

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." - Galatians 2:20a*

## CRUISIN' RIVER 2019!

**WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 12 & 26, JULY 10 & 24,  
AUGUST 14 & 28**

Now in its sixth season, RRUMC's classic car outreach ministry **CRUISIN' RIVER** opens on Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-8:00pm in the parking lot. Same schedule as previous years, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of June, July, and August with all the usual fun elements: classic cars, motorcycles, food, music (DJ), door prizes, no entrance fee. Spectators, families, kids, dogs, seniors, etc. all welcome!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Everything from set-up and tear-down to Cruise Ambassadors who simply walk around and thank the cruisers for bringing out their great cars (students can earn volunteer credit for school). For more information contact Steve Zayac 440.785.1489 [Stephen.zayac@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.zayac@gmail.com) or Michael Parry 440.773.1301 [mparry3638@gmail.com](mailto:mparry3638@gmail.com).

## UPWARD BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Upward Basketball Camp is scheduled for July 8-12, from 9:00am to 12:00pm daily.

Youth (7th grade and higher) and adult volunteers are needed to lead individual groups to various basketball stations and to share daily devotions. Rocky River basketball coaches and players will lead the various stations so no basketball experience is required by our volunteers.

Only experience required ... to love God and willingness to serve and share with His children.

Please help others grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Contact Jason Kraft at 440.476.0861 and/or [upwardrrumc@yahoo.com](mailto:upwardrrumc@yahoo.com) for more information or to volunteer.



## YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

All youth are invited to join us for the following activities this summer (watch your e-mail for detailed information and registration instructions):

- **June 21** - Game Night / Open Gym at the church, 5:00-9:30pm
- **June 24-28** - VBS, 9:00am-12:00pm
- **June 29** - Stand In for Homeless Children, 4:00-6:30pm
- **July 13** - Escape Room at the church, 6:00-9:00pm
- **July 19** - Nehemiah Mission, 8:30am-4:00pm (Middle School service project)
- **July 21-27** - High School Mission Trip
- **August 3** - Laura's Home, 10:00am-1:00pm (Middle School service project)
- **August 14** - Pool Party, 6:30-9:45pm

Sunday school classes are still going on in the summer during the 10:00am Sanctuary and 11:30am Harbor Sunday Services. Classes are lead by Steven Young in the Youth Room.

Questions? Contact Steven Young, Director of Youth Ministries, at [SYoung@rrumc.org](mailto:SYoung@rrumc.org).

## MISSION ZONE MONTHLY COLLECTION CHILDREN'S FREE STORE DONATIONS:



- **May** - flip flops and socks
- **June** - soap, shampoo, and conditioner
- **July** - shaving cream and razors

Donations can be placed in the bin outside room 210 or in the Sunday school classrooms.

## REFLECTIONS ...

by Rev. Dan Bogre

Dear Friends and Family of RRUMC,

There is no doubt that one of the greatest blessings in my ministry so far has been the ability to lead three different groups to the Holy Land. Many of us remember the stories from our Sunday School classes when we were children about those amazing places in the Bible. We remember hearing about Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, the Temple, and the wilderness. As a child, I remember trying to imagine what they must have looked like and what it must have been like to be there. For the longest time all of the places, "over there," seemed like just that, places over there. As a child, you are thinking that they are just wonderful stories from a story book. We then grow up and realize that those are real places and your mind quickly gives way to your imagination as to what those places really look like and more importantly, what they feel like if you're there.



I want to formally invite all of you to join me for my fourth trip to Israel. We will be traveling to the Holy Land in January of 2020. The main trip will be from January 7-16. We will stay in

Bethlehem for a couple of nights and have dinner with a local Palestinian Christian family there. We will see Caesarea Philippi, Nazareth, Capernaum, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Church of the Nativity, and sail on the Sea of Galilee along with seeing many other fascinating spots in and around Jerusalem. I have led three different groups totaling well over 60 people and each and every person has told me that the trip to the Holy Land changed their lives and the way that they read the Bible. It is a trip filled with some of the most powerful spiritual moments that you will ever have in your life. Tears always flow when we sail on the Sea of Galilee and when we sing Christmas carols in the Church of the Nativity. The silence is deafening when we take communion at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

The cost is only \$2,898 from Cleveland to Israel and back again. That includes everything besides your lunches and any souvenirs that you might want to purchase. There are also four extensions that are being offered. Each of them have additional costs but the opportunities are amazing. They are four days in Egypt, five days in Egypt with a Nile River cruise, three days in Jerusalem on your own, or three days in Jordan. I know that is a lot of money but I hope you will prayerfully consider this once in a lifetime opportunity. You will be changed and you will never ever read the Bible the same way. Come and be a part of something amazing.

Peace, Rev. Daniel F. Bogre

Holy Land trip information can be found on our website at [www.rrumc.org/holyland](http://www.rrumc.org/holyland).

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

by Gayle Donahue, MSN, RN  
([gdonahue@rrumc.org](mailto:gdonahue@rrumc.org))

### Results of Health Ministry Survey

Looking forward to the peace of June with warm breezes and joy of time with friends and family? While you are resting, the Health Ministry Team (HMT) will be planning new activities. In April, 77 of you responded to the HMT Survey (27 men and 49 women). Using the information you provided, we are planning a walk in the Metroparks, and nutrition and Medicare programs. Mental health concerns focused around anxiety and dementia will be addressed. The full survey results with colorful graphs can be found on the Health Ministry bulletin board in the Sanctuary narthex. Below is a brief summary of each question. The top four health education programs you would participate in are health finances (33), dementia (29), and diseases and pharmaceutical updates (21 each). The top three health promotion topics were nutrition (47), exercise (38), and sleep (35). The top topics to expand our tool box to understand and support those with mental health concerns are anxiety and mental health (each with 35), relating to someone experiencing the challenges of dementia (32), and understanding the difference between normal and abnormal mental health (22). The HMT would like to expand our activities by offering exercise opportunities and perhaps combining them with an additional talk. This idea seems to be of interest to many. A one to two hour walk in the Metroparks would be of interest to 46 responders and 24 each for intergenerational Christian yoga and a one to two hour bike hike in the Metroparks. Several of you responded with additional suggestions including various forms of yoga and an ongoing walking group. We will be going back to the data to determine which age group prefers which time for programming. The favorite time for activity was Wednesday evening. The top choice for morning was Thursday and the top afternoon was Sunday. Responders by age groups were age 61-70 (22 responses), age 71-80 (17 responses), age 41-50 (13 responses), age 51-60 (11 responses), age 80+ (8 responses), age 31-40 (4 responses), and age 21-30 (1 response). Thank you to all survey responders!

Watch the Sunday bulletin and website for more about our first walk in the Metroparks! Questions? Please contact me at the e-mail above or leave me a message at 440.331.7676 x 235. Blessings, Gayle



## COMMUNITY MEAL



**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

Join us from 3:30-6:00pm at Iglesia Emmanuel, 3388 West 41st, Cleveland. Look for the sign up board in the gathering area closer to the date. Questions? Contact Jason Kraft at [kraft6607@roadrunner.com](mailto:kraft6607@roadrunner.com).

## BROOKSIDE FOOD CENTER

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 &**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

Assemble and distribute bags of food at the Brookside Food Center from 10:00am-12:00pm and/or 12:00pm-2:00pm. Questions or want to sign up? Contact Dave Sagerser at [dsagerser@aol.com](mailto:dsagerser@aol.com) or 216.525.0779.



## LYDIA CIRCLE UMW PICNIC

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**

The Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, June 13, 11:30am at Cleveland Yacht Club picnic area for their

year end picnic. Location will change to RRUMC's Room 209 in case of rain. Please RSVP to MaryElin Halek at [maryelin3487@yahoo.com](mailto:maryelin3487@yahoo.com) or 440.773.6569.

## CONNECTIONS IN CARING

**JUNE 16 & 19**

Join us on **Sunday, June 16**, between and after services or on **Wednesday, June 19**, 2:00pm, in the church library as we create items to bless others. Questions? Contact Jane Amata at [jamata@seniorconciergeservices.net](mailto:jamata@seniorconciergeservices.net).



## ALGART HYMN SING



**TUESDAY, JUNE 18**

Meet us at 2:00pm, at the Algart Home at W89th and Detroit as we brighten resident's days with a hymn sing. Questions? Contact Bob Secrist, 216.521.2365.



## 3RD MONDAYS

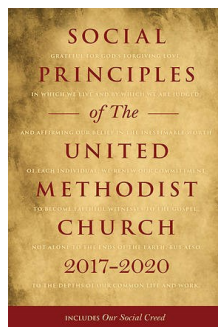
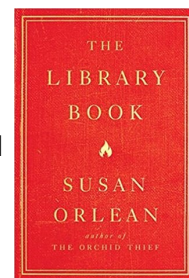
**MONDAY, JUNE 17**

Third Mondays series continues! This open mic, open jam format plays your favorite praise songs plus other family-friendly hits as musicians from around Northeast Ohio are inspired - or are requested by the audience. Come listen and sing along - or bring your instrument or voice and join us on stage. If you are inspired by the music at the Harbor Service, you will LOVE third Mondays! Questions? Contact Robert Kimmel at [rwkimmel@yahoo.com](mailto:rwkimmel@yahoo.com) or 617-512-6725.

## BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 10:00AM**

Join us on the third Thursday of each month in the church parlor. On **June 20, at 10:00am**, we will discuss "*The Library Book*" by Susan Orlean. Questions? List of future books? Contact Bruce Biggin at [brbiggin@netscape.net](mailto:brbiggin@netscape.net) or 216.221.5880. Always happy to see new faces, and regular attendance is not required.



## RIVERMEN STUDY - THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 7:00PM**

Join RiverMen on Tuesday, June 25, at 7:00pm, as we continue our monthly study on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. The topic for June is "the Political Community." Questions (or need a book)? Contact Steve Harry at 440.668.3514 or [StephenT.Harry@yahoo.com](mailto:StephenT.Harry@yahoo.com).

## SISTERS WITH AMAZING GRACE - PRAYER WALK IN THE METROPARKS

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**

The Sisters with Amazing Grace are going on a prayer walk in the MetroParks on Wednesday, June 26. We will meet at the Rocky River Nature Center (24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070) in the parking lot at 6:45pm and set out by 7:00pm. We will be on the Wildlife Management Loop Trail - a 1.5 mile trail that boasts abundant animal and wildlife diversity including apple orchards, marshland and more. We hope you can join us! Questions? Contact Andrea Kimmel at [andreakimmel2003@yahoo.com](mailto:andreakimmel2003@yahoo.com) or Lisa Thomas at [franknlisa7473@gmail.com](mailto:franknlisa7473@gmail.com).





## WAY FORWARD UPDATE

At a meeting on May 2, the RRUMC Way Forward Team and Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey, North Coast District Superintendent, updated RRUMC on the rulings and implications of the UM Judicial Council related to the denomination's decision regarding same-gender weddings and self-avowed LGBTQI+ clergy. A video recording of this meeting can be found on our web site (in the blog).

Additional information on A Way Forward can be found on the East Ohio Conference web site, [www.eocumc.com](http://www.eocumc.com), including links to the actual UM Judicial Council decision and the response of Bishop Tracy Malone.

The RRUMC Administrative Council invites anyone who has an interest or concern surrounding the decisions of the United Methodist Church's special General Conference on issues of sexuality to contact us at:

[rumcwayforward@gmail.com](mailto:rumcwayforward@gmail.com)  
or contact Way Forward Team members (Phil Ardussi, Laurie Bruce, Bill Cowles, Tom Dewey, Sally Lenhart, Cindy Schafer) individually.

## IN GRATITUDE

Dear RRUM Church Family, Thank you for the Starbucks gift card and for the well wishes during finals week. Your kind thoughts are very appreciated. Thank you again. Sincerely, Grace Lihani

Dear Church, Thank you so much for the very kind note and gift [Starbucks card]. It was very exciting to get and I really appreciate your kindness and thought. I know Hawai'i is quite far to send mail to (ha ha). It means the world though, and I am very grateful. Hope all is well, and thank you again. - Caitlin Bungo

Dear Church, Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily plant. There were so many blooms on it. It gave the room a wonderful feeling of Easter and spring. We are grateful for your kindness. Sincerely, The David Glynn family

Dear Church Members, The Easter lily is just beautiful. Thank you so much for remembering me. It looks wonderful on my coffee table. My best, Ginny Knudsen.

Thank you for the flowers that brighten my room. - Elaine Brannon

Thank you for the lovely flowers that were on the altar for Easter. - Elaine Kirbach

Thank you for the flowers that were delivered recently. - Carol Harrington

Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily, we all enjoyed it. It really meant a lot to receive it. - Marian Sell

Thank you for the lovely prayer square - I love it and will use it, knowing it was made by friends at church. Fondly, Cynthia Bailey

To Rocky River UMC, The Western Reserve Emmaus Board of Directors, with much appreciation, wish to express our gratitude for allowing us to hold our Central Gathering at your facilities. Our meeting went very well because of your generosity! Sincerely, Tom Ruth, chair and Jackie Kawalec, secretary

This is an overdue thank you to the staff, members, and friends of RRUMC for their prayers, flowers, visits, gifts, food and cards after my surgery in February. Rev. Dan was at the hospital to pray before surgery; Pat and Barry Wilson delivered altar flowers; Gayle Donahue visited, brought me CD recordings of Sanctuary worship services and delivered a Connections in Caring decoration. Many friends were so helpful and encouraging. These are only a few of the things for which I am thankful. Thank you! Blessings, Twyla Sales

From a card of thanks from the Normandy:

- Thank you so much for the beautiful Easter basket flowers! We love them!
- Loved the flowers
- Thanks for the "poison" ivy, love it!
- Thank you for bringing spring to our facility!

Thank you for the delivery of such beautiful flowers. I was unable to be there but surely God's presence was there for me too on Easter. My blessings are many, Sandy Wright

Thank you for the beautiful handmade blanket [prayer shawl] given to me by Pastor Bennett. It will hold a special place in our home. Thank you and God bless, Carolyn Sterry



## CONGRATULATIONS CHURCH!

Rocky River UMC received a certificate of appreciation and thanks from the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church for paying 100% of our apportionments in 2018. Thank you to all our members who give to support a faith-filled and growing church. We are making a difference in our world today.



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Join us on  
Sunday,  
June 9, for  
Pentecost,  
the birthday  
of the  
church!

## MILESTONES

### June Anniversaries

*(50 or more years and those in 5 year increments)*

6/6	Ilze & Andrew Bekey	55
6/7	Betty & Henry Jacques	61
6/12	Margie & Hayden Powell	54
6/14	Jean & Joe Wehrheim	67
6/15	Donna & John Clifford	56
6/15	Carolyn & James Stevenson	51
6/18	Sandra & Robert Dempsey	53
6/19	Dorothy & Jim Boulton	65
6/23	Diane & Kenneth Burney	40
6/24	Suzanne & Fred Stover	63
6/25	Nancy & Charles Gustafson	58
6/25	Kimberlie & Jason Weaver	25
6/28	Brenda & Dean Gillogly	50
6/30	Carolyn & John Rowland	73

### June Birthdays

*(age 90 and above)*

6/4	Elaine Kirbach	97 years
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### Baptisms

Henry Blazius Blatnica, son of Betsy & Frank Blatnica, on April 28.

Henry Michael Thomas Worrall, son of Ashley & Michael Worrall, on May 12.

### Births

Pierce Alexander Loucks, son of Jessica and Chris Loucks, born on April 12; proud big brother is Blake.

### In Sympathy

Nancy Sharbaugh and family, in the passing away of her husband, Vern, on April 27.

Cheryl Kovesdy and family, in the passing away of her husband, Jeff, on April 30. Jeff is the son of Freddie Baribault.

Marilyn and Ralph Marlatt and family, in the passing away of their son, Dennis, on May 1.

## OFFICE SCHEDULE UPDATES



The Church and Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Summer office hours are 9:00am-4:00pm from June 10 to August 23.



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DATED MATERIALS - PLEASE RUSH  
Mailed May 21, 2019

### Ministry

Daniel F. Bogre, Senior Pastor  
Paul A. Bennett, Associate Pastor  
Sheri B. Swartz, Director of Church Ministries  
Quinn E. Bennett, Director of Children's Ministries  
Craig W. Cowles, Cleveland Campus Free Store Director  
Gayle E. Donahue, MSN, RN, Faith Community Nurse  
Lisa P. Sierk, Director of Endowment Ministries  
Steven M. Young, Director of Youth Ministries

### Music Ministry

Jeffrey A. Acker, Organist  
Matthew Dolan, Director of Music  
Carmen G. Massaro, and Lynn Young, Handbell Choirs  
Darius J. McBride, Children's/Youth Choir Director

### Mission Ministry

Rev. Paul Webster, Kanyama, Zambia

Place Address  
Label here.

Deadline for July/August Circuit Rider:  
June 6

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE STORY!

## ENDOWMENT MINISTRIES



by *Lisa Sierk*,  
*Director of Endowment  
Ministries*

Through our church membership, each of us shares our time, talent, and treasure

as we help people find Jesus Christ in the midst of their story. Over the decades, that pledge of giving in response to God's abundant gifts has taken the form of service, worship attendance, participation in specific ministries, annual pledges, special gifts in the offering plate, mission trips, food drives, and much else.

These traditional gifts are beautiful expressions of faith, and generosity, and love and have a shared characteristic - they all happen NOW. As we focus on today, we often wonder, "What about the future?" God's future is ripe with possibility and a legacy gift to the church can make a world of difference.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and learn more about your experience at RRUMC and how you meet Jesus Christ in the midst of your story. Please reach out to me at [LSierk@rrumc.org](mailto:LSierk@rrumc.org) or 216.926.1702 (mobile - call or text). I look forward to hearing from you!

## REMEMBER THESE DATES...

May 26 - Community Meal  
May 27 - Church and Church Office Closed  
May 28 - RiverMen's UMC Social Principles Study

## SAVE THESE DATES...

June 2 - Bell Choirs Recognition  
June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Open Gym Basketball  
June 4, 11, 18, 25 - Men's Prayer Group  
June 9 - Chancel Choir Recognition  
June 9 - Pentecost Sunday (wear red)  
June 10-13 - East Ohio Annual Conference at Lakeside  
June 12 & 26 - Cruisin' River Classic Car Cruise  
June 12 & 13 - Brookside Food Center  
June 13 - Lydia Circle UMW Picnic  
June 13 - Shawl Ministry  
June 16 & 19 - Connections in Caring  
June 17 - 3rd Mondays Jam  
June 18 - Algart Hymn Sing  
June 20 - Book Club  
June 21 - Youth Group Game Night  
June 24-28 - Vacation Bible School  
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