

January 2025 Newsletter





# **Worship with Us!** IN-PERSON AND "LIVE" BROADCAST SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:00am www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org

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## DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

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### Volunteer Opportunities at Riverside:

## CHECK BACK IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES

**Audio Technician for Worship Services:** Help in the sound room. Once in a while or every week. No experience needed. Enhancing worship for those in the sanctuary and those joining online. Training provided. *CONTACT: Karen Ward or Bob Howard* 



**Liturgist:** Offer to serve in the worship service by guiding the congregation through reading the scripture and leading prayers. All of the materials are prepared, just waiting for your delivery. *CONTACT: Susan White* 



**<u>Be a Greeter or Usher:</u>** Use your smile and warm personality to welcome those to worship service. Greet everyone at the door, pass out bulletins, volunteer to take up the offering. What better way to welcome all who enter the church. *CONTACT: Judy George* 



**Support the Concerts:** Riverside hosts 6 concerts a year. They are gifts we give to the Community. Would you be willing to help during one or more concerts by inviting the attendees into our sanctuary for magical music experiences. "Ticket" takers, parking attendants and greeters are needed. *CONTACT: Judy George and Anda Ray* 



#### "Express your personal discipleship in whatever way God reveals to your heart"

**1 PETER 4:10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

**EPHESIANS 2:10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do. For we are God's masterpiece.

1 JOHN3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.



In 2024, Riverside had different sources of funds to use in supporting missions.

# Riverside Missions Giving in 2024

- *Riverside Endowment Fund*—established in 1995, this fund allows members to leave a legacy gift. Half of the annual income from this fund is used for Mission Giving and half for Capital Improvements.
- *Bookbinder Endowment Fund*—established in May 2008 upon the deaths of Harold and Kathryn Bookbinder. Seventy-five percent of the annual income is to be used for social concerns programs (mission focused) and 25% goes to the church operating budget.
- *Special Offerings* through PC(USA) that support specific missions of the denomination. Part of two of these offerings stays locally—this year going to Called Out, an organization that helps human trafficking victims.
- *You*, the congregation member, when you participate in getting gift cards for Cape View Elementary School or purchase food and help pack bags for The Children's Hunger Project or fill 46 Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army or put food in the grocery carts that is taken to St. Vincent de Paul to help those who are homeless and/or food-deprived or donate coats and jackets sent to Servant Partners (PA) or Matthew's Hope (Cocoa). A new project this year: Chris Carson Cruisers for Kids—enough funds were donated to purchase 30 bicycles with accompanying helmets and bike locks for three different organizations: Salvation Army, Family Partnerships of Brevard and Friends of Children of Brevard.

**Locally** Riverside supported the following organizations with funds:

- Brevard County Jail—Bibles for inmates
- Canaveral Port Ministries
- Central Brevard Sharing Center
- Family Promise of Brevard
- Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch
- Good News Jail Ministries
- House of Hope (feeding ministry in MI)
- KAIROS Prison Ministry
- Life Recaptured
- Project Graduation—CBHS
- Salvation Army Spouse Abuse
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Special Gathering
- St Vincent de Paul
- The Children's Hunger Project

# Nationally Riverside sent funds to:

- Back2Back Ministries (Caroline Burns)
- Duvall Home
- PC(USA) Disaster Relief
- Servant Partners (help urban poor in Philadelphia)
- Worldwide Mobility: PET

**Internationally** Riverside helped with funds for:

- Good News Coloring Book Ministry
- Madagascar Mission Network
- PC(USA) missionaries: Dan & Elizabeth Turk, serving in Madagascar
- Teen Missions—Riverside Sunday School in Indonesia

# Want to learn more and get involved?

Join the Mission Commission at their meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the church office for further information on meetings.



This year the Presbyterian Women are looking at God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation with a study entitled "Let Justice Roll Down." If you are interested in joining one of the circles, please contact Gail Marshall, Betty Peterson or Paula Yost.

Both circles meet in Knox Parlor.

Hannah/Ruth/Rebecca meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1pm

Deborah meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm



The Wednesday night Ladies' Bible Study are finishing up their study of Jesus' parables using "More Parables from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Next up: "Old Testament Stories from the Back Side," same author. There's always room for one more—join us Wednesday nights at 7pm meetings in Knox Parlor (also available via Zoom).

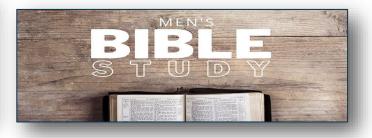


We come together each Wednesday morning at 10am to pray for the needs of our church family and friends. There are blue cards in the pews that you can fill out, or you can email me at <u>biddle310@gmail.com</u>

Jane Lovett

### Pray with Us For...

- Loved ones
- Those who have illness or loss
- Our military personnel
- Our missionaries
- Our nation
- Our church



Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday's at 8:30am in-person in Knox Parlor and via Zoom. Afterwards we go to breakfast for more fellowship time.

If you prefer to join us via Zoom please contact Tom White at 614-849-8741 or via email at didymus623@gmail.com for a Zoom meeting invitation.

We will not be meeting on January 1st.

# Sunday School 9am

K-5th grade

# **Fusion Youth**

## Adults

Christian Doctrines Knox Parlor

Essentials of Faith: Why Does Jesus Matter? (Ladies class) Knox Galilee

### Learn More About the God We Serve

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

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2024 Financial (as of November 30th)

\$291,817\$303,682\$(11,865)



Thank you for your continued financial support!

**Operating Expenses** 

God's work never stops...and therefore, neither does ours, blessings!

Douglas Kasimier, Treasurer, (dkasimier@aol.com)

# Session Update

The Session met December 17th at 7pm.

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Net Income

David Lindemer moderated.

Next Session meeting will be January 21st at 7pm.

# **Deacon Update**

Deacons met December 3rd at 7pm.

Next Deacons meeting will be January 14th.

# **Church Staff**

Betsie Germann Administrative Assistant

Diana Amtower Traditional Music Leader

Keaton Belliveau Psalm 66 Praise Band Leader

> Doug Kasimier Treasurer

Chuck Torgler Custodian

Karen Ward Web/IT/AV

# **Church Officers**

#### SESSION

Sally Friend '24 Tom White '24 Carl Plaugher '24 Jenny Lyons '24 Anda Ray '26 Mark Gordon '26 Teri Beeler '26 Ann Stone '26 Meghan Johnson '26

#### DEACONS

Wauneta Lehman '24 Mary Mullin '24 Marianne Pluchino '24 Lindalee Torgler '25 Susan White '25 Fern Wolle '25 Carolyn Hattaway '26 Janice Eastes '26 Tammy Ivan '26

2023	Sat	4	11	18	25	
	Fri	ς	10	17	24	31
	Thu	2 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Christian Ed	16 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23 7pm Choir Rehearsal	30 7pm Choir Rehearsal
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	Tue		7 6pm First Tuesday Dinner	14 7pm Deacons Meeting	21 1pm HRR Circle 7pm Session Meeting	28 7pm Missions Meeting
	Mon		6 7pm NA Meeting	13 7pm NA Meeting	20 7pm NA Meeting	27 6:30pm Community Engagement 7pm NA Meeting
	Sun		5 9am Youth & Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time 11am Communications	12 9am Youth & Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time 11am Worship & Sacrament 3:30pm Rockin' at Riverside	19 9am Youth & Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time	26 9am Youth & Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Fellowship Time