

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.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY today are given by Karen Mascher to the glory of God and in honor of this year's graduates.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, June 3, 2018
9:45 am (no adult Sunday School)
9th grade – all adults encouraged to attend

For the purposes of:

1. Receiving as information updates regarding the current year-to-date financial report and the fiscal year budget, ending June 30, 2019.
2. Receiving as information ministry updates.

2018 GRADUATES: It's that time again! We are collecting names for our annual graduate list. If you have a 2018 graduate (high school, college, graduate school, trade school), email donna@rivermont.org or call the church office at 846-3441 with the graduate's name, school, degree/diploma, and future plans (if known). The list will be published in our June 3 bulletin. Deadline for inclusion is May 28.

PARKING AND OUR NEIGHBORS: With the blessings of increased attendance on Sunday mornings, one practical challenge each Lord's Day is parking. We occasionally block a neighbor's driveway or damage a yard. Memphis Avenue, which runs parallel to Rivermont Avenue and perpendicular to Quinlan Street has become a recent concern. We are asking that no one park on Memphis Avenue. Graciously, Randolph College allows us the use of three parking lots: Maier Museum and the Upper Gym lot (accessed from Quinlan) and the Lower Gym Lot (accessed from Norfolk Avenue). Please serve one another in love and respect our neighbors by allowing a little extra time on Sunday mornings and by parking in designated areas. We have posted a parking map on our website (www.rivermont.org/parking-map), which highlights the available parking for Sunday mornings.

YOUTH NEWS:

LADIES' NIGHT: Attention Ladies! Tonight from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall all 6th - 12th grade girls and **all youth moms** are invited to an evening of art and fellowship! Light refreshments will be served and the ladies will participate in making a craft led by Heather Hall.

6:36: All high school boys and girls are invited for a time of early morning fellowship this Tuesday, May 22nd. You will meet at Bojangles on Old Forest Road at 6:36 am.

WING FLING: Our annual Men's Wing Fling will take place next Sunday, May 27 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All 6th - 12th grade boys and **all youth dads** are invited for an evening of wings and cornhole!

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday, May 21 at 10:30 am in the Library. We welcome all caregivers to attend for support and prayer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COUNTDOWN: "The King is Coming" in five weeks: June 25 through June 29! On Friday, June 29 Commencement will be followed by a family dinner, petting zoo, fun, and games! Online registration is available at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/repc2018>.

Concerns of the Church

IN THE HOSPITAL: Bill Aiken, Mike Reynolds

RECUPERATING: Will Jenkins, Peggy Weymouth

USHERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 27: **Head Deacon:** Wayne Melancon
Assistant Deacon: Mick Ritchie **Morning Only:** Baxter Gordon
8:30 Guild Members: Clay Atkins, Hermann Ulrich, Dave Young, Ginny Young
11:00 Guild Members: Ned Hudson, Ned Hudson, Jr., Steve McCann, Charlie Mitchell

ATTENDANCE MAY 13: Morning Worship: 8:30 service: 346; 11:00 service: 269.
 Total: 669. Sunday School: 382.

NEW SABBATICAL POLICY: Following months of research, prayer, and collaboration, the Session has established a sabbatical policy for all pastors to be taken once every seven years of successive service. With thanksgiving to God for fourteen years of ministry, Ron will be the first Rivermont pastor to enjoy this blessing of rest and restoration of the soul. Please join the Session in prayer for Ron and his family as he focuses on Jesus Christ and His Word over the next twelve weeks. He looks forward to his return in mid-August with his soul refreshed in Jesus Christ!

| General Fund as of April 30, 2018 | |
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| Budget to Date: | \$1,493,484 |
| Budget Shortfall: | \$ (5,826) |
| Year-to-Date Contributions: | \$1,487,658 |
| Year-to-Date Expenses: | \$1,385,468 |
| Contributions Over Expenses: | \$ 102,190 |

Calendar

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| <p>Sunday, May 20 8:00 am Prayer for the Worship Service (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Missions Service (Chapel / No Nursery) 7:00 pm Youth Ladies SNL 6th - 12th graders and all Youth Moms (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Monday, May 21 10:00 am Prayer Team (Family Room) 10:30 am Caregivers' Meeting. (Library)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 22 6:30 am Dawn Patrol 6:36 am HS Boys & Girls (Bojangles on Old Forest Rd.) 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Trail Life (Fellowship Hall)</p> | <p>Wednesday, May 23 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, May 24 7:00 pm Women's Summer Bible Study (Country Gardens)</p> <p>Saturday, May 26: Office Closed - Memorial Day</p> <p>Sunday, May 27 8:00 am Prayer for the Worship Service (Family Room) 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Music Practice (Youth Center) 5:30 pm Youth Men's Wing Fling - 6th-12th graders and all Youth Dads (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Monday, May 28: Office Closed - Memorial Day</p> |
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Contact Us

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— OUR MISSION —

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

Pentecost Sunday | May 20, 2018 | 8:30 & 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.)

PRELUDE **Heidi Terry, Piano**

"Be Still My Soul" arr. Marshall McDonald

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

THE SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION:
 Holy Father, as You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be our great High Priest, Who has entered into the most holy place by His own blood: mercifully look upon us, and grant that we may worship and serve You with consciences cleansed by His blood; to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Palombo**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29 (responsively)**
*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,
 We have come to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
 You have come to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect.*

We have come to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.
For our God is a consuming fire.

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #305**
"Arise, My Soul, Arise" LENOX

***THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Romans 5:9-10

***THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:**

"Jesus Paid it All" (vs. 2 & 3)

ALL TO CHRIST

Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim-
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

***THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
(Romans 15:7)

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: Pre-K/K meet in RED room, #114; First Grade meet in ORANGE room, #115

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: Numbers 18-19 (Pages 126 - 128)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON: "The Blood of Life" Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, #1 (responsively)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

My only comfort is that I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. At the cost of His own precious blood, He has fully paid for all my sins, and has set me free from the dominion of the devil. He also watches over me so well that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Indeed, all things must work together to His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly ready and willing from now on to live for Him. Amen!

***THE GLORIA:** "Glorify Your Name" Donna Adkins

**FATHER, we love You, we praise You, we adore You:
Glorify Your name in all the earth!
Glorify Your name, glorify Your name,
Glorify Your name in all the earth!
(Repeat, using: JESUS and SPIRIT)**

A MOMENT FOR MISSION: Charlie and Jean Driscoll

THE PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Sanctuary Choir

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with words that help and heal, my life would Thine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;
Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield:
Let Thy Word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!

***THE DOXOLOGY:** OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER** (in unison):

Almighty and everlasting Father, faithful in all Your ways and righteous in all Your doings: we praise You, and we give thanks for the bounty of Your gifts lavished upon us. Most of all, we thank You for the gift of Your Son: for His righteous life, His humble suffering, His atoning blood, His victorious resurrection, and His triumphant ascension to Your right hand. As we offer these tokens of our lives, we present ourselves to You as a living sacrifice of praise. May we live for Your glory, in faith and obedience, by the power of the Holy Spirit, until Jesus Christ comes again with power and glory! Amen!

***THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #307** PLAINFIELD
"Nothing but the Blood"

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** "Toccata in F Major" 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. The need for the blood.

2. The nature of the blood.

3. The power of the blood.

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: TESSA SYDNOR

Tessa Sydnor (daughter of REPC missionaries Paul and Reinhild Sydnor) will travel with another Gordon-Conwell Seminary student to Athens from May 14 through June 25 to work with the Samaria Center, a refugee ministry run by a local Greek church. While there, they will be teaching English classes as well as visiting refugees with the church. Tessa will also have the opportunity to lead an art workshop that will focus on patterns and symbolism. Pray for Tessa's safe travel, good communication with the local church and refugees, opportunities to start gospel conversations, a servant's heart and a listening ear.

**SUNDAY EVENING AT RIVERMONT
MISSION SERVICE
TONIGHT at 6:00 PM in the Chapel
(No Nursery Provided)**

Prayer Usher Ministry - Prayer Ministry teams are available after each morning service for those who would like someone to pray with them about a personal need. The Prayer Ushers will meet you at the Family Room off the Cheatham Center. They will be identified with name tags. This ministry is available to visitors as well as members.