begin to take care of so many who need so much?

The answer first is to be faithful in our giving!

Whatever the amount it is between you and God. Then, let God magnify our gift to cover and bless those who are less fortunate than we are, but through our giving back to God-who owns everything we have anyways- he can provide in ways and amounts we cannot begin to imagine.

Join us in this season of Stewardship. Make a commitment as part of your personal ministry to give back to God through RPUMC. Participate throughout the coming year in executing your pledge and watch for the ways God's miracles continue. You will receive a blessing by doing so.

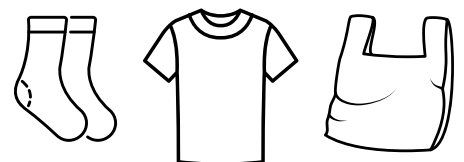
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

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

Items Needed:

Socks, Shirts,
and Grocery Bags (plastic)



5TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Dear Church Family,

Just a reminder that October 30th is the last 5th Sunday of the year when our offering goes to support one of our core missions, The Florida United Methodist Children's Home. We include below text from the website of FUMCH (<https://www.fumch.org>). Thank you for your support of this central mission of RPUMC.

God bless,

Jeff Cornett and Tim Ware

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2-4, NIV)

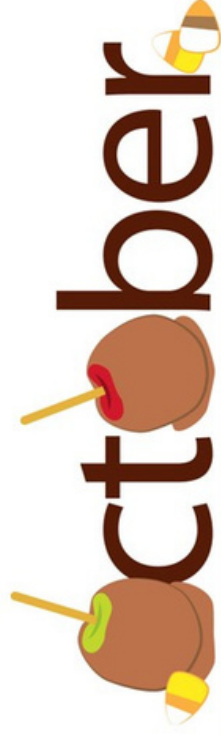
Cassie came to live at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home after being removed from her home due to abuse stemming from her mother's addiction to drugs. After a few months of care which included a specialized therapeutic plan, Cassie began to open up. She has become more engaged in school through participation in Student Government and has also become active in our Spiritual Life program. She recently joined the youth choir and sings during services on Sunday mornings.

Psalm 46 speaks about how God is a shelter in the storms. While there are storms that occur frequently in nature, the storms that occur in the lives of our children often result in the longest lasting damage. The children in our care have been through some terrible storms in the form of abuse, neglect, and abandonment. For many of them, the effect of those storms continue to be an everyday reality that impacts their studies, friendships, and overall sense of self-worth.

Through your Fifth Sunday Offerings, you are ensuring that the Children's Home continues to be a safe shelter in the storms of a child's life. The children and families served by our ministry come to know a God who is bigger than anything they might face. Your prayers, volunteer service, donated items, and financial support go a long way toward showing children like Cassie that the storms in their life are only temporary. Thank you for investing in the lives of those who are weathering storms.



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
2 COMMUNION 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 10am Church Tour 11am Traditional Worship 12pm Youth Lunch & Serve	3 6pm Yoga	4 7pm Circle of Hope	5 11am Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6 	7 11am Yoga 11am Senior Fellowship	8
9 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 10am New Member Class 11am Traditional Worship 12:15pm Young Adult Brunch 5pm Bell Choir	10 6pm Yoga	11 6pm SPR/Finance Committee Meeting 7pm New Women's Circle	12 11am Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	13 	14 11am Yoga	15
16 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 10am New Member Class 11am Traditional Worship 5pm Bell Choir	17 6pm Yoga 6pm Board of Trustees Meeting	18 6pm Church Council Meeting	19 11am Circle of Joy & Peace 11am Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	20 6pm UMM Meeting	21 11am Yoga	22 1pm Charge Conference
23 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 10am New Member Class 11am Traditional Worship 5pm Bell Choir	24 6pm Yoga	25 	26 11am Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	27 1pm Bible Study at Riverside Park Apts.	28 11am Yoga	29
30 5th Sunday 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Pancake Breakfast 11am Traditional Worship 4pm Trunk or Treat	31 					



- 1st Chris Holmes
Hogan Litwin
- 3rd Caleb Diao
Reid Dupries
- 9th Chase Cogburn
- 10th D. J. Flagler
Evan Ruffino
- 11th Jennifer Cogburn
Jeff Cornett
Leigh DiSalvo
JoAnn Goodwin
- 13th Kate Riechmann
- 14th Diane Take
- 16th Melissa Matthews
Ron Richardson
- 18th Larry Figart
Radley Remo
- 19th David Holladay
- 20th Laura Winter
- 23rd Pastor Emily
- 25th Mary Middleton
- 27th Emory Cook
Julie Hemphill
- 29th Tony Wilbourne
- 30th Emily Popp
- 31st Bonnie Allen
Brayden Briscoe
Scott Laflash
Gordon Middleton, III
Chris Renne

Committee Meetings:

Finance/SPR Committee (Zoom)
Tuesday, October 11th 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees (Zoom & In-Person)
October 17th 6:00 p.m.

Church Council
Tuesday, October 18th 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 8/31/2022

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	\$279,749	\$299,103
Expenses	\$318,881	\$325,493
Surplus/Deficit	-\$39,132	-\$26,390

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
- Emily Matthews
- Emily Merton
- 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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