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# May 2018

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## Pastor's Perspective

May is one of those months that is filled to overflowing with events and celebrations both in the Church and in our family and community life. It is one of those times when we sometimes want to stop the merry go round and get off so that we can catch our breath. One of our celebrations this month is exactly about "catching our breath." That is, it is about catching the "Breath of God."

Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to those followers of Christ who are open to new life in the power of the Spirit. The word used for "Spirit" in Hebrew is the same word that is used for "Breath." So, let's catch our breath, the breath that gives new life, the breath of God's transforming love through the Holy Spirit poured out upon and within us. In this month of activity, I pray that we will all be borne up by the Spirit of God who sustains us and renews us even in the chaos of our busy lives.

Pentecost, May 20, is the celebration of the birth of the Church as the power of the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the followers of Jesus so that they can proclaim and demonstrate the love of God to the world. We will celebrate Pentecost by welcoming people into the professing membership of the Church through the rite of Confirmation. We will welcome the young people who have been participating in this year's confirmation class. If, in addition, there are any adults who would like to affirm or reaffirm their faith in Jesus Christ and unite with the RiversEdge congregation along with the confirmands, please let me know. Also, if there are any families who would like to have children baptized, this would be an appropriate time.

Pastor Floyd

## Upcoming Sermons

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May 6 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion, Epistle 1 John 5:1-9, Gospel - John 15:9-17, Sermon: He Said: "Love One Another!"

May 13 – Ascension Sunday / Mother's Day, Epistle - Philippians 2:1-11, Gospel - Luke 24:44-53, Sermon: "You Should think and act as Jesus did."

May 20 – Pentecost - Confirmation, Epistle -Acts 2:1-21, Gospel - John 15:26-27 and 16:12-15, Sermon: In the power of The Holy Spirit

May 27: Trinity Sunday, Epistle -Romans 8:12-17, Gospel - John 3:1-17, Sermon: Experiencing God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

# 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.

**Choir** rehearsals will be on Wednesday, **May 2** at 7:00 p.m. There is plenty of room for new people. If you haven't tried it and don't think you are good enough, come anyway and learn from those who have had experience. This year we will try 5th grade on up. **Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Worship Committee Chair**



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **May 4**. 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.

## Confirmation 2018

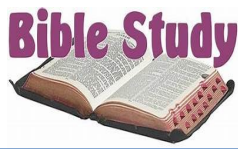
The Confirmation Class will meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. **May 6**. Parents are welcome to observe the class. The class will be studying the basics of the Christian Faith and some of the history and unique emphases of the United Methodist Church. On **May 20** at 10:30 a.m. (during 2nd service), the confirmation students will be officially confirmed and become members of the church.



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!



- ◆ Teresa Stout states that things got better in her situation. She gets to visit her granddaughter Neveah and has better communications with her son. She hopes her son in Los Angeles finds a job.
- ◆ Mark Burgess, Jr. started a new job at Caterpillar.
- ◆ Dorwin Doty and Angela Molendi are engaged.
- ◆ Roger Hodge's celebrated a birthday.
- ◆ Barb & Jake Jacob's son-in-law, Larry Francom, is finally home and doing well. They want to thank everyone for prayers.



Be sure to check our website at [riversedgeumc.org](http://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](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org) | [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto: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.



Golden Cross Ministries is Sunday, **May 13**. We send in a special offering which supports 10 ministries within the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. They are Chaddock, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, The Baby Fold, Spero Family Services, Evenglow Lodge, Sunset Home, United Methodist Village, Wesley Village, Alton Memorial Hospital Pastoral Care and Methodist Medical Center of Illinois Pastoral Care.

The rummage sale for missions is **June 20-22**. We will be moving tables on Sunday, June 17, if kind hearted men 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.

*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](mailto: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](mailto:dougdoty@aol.com).

*Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Worship Committee Chair*



Please let Judy Schaer know if you have any graduates or if you are graduating ([jude187@mchsi.com](mailto:jude187@mchsi.com) or 822-8770 ).




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Barb & Scott Bishop in memory of Marty Bishop

Denise Newbern in memory of Mary Crave

Sharon McClellan in memory of parents Clarence & Myrtle Hodge, and sisters Nancy Molendi and June Fidler

Ron and Linda Call in memory of parents Jim & Louise Schoonover and Lester Call

The Hrabak family in memory of Sylvia Hrabak

The Dodwell family (Linda, Mike, Ryan and their families) in memory of Dennis Dodwell

John & Judy Schaer in memory of their parents Frank & Bernice Poignant and John & Evelyn Schaer

John & Judy Schaer in memory of Aunt Estella Newell

Lloyd & Gloria Barth in memory of their parents

Steve and April Nauman in memory of Gene Nauman

Orda Doty in memory of Harold Doty

Steve & April Nauman in memory of Monte, Shelly and Shawn

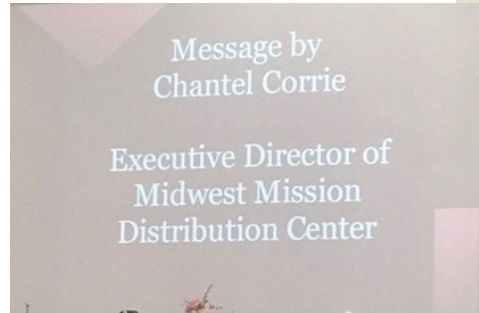
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## Walk With Me, Mama

Walk along side me, Mama  
and hold my little hand.  
I have so many things to learn  
that I don't yet understand.

Teach me things to keep me safe  
from the dangers everyday.  
Show me how to do my best  
at home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand  
to guide them as they grow.  
So walk alongside me, Mama.  
We have a long way to go.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3	4 9:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m. Food Pantry/ King's Closet	5
66 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. OUR @ Schaer's	7	8 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	9	10	11	12 
13  Mothers Day	14 6:00 p.m. Trustees	15	16	17	18	19
20 Confirmation of Students during 10:30 a.m. Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

*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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