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## ***October 2018***

Hello Church Family,

Autumn has arrived. Many of us are anticipating the World Series, others are looking forward to Halloween and Trunk or Treat. RiversEdge is focusing on the Bishop's Challenge. Your Administrative Council accepted Bishop Beard's challenge and will be collecting gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for school children at Riverview. Please consider bringing new or very gently used items to the church and placing them in the receptacle located the rear of the sanctuary.

On Sunday, September 30, your Staff-Pastor Parish Committee announced the target date for Pastor Binu Peniel to begin his ministry at Riversedge UMC. While Pastor Binu is your pastor, he has been appointed to the community. His success is dependent upon his reliance upon God and you. Therefore, each of you need to be supportive and encouraging to him (and his family). Pray for Pastor Binu and his family. Invite them to gatherings, school activities, social and community events.

Personally, thank you so very much for your support and care you have extended to me. I appreciate the understanding you've shown as I've struggled with my vision issues. I have enjoyed serving as your pastor. Good bless you.

Don't forget to pray for Pastor Binu.

**Sharing in Ministry with Riversedge UMC,  
Rev. Judy**



Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9



Come join us for Bible Study at **9:15 a.m.** on **Sunday** mornings. The new 5-week study HALF-TRUTHS will begin **September 30**. This is a study by Adam Hamilton, a United Methodist pastor. Here is the synopsis: "They are simple phrases. They sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join Adam Hamilton in his search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture." Topics include:

1. Everything Happens for a Reason
2. God Helps Those Who Help Themselves
3. God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle
4. God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It
5. Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin.



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **October 5**. 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.



Depending on Val's recovery from surgery, the first choir practice should be some time in **October**. I hope we will see some new faces as we have lost a couple due to death and deteriorating health. You don't need a solo voice to join us in singing praises and providing a message in song to our congregation. I hope some will sign up for music specials also. Music is a path that the Holy Spirit can fill the listeners soul. You will receive a blessing. I will let you know when we will have the first rehearsal. I know there are several of you out there who used to be a part of our worship and choir. Oh, the memories I have of the years gone by and how I wish that we could again share in our worship experience. Hope to see you.

**Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Choir Director/Worship Co-chair**



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](mailto:jdoty69@gmail.com) or by phone at 309.657.8904.

Dennis Hill still wants to work with 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](mailto: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.



These **parsonage projects** still need to be completed:

- Install outside porch columns
- Light housekeeping: trash to dumpster, sweep out garage

Please consider sharing your time and talents! Please let me know when you would like to volunteer so I can make arrangements to let you in the parsonage. You may contact me with questions at [blynn7843@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blynn7843@sbcglobal.net), 309-822-0642 or 309-208-6231.

**Submitted by: Holly Lynn, Trustees Committee Member**



- ♦ Rev. Judy had an injection into her eye. There is a slight improvement. Please pray that it keeps improving.
- ♦ The food pantry received a \$5000 donation from 'Reclaim/Resale' in Metamora.
- ♦ The Huser's brother-in-law Gary Marshall had successful brain surgery.
- ♦ Thanksgiving for the musicians who shared their message in song: the Praise Team, Brian Doty with the Praise Band and the choir.
- ♦ Brian & Karen Doty are proud to announce the birth of their 4th grandchild, Mila (pronounced Meela) Grace born August 29 at 6 lbs 11 oz and 18.5" long. Baby and parents are doing good.



Following is Information about our incoming pastor who will arrive November 1 (depending upon the completion of repairs required from the flooding of the parsonage basement due to a broken water pipe). He has a website (binupeniell.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**



Scan the QR code at the end of the newsletter with your smart phone or visit [riversedgeumc.org](http://riversedgeumc.org) where you will find the newsletters, calendars and announcements regularly. The committee wanted pictures to depict the life of our church. If you see pictures that you are in and would like them removed, please let Judy Schaer know. **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](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. When he gets a truck load, he takes them to the recycle center. Not only will this help the earth, but the money will go to the Church account.

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 p.m. Trustees	2 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee	3	4	5 9-11:00 a.m. Food Pan- try/King's	6
7 5:30 p.m. OUR at the Schaer's	8	9 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 4:30 p.m. Charge Conference	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:

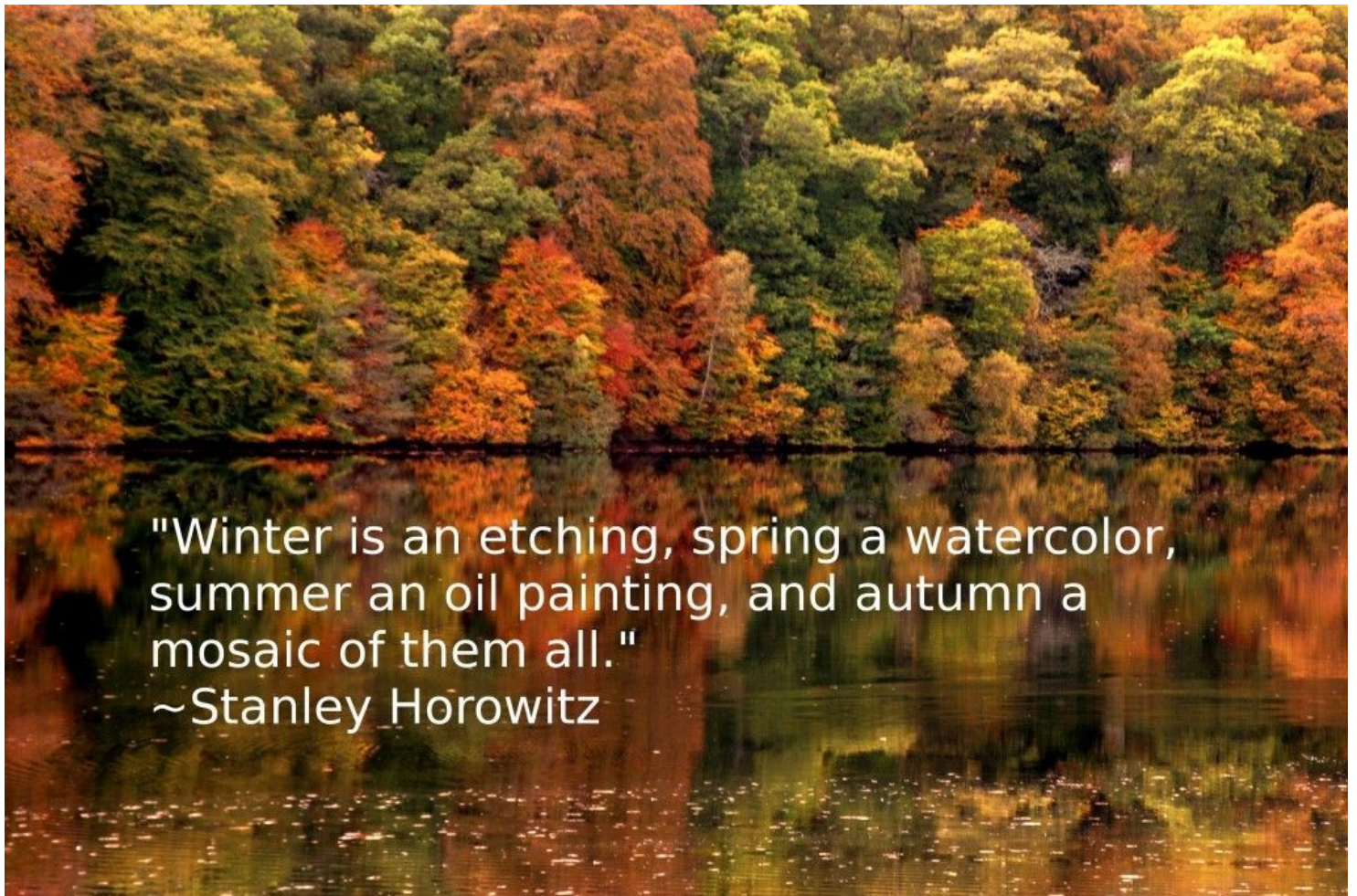
Sunday 8-11:45 a.m. (infant-kindergarten)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS :** 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
D.O.C.K. (Preschool – 5th grade)

### 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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