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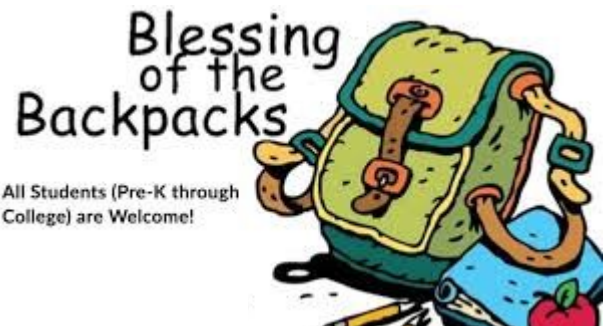
August 2018

My goodness! It hardly seems possible I've been with you fine folks of Riversedge United Methodist Church for a month. You have all been generous in welcoming me and I thank you for your hospitality.

In a couple months (God willing) your new pastor, Binu Piniel, and his family will be arriving. I have been in contact with Binu via email. He is looking forward to meeting you. As previously mentioned, it would be very advantageous to Binu to see photos of the people he and his family will be sharing in ministry. Yes, Pastor Binu will be the lead pastor, but all share in ministry. Please consider sending a "selfie" to the church via email to reumc8279@gmail.com or jbjacobs83@hotmail.com. Please be sure to identify who is in the photo.

I've had the opportunity to witness the ministries you offer to the people in the surrounding area of Spring Bay. The Food Pantry is more than giving food and incidentals to families, it is a wonderful way to share the Good News of the Gospel with the clients. I was delighted to see one client worshiped with us one Sunday. The backpack ministry is well on its way to providing for our school children and soon the snackpack program will be in full swing.

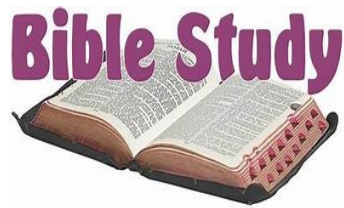
As school begins in early August, students please bring your backpack and/or school supplies to church, Sunday August 12. I would like to have a "blessing of the backpacks." I don't want to limit this opportunity to grade schoolers, so middle school and high school students are also invited to bring their backpacks to church for the blessing. Oh, if college students won't be embarrassed to participate, I'll be happy to bless those backpacks, too.



Sharing in Ministry with Riversedge UMC,
Rev. Judy



Back to School: Prayer for the Start of the School Year Loving God, Our creator, our savior, our companion, bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake today. Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to. We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them. Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to this school, and may you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn. We ask this in Your name, Amen.



Adults, are you ready for a journey? We still have 4 weeks for the video Bible Study at **9:15 a.m.** on **Sunday** mornings based on the book 'The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi'. By video, you will visit the sites in Israel and Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jew who follows Jesus, will share teachings and resources.



We are having our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, **August 4** from 8:00 a.m. until noon. I have a sheet available to SIGN UP. We would really like to have a lot of donations. The RED CROSS has a very serious shortage of blood and plasma products. They are looking for help as a blood shortage continues. As always thank you for your past donations. **Submitted by: Joe Helms**



For Riverview Grade School

The bulletin board is up in the back of the sanctuary with tickets of items needed to fill the backpacks. All items you purchase need to be at the church by **August 5**. Everything will be taken to the school on August 6th. School starts August 16 for the kids.



Pekin First UMC (where Rev. Judy attends) has invited us to join them for a Chiefs game on Friday, **August 31** at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to their church office (309.347.3155) by **August 16**. Cost is \$11 and tickets can be picked up at the church from 1-4:30 p.m. on August 28-30 or 8:30-noon on August 31.

Firework Extravaganza—Behold the best firework show in Central Illinois as the Peoria Chiefs light up the sky!

Fan Appreciation Night—Tis' to another great season as we celebrate with one last big bash at Dozer Park for you, the fans!

Dueling Pianos—Come out and enjoy the music of the best piano group in the Midwest as we welcome the Dueling Pianos back to Dozer Park!



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **August 10**. We will have our **King's Closet** upstairs at the Annex. We have clothes, other small items or produce for local people to take and use, if they need it. Bring items all month. It comes in free and goes out free, no charge. Anything left over will be taken to Good Will or South Side Missions.



10:30 a.m. **WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS** are still needed. If you are interested in ushering, reading scripture, greeting or being an acolyte, please sign up on the Schedule Sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

We still need one **SUNDAY SCHOOL** teacher. We are working towards having two teachers per class. Please talk with April Nauman if you'd like to help. Please help us raise the next generation of Christians.

The **PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM** is looking for singers and musicians. If you have any interest learning more, please contact Jarrod Doty at church, by email at jdoty69@gmail.com or by phone at 309.657.8904.

Dennis Hill want to work in small groups for **MUSIC SPECIALS**. There is room on the signup sheet for other specials (solos, duets, reading, etc.). If you are interested, please contact Judy at 822-8770 or 645-6625.

If you, or anyone you know, want to fill in on the **ORGAN** or **PIANO** occasionally, please text or call Carla Doty at 657-8903 or email at dougdoty@aol.com.

NURSEY—PAID POSITION. Need an adult to assist/oversee the nursery on Sunday mornings. See Matt Freeman or Ron Call if you are interested or know of anyone that might be or if you would like additional information.

Submitted by: Judy Schaer

PARSONAGE PROJECT—These projects still need to be completed before a new pastor is assigned:

- Repair downstairs hallway wall
- Paint hallway
- Trim for bedrooms, install trim around new tub/shower
- Install porch pillars
- Remove playset

We still need volunteers ~ please consider sharing your time and talents! Please let me know when you (and your team) would like to do your project. We will make arrangements to let you in the parsonage. You may contact me with questions at blynn7843@sbcglobal.net, 309-822-0642 or 309-208-6231.

Submitted by: Holly Lynn, Trustees Committee Member



- ♦ Rick Brooks was released from medical follow-ups at Iowa City Medical Center. All is Well!
- ♦ Rev. Judy's brother celebrated his 70th birthday after surviving a death threatening stroke 6 years ago.
- ♦ The Jacobs' daughter & family made a safe trip South to a new start in life. All is Well!
- ♦ Jerry and Carol Rebholz welcomed their 9th great-grandchild, Barrett William Bowen, born on July 10 to Jodi & David Bowen. All are doing well.
- ♦ Jeanne Brennan is now able to bend her knee 97 degrees (90 degrees means she can go home) and hopes to go home soon to Home Health Care for IV antibiotic treatments. Still needs continued prayer for healing.
- ♦ For the beginning rescue of the Thai soccer team who have been trapped in a cave for several days.
- ♦ A great 4th of July week!
- ♦ The great music in worship!
- ♦ Thanks to all the teachers and helpers at Vacation Bible School and the special program they presented.
- ♦ Missy, the sister of Deb Kamp's daughter-in-law, had a baby girl by emergency C-section on Friday. She and baby are fine.
- ♦ Joe Helms reports that Dave Saam and company returned home safely from their successful mission trip to the Wind River Indian Reservation.



Check out our website at riversedgeumc.org where you will find the newsletters, calendars and announcements regularly. If you see pictures that you are in and would like them removed, please let Judy Schaer know. The committee wanted pictures to depict the life of our church. Scan the QR code (Quick Response Code) at the end of the newsletter with your smart phone to easily access our website.

Check out the signs on the front and back doors and in the restroom stalls as they will be changed monthly to inform you of current events happening at the church. **Submitted by: Communications Committee**



The Midwest Mission Distribution Center of the United Methodist Church provides disaster relief supplies around the world. Supplies bought through DollarDays (<https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html>) would be the best way to donate, as they are shipped directly to MMDC at the Center's bulk prices. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations may be sent to:

MMDC, P.O. Box 56, 1022 New City Road, Chatham, IL 62629
www.midwestmissiondc.org | office@midwestmissiondc.org

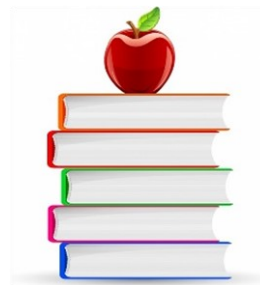


John Schaer is still collecting **ALUMINUM CANS** to recycle. CANS only, no aluminum disposable pans or other items. You may leave them in the entry area of the river side of the church or call John at 822-8770 if you would like him to pick them up. Once he gets a truck load, he will take them to the recycle center. Not only will this help the earth, but the money will go to the Church account.



Following is Information about our incoming pastor who may arrive some time near September (depends on his circumstances). He has a website (binupeniel.com) where you can play some videos and see information about him and his family.

To help acquaint Pastor Binu with our church family, we are requesting that you send a picture and any comments that you would like included about you and your family. For those who wish to participate, please email the information to jbjacobs83@hotmail.com, reumc8279@gmail.com or you may bring a picture and written information to the church. Thanks. ***Submitted by Jake Jacobs, Staff/Parish Committee Member***



READY FOR SCHOOL?

Vaccine Records Up-To-Date?

Back-to-School Walk-in Clinic

Kindergarten-12th grade

Wednesday, August 15th, 2018

7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten-12th grade only. Walk-in clinics are first come, first serve. Immunization records are required. ***If your child has never been immunized or you are following an alternative immunization schedule, please call for an appointment.***

Vaccines are important for protecting children from serious, and sometimes deadly, diseases. Woodford County Health Department works with most insurances and also has private pay options.

For more information about State of Illinois required school vaccinations, accepted insurances and fees, visit www.woodford-county.org. To make an appointment for immunizations, please call 309-467-3064. “Like” Woodford County Health Department on Facebook.



**Woodford County
Health Department**



August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:00 a.m.- Noon Blood Drive
5 Backpack items due 5:00 p.m. O.U.R. at the Schaer's (tentative)	6 6:00 p.m. Trustees	7	8	9	10 9-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry/ Kings Closet	11
12 Blessing of Backpacks	13	14 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	15	16 Reservations due for Chiefs Game	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 6:30 p.m. 	

Our Motto "The Church That Cares"

Our Mission

"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

OUR VISION

"Our vision is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors through our witness, welcome and nurture ."

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

NURSERY:

Sunday 8-11:45 a.m. (infant-kindergarten)

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS : 9:15-10:15 a.m.

D.O.C.K. (Preschool – 5th grade)

Youth (grades 6 – 12)

Sunday Morning (All Ages)

CHOIR PRACTICE: (7th grade-Adult)

September through May

7 p.m. Wednesday evenings, as announced

O.U.R.: Outwardly Upwardly Righteously

(first Sunday of month)

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
 THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
 EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
 AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
 MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
 MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
 MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
 I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
 THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
 AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
 MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
 KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
 WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
 THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
 AMEN

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