

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



CELEBRATE CHRIS BURNS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

RRUMC will celebrate Chris Burns, Contemporary Worship Leader, as he moves on to new adventures. Join us on Sunday, April 28, for a cake and coffee reception in his honor following the 11:30am service in Jean & Jan's Café. We would like to provide Chris with an honorarium which expresses our gratitude for

his exceptional service to RRUMC. Please make checks payable to RRUMC with "Chris Burns gift" in the memo line and return to Kristin Nock in the Church Office no later than Sunday, April 21. Thank you for your generosity.

LINK-UP BIKE MINISTRY - BIKES WANTED!

Link-Up bike ministry is now ready to roll! We have been very busy constructing a workspace and ordering tools and supplies. We are excited to report that it is now time to bring in the bikes to get started! Bike donations can be brought directly to our workshop at 2115 Clover Ave. in Cleveland. Our tentative workshop schedule is Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm. Please contact Brian Hintz to ensure someone will be there as this schedule is tentative. We are also able to make other pickup/drop-off arrangements, if needed. If you are interested in volunteering at our workshop, please free to contact Brian Hintz at Hintzbrian@gmail.com or 440.390.9818 for further information.



THROW IN THE TOWEL!

During the month of May, the Mission Outreach Committee will be collecting towels and sheets for the Twice Blessed Free Store.

New or gently used towels and sheets may be dropped in the baskets that will be available by the entrances to the Chapel, Sanctuary, and Beacon Hall during the month of May. Full, queen, and king sizes are especially needed.

2019 EDUCATIONAL BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE - SUNDAY, MAY 5

Scholarship applications are now available for high school seniors and current college students in the Church Office and at www.rrumc.org (search "endowment scholarship") and must be submitted by Sunday, May 5.



HEAR AND BE HEARD

At its March 19 meeting, the RRUMC Administrative Council formed a "Way Forward Planning Team" comprised of RRUMC's Lay Leader (Phil Ardussi), Staff-Parish Relations Chair (Sally Lenhart), Finance Chair (Tom Dewey), Trustees Representative (Cindy Schafer), and Ad Council Chair (Bill Cowles), who will meet on a scheduled basis for a minimum of one year to accomplish four specific objectives:

- Monitor the future outcomes and actions of the United Methodist Church related to its adoption and inclusion of the Modified Traditional Plan in the Book of Discipline.
- Provide discussion and listening opportunities to church members and constituents about the implementation effects of the Modified Traditional Plan at RRUMC.
- Report results of monitoring, discussion, and listening to the Administrative Council on a monthly basis.
- Recommend specific policies, practices, and programs that may need to be implemented.

The Team 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 either individually or at rumcwayforward@gmail.com. Please see article on p. 4 of this newsletter for information on a Way Forward Information Sharing time.

Dan and Paul are happy to be in ministry with Rev. Laurie Bruce, ordained clergy in the UMC (volunteering here at RRUMC as a third clergyperson), and supporter of the One Church Plan, who is available for individual conversations regarding Way Forward concerns. She can be reached by leaving a message with the Church Office or at the e-mail above.

REFLECTIONS ...

by Rev. Dan Bogre

Dear Friends and Family of Rocky River UMC,

I am so excited to bring you another Circuit Rider full of great news. We have been working diligently since last September to fill the opening we have had in the position of Director of Youth Ministries at the church. I could not be any happier as I introduce to you Mr. Steven Young. He started on April 1 as our Director of Youth Ministries. We would also like to welcome his lovely wife Emily and his two beautiful daughters, Makenna (3) and Aniyah (1).



Steven comes to us from another United Methodist church in our conference where he was doing amazing work as their youth director. He has a Bachelors Degree from Malone University in English and a Masters Degree from Ashland Seminary in Practical Theology. Most importantly, he brings to RRUMC and his role as Director of Youth Ministries an absolute passionate heart for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You cannot help but to feel it and see it in him the minute you start to talk with him.

We know that there is a lot for Steven to learn as he comes into the rhythm of our church. There are huge expectations on him and his ministry here. That being said, we hired him because we are completely confident in his ability to help the youth of our church and our community meet Jesus Christ right in the midst of their story. He can only be successful with the love, support, and prayers of our amazing congregation here at RRUMC.

Our church has been going through a lot of changes and transitions in 2019 but I want to remind all of you of what the writer of Hebrews says in chapter 13:7-8, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." As we pray Steven into his leadership role with the youth, may he speak the Word of God to them and may they come to imitate his strong and passionate faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May God bless Steven, Emily, Makenna, and Aniyah as we welcome them into our family here at RRUMC.

Peace,
Dan



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

by Gayle Donahue, MSN, RN
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Ten warning signs of good health

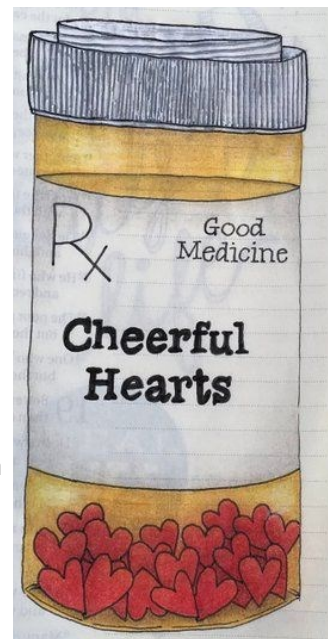
Do you remember your New Year's resolutions for 2019? Wherever you are with your New Year's resolutions, I would like to offer you the following list for your consideration this spring and summer. I hope that you will focus on one or maybe two signs of health you would like to strengthen in your life. The list is not based on massive research or evidence-based practice of professional nursing, but perhaps it will be one day. However, there is some research supporting the health benefits of each topic. The list was published in Delicious Living (isn't that a great name for a magazine?!) [<http://deliciousliving.com/conditions/10-warning-signs-good-health>]. The author is James Greenblatt, MD, Newton MA.

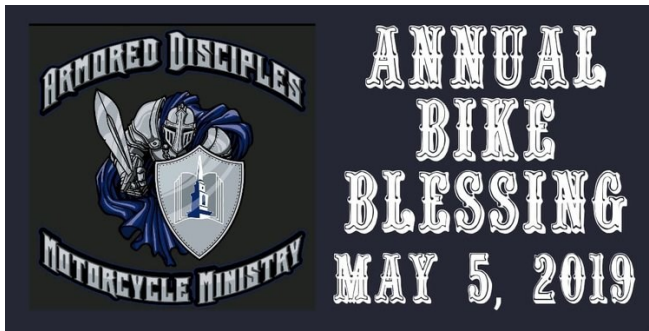
"10 Warning Signs of Good Health

1. Persistent sense of humor.
2. Chronic positive expectations; tendency to frame events in a constructive light.
3. Episodic outbreaks of joyful, happy experiences.
4. Sense of spiritual involvement.
5. Tendency to adapt well to changing conditions.
6. Rapid response to and recovery from stress and repeated challenges.
7. Increased appetite for physical activity.
8. Tendency to identify and communicate feelings.
9. Repeated episodes of gratitude and generosity.
10. Continuing presence of support network."

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. - Proverbs 17:22 (NIV)

Blessings, Gayle





ARMORED DISCIPLES MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Our 3rd annual Armored Disciples motorcycle blessing and family picnic will be on Sunday, May 5. Please join us for worship at the church at 11:30am. Immediately following the service will be the motorcycle blessing in the church parking lot. Kickstands up at 12:45pm for a 17 mile fellowship ride through the Cleveland Metroparks. The ride will end at Bohlken Park located at 3885 W 210th St., Fairview Park, OH. At the park, we will have a family-friendly picnic with lunch included in the price of your registration. Registration cost is \$15 for riders, \$10 for non-riders (lunch included) and you can register via our web site by going to the event tab and then clicking on the event on May 5 on the calendar.



The vital link between food & hunger.

CLEVELAND FOODBANK

MONDAY, MAY 13

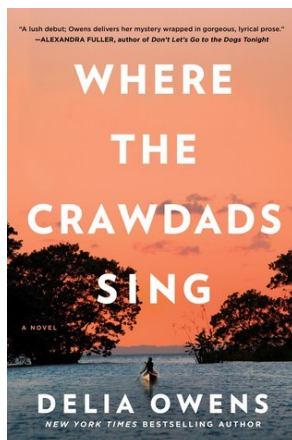
The next Foodbank for adult volunteers (age 12 and older) will be Monday, May 13, 6:00-8:00pm. Those who want to carpool will meet at the church at 5:15pm. Contact Dave Sagerser, 216.525.0779, dsagerser@aol.com to volunteer and receive registration instructions.

BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY, MAY 16,
10:00AM**

Join us on the third Thursday of each month in the church parlor. On **May 16, at 10:00am**, we will discuss "*Where the Crawdads Sing*" by Delia Owens. Questions? List of future books? Contact Bruce Biggin at brbiggin@netscape.net

or 216.221.5880. Always happy to see new faces, and regular attendance is not required.



SISTERS WITH AMAZING GRACE - PLANTED IN SCRIPTURE

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Join us for our Thursday, May 16 meeting at 7:00pm in Room 209. Our spring theme for this event is "Planted in Scripture" and will include an opportunity to engage in myriad prayer and Scripture stations throughout the event to "plant seeds" of prayer and Scripture for your faith journey. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Andrea Kimmel at andreakimmel2003yahoo.com or Lisa Thomas at franknlisa7473@gmail.com.



3RD MONDAYS

MONDAY, MAY 20

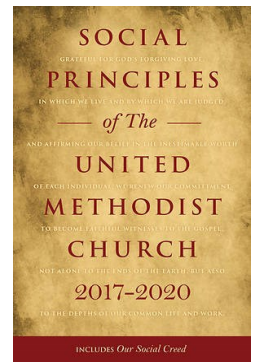
3rd Mondays continue on May 20. The first 3rd Monday in March was a great success, with solo performances from two guests plus RRUMC's own Frank Thomas. The praise band concluded the open mic night portion, which was followed by a jam session. If you enjoy the music in Harbor

Service each week, you'll love 3rd Mondays. Come perform, play an instrument, sing along, or just listen and enjoy!

RIVERMEN STUDY - THE SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 28, 7:00PM

Join RiverMen on Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00pm, as we continue our monthly study on the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. The topic for April is "the Economic Community." Questions (or need a book)? Contact Steve Harry at 440.668.3514 or StephenT.Harry@yahoo.com.



MISSION ZONE MONTHLY COLLECTION CHILDREN'S FREE STORE DONATIONS:



- April - toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex
- May - flip flops and socks
- June - soap, shampoo, and conditioner

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

REMEMBER THESE EVENTS:

Brookside Food Center - May 8 & 9,
10:00am-12:00pm and/or 12:00pm-2:00pm.
Assemble and distribute bags of food at the
Brookside Food Center. Questions or want to
sign up? Contact Dave Sagerser at
dsagerser@aol.com or 216.525.0779.



Connections in Caring - Wednesday, May 15,
2:00pm, in the church library and **Sunday, May 19,**
between and after services. Questions?
Contact Jane Amata at
jamata@seniorconciergeservices.net.

Social Concerns Discussion Group - Sunday, May 19,
11:15am, in the parlor.

Algart Hymn Sing - Tuesday, May 21,
2:00pm, at the Algart Home at W89th and
Detroit. Questions? Contact Bob Secrist,
216.521.2365.



Community Meal - Sunday, May 26,
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.



IN GRATITUDE

Thank you to the church, Pastor Paul, and everyone else who has been so kind to me: sending letters of encouragement, cards, flowers, etc. The church has been just wonderful during my recent illness as they were also after the passing away of my wife. - Arnold Reiland

Thank you so much for the shawl. As a knitter myself I know the work and love that goes into something handmade. It's a trying time for our family and we really appreciate the support. - The Slomka Family

Dear Church Friends, I appreciate the beautiful flowers and the wonderful Mary Lou and Dick Sanders who delivered them. With love to all, Anne LaMotte

Dear Staff, Members & friends of RRUMC, This is an overdue note to thank you for your continuing support for the past year and a half with your visits, gifts of holiday flowers, calls, and prayers from many long-time friends, the notes & seasonal decorations from the "Connections in Caring" families, and the CD recordings of the Sunday Sanctuary service. They really made me feel like I have been to church - enjoyed all the wonderful music and hear "first hand" all the lessons and stories presented. Last, but certainly not least, is the support & friendship of our Parish Nurse, Gayle Donahue. She has been a major blessing in my life as she is the one who directed me to my current senior living residence, the Emerald Village is just the right place for me at this time in my life and I would recommend it to anyone. Again, thank you for all you do! I truly feel "kept in the loop." Sincerely, Sue Butler

ENDOWMENT MINISTRIES

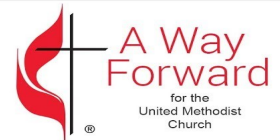
by Lisa Sierk, Director of Endowment Ministries



Have you set your compass? Have you defined your estate plan? As you know, at RRUMC, those who remember the church in their will or estate plan are members of the Theo and Belle Moll Society. Last year, two of our kind members joined the Society – unfortunately posthumously as they had not informed us of their intentions. Whether you wish your name to be included on the list, or published as anonymous, we hope you will let us know so that we can honor your generosity and commitment to the future as we continue to help people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their stories.

And, whether or not your estate plan includes RRUMC, or even if it hasn't yet been created, 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 or 216.926.1702 (mobile – call or text). I look forward to hearing from you!

WAY FORWARD UPDATE SCHEDULED



THURSDAY, MAY 2

All are invited to participate in a Way Forward Information Sharing Time on **Thursday, May 2,** 7:00-8:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

The Way Forward Planning Team was formed by Ad Council in March to review, report, and recommend on the decisions made by the UM Special General Conference in February. On May 2, we will...

- Hear a report by District Superintendent Steve Bailey on the findings of the UM Judicial Council's sessions from April 23-26.
- Invite your questions about the Judicial rulings and their impact on our shared mission to help people meet Jesus Christ in the midst of their stories.
- Review ways that you, your pastors, and your Way Forward Planning Team see those rulings intersecting with the mission of RRUMC.

You are welcome to submit questions in advance to: rrumcwayforward@gmail.com. Or contact Way Forward Team members (Phil Ardussi, Laurie Bruce, Bill Cowles, Tom Dewey, Sally Lenhart, Cindy Schafer) individually.

CONGRATULATIONS CHURCH!

Rocky River UMC received two certificates of appreciation and thanks from our District Superintendent at the Spring District Conference held on Saturday, March 30. One for having received 27 new members by profession of faith in 2018. The other for paying 100% of our district 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.



MILESTONES

May Anniversaries

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

5/11	James & Judy Pugsley	45
5/21	Christin & Martin Lucas	25
5/22	Kristin & James Stobe	15
5/22	Heather & Jason Lutz	15
5/24	Patricia & Russell Vogdes	50
5/26	Gail & Gary Liggett	35

May Birthdays

(age 90 and above)

5/3	Floyd Grgetich	93 years
5/6	Barbara Burrows	95 years
5/9	Fred Stover	91 years
5/18	Donald Walker	93 years
5/27	Caroline Shipman	94 years

Baptisms

Jack Robert Bernstein, son of Brooke & Curt Bernstein, on March 31. Grandson of Robert & Eileen Johnson.

Emersyn Elaine Frindt, daughter of Kelly & Joseph Frindt, on April 7. Proud big brother is Carter.

New Members Received

At the 8:30am Chapel Service on April 7:
Kirk Lintern, Sarah Lintern, Blake Rowe, and Margaret (Peggy) Rowe

At the 10:00am Sanctuary Service on April 7:
Everett Cataldo, Tom Brenner, and Lora Kraft

At the 11:30am Harbor Service on April 7:
Danielle (Dani) Dietzel, Douglas Dietzel, Mackenzie Dietzel, Erica Garland, Kristin Patterson, Tyler Patterson, and Melissa Sims.

At the 11:30am Harbor Service on April 14:
Courtney Hoekstra and Robert Hoekstra.

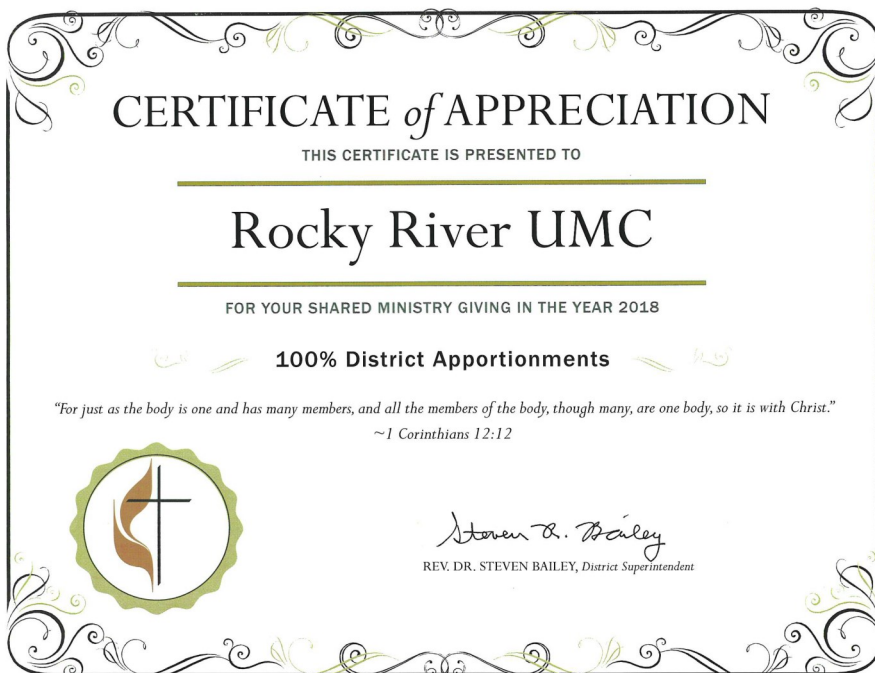
In Sympathy

Family and friends of Rev. Dr. Robert Hibbard, Minister Emeritus, who passed away March 18 in South Carolina; father of Faith Balsler.

Family and friends of Donald Campbell, who passed away February 21 in Michigan.

Andy Henton and family, in the passing away of his mother, Dorothy Henton, on March 30.

Family and friends of David A. Sterry, who passed away on April 3.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

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



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DATED MATERIALS - PLEASE RUSH
Mailed April 18, 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 June Circuit Rider:
May 2

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE STORY!

**MEMORIAL GERANIUM
PLANTINGS**



As part of the memorial observance, the congregation has an opportunity to provide geraniums for **Memorial Sunday, May 26**. Afterward they will be planted on the church grounds as a living memorial for the entire summer. Each geranium plant is **\$5.00**. Please include payment with your order. Those wishing to participate in this act of remembrance should fill in the information below and return it to the Church Office by **Sunday, May 12**.

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Presented by:

No. of plants: _____ @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____
(enclosed)

REMEMBER THESE DATES...

- April 22 - Church and Church Office Closed
- April 22 - UPWARD Summer Camp Registration Begins
- April 22 - VBS Registration Begins
- April 24 - Sisters With Amazing Grace
- April 25 - Lydia Circle
- April 28 - Conversations of Health / Travel Health

SAVE THESE DATES...

- April 28 - Celebrate Chris Burns
- May 5 - Armored Disciples Motorcycle Blessing and Family Picnic
- May 5 - Scholarship Applications Due
- May 7, 14, 21, 28 - Open Gym Basketball
- May 7, 14, 21, 28 - Men's Prayer Group
- May 8 & 9 - Brookside Food Center
- May 9 - Shawl Ministry
- May 12 - Geranium Flower Orders Due
- May 13 - Cleveland Food Bank
- May 15 & 19 - Connections in Caring
- May 16 - Book Club
- May 16 - Sisters with Amazing Grace
- May 19 - Social Concerns Discussion Group
- May 20 - 3rd Mondays Jam
- May 21 - Algart Hymn Sing
- May 26 - Community Meal
- May 27 - Church and Church Office Closed
- May 28 - RiverMen's UMC Social Principles Study