

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: SACRED SONGS & HYMNS



Rev. Emily Knight

WHATS YOUR FAVORITE HYMN AND WHY?

"It's complicated. I have theological favorites. And some that are fun to sing. and some that are beautiful, but unsingable. I have favorites from the Lutheran hymnal I grew up with and some from the United Methodist "The Faith We Sing."

—Nancy Schubiger



"*Are Ye Able* is the first hymn I remember getting choked up over; I sang *In the Garden* at my Daddy's funeral and *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* when Kennedy was shot. *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* has a great bass line."

—Mark Matthews



"Fill My Cup Lord. When my husband and I first started dating, Richard Blanchard was the pastor of FUMC Jacksonville where my husband was a member. I remember hearing it there for the first time with my husband and it was later sung at his funeral."

—Cathy Salzer



"I love the hymn *Lord of the Dance*. It's tells the Jesus story and has a joyous feel to it. Then there's the Holy Week verse. (They buried my body and they thought I'd gone...) that ends in a pure sense of victory: **But I am the dance, and I still go on.**"

—Britt Scott



2023 CONFIRMANDS



Rhys Wesiman



Lilah Manalo



Libby Murray



Eden Santa Lucia



Quniton Scott



Anthony Strong



Confirmation Class 2023 Creed

We believe in the Father Almighty.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
that lives inside us and around us.

We believe in the son Jesus Christ
who came to die for our sins.

We believe in fellowship and forgiveness of others.

We believe in the power of friendship
that us by the church that was formed.

We believe in being disciples of Christ
through being our unique selves,,

having fun, inviting others, and welcoming all.

God offers support to all in good and bad times and
His love endures forever and ever. Amen.



Andrew Strong



FAMILY MINISTRY

YOUTH

June was a busy month for our Youth Group! We kicked off with 15 students coming together for a Challenge Lock-In- make sure to check out the Church Facebook Group for our #mannequinchallenge videos. The following Sunday was Confirmation Day and the launch of our 10 a.m. Youth Group with the new, fearless leader Ty Strong. Keep an eye out for more fun activities to come as the summer progresses! We have a wonderful group of students, and we are looking forward to growing more in Christ and in friendship under Ty and Bobby's leadership.

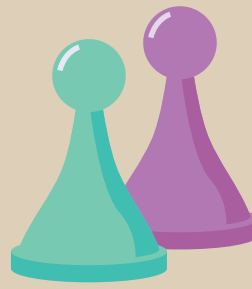


Youth Lake Day
July 29th
more info to come

WARREN WILLIS CAMP

We are so excited to say that we have 16 kiddos (children & youth) that will be attending Warren Willis UMC Camp this summer! Please pray for our students and adult volunteers and that the campers will enjoy fellowship, deepen their faith, and feel the love of God.

Join us for Youth Group
Sundays at 10 a.m.
James Pickren Youth Room
Room #302



Family Ministry Game Night

July 7th at 7 p.m.
Rhames Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN

Our Vacation Bible School this year has a theme of "Praise!" We are so thankful for all those who participated and the volunteers who took the time to pour into our youngest members! We are looking for volunteers for both Sunday School and Children's Church which we plan to launch in August around the beginning of the new school year. If you are interested in teaching, helping, or planning please contact Gealean at families@riversideparkumc.com



For more information about family ministry gatherings through the summer, contact Gealean at families@riversideparkumc.com

Memorial Gifts

Donations in memory of Dwight Goodwin, Dennis Bush, and Jim Allen have been given by Jennie K. Bibb.

A donation in memory of Amanda Bethany Strong has been given towards the Amanda Bethany Strong Scholarship by Fatimah Irwin.

YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

CONVERSATION. COMMUNITY.

Sunday July 9th at 10am
Meet outside the sanctuary
and we will walk over

First Friday Friends & Thank You to Jim Lewis

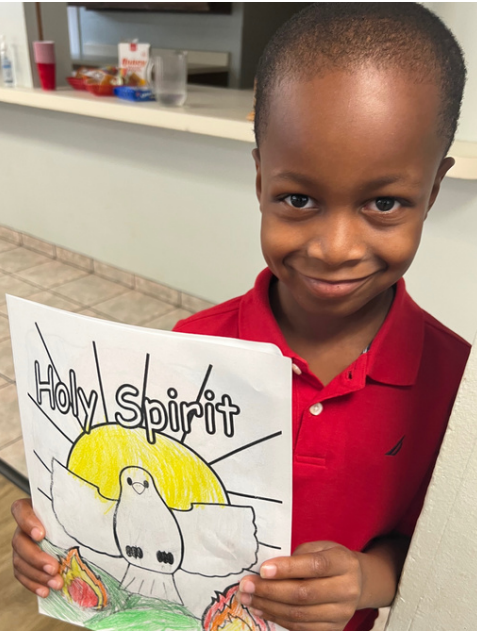


At the June gathering, our First Friday Friends played bingo (congratulations to the happy winners pictured below) and also celebrated Jim Lewis' legacy of leadership. June was Jim's last Friday at the helm of leadership, but his work has certainly shaped the ministry for years to come. Jim has directed our RPUMC senior adult program since 2010—back when it was called “The Life Center” and gatherings occurred almost weekly. Over the years, Jim has cooked and organized and invited; called bingo numbers, asked trivia questions, welcomed newcomers, and coordinated nametags—even choosing and wrapping prizes for the delight of those who would win—all with careful attention to the program's history (TLC was founded in 1979) and the significant need for senior adult fellowship and fun. Thank you, Jim Lewis, for serving and loving the seniors of RPUMC and our community!

First Friday Friends will take a break for the summer months, but programming will resume the first Friday in September. We look forward to fall programming as led by Susan Russell who now steps into the senior adult ministry role.



Pentecost Sunday



Pastor Emily with mom and daughter, Carrie and Eden Santa Lucia, and Libby Murray who were baptized on June 11th.

Welcome New Members



Please welcome our new members who joined RPUMC on June 4, 2023.

L to R: Pastor Emily, Pat Carlton, Diane Wells Emily & Ian Charleton, Sarah Fenwick, David Morcom



Chancel Choir

Our wonderful Chancel Choir will be taking a little break after July 2. Please be in worship that day as they present Wilhousky's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" They will return to worship on August 13.

Have you thought about using your talents to serve in the choir? August is a great time to join. The choir is a fun, hardworking and a dedicated group.

Rehearsals resume August 9, 7:30 p.m. Please contact John Larsen, j.larsen@riversideparkumc.com for more information.

Women In Ministry

Calling all Women and Middle And Senior High Age Girls!!!

On Saturday, July 22, the WIM (Women in Mission) have a special event planned for all women and young ladies of the church! That morning we will have a brunch at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The women of the three circles will furnish the food. It will truly be a brunch, with both breakfast and lunch items on the buffet. Guests will not bring anything. Everything will be provided.

Then after the meal and fellowship, we have an added treat. We have a professional artist who will lead those of us who wish to participate, in a fun water painting experience. The cost for this is just \$15 and we will produce two pictures to take home. Everything will be provided. You will pay for this at that time. We are so looking forward to both events.

Reservations are needed! If you are a member of one of the three circles - make sure you let your circle leader know you are coming for brunch, what you are bringing, AND if you are staying to paint.

If you are not involved in a women's circle - please call the church office at (904) 355-5491 and let them know you are coming to one or both.

Please ladies, don't miss this wonderful time to get to know others in the church in a fun and relaxed setting.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY

Summer is hot.
Summer is afternoon thunderstorms.
Summer is feeding the hungry rain or shine!

WNM also tries to meet the needs of those who come to our door and right now our cupboard is empty. T-shirts sized large to XX large, new black socks, and rain gear are all needed. Add to that list, plastic grocery bags. We use

50 or more in serving over 150 meals every week. Look for a bin in the little kitchen.

Thank you all for your support of this wonderful hands on ministry. More hands this summer will be appreciated. Look for the sign up button in the RPUMC Updates via e-mail on Fridays, or call the church (904) 355-5491 or text Bonnie Dudley (904) 868-5370.

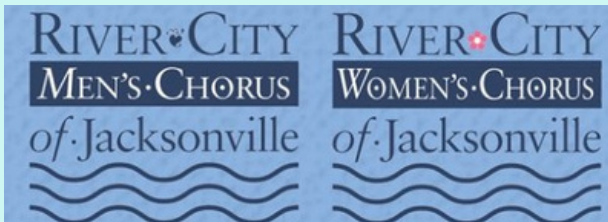


Wednesday
Dinner
Helpers

I was hungry,
you gave me something to eat.
I was thirsty,
you gave me something to drink.
I was a stranger,
you invited me in.
I needed clothes,
you clothed me.
Matthew 25:35-36

CHORAL CONCERT

The River City Men's and Women's Choruses will perform their summer concert in the Riverside Park UMC Sanctuary on Sunday, July 23rd at 3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public however, donations are accepted.

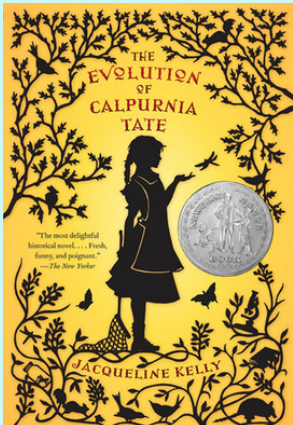


CHILDREN'S HOME



July has a 5th Sunday which means we will collect a special offering for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The FUMCH is a diverse ministry with two campuses that include residential, therapeutic group, foster and emergency shelter care. The Home also provides independent living assistance and a community child care center.

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB



The Community Book Club will be reading *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* for their July meeting. This book was highly recommended by a member. It won a Newberry Honor Award in 2010 and is a historic young adult book. We want to read a variety of books so please bring at least two book choices that you can recommend to the club for the future.

In the summer of 1899 Calpurnia is about to turn 12 and worries about the adult responsibilities that loom on the horizon. She would rather swim in the river near her Texas home than learn to cook, knit, and play the piano. She wants to read *The Origin of the Species* by Charles Darwin. Instead, the librarian refuses to let her check it out. Her Granddaddy has a copy, so their friendship expands when they catch wildlife specimens for his collection.

Calpurnia has 6 brothers who make life interesting and sometimes dangerous as she understands what it means to be a girl at the turn of the century.

RPUMC's Top Favorite Hymns

1. Amazing Grace

2. Here I Am Lord; How Great Thou Art; Lord of the Dance

3. Be Thou My Vision; It is Well with My Soul

4. Great is Thy Faithfulness; Old Rugged Cross; Morning Has Broken

- April Joos: How Great Thou Art, Old Rugged Cross
- Gealean Roeters: O Holy Night
- Millie Russell: Be Thou My Vision
- Rich Lewis: O Praise Ye the Lord
- Tre Devine: Broken Hallelujah (The Afters)
- Britt Scott: Lord of the Dance
- Joye Hampton: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Pastor Emily: "Center" (Charlie Hall); Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot; Here I Am Lord; Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
- Julianne Kerchain: Rock of Ages, In the Garden, Old Rugged Cross
- Beth Joyner: Here I Am, Lord
- Jo Herron: Because He Lives
- Andre Varunok: Here I Am Lord, Lord of the Dance, How Great Thou Art, Great is Thy Faithfulness, Morning has Broken
- Tim Bush: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord; Great is Your Faithfulness,
- Rick Bible: Why Me (by Kris Kristofferson), Amazing Grace
- Emory Cook: It is Well with My Soul; Amazing Grace
- Kaitlyn Fuller: Lord of the Dance, I can Only Imagine, You are Holy (Prince of Peace), Down to the River,
- Ian Charleton: Amazing Grace, Morning Has Broken, Old Rugged Cross, It is Well With My Soul
- Bridget Ware: When in Our Music God is Glorified, How Great Thou Art, And Can it Be, Surely the Presence
- Wayne Bailey: It Is Well With My Soul
- Diane Take: Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring, Amazing Grace, For the Beauty of the Earth
- Misty Weisman: Be Thou My Vision, Here I Am Lord, When I Survey
- Mary Holladay: O God Our Help In Ages Past, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- David Holladay: Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know, God Move in a Mysterious Way, I Love Thee, Lord Jesus, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- Charlie Schubiger: How great thou art, He lives, Here I am Lord, Lord of the dance
- Shirley Davis: Great is Thy Faithfulness
- Jennie Bibb: Amazing Grace
- Kathy Fenwick: What a Friend We Have in Jesus
- Peggy Greco-Ridge: Lift High the Cross
- Jeff Joos: Morning Has Broken
- Marc and Kimberly Julia: Be Thou My Vision, Come Thou Fount
- Donna Paganucci: O Sacred Head Now Wounded
- Kevin Round: My Song is Love Unknown
- Albert & Yvonne Sloan: Just As I Am
- Caroline Jennings: Lord of the Dance
- David Humphrey: Blessed Assurance, How Great Thou Art
- JoAnn Goodwin: Just a Closer Walk with Thee
- Rich Goodwin: Go Rest High on that Mountain, Amazing Grace
- Mark Mathews: Be Thou My Vision, Are Ye Able; In the Garden; Eternal Father, Strong to Save; O Sacred Head Now Wounded.
- Sharon Joos: My Redeemer Lives
- Jennifer Brazell: It is Well
- Nancy Schubiger: 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today' (with trumpets—trumpets are mandatory)
- Cathy Salzer: Fill My Cup Lord (641);
- Alex Haupt: Eternal Father Strong to Save



Annual Conference 2023

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)

Abound in Hope was this year's Annual Conference theme and over the two and a half days, you could feel the sense of hope, joy and love shared by all the guest speakers and participants. This was the first Annual Conference with Bishop Berlin presiding.

The following is a summary of the Annual Conference; you can obtain details and view the various sessions by going online to flumc.org/ac. Details of all the reports can be found in the Annual Conference Workbook.

Annual Conference Offering-This year, two offerings were collected to support the Rev. Geraldine Williams McClellan Endowment Scholarship at Gammon Theological Seminary and The Warren Willis Camp and Conference Center.

Finances-The Conference approved an overall budget of \$14,071,197 for 2024, which amounts to a reduction of \$2,071,225 from the previous year's budget. Additionally, Conference Treasurer Craig Smelser reported that:

- 375 churches gave 100% of apportionments in 2022 (RPUMC was one of them)
- The Cabinet approved \$2.7M in direct grants to local churches for new ministry initiatives through the New Church Development Fund and Cabinet Development Fund for 2023
- The reduction to the 2024 budget is in anticipation of the financial impact caused by the departure of the churches seeking disaffiliation. The current projection for the impact on the Conference apportionment base that disaffiliations will cause is approximately 30% (Apportionments will not be raised for remaining UMC churches)

General Conference Delegation-The chairs of the General Conference Delegation reported that the 2020 General Conference was postponed until 2024 due to the COVID pandemic. General Conference will take place April 23-May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC with delegates elected in 2019 serving.

Laity Session -This year's Laity Session included highlights in district ministry, an update on the future of United Methodist Men in Florida, a campus ministry panel and recognition of certified lay ministers.

Licensing & Ordination Services-Eleven people were licensed as Local pastors; four were commissioned as provisional deacons; 20 were commissioned as provisional elders; three were ordained as deacons and nine were ordained as elders. This included the class of 2022.

Local Churches -Churches celebrating 25-200 years anniversaries were recognized, even churches that elected to disaffiliate.

Memorial Recognition- The Service of Remembrance for the clergy and clergy spouses who died in the last year featured a sermon from Rev. David McEntire.

Resolutions- The following resolution was affirmed by the Conference: In Support of Creating a U.S. Regional Conference.

Retirement Recognition- The conference noted the long and dedicated service of 38 pastoral leaders who move on to retirement. They represent a combined total of 1072 years of service.

Bible Study- This year's conference featured two bible studies featuring Dr. Carla Works, a New Testament Scholar from Wesley Theological Seminary.

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 COMMUNION 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship	3 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED 10:30am Tai Chi 7pm Tai Chi	5 2:30pm Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners	6 1pm Yoga 7pm Family Ministry Game Night	7 11am Memorial Service for Jim Allen	8	15 10am Women's Brunch
9 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship 12pm Young Adult Brunch	10 11 10:30am Tai Chi 7pm Tai Chi 7pm Sisters of Service	12 2:30pm Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners	13 1pm Book Club	14 1pm Yoga	15	22 10am Women's Brunch
16 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship	17 6pm Board of Trustees	18 10:30am Tai Chi 7pm Tai Chi	19 2:30pm Yoga 5:30pm Free Dinners	20 1pm Yoga	21	28 Youth Lake Day
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30 FIFTH SUNDAY Children's Home Offering 9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School/Groups 11am Traditional Worship	31					



1st	Doug Matthews
2nd	Cade Renne
3rd	Carly Gunby
4th	Amanda Haupt
5th	Henley Gunby Susan Stone
6th	Jennie Bibb
9th	Joye Hampton
10th	Paige Bush Tim Riechmann
12th	Bonnie Dudley
14th	Mike Thurgood
15th	Gealean Roeters
16th	Matt Hemphill
17th	Derrick Hittell
18th	Scarlet Tompkins
19th	Penelope Diao Alex Haupt Joanne Lipp Carlson
20th	John Cogburn
23rd	Chuck Pickren
25th	Mia Anderson Alex Anderson Shirley Early
27th	Ashley Alston
29th	Amelia Alvarado Sara Fenwick
30th	David Morcom
31st	Jack Barnard

Committee Meetings:

Finance/SPR Committee
no meeting in July

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

Church Council
no meeting in July

**If we miss your birthday,
please let us know.**

If you move, please let us know.

**Do you get our newsletter in the
mail? How about the weekly RPUMC
Updates sent by email on Fridays?**

**Call the church office at (904) 355-
5491 to update your information.**

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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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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