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VISION2020

Vision 2020 for REUMC is to cast or re-launch its vision to reach more people, develop its leaders and invite the members to discern God's direction in their own discipleship pathway and for the ministry of the church in this new decade. Proverbs 29:18 says: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keep the law, happy is he." Throughout the Bible we see both implicit and explicit plans. I believe that if a person fails to plan, they plan to fail. Effective planning is thus a prerequisite for the success of any organization and that includes a church as well. The harvest of souls for Jesus who died and rose again has to be our priority. We are on our journey to develop more leaders, provide adequate training, strengthen our outreach ministry (food pantry) and possibly launch and create a vibrant youth ministry.

The leadership development plan that we are going to explore together in the first part of the year is to ask the following questions and answer them genuinely.

1. What is our purpose? (Mission)
2. Where are we now? Where do we go from here? (Vision)
3. How will we get there? (Strategy)
4. Who does what? (Structure)

The churches in America today are clearly headed towards a healthier situation. The statistics say 80% of churches in America today are in plateau or decline. Over 50% of churches report NO BAPTISMS each year. The churches are closing their doors and pastors are quitting the ministry. In reality the outpost of God's kingdom is being lost. This is a clear picture that the church is currently in the post-Christian era. The question for REUMC and primarily its leaders is to address this reality. The question is how can we be a healthy church and how can we change the lives of people in Spring Bay and beyond? How can we live up to our legacy of faith?

At the same time, I am personally amazed and grateful for all that God is doing through REUMC. Thank you for the part you all play as we work together to extend our reach and influence in our community. There are many waiting to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and be transformed. Our faith is high and we are confident that our best days are before us and our dreams are greater than our memories. Proverbs 23:18 also says: Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.

It is my prayer that we all will have a crystal-clear vision about our life in 2020. It is each and every one of our chances to reflect on our best self, be radiant to glow from a kind, gentle and thankful heart. With 2020 marking a new decade why not start it with a bang? What have you always wanted to do? What are you scared to do? What is the life that you've always dreamed of living? This is your year to start putting those ideas into fruition. Take that risk. Be bold. Do something extraordinary. Make history and do something that you will be proud of the rest of your life. Create a life that is beautiful and meaningful for you, your family, your community and your church. We are all so young and the youngest you and I will ever be at this very moment of our life. There are so many opportunities in our world and in our church today, so let's influence, impact, create and lead.

Together our best days are ahead! Let's overcome our fears, change our mindset, work harder and smarter and I promise it is a path towards a more joyful, purposeful, abundant life.

May God help us to start our new year and new decade with a crystal clear 2020 vision.

**With much love and prayers,
Pr. Binu Peniel**



The Hermacinskis can use help taking down the Christmas decorations on **January 3 & 4** (if needed) at 10:00 a.m. It's a lot for two or three people to handle. Thanks to all who helped put them up.



Please join us for the next six week Bible Study, Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton, starting **January 5** and every Sunday at 9.15 a.m. Simon Peter left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man.

And that's the point of Adam Hamilton's latest book and Bible study experience, Simon Peter. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.



We are having our next American Red Cross Blood Drive on **January 4**, 8:00 a.m.—Noon. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. As always thank you for your past donations. **Submitted by: Joe Helms**



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **January 31**. 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.

BREAK THOUGH PRAYER CHALLENGE

5-5-5

@ 5.00 O'clock (AM or PM)
5.00 Minutes
For 500 N. Chicago St.



Let us set our alarm and give five minutes every day in prayer for our church family. Triple-5 (5-5-5) Prayer Challenge. Pray for 5 Minutes @ 5 AM or 5 PM for 500 N. Chicago St. Prayer concerns:

- ♦God give us a breakthrough in worship, discipleship, leadership, vision and mission.
- ♦God give us a breakthrough in generosity. ♦God give us unity in our church.
- ♦God bless us and enlarges our territory and influence. ♦God anoint us to develop Christ's nature.



The Education Committee invites you to join Lighthouse Ministry bible study groups for all ages during the 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. hour as well as Children's Church during the 10:30 a.m. service.

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—12th Grade.

Birth—Preschool taught by Mebin Peniel—Little Light Nursery
 K—2nd taught by Jaymie Freeman—upstairs Bell Room
 3rd—5th taught by April Nauman—upstairs Breakwater Room
 6th—8th 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 6th 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.



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 cost of this time is supported by your donations, not the church budget.



Are you interested in joining the Choir? 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. 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.



Would you like to try something new? There is an opportunity to work in the **SOUND BOOTH** during 2nd service. You would forward the slides on the wall while Doug does the sound. If interested, please see Doug.

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 are still 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).

Volunteers are needed to assist the leaders of the **LIGHTHOUSE WORSHIP** during the 10:30 a.m. service (after the opening music and children's message). You can see Jaymie or April if you are interested in assisting them or want more information. You can also sign up on the sheet on the small table in the back of the sanctuary. The Education Committee is making it very easy to sign up by offering an online sign up site. All you need to do is click on or copy and paste this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845a8ab2ea5f94-sunday>

A screen will come up listing all the dates available. Simply check the **Sign Up** box next to **Leader or Helper** on the date you have chosen. Next click on the **Submit and Sign Up** tab at the bottom of the page. This will take you to the page **Sign Me Up** where you will see **Sign Up as** with a box under that says **Display an alternate name on the sign up (like a child or spouse)**, click that box and then enter your name, hit the blue **Sign Up Now** box and you are finished and registered for that particular date. **High school age is also encouraged to sign up as a Helper.** If you have any questions or need help with signing up please do not hesitate to ask Jaymie Freeman 657-8902, April Nauman 265-8221 or Cindy Osenkarski 712-7853.



Don't forget to pick up your offering envelopes off the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you haven't been assigned a number yet and would like to start using them in order for the church to send you a document for your records of your giving, see Doug Doty (256-7965). You also may have your financial services automatically mail your giving to the church.



- ◆ Lloyd and Gloria Barth thank everyone for your cards, thoughts and prayers.
- ◆ Volunteers from our church assisted in serving over 200 people at Loaves & Fish at Peoria First UMC last month.
- ◆ Jackie Draper's brother, Rick Remerius, received a heart transplant last week. He still needs your prayers for his long road to recovery.
- ◆ Roxanne Ruder celebrated her birthday.



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 | office@midwestmissiondc.org



Hurricane Dorian—Florida, Georgia, South Carolina,
 North Carolina & Virginia Conferences
 California Wildfires

Ongoing Response

Flooding—Great Plains (Kansas/Nebraska), Arkansas,
 Texas & Dakotas Conferences

Severe Storms—West Virginia, Oklahoma & Mississippi Conferences

Flooding & Tornadoes—Wisconsin & West Ohio Conferences

Hurricanes—Michael, Florence, Harvey & 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.



Riverview Grade School After—School Program is fundraising by selling the Peoria Dining Tour Books for \$30. 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 and ask for **Dianne Maxheimer**

Opportunities To Support



CHURCH BEYOND THE DOORS

The children's ministries listed below are part of the Golden Cross Ministries of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. REUMC supports these through an annual donation in our church budget. To learn more about these ministries, go to www.igrc.org/goldencross. If you wish to make a personal offering to these charities, you may send a check to the addresses below. Please note in your donation that you are a member of REUMC.

Chaddock

205 S. 24th St.
Quincy, IL 62301

Chaddock is on the cutting edge of residential treatment for children who have experienced severe abuse, neglect or other trauma in their early years of development, and is nationally-respected for the excellent results demonstrated in our Developmental Trauma and Attachment Program (DTAP). The Chaddock team includes over 230 highly trained employees who serve thousands of children and families every year through foster care and a full range of preventative, educational, and treatment services.

Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House

1200 N. 13th St.
East St. Louis, IL 62205

Improving the quality of life for residents of all ages by providing quality early childhood development services, comprehensive youth services, individual and family support services, services to older adults, and housing economic development services which will help move individuals and families out of poverty. Programs today include the Day Care Program, Emergency Services Program, Community Organizing and Outreach Program, Youth Services including Recreation, Education, and Cultural Arts, and a wide range of Comprehensive Family Support and Family Preservation Services.

The Baby Fold

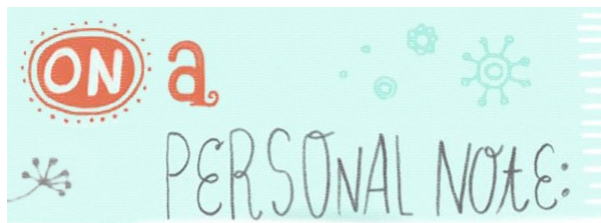
108 E Willow St.
Normal, IL 61761

The Baby Fold embodies Christian principles to wrap expert care and treatment around children and families who are passing through the storms of life that can impact any of us. Through the compassionate lens of trauma informed care, we offer hope, health, and safety through special education, foster care, post adoptive therapy, and a variety of early intervention services that benefit children, parents, and communities.

Spero Family Services

2023 Richview Rd.
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Spero Family Services offers hope, help and healing by providing Christ-centered human services to meet the ever-changing needs of individuals, families and communities. Honoring God, we envision communities where people are physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy.



Thank you for the shower of the Christmas greetings I received. The top of my TV console is covered with the cards you sent so I can look at them all day long. God Bless You. **Juanita Garber**

Thank you for all for all the cards that we received. It meant so much. **Russ and Nancy Draggist**

Thanks to everyone for your cards, thoughts and prayers. **Lloyd and Gloria Barth**

Thank you for the Christmas gifts you all gave to the children of Chaddock. I am sure it made their Christmas Day special. In January we will start collecting Kleenex and anti bacterial wet wipes for Riverview School. We are sure they could use these! Thanks again for all you do. **Deb Kamp, Missions Committee Member**



Our Conference, Our Kids is a program to create a \$2.50 million endowment to support the spiritual life programs at each of the Conference's Child Welfare agencies – The Baby Fold in Normal, Chaddock in Quincy, Cunningham Children's Home in Champaign, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood house in East St. Louis, and Spero Family Services in Mount Vernon.

We believe that supporting the chaplaincy at these agencies will make a long-term positive influence on the lives of the children and families served. Having this endowment will assure the support of these chaplains and help insulate them from the uncertainties of the state budget and other funding sources.

REUMC has made a \$500 donation to Our Conference, Our Kids this year. If you would like to make a personal donation, you can place an envelope in the church offering – please clearly mark it for "Our Conference, Our Kids – Advance 6960".



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 or 696-4441.



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 10:00 a.m. Undecorate the Church	4 8-Noon Blood Drive 10:00 a.m. Undecorate the Church (if needed)
5 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Light- house Ministry 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	6	7 6:00 p.m. Trustees	8	9	10	11
12 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Light- house Ministry 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	13	14 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	15	16	17	18
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26 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Light- house Ministry 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31 9-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry/ King's Closet	

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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