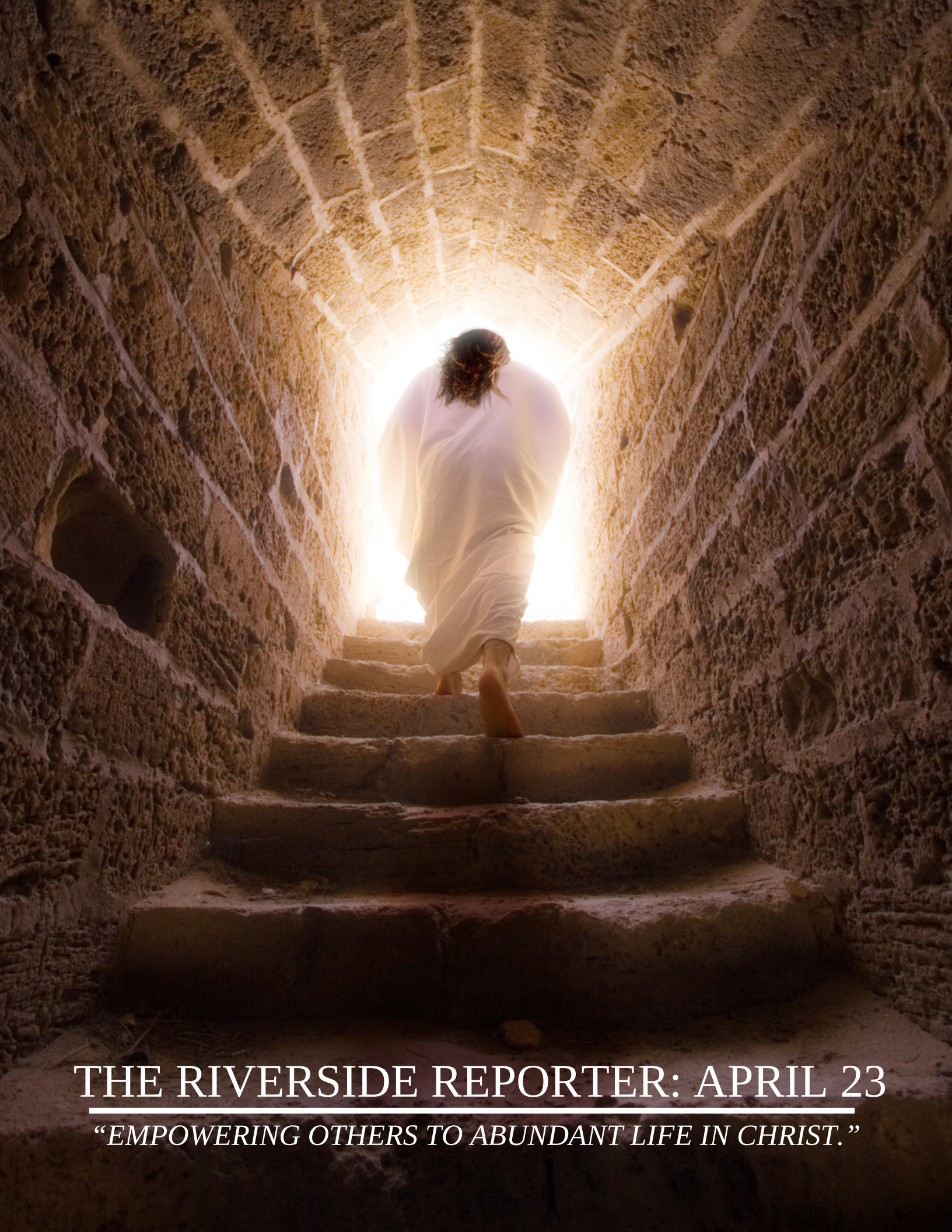

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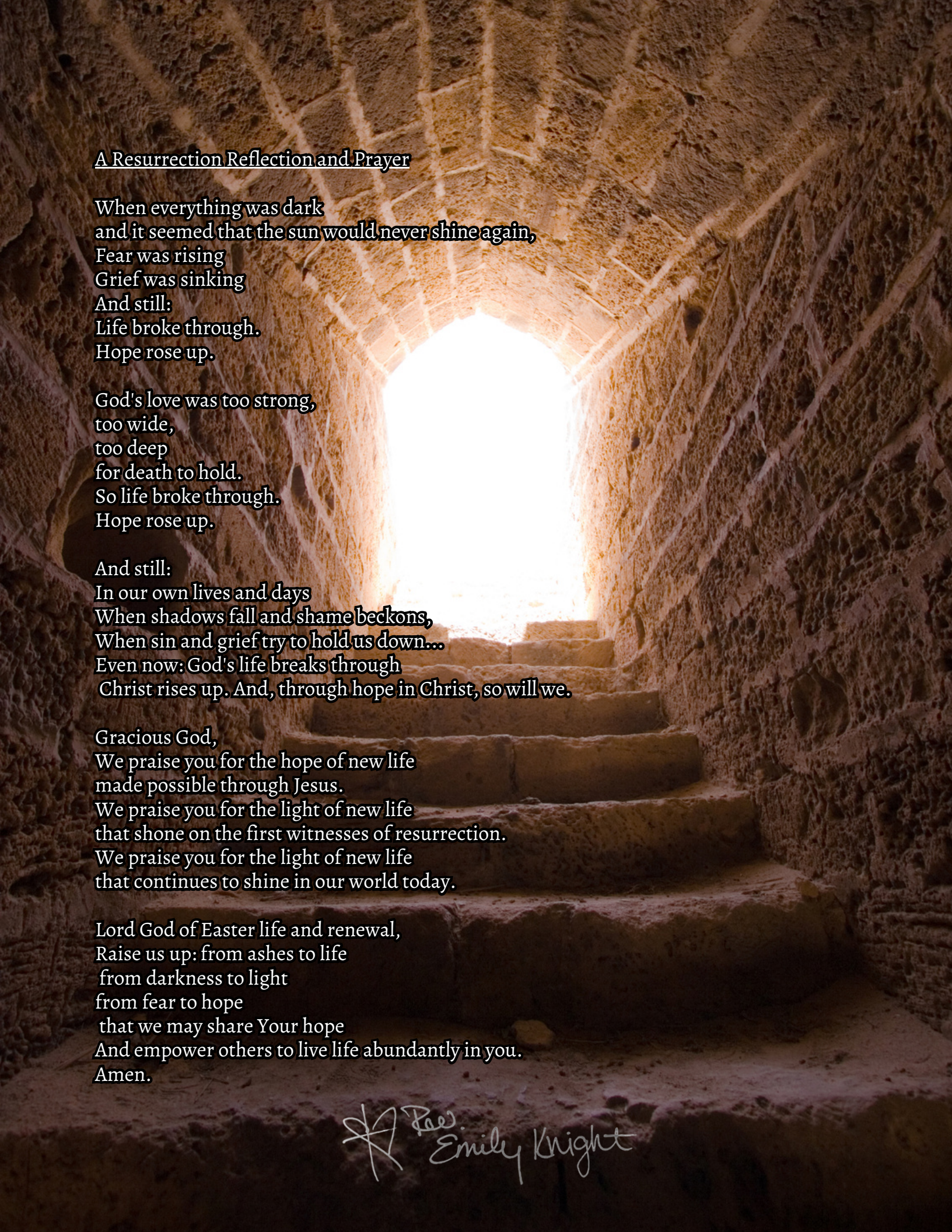
"EMPOWERING OTHERS TO ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST."



A Resurrection Reflection and Prayer

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
Fear was rising
Grief was sinking
And still:
Life broke through.
Hope rose up.

God's love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.
So life broke through.
Hope rose up.

And still:
In our own lives and days
When shadows fall and shame beckons,
When sin and grief try to hold us down...
Even now: God's life breaks through
Christ rises up. And, through hope in Christ, so will we.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the hope of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our world today.

Lord God of Easter life and renewal,
Raise us up: from ashes to life
from darkness to light
from fear to hope
that we may share Your hope
And empower others to live life abundantly in you.
Amen.

Rev. Emily Knight

Holy Week

Palm
SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, April 2nd
One service at 10:30 a.m.

followed by:
Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
Easter Egg Hunt on the Playground

Maundy
THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday, April 6th
Communion and Special Music
Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.
RPUMC Sanctuary

Good
FRIDAY

Good Friday, April 7th
Stations of the Cross
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Enter through the breezeway doors to visit a series of multi-sensory prayer stations that walk-through details of the Good Friday story from Gethsemane to the grave.

Easter
SUNDAY

Easter Sunday: April 9th
Celebrate Resurrection!

9 a.m. Contemporary 11 a.m. Traditional
Bring a flower to transform the courtyard cross into an image of abundant life

Who's Who? at RPUMC

How many times have you seen a familiar face in worship and struggled to put a name with that face? I am so thankful for name tags. But what if the other person isn't wearing one? Imagine how difficult it is for a new guest to learn so many new names! After our combined worship and during the Potluck Luncheon on Palm Sunday we will be taking photos that will eventually be posted on the bulletin board outside of Rhames Fellowship Hall. Please stop by with (or without) your family and let us take your photo! If the weather cooperates we will be taking photos outside in the courtyard between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. ALL are welcome! If you have any questions please call the church office or see Susan Russell, Ron Richardson or Nancy Schubiger. If you are unable to join us that day you are encouraged to add your own photo to the bulletin board.

Family Ministries

Three of our families met in March to discuss infant baptism, so church, get ready for some celebrations ahead! Thank you for continuing to support ministries like the nursery, kids Sunday school, confirmation, youth service projects, scholarships to camp, and VBS.

We are committed to raising kids and youth in Christ!

Helpful Dates:

- **Church Easter Egg hunt after Palm Sunday worship: April 2nd**
- **Child/Youth Protection Policy Training: April 23rd**
- **Register NOW for Warren Willis Summer Camp (going week 6: July 10-15)**
- **Save the VBS date (volunteers needed): June 26-30**

Gifts & Memorials

Jennie Bibb in memory of Wade Hampton
Andi Dettore in memory of Donna Paganucci's father
Henry N. Mowry in memory of Mary Kathryn Mowry

In Loving Memory

Grace Gallery

Grace Gallery is pleased to announce two new installations by students at Stanton College Preparatory School. “Esoteric Ink Drawings” features elaborate compositions with a focus on movement, overlapping, and focal points. The artists who created “Charcoal Self Portraits” worked from direct observation using mirrors and photos. All artists featured in the installation are students of Mrs. Carrie Santa Lucia and Mr. Tony Wood.

First Friday Friends on Good Friday

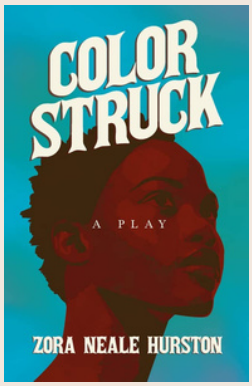
On April 7th, our fun loving, friendly, senior folks, who enjoy fellowship together, will gather. But not quite like usual. The program will be a serious, contemplative, interactive experience, with rooms set up though out the McCord Building to remind us of what happened on Good Friday. It's our own version of the Stations of the Cross (not to be confused with the Stations on display in the back wall of the Sanctuary.) Lunch will be served that day from 11:30-12:30 - Chicken casserole, salad, roll and dessert. Participants can go through the experience before lunch or afterwards. The time it takes to walk through is different for everyone. Some stations take longer than others. We will encourage those who go through before, to talk together about the experience with others at lunch. They can share what was most meaningful and how they felt. Those who are going after lunch can listen and anticipate. It will be a meaningful day. Enter through the breezeway door, it will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. VERY IMPORTANT - CALLED IN RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS LUNCH. YOU MUST CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th. Hope to see many of our First Friday Friends that day.

Wednesday Night Ministry

One of WNM’s most reliable volunteers is Sandy Murphy. She comes early every Wednesday to bag the cookies and treats that Publix gives us. Actually she has been volunteering for RPUMC food service for years even before the supper changed to take out only. Thank you Sandy and thank you all who volunteer your time and energy to welcome all who come to our doorstep. Thank you all who support this wonderful ministry with your gifts and prayers. -- Bonnie Dudley

Racial Justice Team

COLOR STRUCK, A PLAY BY ZORA NEALE HURSTON



Color Struck by Zora Neale Hurston will be presented at the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center on April 28-30, 2023. *Color Struck* is set in St. Augustine, filled with the joyous voices and dialects that Hurston recorded in her travels throughout Florida.

Zora Neale Hurston, Florida's award-winning writer and folklorist was associated with the Harlem Renaissance and was noted for her celebration of African American culture of the rural south. In 1925, she was the winner of three literary awards from Opportunity Magazine, including the drama award for Color Struck. The play focuses on the effects of colorism on African Americans. We are happy to announce the Florida premiere of the play in its original setting—St. Augustine! Performances will be held in the Excelsior Room at the Lincolnville Museum & Cultural Center located at 102 Martin Luther King Avenue on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 pm. The Sunday performance will also feature a panel discussion on the important topics presented in the play and their relevance today.

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased through Eventbrite on the museum website: www.lincolnvillemuseum.org.

Please contact Beth Joyner at elizabetjo@comcast.net if you have any questions.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS, BOOK LOVERS, AND DECLUTTERERS

So you have a surplus of citrus? Winter Produce? Are you dividing your bulbs and plants? Please bring all your surplus produce to the Yellow House on 577 King St. and place on their outdoor Community Cart. Yellow House is also collecting hygiene products and books for adults, teens and children for their "Little, Free, Diverse Library."

YELLOW HOUSE

April BIRTHDAYS

1st	Charlene Grand Linda Markert Oliva Take
3rd	Lorie Anderson Tre Devine John Wascom
4th	Fred Lee Eli Monk
5th	Jason Brown
6th	Kaylee Drewry Julia Jarvis Mark Riechmann
7th	Ken Hess
8th	Kelly Winter
10th	Jackie Lewis James Winter
14th	Peggy McCord
15th	Yvonne Sloan
17th	Ellie Roukey
18th	Sarah Brinson
19th	Tammy Morreale
20th	Frances Mathews
21st	Carole Rooks Tim Ware Nieve Wilbourne
24th	Alex Hittell
25th	Teresa Hanna Isabella Laffy
26th	Beth Joyner
27th	David Middleton Millie Russell
28th	Kris Gunby Ed Hanna
29th	Rhys Weisman
30th	Ivey Hannah

Committee Meetings:

Finance/SPR Committee
Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees
Monday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council
Tuesday, April 18th 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://rpumc.mywell.org

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 2/28/2023

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	$85042	$83,333
Expenses	-69,080	82,987
Surplus/Deficit	$15962	$346

May God's love surround...

Home

- † **Emory Cook**
- † **Joe Dorsie**
- † **Shirley Early**
- † **Jo Herron**
- † **Steven Jarvis**
- † **Carol Stelly**
- † **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**

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"Empowering others to live life abundantly in Christ."

Worship with Us!

Sunday Mornings in the Sanctuary:
@9am Contemporary
@11am Traditional

Nursery care available.
Sunday school @10am

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

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(services are also uploaded later to YouTube)

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Join us for Easter Sunday

Worship with us on Sunday, April 17th

9am Contemporary & 11am Traditional

Bring a flower from your yard to cover the cross in signs of life!
Invite friends to join us, too.

New Book Club Coming This Spring

You have plenty of time to read this Charles Martin book before our first meeting on April 13th! A number of people who have talked to me about this author really enjoy his books. Some even say this is their favorite book by Charles Martin.

We still have room in the library for more readers. *When Crickets Cry* is a book to remember. You can get a copy from the library or even from the Library Book Sale in Arlington or another used book site online.

Please let us know if you plan to come at 1:00 PM on April 13th in the church library.

Text or call Susan Russell: (904) 234-5823 or Nancy Schubiger: (973) 252-3771
We look forward to seeing you in April !

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.

APRIL

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 **9am-2pm Box Making**
2 **COMMUNION** **PALM SUNDAY** 9:30am Sunday School/Groups 10:30am One Worship Service 11:30am Pot Luck Luncheon 12:15pm Easter Egg Hunt 5:00pm Bell Choir	3	4 10:30am Tai Chi 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Tai Chi	5 3pm Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners	6 **2pm Pastor's Study** **6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service** 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7 **9am-7pm** **Stations of the Cross** **11:30am First Friday Friends** 1pm Yoga	8
9 **EASTER SUNDAY** 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups **10am Confirmation Class** 11am Traditional Worship	10	11 10:30am Tai Chi **6pm SPR/Finance** 7pm Tai Chi **7pm Sisters of Service**	12 3pm Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners	13 **11am Circle of Hope** **12 pm Book Club**	14 1pm Yoga	15
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23 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups **10am & 12pm Child Protection Training** **10am Confirmation Class** 11am Traditional Worship 5pm Bell Choir	24	25 10:30am Tai Chi 7pm Tai Chi	26 3pm Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners 7:30pm Chancel Choir	27 **12 pm Book Club**	28 1pm Yoga	29
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