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Church has two powerful doors. The front door and the back door. Anyone who knows church growth, community sustainability, and vibrant growth for leadership strategy understands the importance of both doors. Some churches have wider backdoor or a wider front door. I personally believe sticky church is a time-tested strategy for us. To create a sticky church, we have a lot to learn from the honeybee hive. When I was a teenager, I used to have honey bee nest and growing up I used to have a lot of fun with them.

Firstly, the church and the honeybee hive know that they are always **better and stronger together**. The queen, the worker bees and drones they all need each other to survive and thrive. Single individual or a group of individuals are more important than any other. A leader without his team is not a leader. We need to understand the importance of each member in our family unit. We all matter as an individual. Everything we can't do it alone, can be done together. In the leadership they call this key concept with a fancy title Inter-departmental collaboration. A successful team is a group of many hands but one mind. A healthy organization needs development, marketing, customer service, finance, logistic and many other teams in operation. In the life of our church, each team are important and You matter. It takes time to recognize success and celebrate accomplishments, lift one another up and come together to solve our challenges and fulfill our vision and mission. Remember, if one person succeeds, we all succeed. The strength of a chain is as strong as its weakest link. In other words, REUMC can only be strong from the weakest or least powerful person.

Secondly, honeybee hive **knows the importance of clear and persistent communication**. Clear and persistent communication flows between each member of the team, and it is a crucial aspect for his or her own systemic survival. The bees normally communicate between each other with elaborate dances. The best way to communicate is to create intentionality to it. It is their secret weapon and it can be our too. It is a great task to create a consistent guideline for communication.

Thirdly, they do **what is the priority**. Each of us has unique skills, passion, talents and gifts. The bees have different jobs. They include cleaning the nest, managing the temperature, caring for the queen, feeding the younger bees, guarding the hive's entrance, construction, maintenance, and repair of structures within the hive, gathering food, managing reproduction and more. They have divided jobs and skills based on age and experience. This involves one's creativity, willingness and availability. According to modern science the oldest bees in the fossil record are 100 million years old. Their ability to survive in the natural world has hundreds of times longer than we human beings. This is a well-tested model for our prosperity, success and growth.

In reality, honeybee is the world's most important single species. They pollinate and ensure human beings and animals have the food they need to survive. If there were no honeybees, the world will not have broccoli, berries, apples, cucumbers and lots of other foods. Even though they have a fairly short life span, they have a great job or purpose to fulfill. Ultimately, we have a lot to learn from them and in order for us to fulfill our mission and purpose we need to be primarily a sticky church.

*Blessings and prayers!*

*Pr. Binu Peniel*



**Lighthouse Keepers** started new adult bible study **Isaiah** which is being provided at **9:15 a.m.** on **Sunday** mornings. The study involves a set of eight 20-30 minute videos and a study guide for each group member. This workbook includes five individual studies per week, to be done at home. On Sunday, the group gathers to view the filmed study, talk about the individual work from the week and focus on some group discussion questions. It is being led by Russ Vance. Come and join in the learning experience and fellowship. Russ puts in the time of preparation, let us take an hour to appreciate. **Let the adventure begin!**



We are having our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on **October 5**, 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**



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **October 25**. 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.



Riverview Parent Teacher Organization is looking for Yellowjacket friends and family volunteers! Randy Waldrip has already reserved a spot. If you want to be a part of this fun filled event, please contact Randy. Arrive by 4:15 p.m. on the school playground so we are set up and safe for children to Trunk or Treat on **October 31** from 4:30-6:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, you can help by donating individually wrapped, store purchased, treats for the event to the school office.



**The Education Committee** is excited and happy to announce that starting **Sunday, October 6**, we will be adding another class to our lineup below for the 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. hour. We have been working on a name for the “Sunday School” classes – the term Sunday School it seems has become outdated. After much discussion, research and prayer, Lighthouse Ministry will be used for all ages of Bible study during the 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. hour as well as Children’s Church during the 10:30 a.m. service. We have given a name to each age group’s meeting room based on lighthouse terminology and parts of its structure and/or location.

### **Lighthouse Ministry at RiversEdge UMC**

#### **Youth Worship Opportunities:**

**Lighthouse Learners** is a place for our youth to get excited about Jesus! Through our Bible lessons, our mission is to teach our young ones biblical truths, showing them the love of Jesus and helping them to show His love to others. Lighthouse Learners is offered Sunday’s September—May from 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m., ages birth—12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Birth—Preschool taught by Mebin Peniel—Little Light Nursery  
 K—2<sup>nd</sup> taught by Jaymie Freeman—upstairs Bell Room  
 3<sup>rd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> taught by April Nauman—upstairs Breakwater Room  
 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> taught by Cindy Osenkarski—downstairs Beacon Room  
 High School taught by Roxanne Ruder—downstairs Harbor Room

**Lighthouse Worship Service** is offered during the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service for children 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Children start out in the worship area with their parents. During children’s time they are invited to come forward for a special message from the pastor or guest presenter. After that they may go back to Lighthouse Worship Service in the Lighthouse Chapel or remain in the worship area with their parents. Busy bags are available for those that wish to remain in the worship area.

#### **Adult Worship Opportunities:**

**Lighthouse Keepers** is for age 16 through adult who are welcome to join us Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Lighthouse Chapel. Each Sunday participants will explore and strengthen their faith and understanding of God’s word. These lessons may be offered via a book study and/or a video series, with discussion among class members. Through these studies we hope to increase our ability to follow Christ with our heads as well as our hearts and hands.



It has been brought to our attention that announcements and prayer concerns from the RiversEdge e-mail account are going to some people's 'junk mail' or Spam folders. If you are on the email list to receive them, please check those folders.



I participated in 'The Sew Powerful Purse Project' through my Quilt Guild. In providing the purses, local seamstress and women in Zambia are given jobs to make school uniforms, hygiene products and soap that fill the purse. They coordinate with teachers to award the girl who finishes the Hygiene Class with a filled purse. The girl in turn promises to continue her studies and stay in school. That is not all the 'Sew Powerful Organization' does in Zambia. They also help run 'The 3 Esther's Farm', a 100-acre working farm not far away from the Lusaka, Zambia school. Many of the children are HIV/AIDS positive. Without good nutrition, the children are too sick to take the anti-viral medicines they need. You can find more information at [www.sewpowerful.org](http://www.sewpowerful.org). We were a small but mighty group of dedicated sewers for our first meeting in September. Thanks goes to Jeanne Brennan, Debbie Kamp and Janey Perez for sharing their skills. Watch the Announcements for more information and come join the fun! I will meet with anyone interested in sewing again on **October 8 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Hospitality Hall. All you need to be able to do is sew a straight line (no zippers or other specialized sewing). You may contact me at 367-2892. **Submitted by: Barb Waldrip**

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

The church could use a couple dehumidifiers, if anyone has one to get rid of. You may contact Buzz Cunningham (696-3280) or Carla Doty (657-8903).







Choir has started! Are you interested in joining in? You don't have to be a great soloist to join in our fellowship and share in providing a message in song. In fact, if you haven't had any experience, come and stand next to our talented singers and learn from them. We rehearse usually 2 to 3 Wednesdays a month (as announced) at 7:00 p.m. Our next rehearsal will be **October 16**. We hope you will consider joining us and receive a blessing by letting God use you in sending an inspirational message to your listeners. There are no age restrictions, just anyone who has an interest in singing.



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.

**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.

We still need **VOLUNTEERS** to backup teachers for the Lighthouse Learners classes when regular teachers may be absent. Please contact April Nauman if you are interested.

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An online site, Signup Genius, has been created for those wanting to **VOLUNTEER** for the Lighthouse Worship Service (formerly Children's Church) program. This site allows you to easily choose the day you are available to either teach or be a helper. A link, via the announcement email group, will be sent out in the next few days for anyone interested in signing up to be able to gain access to the site. **The Education Committee** thanks everyone in advance for their willingness to participate in this important ministry to advance the faith and belief in God of the youth in our church.

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- ♦ Jane Winkler's medical test came back with 'NO CANCER'. She could use prayers for healing from the result of the procedure.
- ♦ Joe & Joanne Helms celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 14.
- ♦ Joe & Joanne Helms wish to thank everyone for the wonderful cards for their 40th wedding anniversary.
- ♦ Carla Doty reports that after a year of prayer, Cyndi Ballard is going to be in charge of the nursery. She will be a competent person to care for our children.



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**



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)

## Current Disaster Response



**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.



THANK YOU to Holly Lynn. Holly has done an outstanding job as chairman of the trustees. During the past year many challenges with the parsonage and church surfaced. Holly stepped up to the challenges and went above and beyond addressing them. Her leadership and organizational skills to oversee and accomplish repairs and improvements was Holly's forte. We truly appreciate all she has done. Thank you Holly for your dedication, enthusiasm, and guidance. **Buzz Cunningham, Trustee Chairman (Present Trustees: Eric Pemble, Roger Hodge, Jason Potter, Larry Winkler, Linda Dodwell, Jeff Morrow, Buzz Cunningham, Carla Doty)**

THANK YOU (from Riverview school superintendent) Your continued generosity for Riverview School is greatly appreciated. By providing many of our families with school supplies, you have allowed our students to arrive at school each year better prepared to become active learners. **Thank you for all you do! Darren Lowery**



RiversEdge UMC is teaming up with Riverview School to assist kindergarten students who are behind in their knowledge of things that should have been learned before entering school. You may assist in helping these students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00—2:30 p.m. A Riverview teacher will be in charge, you will only assist. Anyone who works with children, whether at school or church, are required to fill out a 'background check' form which will be available at the church. For more information, you may contact Dianne Pointer at [dcpointer@gmail.com](mailto:dcpointer@gmail.com) or 696-4441.





A Christmas program has been chosen **Cookin' Up Christmas – Where Love is the Main Ingredient**. “This year the annual choir Christmas party is stirring up something new. Instead of the party being all about them, the choir members have collected favorite recipes from their church members and are cookin’ up some treats to share with the community. Join Miss Paula Queen, Emerald Lasagna, Betty Rocker, Rachael Day, Bobby Grey, Martha Steward and Alfred Brown as they collect recipes, cook together and wrap gifts. In the midst of teamwork they learn about the real ‘recipe’ of Christmas: God’s love!”

CDs of the songs will be passed out to the kids next Sunday, so they can begin listening and learning them before our regular practices begin late October and/or first of November.

Please encourage your child to participate in this program. It’s a wonderful, fun way for them to use the talent/gift that God has blessed them with and to share in telling the story of Christmas.

The program is tentatively scheduled to be performed during the 10:30 a.m. service either **December 8** or **15**.

**Submitted by: The Education Committee**



Looking for a place to have dinner? Riverview Grade School After—School Program is fundraising by selling the Peoria Dining Tour Books. These books offer buy one, get one free coupons for over 120 restaurants. If you would like more information or would like to purchase one, call the school at 822-8550.

Thanks and have a wonderful school year. **Dianne Maxheimer**











Phoenix Michael Reiter, I baptiz  
you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5  8:00 a.m.— Noon Blood Drive
6	7  6:00 p.m. Trustees	8 1:30 p.m. Sew Powerful  7:00 p.m. Ad Council	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16  7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20  5:30 p.m. O.U.R. @ Buzz & Diane's	21	22  6:30 p.m. Charge Conference	23	24	25  9-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry King's Closet	26
27	28	29	30  7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	31 		

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary

**LITTLE LIGHT NURSERY:** Birth—Kindergarten

Sunday 8:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

**LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY AT RIVERSEDGE UMC:**

Sunday 9:15—10:15 a.m. **Lighthouse Learners:**

Birth—Preschool in Little Light Nursery

K—2nd Grade in upstairs Bell Room

3rd—5th Grade in upstairs Breakwater Room

6th— 8th grade in downstairs Beacon Room

High School in downstairs Harbor Room

Sunday 9:15—10:15 a.m. **Lighthouse Keepers:**

16—Adult in Lighthouse Chapel

**Lighthouse Worship Service:**

10:30 a.m. in Lighthouse Chapel

*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**

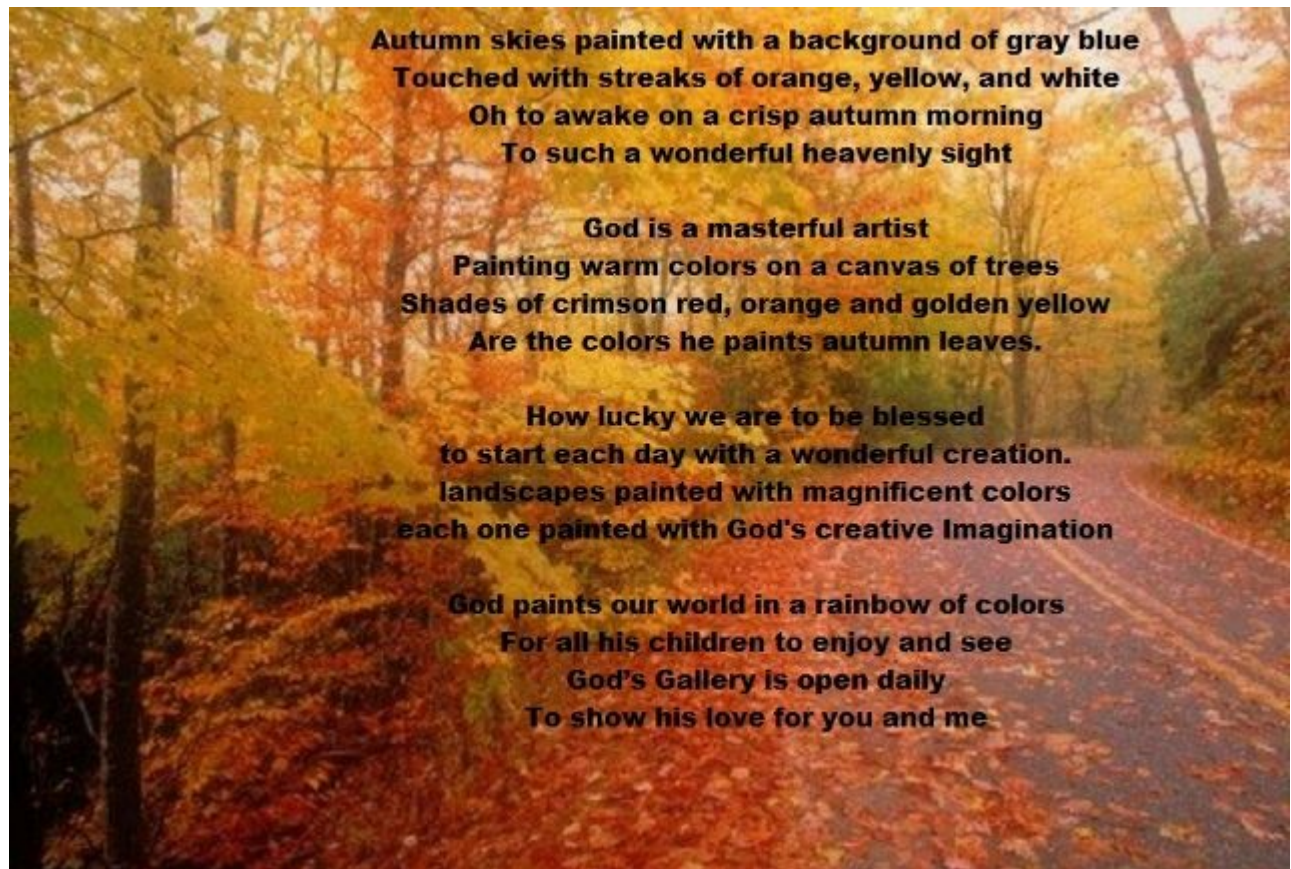
"Our vision is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors through our witness, welcome and nurture."

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** 7th Grade—Adult

7:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings, as announced  
September through May

**O.U.R. (Outwardly Upwardly Righteously):** Adults

5:30 p.m. one Sunday a month, as announced



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