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# August 2019

## RELATIONSHIP

The Month of August is considered as a transitional month. It is this time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and prepare for back to school, fall festivals and harvest time. We all need more resources, more energy, more vitality that helps us stay motivated, focused and be productive in life and in ministry. Physically we receive our energy from the good food we take, good nutrition, engaging in physical activities, adequate sleep and maintaining positivity in life. The list doesn't end here, it continues with having the right kind of relationship with God and our fellow beings. Physically if we don't take enough iron we can develop issues like anemia and calcium deficit can lead to bone diseases.

Everything starts and sustains with relationship and at the end of the day, our faith, our family, our work, our leadership are all based on how and whom you and I relate to. Jim Rohn once said: You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with. According to Dr. David McClelland Harvard Social Psychologist "the people you habitually associate with determines as much as 95% of your success or failure in life." This is where a healthy relationship and healthy surrounding matters. A healthy relationship makes a church healthy.

St. John the Apostle of love gives us the simplest manifesto in John: 13: 35 saying: "By this, all men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another." When we truly understand the love of Christ and how He has given us so much of His love, we will naturally allow it to flow out to others. God's story of the incarnation is all about heaven making an intentional visible relationship with the human being. The challenge for many today is to live their Christian life alone, in solitude. Remember believers are not compared to bears or lions. They wander alone in the wild. Those who belong to Christ are compared to sheep, in this respect, they love to get-together and sheep go in flocks. This is true when it comes to God's people. Ancient Israelites gathered around biblical and theological texts to find the meaning of the text and its significance on their faithful engagement with the world. Through the incarnation of Christ, we are entering into a redemptive centrality of the person of Christ. We intentionally practice discourse, collaboration, mission, and life together.

At RiversEdge our story is organic, indigenous and profoundly marked by the Holy Spirit. We want to empower our families to build more healthy relationships, build our community together. Our families need other families and the work of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is always flesh and blood real. We can join with Abraham Lincoln "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the ax. May God help us to be intentional about our relationship in meeting our functional and relational needs.

It takes a lot of effort to build healthy relationships. Don't be afraid to be You. And let us invite people in our lives to be the person God created them to be.

***Blessings and Prayers,  
Pr. Binu Peniel***



The missions committee would like to thank all those that donated items and all those that took the time out of their busy lives to help sort, hang up and display items. A huge thank you goes out to all the men who stayed after church to set up the tables and move the chairs. And another goes out to those who put all the tables back where they belonged! The sale was successful, earning almost \$1600. Thank you to all.

Thank you for participating in the school items for Riverview school children. The missions committee will purchase all items not received. I think it is interesting that no one picked Kleenex or disinfecting wipes while the school said those were needed the most!!! We will probably have a Kleenex and disinfectant wipes drive in January when colds and flue run rampant.

Thank you for supporting the missions committee and our efforts at making the lives of some better. **Submitted by: Deb Kamp, Mission Committee Member**



10:30 a.m. **WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS** are still needed. If you are interested, please sign up on the Schedule Sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Also, if you are interested in doing a children's message, see Pastor Binu.

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. We also need **VOLUNTEERS** to backup Sunday School teachers for the youth when regular teachers may be absent.

**NURSERY—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.

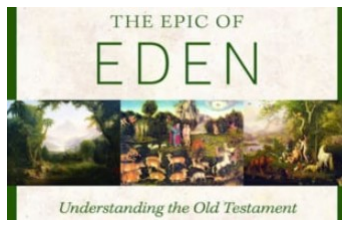
**VOLUNTEER** needed to power wash the bricks surrounding the base hold the old church bell on west side of church; also, the bricks on the outside of the church building's west and north side.

The search is on. We are looking for a **KEYBOARD PLAYER and GUITARISTS** for our Praise Team at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If you know of anyone that might be interested, please contact Jarrod Doty (657-8904), Carla Doty (657-8903) or Judy Schaer (645-6625).

We are in need of **MUSIC SPECIALS** for our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Music is very important in our worship experience. If you know of anyone within or outside of our church who is willingly to share their talent with us, please contact Judy (645-6625). One does receive a blessing in serving our Lord in worship.

**CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH**

The first session of Children's Church was held on July 7 for the 4-year-olds through 6th grade during the 10:30 a.m. worship service (after the children's message). If you are seeking further information or would be willing to help out, please check with Jaymie Freeman (657-8902), April Nauman (265-8221) or Cindy Osenkarski (712-7853). They are hoping that you will bring your young ones for a worship experience in their young lives.



**9:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Adult Study:** The Epic of Eden video study helps us to understand the Old Testament. This is from Dr. Sandra L. Richter through Seedbed. Each week we will discuss 1) The Great Cultural Barrier, 2) Redemption, 3) Real Time and Space, 4) Covenant, 5) Treaty, 6) God's Original Intent, 7) God's Final Intent, 8) Noah, 9) Abraham, 10) Moses, 11) David and 12) The New Covenant.

## Community Blood Drive



We are having our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on **August 10**, 8:00 a.m. to Noon. I will 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**

## FOOD PANTRY



The King's Closet

Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **August 30**. 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.

## GOD | AT | WORK

- ◆ Jeff Morrow graduated from Midstate College with a bachelor degree in Business Administration. He graduated summa cum laude and already has a great job offer.
- ◆ Mebin Binu obtained her driver's license.
- ◆ Joanne Helms got to travel to Michigan to see her sister and relatives after finishing Vacation Bible School.
- ◆ Melanie Potter celebrated her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- ◆ Carla Doty has a joy that her son-in-law and 2 oldest grandsons returned safely from their mission trip to Columbia.
- ◆ We welcome Jim Dunn who is playing the drums in the Praise Team.
- ◆ Vicky Harms was able to join us for worship.
- ◆ Steve and Karen Hermacinski are thankful for Karen's continued recovery from back surgery; thanks for the prayers.



Please remember that we have a Fellowship Time with coffee, donuts and hot tea every Sunday morning after first service. All are encouraged to stop by and enjoy some snacks and conversation. Please contribute to the Fellowship Fund when you are able - the weekly cost for the donuts is \$18.00, and we have recently collected only about \$6.00 each week. The cost of this time is supported by your donations, not the church budget. **See you Sunday!**

**Randy Waldrip**



If you missed the card shower in July, you can still let our 'away' members know that they are not forgotten.

#### **Our members at Snyder Village:**

Snyder Village, Wilella Rich, Rm 311, 1200 E. Partridge St., Metamora, IL 61548

Snyder Village, Junior Garber, Rm 403B, 1200 E. Partridge St., Metamora, IL 61548

Fran Garber, 1200 N Partridge #21, Metamora, IL 61548

Juanita Garber, 402 Lark Lane, Metamora, IL 61548

Vicky Harms, 316 Fairview Circle, Metamora, IL 61548

#### **Home Shut-ins:**

Russ Draggist, 1620 N Tremont St, Spring Bay, IL 61611

Gladys Call, 808 N Oswego St., Spring Bay, IL 61611



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, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558  
[www.midwestmissiondc.org](http://www.midwestmissiondc.org) | [office@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:office@midwestmissiondc.org)



**Flooding—Illinois Great Rivers, Great Plains (Kansas/Nebraska), Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, Iowa & Dakotas Conferences**  
**Tropical Storm Barry**      **Shooting, Virginia Conference**  
**Flooding, Tornadoes and Storms, Mississippi Conference**  
**Tornadoes, West Ohio Conference**

#### **Ongoing Response**

California Wildfires    Hurricane Michael    Hurricane Florence  
 Hurricane Maria      Hurricane Harvey      Hurricane Irma

To support relief efforts consider a gift to U.S. Disaster Response at

<https://advance.umcor.org/Projects.aspx?PREGION=NA&PCNTRY=USA&PIMPACT=0003#results>

**FLOOD BUCKETS** are in the church foyer on west entrance to the building. If you know anyone needing the buckets (containing cleaning items) and/or hygiene kits, please contact Randy Waldrip at 265-6410.

# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 5:30 p.m. O.U.R. @ Buzz & Dianne's	5 6:00 p.m. Trustees	6	7	8	9	10 8:00 a.m.— Noon Blood Drive
11	12	13 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 9:00 a.m.— 11:00 a.m. Food Panty/ Kings Closet	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)



**Back-to-School Prayer**

Dear Lord,

Please guard our children's hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Help them focus and learn this year. Give them favor with their teachers and peers. And help them make godly friends and be a godly friend.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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