

# Riverside Reporter

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER  
RIVERSIDE PARK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WESLEYAN ROOTED



Starting September 8th, we will launch a 5-part series called “Wesleyan Rooted”—including family devotional, small group discussion, and Sunday worship. If you’re not already in a small group or a faith formation group, consider organizing one with a friend or two. The result will be a clearer and more passionate desire to engage in the missional work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



# Margaret's Memories Update...

Sorry for the lack of updates over the summer. I have been enjoying time with my family. The PLIDA conference in Chicago was a tremendous benefit for me. Some of the classes were intense and very emotional for me to attend but much needed for this ministry. It was nice to hear from my peers about what is going on in their specialties. I won several raffle prizes including educational books and a free Resolve Through Sharing Coordinator training (\$500 value). I was able to take the basic class Bereavement Training: Perinatal Death through work. Soon I will be certified to train people that work with bereaved families.



Memory boxes have been donated Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, South, Clay, and Nassau, St. Vincent's Southside and Clay. A special thank you to Tim Bush and Susan Phillips for delivering memory boxes to hospitals! Volunteers have been scheduling time to help with quality controlling, crafting, and other projects that make Margaret's Memories possible. We are prepping for the fall box making. If you would like to prep things at home, please contact me. If you quilt, knit, or crochet we are in need of large blankets for boys. We have some supplies if you would like them. We continue to receive thank you notes and emails from families/friends to thank Margaret's Memories for giving the gift of memories. We are continually told all the handmade items are very touching.

## Dates of Interest:

September 22, 2024, Bracelet Making - 10 Am in the fellowship Hall

October 26, 2024, Box Making 10AM till Noon in the Fellowship Hall

If you need more information on the events please contact me!

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 Face Book!

--Nicole Remo, Margaret's Memories Leader





**RPUMC showed up to meet our new district superintendent, Rev. Dr. David Allen**

# August RECAP



**Thank You for celebrating Millie's baby shower and blessing the new parents with diapers and wipes. Wynnie has entered the world!**



**BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS** In early August, we hosted healthcare providers from Saint Vincent's who offered free school physicals to the community. We wrapped around this service with free hot dogs, snacks, and bounce houses. We also blessed and continue to pray for teachers (and crossing guards)





# Scavenger Hunt

Congratulation to the 2024 church scavenger hunt winners: (they named themselves) "Team Old Lady!" And special thanks to Nancy Newman, Cory Lek, Nicole Remo, and Miranda Snipes who served the beloved ice cream—and all of our amazing participants who came out for ice cream and fun!



Thank you to Bridget and Tim Ware for coordinating another fun summer of "Portable Pastor Emily" challenges

# Women In Mission

## Sisters of Service

Tuesday, September 10  
7:00 p.m.  
Parlor (1st floor McCord bldg.)

## Circle of Hope

Thursday, September 12  
11:00 a.m.

Rhames Fellowship Hall  
This is the first meeting of the season. Join us for a sandwich lunch and bring ideas for non-profits we can support.

## Circle of Joy & Peace

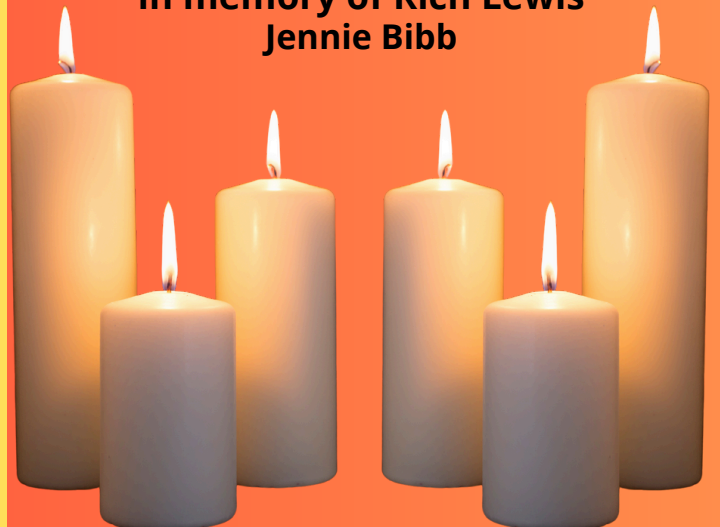
Wednesday, September 18  
11:00 a.m.  
Rhames Fellowship Hall

## Memorials

in memory of Joe Dorsie  
Pam Allen  
Anita Davis  
Alicia Frank  
Raming & Bonna Srey

in memory of Bob Pope  
Jennie Bibb

in memory of Rich Lewis  
Jennie Bibb



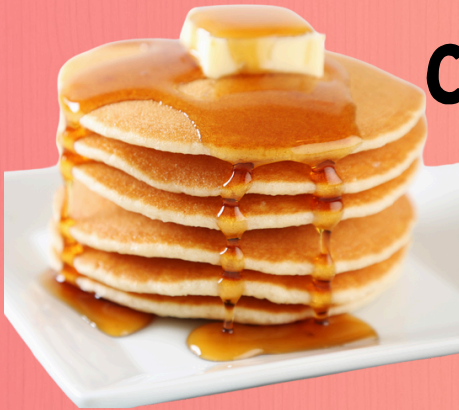


# UNITED METHODIST MEN



## **Men's Ministry Meeting**

Wednesday, Sept. 4th  
4:00 p.m.  
Church Library



## **CHURCHWIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY MEN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 10AM RHAMES FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

**We are getting back to our First Friday Friends meetings so put this on your calendar now.**

We will meet at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and chatting first. The wonderful Dulcimer group will start this year off - remember how much we enjoyed their singing and playing last year.

Invite a friend or neighbor to join us. If you are bringing someone please call the church office so we can add their name to the lunch plans. We are looking forward to good programs and seeing friends starting on 9/6/24. If you have any questions call the church office for Susan Russell's contact information.

September 6th at 11 a.m.

## **FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS** **(SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP)**

Chat over coffee and enjoy a delicious lunch!  
This month's program: River City Dulcimers and Friends

**RPUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL**





**Fifth Sunday Special Offering**  
**September 29th**  
(formerly Florida UM Children's Home)



*Riverside Park  
Concert Series*

9B Woodwind Quartet  
September 8th at 4:00 p.m.



## Grace Gallery Art

Currently featured in the second floor hallway:  
Watercolor paintings by  
church member Cathy Salzer



*Acolyte  
Ministry*

**Acolytes and crucifer training coming soon!**

Want to help carry the light of Christ into worship? Want to (literally) lift high the cross? Starting as young as 3rd grade can serve in traditional worship. Let us know if you want to be added to the list. Contact Bobby Brazell if you have questions.

## September 15th: Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

All ages are invited to bring bibles to worship on September 15th. If you would like a Bible given to your 3rd grade student, contact the church office by Sunday, Sept 8th.



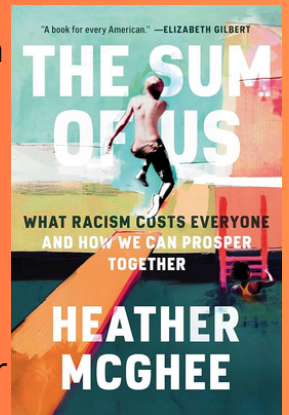
# Racial Justice

## Intro to Race Cards - September 9 - Zoom

This is for anyone who would like to improve their comfort level in discussing topics of race. We will address how to have difficult conversations, how to prepare for those conversations, and what to do when the conversations do not go the way you want them to go. Register at <https://www.904ward.org/events>

## Book Discussion Group - starts October 3

The Racial Justice Team invites you to a discussion group on the book: "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together." The UMC Justice Committee has developed a 3-part series which focuses on a deeper understanding of the book's themes from a theological lens. For this reason, it is important that you finish the book before we start our discussions in October. The dates we will meet are October 3, 10, 17 and 24th. The time is 6:45-8:15 p.m. and will be held at the church as well as on Zoom. Space is limited so please reserve your spot now by emailing Linda LaBell at [Lslabell@yahoo.com](mailto:Lslabell@yahoo.com) and indicate your preference for an in-person or Zoom spot."



# Wednesday Night Ministry

The Bible verse Matthew 25:35-36 is the foundation of WNM and I am so grateful for all our volunteers who are steadfast in their love for our neighbors that come to our door. Other ways we call our neighbors are our friends and our folks. Tim Tebow and his foundation calls those they minister to MVP, Most Vulnerable People and Matthew 25 is also their biblical inspiration especially verse 40. "Very few times does Jesus use an example where he makes it personal to him but he does it when he talks about the least of these."

September is a month of new beginnings for many of us, back to school, new schools, even football season with new players, and perhaps some changes to our food service on Wednesday nights but we will always love and care for the least of these with a warm meal and our prayers.

Bonnie Dudley, Wednesday Night Ministry Coordinator

### ITEMS NEEDED



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



BEGINS 9/1

# NEW MEMBER *Classes*

If you have been attending Riverside Park UMC and feel that God is calling you to make a commitment to this as your church home please feel free to join us. If you are curious about the history of our denomination, and/or of our local church, as well as the structure and teachings of the UMC, these classes will be very informative. It's also a great way to meet others who have been attending RPUMC alongside of you!



## *Church Campus Tour*

Meet in front of the sanctuary at 10 am on September 1st for a campus tour. You'll learn some interesting facts and get to know some new faces and some long-time members.



## *Membership Classes*

Join Pastor Emily in the library on **September 8, 15, & 22** to learn what it means to be a United Methodist.



## *Join RPUMC*

Those wishing to join Riverside Park UMC will be recognized during worship on **September 29**.

FOR MORE  
INFO:

Contact Nancy Schubiger  
at (904) 355-5491 or  
[membership@riversideparkumc.com](mailto:membership@riversideparkumc.com)

Stay tuned for more details, but for now:  
we announce and celebrate that our forward in  
faith fundraiser is supported at 100% pledges!  
Thank you, RPUMC family for looking to the future!



FORWARD  
in FAITH

GROWING WITH CHRIST

# YOUNG ADULT Sept. 8th LUNCH

Every 2nd Sunday after the Traditional Service.  
Meet in front of the sanctuary.



# Meet the New Media Artist

## Corey "Cam" McCorkle

### 3 fun facts About me:

I once kissed a giraffe  
I got my first place at 15  
I can speak in (4) Dialects

Where you can find me and how I can help:  
I'm located in the old Media Closet.  
if you have any social media suggestions  
or out reach projects that need to be filmed  
or photographed.



## *Conversation Covenant*

**RPUMC's 'Conversation covenant' for election season: (because we can love alike even if we think differently)**

- 1. Do no harm. Do good. And "Take care that your spirits are not sharpened against those on the other side."—John Wesley**
- 2. Speak with a heart of peace and prayer first (otherwise just say "I am not at peace with this conversation right now.")**
- 3. We will not use candidate or party names on campus—instead, we talk about values and issues.**
- 4. We will NOT label one another.**





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|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2nd  | Robert Moseley                                                  |
| 4th  | Nick MacQueen                                                   |
| 7th  | Cory Lek                                                        |
| 8th  | April Joos<br>Sharon Prescott<br>Cathy Salzer<br>Tiffany Wascom |
| 9th  | Max Cogburn                                                     |
| 10th | Linda Robbins                                                   |
| 12th | Kevin Crowell<br>Amy Litwin<br>Albert Sloan                     |
| 13th | Ruben Allen<br>Xavier Diao                                      |
| 14th | Ed Fleming                                                      |
| 15th | Emily Matthews                                                  |
| 16th | James Wilson                                                    |
| 17th | Bill Graessle                                                   |
| 18th | Kimberly Julia                                                  |
| 20th | Shep Riechmann<br>Misty Weisman                                 |
| 21st | Debbie Colbert                                                  |
| 23rd | Krissy Nettles<br>Charlie Schubiger                             |
| 24th | Jo Herron<br>Kit Thomas                                         |
| 25th | Micheal Bone                                                    |
| 26th | Kaden Neufeld                                                   |
| 28th | Amber Brockel                                                   |
| 29th | Ellie Waters                                                    |
| 30th | Oregon Lybass                                                   |

## Committee Meetings:

Finance/SPR Committee  
Tuesday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees  
Monday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Church Council  
Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**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  
† Shirley Early  
† Jo Herron  
† Steven Jarvis  
† Carol Stelly  
† Jim Todd



**College Students**

- Zachary Bradley
- Cooper Crowell
- Frankie Crowell
- Tre Devine
- Brenna DuPries
- Isabella Laffy
- Logan Laffy
- April Laflash
- Emily Matthews
- Emily Popp
- Matthew Popp
- Luke Renne



All worship services are streamed live on Facebook and YouTube. Please check the website or the RPUMC Family group on Facebook for any updates. Worship service videos will be posted on the church website the following business day.



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

For more information:

Karate: kolbyskarateclub.com

Tai Chi: taoisttaichi.org

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | MON                                        | TUE                                                                                                                                         | WED                                                                                             | THU                                                    | FRI                                    | SAT                                                   |
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| <b>1 COMMUNION</b><br>9 am Contemporary Worship<br>10 am Sunday School/Groups<br><b>10 am Church Tour</b><br>11 am Traditional Worship                                                                                  | <b>2 LABOR DAY</b><br><b>Office Closed</b> | 3<br>10:30 am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm Karate<br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts<br>7 pm Tai Chi                                                              | 4<br><b>4:00 pm Men's Meeting</b><br>5:30 pm Free Dinners<br>7:30 pm Chancel Choir              | 5<br>5:30 pm Karate                                    | 6<br><b>11 am First Friday Friends</b> | 7<br>3 pm Karate                                      |
| 8<br>9 am Contemporary Worship<br>10 am Sunday School/Groups<br><b>10 am New Member Class</b><br>11 am Traditional Worship<br>12 pm Young Adult Lunch<br><b>4 pm 9B Woodwind Concert</b><br><b>5 pm Chancel Ringers</b> | 9                                          | 10<br>10:30 am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm Karate<br>7 pm Tai Chi<br><b>6 pm SPR/Finance</b><br><b>7 pm Sisters of Service</b>                       | 11<br>5:30 pm Free Dinners<br>7:30 pm Chancel Choir                                             | 12<br><b>11:00 am Circle of Hope</b><br>5:30 pm Karate | 13                                     | 14<br>3 pm Karate                                     |
| 15<br>9 am Contemporary Worship<br>10 am Sunday School/Groups<br><b>10 am New Member Class</b><br>11 am Traditional Worship<br><b>5 pm Chancel Ringers</b>                                                              | 16<br><b>6 pm Trustees</b>                 | 17<br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>10:30 am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm Karate<br>5:30 pm Girl Scouts<br><b>6 pm Church Council</b><br>7 pm Tai Chi | 18<br><b>11:00 am Circle of Joy &amp; Hope</b><br>5:30 pm Free Dinners<br>7:30 pm Chancel Choir | 19<br>5:30 pm Karate                                   | 20                                     | 21<br>3 pm Karate                                     |
| 22<br>9 am Contemporary Worship<br>10 am Sunday School/Groups<br>10 am Bracelet Making for Margaret's Memories<br><b>10 am New Member Class</b><br>11 am Traditional Worship<br><b>5 pm Chancel Ringers</b>             | 23                                         | 24<br>10:30 am Tai Chi<br>5:30 pm Karate<br>7 pm Tai Chi                                                                                    | 25<br>5:30 pm Free Dinners<br>7:30 pm Chancel Choir                                             | 26<br>5:30 pm Karate                                   | 27                                     | 28<br><b>9:15 am Church Conference</b><br>3 pm Karate |
| 29<br>9 am Contemporary Worship<br><b>10 am Pancake Breakfast</b><br>11 am Traditional Worship<br><b>5 pm Chancel Ringers</b>                                                                                           | 30                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                 |                                                        |                                        |                                                       |





*"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**  
**facebook.com/RiversidePar**  
**kumc**  
**(services are also uploaded**  
**later to YouTube)**

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