

Announcements

FOR OUR GUESTS: We invite you to visit our Welcome Table today in the Narthex (Lobby) for information about the life and ministries of Rivermont. A member of our Hospitality Team will be there to greet you and answer your questions.

FLOWER CALENDAR: For those who wish to donate flowers for the Sanctuary, please sign up on the bulletin board beside the Library. If you have a special date in mind, be sure to place your name by your preferred date while it is available!

EVERYDAY EVANGELISM will be presented by Matt Bradner (Regional Director of Campus Outreach) in lieu of High School and Adult Sunday School today from 9:45-10:40 am in the Sanctuary. Our goal is to be inspired and equipped with fresh perspective and practices of evangelism as we engage our friends, coworkers and neighbors in the new year. All High school students through adults are encouraged to attend this training. Club 56 and Middle School will have regular Sunday School as scheduled.

CIRCLE 1: Ladies, join Circle 1 in the Library on Tuesday, January 9th, from 10:00 am until noon.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS: All visitors and new attenders to REPC are invited to meet some of the pastors at our "Coffee With Pastors" today from 9:45 am to 10:30 am in the Cheatham Center. Our Getting To Know Rivermont class will begin on January 14.

RIVERMONT FELLOWSHIP NIGHT is our mid-week gathering where we enjoy fellowship around a meal and experience growth in Christ. RFN will resume on Wednesday, January 10. Please sign up by noon on Monday, January 8. **Reservations are a must**, even if you were on a "standing" reservation list during the Fall. (*You are welcome to bring your own food, but you still need to let us know, so we can provide enough tables and chairs.*) Cost is \$5 for those 9 and older, \$3 for children ages 2-8, with a maximum cost to a family of \$22.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY: The OASIS Thursday morning women's Bible studies will begin January 11th at 9:30 am. We will start a new study on Philippians using an inductive study guide called Joy by Keri Folmar. Newcomers are welcome. Please call the church to sign up or just drop in. Questions? Email Andrea Adams: daadams@comcast.net or Eleanor Webb: etwebb@gmail.com.

LADIES' WINTER BRUNCH: REPC ladies, you are invited to attend a winter brunch on Saturday, January 13th, from 10:00 - 12:00 pm in Country Gardens to meet and greet ladies from our nearby EPC churches. We will have a time of sharing, praise and worship and brunch. For more information or to RSVP, please call Linda Paulson at 237-2407.

YOUTH NEWS:

SNL: SNL will not be held tonight. It will begin on January 28 for 7th-12th grades.

6:36: All high school girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, January 9. The girls will join Ciera at Panera on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

RFN: All 7th-12th grade students are invited to come Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm for the start of our study on *The Screwtape Letters*. This C. S. Lewis classic offers invaluable and often humorous insights on temptation, pride, and the ultimate victory or faith over evil forces.

Winter Retreat: All 6th-12th grade students have the opportunity to attend our Winter Retreat at Eagle Eyrie, Sunday, January 14 through Monday, January 15! We will meet with other Central Virginia church youth groups for fun, friendship, and worship. Parents of students attending, give your \$50 payment per student to Shane or Josh. Sign up as soon as possible.

Club 56: What comes after salvation? Club 56 will find out starting this Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 pm when we explore the book of Ephesians at RFN. The Apostle Paul will show us what Jesus' death on the cross means for us: new life, new society, new standards and new relationships.

Announcements (continued)

60 PLUS/MINUS: Come join us to hear Daniel Kaboli, a refugee from Iran, speak about what brought him to Lynchburg, the plight of fellow Christians in his former homeland and about his mission to create music for worship for Iranian churches around the globe.

We will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. **Please make your reservations by Noon on January 15** on the sign-up sheet by the Library or by calling the church office. (846-3441)

GETTING TO KNOW RIVERMONT: Pastor Brett and Pastor Ron will host an eight-week introductory class about the life, mission and ministry of Rivermont EPC during the Sunday School hour - beginning January 14, from 9:45 am to 10:40 am in Room 203. This class is designed for the curious, as well as for those desiring to pursue formal membership at Rivermont EPC. Please call Janet at the church office (846-3441) for more information or to register. You can also register online at <http://www.rivermont.org/gtkr-registration>.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Save the date for the weekend of February 2-3, 2018 for a Women's Winter Weekend of study and fellowship. Details to follow.

Calendar

Sunday, January 7 (Epiphany Sunday)
8:00 am Pre-service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship with The Lord's Supper
9:45 am Bearing Burdens (Library)
9:45 am Pastors' Coffee
9:45 am Evangelism Training. (Sanctuary) (Sunday School held for infant through Middle School)
10:30 am Pre-service Prayer (Family room)
11:00 am Worship with The Lord's Supper
3:30 pm CWMC
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)
4:45 pm RIMC Mtg. (Library)

Monday, January 8
9:00 am Preschool
10:00 am Prayer Team
5:30 pm Personnel Committee Mtg. (Ron's Office)

Tuesday, January 9
6:30 am Dawn Patrol
6:36 am HS Girls (Panera on Old Forest Road)
9:00 am Preschool
9:30 am Staff Meeting (204)
10:00 am Circle #1 (Library)
5:30 pm MSC
6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 10
9:00 am Preschool
12:00 pm Elder Pool Luncheon (Country Gardens)
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
3:45 pm Rivermont Ringers

Wednesday, January 10 (continued)
4:30 pm Praise Ringers
4:30 pm Rivermont Chimes
5:15 pm Carillon
5:15 pm Chapel Choir
5:15 pm Cherub Choir
5:15 pm New Song
5:45 pm RFN Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
6:30 pm Various Bible Studies

Thursday, January 11
9:30 am CBS
9:30 am OASIS
5:30 pm Adm. Committee Mtg. (Conf. Room)

Saturday, January 13
10:00 am Ladies Winter Brunch (Country Gardens)
12:00 pm Second Saturday Picnic With No Walls (HRCC)

Sunday, January 14
8:00 am Pre-Service Prayer (Family Room)
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am College Hour
9:45 am Confirmation Class
9:45 am Getting to Know Rivermont (203)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Pre-Service Prayer
11:00 am Westminster Canterbury Service
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Youth leaving for their Winter Retreat.
4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center)

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OFFICE: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
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David Weber | SENIOR PASTOR
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Brett Eubank | PASTOR OF OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION
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Alisha Meador | CARE COORDINATOR



OUR MISSION

REPC SEEKS THE RENEWING OF LIVES THROUGH GOD'S COMPELLING LOVE
IN LYNCHBURG AND THE WORLD.

Epiphany Sunday | January 7, 2018 | 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Order Of Worship

The prelude is a time for the body of Christ to spiritually prepare to enter into His presence in worship. As the prelude begins, please assume a quiet, prayerful and reverent attitude of worship. (Please silence your mobile devices.)

"THE DAY OF EPIPHANY" (January 6 each year, after the "Twelve Days of Christmas") is the day traditionally commemorating the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem. The word epiphany means "appearance" and refers to the appearance of the star which signaled the birth of the King of the Jews (Numbers 24:17) and led the Magi to Jesus. The Magi from the east were Gentiles, yet they were led by the light of the star to worship the King of the Jews, Jesus, Who is "the light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Isaiah prophesied, "Nations will come to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your rising" (Isaiah 60:3).

PRELUDE:

"What Child Is This"

arr. Forrest Hill

What child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary.

O bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O GOD, Who by the shining of a star did guide the wise men to behold Thy Son our Lord: Show us Thy heavenly light, and give us grace to follow until we find Him, and finding Him, rejoice. And grant that as they presented gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we now may bring Him the offering of a loving heart, an adoring spirit, and an obedient will, for His honor, and for Thy glory, O God Most High. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Cox

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-3 (responsively)

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.**

**And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

*They shall bring gold and frankincense,
And shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.*

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE:**
#218 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE: #300 (vs. 1 & 3)**
"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" O QUANTA QUALIA
Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him Who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come." (Rev. 1:4)
Even as the Lord greets us in His Word, let us greet one another.

SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE INTERLUDE:
Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church.
8:30: Pre-K thru First Grade meet in the ORANGE room, #115
11:00: First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115;
Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 1:1-3 & 47-54; 2:1-2 & 32-34
(Pgs. 108-110)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "Preparing for the Journey" Dr. Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**
THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***THE GLORIA:** "Alleluia! Alleluia!" EBENEZER
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** "Carol of the Star" arr. Donald Moore
A star, a shining star, led wise men on their way
To find that Beth'lem town where lay a holy Babe.
Venite adoremus Dominum. (Come adore the Lord.)
A star, a guiding star, led angels from above
To seek a tiny Babe, surround Him with their love.
A star, a mighty star, did shine o'er all the earth
To welcome Him with joy, proclaim His wondrous birth.
Julia Sansone – Accompanist

***THE COMMUNION HYMN: #304** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" VOX DILECTI

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:
If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer: (in unison)
Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Bread and Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #580** "Lead on, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):**
"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

***POSTLUDE:** "In Thee Is Gladness" J. S. Bach

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so.
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SERMON NOTES

1. You must remember that you are numbered by the Lord.

2. You must remember that you are present with the Lord.

3. You must remember that you are ordered by the Lord.

Concerns of the Church

RECUPERATING: Carl Coleman, Anna Wade

IN THE HOSPITAL: Marie Moore

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO C. J. Shaughnessy and family in the death of their wife and mother, Barbara Noel Pollard Shaughnessy, who died on December 27.

A SPECIAL THANKS to all who rang the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. As always, we are so grateful to those who so eagerly sign up each year. The blessings of the funds you helped raise go beyond Christmas and are counted on throughout the year to serve those in our area who are in much need. ~ Mercy and Justice Committee

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 14: Head Deacon: Paul Lass
Assistant Deacon: MaryByrd Denham Morning Only: Michele Dameron
8:30 am: Pheby Dameron, Paul Denham, Dave Dinsmore, Beth Doan
11:00 am: Billy Giles, Statham Gilliam, Scooter Harris, Daniel Lass

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

December 24: 8:30 am: 311; 11:00 am: 349. Total: 660. No Sunday School.

Christmas Eve: 5:00: 311; 7:00: 483; 9:00: 237. Total: 1031.

December 31: 8:30 am: 248; 11:00 am: 367. Total: 615. Sunday School: 267.

Christmas Offerings: Body Life Fund: \$6,579; Mission Offering for City Life Fund: \$4,530.

Organ Chamber Wall Repair and Rebuild

Campaign Goal:	\$250,000
Donations Received:	\$180,465
Remaining Need:	\$ 69,535

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: THE FREE CLINIC OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Please be in prayer for the doctors, nurses and staff of the Free Clinic of Central Virginia as they provide needed medical, dental and pharmaceutical services to the uninsured in our community. Pray that as they provide services that bring healing to the body, that you will give healing to their soul by and through your Holy Spirit. Pray that Christ will be glorified as they serve the least of these in our community.