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Pastor's Perspective

Ecclesiastes 3:1

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

There is wisdom in the words of Ecclesiastes, wisdom that is often not easy to accept because it is not our timing or our schedule. A farmer plants his field and says, "now it is time for some rain;" his neighbor, however, says, "no, not yet, I need to finish planting." The rain comes on nature's schedule, not ours.

June, in the United Methodist connection is a time of "good byes" and change as we go through our annual dance of appointing pastors to congregations. I don't know of any pastor or congregation that looks forward to this time of our lives. Even when the pastor or congregation is anxious for change, our process is not easy.

One of the hardest things for me to do is to say goodbye to people whom I have come to love. It does not get any easier when you have done it repeatedly over your life and it isn't easier when you have only served with a congregation of people for a relatively short time. I will miss being a part of the RiversEdge congregation. I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing with you in the work of being The Body of Christ in Spring Bay, IL. I knew what I was doing when I answered God's call to be an "itinerant" or "Travelling Preacher," but that does not make the parting any easier. We grieve when we are parted from friends or people whom we have learned to love.

I will miss you, even as I look forward to sharing in ministry with other congregations to whom I am being sent. You will be receiving a new Pastor, and I pray that you will be blessed as you work together to serve Christ and share God's love in the Spring Bay community. One of the "gifts" of our system of appointing pastors to congregations is that each of us brings unique gifts, abilities, and styles to our new appointments as we seek to serve our Common Lord and Savior.

As members of a covenant community of United Methodist pastors, we have pledged to God and one another that we will make room for each of us to do the ministry to which we have been called in the places to which we have been appointed. This covenant means that we do not return to a previous congregation to do ministry after our appointment to that congregation has come to an end.

Thank you, for welcoming me among you and working with me as we have journeyed together on The Way as disciples of Jesus Christ. I pray that God will abundantly bless you and your future pastor as you continue the journey together and give God the Glory in all that you do.

Pastor Floyd

Special Music

Dennis Hill is working with ensembles (small groups) for music specials. There is room on the signup sheet for other specials (solos, duets, reading, etc.). Music is a very important part of our worship experience. If you are interested in any of these possibilities, please contact Judy at 822-8770 or 645-6625.



Metamora-Germantown Hills Rotary Club The Rotary club has been donating \$500 annually to our food pantry from proceeds from their pork chop cookout. The pork chop cookout will be at the Metamora IGA grocery store in Metamora: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday, **June 1**; 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday, **June 2** Pork chop, soda and chips for \$5.



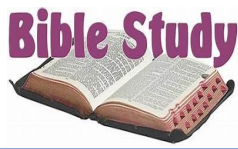
Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **June 8**. We will have our **King's Closet** upstairs at the Annex. We have clothes, other small items or produce for local people to take and use, if they need it. Bring items all month. It comes in free and goes out free, no charge. Anything left over will be taken to Good Will or South Side Missions.



The rummage sale for missions is **June 20-22**. Hours: June 20, 12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m., June 21, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and June 22, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School will be **June 25-29**, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Contact Joanne Helms to volunteer or for questions (822-8905). Rolling River Rampage invites children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God and learn that Jesus is with us all the time, even in rough water rapids! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.* (Isaiah 43:2, CEB)



Sunday Morning classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m. We will be digging deeper into the Bible passage we hear that morning, deeper into what it means to follow Jesus, deeper into how God is at work in our own lives and the world. Please come with questions and a learning spirit. Bring your favorite Bible, or use the ones we have. Let's learn together!



- ◆ Denise Miller's sister and family attended our church service to celebrate Mother's Day with their mother.
- ◆ Denise & Bob Miller celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary last week.
- ◆ The Jacob's son-in-law, Larry Francom, is home from the hospital and doing well (thanks for the prayers).



Be sure to check 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.

We have put up new Welcome signs inside the church entrances in addition to the directional signs. The signs on the front and back doors and in the restroom stalls 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 is helping to supply clean-up buckets for the record THREE hurricanes. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. 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. 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.



The rummage sale for missions is **June 20-22**. We will be moving tables on Sunday, June 17, if kind hearted individuals will move the tables upstairs for us. Then setting up tables and putting out items will begin on Monday morning the 18th of June at 9:00 a.m. We will continue on for Tuesday and Wednesday and then Wednesday afternoon at 12:00 p.m. we will open the doors and go till 6:00 p.m. The hours for Thursday the 21st will be 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Then we will pack everything up and the Salvation Army will come take the leftovers away. It will be a long week and we can use a lot of help. No lifting is necessary if you are the one sizing clothes. That takes a lot of time and is pretty easy work. Items can be brought to the church starting in June up until June 21. Call Judy at 645-6625 if needing the church opened for you to deliver your 'treasures'.

Submitted by: Deb Kamp, Mission Committee Member



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 Gale Allen or 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.

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.

PARSONAGE PROJECT – Are you available? These projects need to be completed before a new pastor moves in at the end of June:

- Remove paneling in downstairs hallway and replace with drywall
- Paint bedrooms
- Wipe kitchen cabinet fronts with (polish&stain)
- Install click lock flooring

To those of you who have already signed up ~ Thank you!!

We still need volunteers ~ please consider sharing your time and talents! Instead of trying get all volunteers lined up to do work on the same day or weekend, I wanted to offer a solution that would work with your individual or team schedule. 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 Holly Lynn with questions at blynn7843@sbcglobal.net or 309-822-0642 or 309-208-6231. Please contact Randy Waldrip at 309-265-6410 June 1-8 as Holly will be out of town. **Submitted by: Holly Lynn**



Thanks from UMCOR: The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church thanks us for our monetary donation and support of our missionary Priscilla Jaiah in Liberia. This donation is given from funds raised from our 'Rummage Sale for Missions' (which will be held June 20-22).

Personal Note from Executive Director, Chantel Corrie: "Thank you so much for hosting me. I so enjoyed your service and getting to the members. What a blessing!"

My Earthly Dad

With these three words,
 "Dear Heavenly Father,"
 I begin my every prayer,
 But the man I see
 While on bended knee
 Is always my earthly dad.
 He is the image
 Of the Father divine
 Reflecting the nature of God,
 For his love and care
 And the faith he shared
 Pointed me to my Father above.

By: Mary Fairchild

Upcoming Sermons

June 3, 2018: Jeremiah 29:10-12, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13, and Matthew 5:13-16; Sermon: "I know the plans I have for you, says The Lord."

June 10, 2018 (Floyd's last Sunday): Mark 6:30-4, and 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13; Sermon: God has given us all we need!



Riverview Grade School (8th grade): **Lucas Doty ~ Desirae Doty**

Washington Middle School (8th Grade): **Anna Doty**

Lowell, IN Intermediate School (8th grade): **Trinity Clark**

Eureka Junior High (8th grade): **Noah King**

Metamora High: **Dylan Allen ~ Rachel Arnold ~ Isaiah Doty ~ Baylee Schmechel**

Illinois State (ISU): **Emily Pleasant** (Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education)



IGRC Tornado Tubs

Please collect supplies and bring to Annual Conference
and/or contribute to Advance Special #6620
and indicate "Tornado Tote".



Kit Contains:

- \$9 Donation for 2 Totes
- 2 pairs of work gloves
- 2 boxes of gallon-size plastic bags
- 2 permanent markers (ie Sharpie)
- 1 roll of duct tape (prefer colored) (to label household items)
- 2 dust masks (no surgical)
- 24 heavy duty trash bags rolled (33-45 gallon) (more for trash removal)
- 24 clear trash bags (20-33 gallon) (for larger, personal items that need containment)
- 1 canister disinfectant wipes

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 9:00 a.m.— 11:-00 a. m. Food Pantry & King's Closet	9
10 5:30 p.m. O.U.R. at the Call's	11 6:00 p.m. Trustees	12 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	13	14	15	16
17 11:45 a.m. Set-up for Rummage Sale	18	19	20 Noon-6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale	21 9:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale	22 9:00 am— 12:00pm Rummage Sale	23
24	25 9:00-11:30 a.m. VBS	26 9:00-11:30 a.m. VBS	27 9:00-11:30 a.m. VBS	28 9:00-11:30 a.m. VBS	29 9:00-11:30 a.m. VBS	30

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)



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