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## February 2020



John Lydgate once said: “You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can’t please all of the people all of the time.” Yes, this is also true when it comes to reaching everybody in our community. The normalcy is that we can only reach some of the people in our community. I personally believe everything the church does should be centered around evangelism and discipleship. Evangelism for the converts and discipleship for believers in the faith. No one can reach everybody. This is true even when it comes to use of social media. Only 35% of the people in our community use Instagram and even Instagram has missed the majority of the population.

This is promising because even within the body of Christ different people get to play different roles. God uses a variety of people to reach a variety of people. Our church is a church and it’s not “the church”. Our church is reaching or attracting young families with kids, older adults with strong family ties, but has not attracted many young adults and youths. Our vibe attracts a certain kind of people. The task is to truly develop a multigenerational homogeneous disciple of Christ that cares for one another and the community around them. Our own homogeneous ethnic and demographic functions should not limit us to reach the future impossible. This is also true when it comes to pleasing people. Many church leaders struggle with people pleasing. The leadership struggles when we try to please everyone and they get fixated with watered down decisions. The homogenized communities sometimes struggle with a single story. We look and act from our own silos.

The idea of tribe is an ancient one and worked for many centuries. Through the use of mass media and technological advancement, new tribes are formed everywhere every day. This is the innate need of human beings to be connected and to belong. The new process of evangelism is to belong first before one believes or become. In the Jewish wedding they take a light bulb and they smash it during their wedding ceremony to indicate change from before and after. It is a moment in time, a time of transition and a time of change. Every day of our lives we are living the key moment of change in the way ideas are created and spread and implemented. Our collective consciousness tries to change everything. Either we get bored, need to be improved or something that is itching to be changed and we change it. We try to make big, permanent, important changes. Your vibe attracts your tribe is a popular saying in our society. We are social animals and there were not many enemies to us in the natural order other than natural calamities and that is why we all thrive. In the context of complexity there is a problem with any single story. In the biblical hermeneutics we often base our interpretations on the authors or audience view point, while the postmodern hermeneutic of suspicion invited us to look into the readers response. When everything is based on one story, there is a danger. In the face of our own story, there is a great danger with any single story. In the midst of our own single story, what is the true story. The true story is yet to be written and yet to be published. It is not over yet. Believe in yourself, be active, engaging and supportive to one another within our tribe.

*Blessings,*  
*Pr. Binu Peniel*



## SEE-ING All the People

The "time to build up" has arrived: It is the 2020 Illinois River District Equipping Event! The event is all about building up this year---every aspect of being connected with the United Methodist Church. From the Key Note speaker, Dr. Safiyah Fosua, to being spiritually lifted up by The Heritage Ensemble, to being engaged by leaders in the breakout sessions, you and your leaders will discover how to see all the people God is calling to be a part of the Kingdom.

Come on **February 9** from **2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.** at Crossroads UMC, 1420 N. Main St., Washington, IL. We invite you to begin now to reflect on building up the church, listening to God, praying diligently and seeking God's wisdom as to what it would be for you and your congregation(s) to see all the people!

"Fresh Expressions When the Ministry is Feeling Stale" by Dr. Todd D. Anderson  
 Cross Cultural Competency by Pam McDavid  
 Fresh Expressions —local experience by Rev. Tim Ozment  
 IGRC Camping, Retreat and Youth Ministries by Patric Newton

Also: Agencies and organizations from across our district and across our conference will display and share about their ministries. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the ways our churches and leaders are blessing our communities and congregations.

## WATERMELON FESTIVAL

REUMC attendees discussed partnering with the Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion in the Food Tent at the Watermelon Festival to be held Thursday, August 20 through Sunday, August 22, 2020. We will meet Monday, **Feb. 10** at **5:30 p.m.** at the church to discuss details such as menu, responsibilities, etc.

The next Watermelon Festival Planning meeting will be Tuesday, **Feb. 25** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Legion.



## Called to Preach



 DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES  
The United Methodist Church

Title: Called to Preach (counts toward Certified Lay Speaker track)

Dates: Saturday, **February 22**, and Sunday, **February 23, 2020** (both dates required)

Times: Saturday, 9:00 am—5:00 p.m., Sunday, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

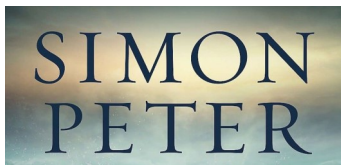
Location: Bartonville UMC, 6005 S. Adams St., Bartonville, IL 61607

Cost: \$ 30.00 (includes lunch & snacks)

Instructor: Rev. Nick Jordan. Email: Reumc8279@gmail if you would like an application form.



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **February 28**. 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.



We will continue the six week Bible Study, Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton, that started January 5 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.



### 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.



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).

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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.

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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.



- ◆ A visitor shared that she is very thankful for all that she has, that God has given her.
- ◆ A joy that Roger Hodge was ok after falling on the ice and hitting his head last week.
- ◆ Jane Winkler was thankful to have most of her family including grandkids/great-grandkids here for the weekend to celebrate her birthday. They surprised her by attending worship with her and Larry.
- ◆ April Nauman is thankful for the pretty and stylish new storage cabinet that has been placed in the Lighthouse Learner's Chapel (aka children's church). Thanks to Dianne Pointer for her efforts in finding the perfect piece for the space and to both her and Buzz Cunningham for getting it installed in the room.
- ◆ Ron and Linda Call celebrated their 58th anniversary January 6th.
- ◆ Faith Hermacinski struggles with her math class but got an A on her final.



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)



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

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

## Ongoing Response

**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>



During the month of January, 'Reclaimed Resale' in Metamora donated a portion of their proceeds to the Spring Bay Food Pantry, Metamora Teen Center and Riverview Grade School. So if you are in a shopping mood, check them out.



## 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.

## KINDERGARTEN



## ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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.



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**



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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion 9:15 a.m. Lighthouse Ministry 10:30 a.m. Worship Service/Communion O.U.R. Super Bowl party at Doug & Carla's (TBA)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 p.m. Trustees	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Lighthouse Ministry 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 2:00-4:30 p.m. District Leadership Equipping Event at Crossroads	<b>10</b> 5:30 p.m. Melon Festival Planning (at the church)	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (tentative)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Lighthouse Ministry 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 p.m. Staff/Parish	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Advanced Lay Servant Class at Bartonville UMC
<b>23</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Lighthouse Ministry 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 2:00-5:00 p.m. Advanced Lay Servant Class at Bartonville UMC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. Melon Festival Planning (at the Legion)	<b>26</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (tentative)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry/King's Closet	<b>29</b>

**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

## The Best Valentine is GOD

*"For God so loved the world that  
he gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in Him shall not  
perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16



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