



Riverton United Methodist Church

From the Pastor's Desk

December 2014

Worship is like water. (part 3)

Sometimes, it's like water from a hose. Now that I'm in my 'advanced years' I recognize that childhood memories become idealized and cinematized. They are only about half actual events and half emotional and half dream and sometimes half fantasy. That's a lot of 'halves' I know but you get what I mean.

One of these memories is drinking water from the hose. You see, that's what I mean. Just that statement alone means almost nothing. It holds no magical imagery or heroic undertones. But as I conjure it back up from my 'sandlot' days of summer baseball; and my cowboy and Indian wars in the hot, sticky summer woods; and muggy, eighty degree summer night kick-the-can games, I can vividly remember how the water tasted as it came straight from the hose.

Back in the day, we weren't enlightened to 'bottled water' phenomenon yet. Very rarely did any of us, (or our parents) think to take a thermos of water with us to the park or woods or vacant lot. Occasionally someone would have an old canteen when we were 'on patrol' but it was even rarer that we would share it, and even then, it tasted like metal, and was lukewarm or down right as hot as the summer was anyway.

Forget about running in the house for a drink. That may happen once. But when I went in, then all my buddies would need a drink. I remember how excited mom was when I declared "and I need one for Timmy, and Chippy and Billy and Derek and ... wait le'me see, I think Doug and Darren are out there now." And before they were finished the word was out that Marc's mom is giving drinks...! By the end of the first week of summer vacation, the New House Rule was, once you go out, you stay out. No running in or out for drinks! I think all the moms had Morse code, because once one house declared the rule, every other mom ratified the vote and it was LAW.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| • Sunday School for all ages(see page 12 for details) | 8:45am |
| • Prayer & Quiet Reflection, in Prayer Parlor | 9:15am |
| • Worship Service | 10:00am |
| • Children's Worship (begins in Sanctuary) | 10:00am |

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8:30am– 2:30pm
(Monday-Friday)

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**Saturday, December 6
Sunday, December 7, 2014
@ 7:00p.m.**

Riverton United Methodist Church

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Riverton UMC

Grace 101

**Columbia Furnace Church of
the Brethren &
Greater Joy Baptist Church.**

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From the Pastor's Desk

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Back then (before video games of any kind) we were determined to get every minute of playtime we could before going in. At the ball field, hot and dusty, fighting over calls at second base, and keeping siblings from killing each other, we could work up a powerful thirst. It was on one of these such days that I had my first understanding of JOY! We all left the ball field together, looking like refugees from North Africa, or maybe an escaped chain-gang from South Alabama. There was ball-field dust in every pore. Caked and layered in every crease of our clothes, and everywhere we had sweated. A dust cloud followed us down the street under the 85 degree, noon day sun. Now, we knew darn well that *nobody's* mom was going to let US in, but we had to try. We used every sad and pathetic line we could remember, borrowing quotes from Opie, and from Timmy and Lassie, "but Ma, I really think we might die!" Nothing doing. From house to house we went until we came to mine. I saw my mom's shadow in the door as we came close. Although it was just a faint image through the screen door I knew not to even waste my breath. We all went to the back yard to come up with a plan and keep our minds off our inevitable demise. Then I noticed it. Curled up back the basement steps. My dad had left the hose out and it was still attached, which meant the inside water valve might still be turned on. After promising to be absolutely silent in our mission, we took the spray nozzle off the end of the hose and carried it out as far as it would reach toward the street. A running hose would make a mud hole in a hurry. Timmy got the end and I turned the knob. WATER! Everyone got their fill, passing it back and forth till the street was covered, their shoes and shirts were covered, their dusty (now muddy) faces turned into solid grins. By the time I got a hold for my turn, the water was running cool, almost cold. It was pouring out like liquid heaven and when it finally reached my mouth I could literally feel my body temperature drop as it went down my throat and into my stomach. I was being refreshed, revived, restored from the inside out. We drank so much we could make our stomach slosh so loud each other could hear it. It wasn't too long before we were spraying each other's face then hands and by the time I heard my mother yell, "turn it off, that's enough" she was right. We had had enough. We were full. We were new. We were alive! We were born again!

Sometimes, worship is like water from a hose.

It fills me up from the inside. When my face is flush with shame, or anger. When things outside me are weighing down on me like the heat of an August sun. When I know I can't change my outer circumstances, sometimes, just being in God's holy presence can satisfy my soul. I declare that God is good. I close my eyes and ears to the things of this world and listen... hard....and close..... Slowly His love for me is revealed, like a stream of living water within me. Like a steady flow of cool water from a garden hose. Nothing has changed outside, but within me, I am cooling off, I am being refreshed and revived. I feel full of hope and promise. I feel alive again, and ready to go back on the playing field. I feel born again. You know although I have never been a shepherd, I get David's words. "The Lord leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul."

Worship is not only done in crowds, in stadiums or sanctuaries, **sometimes it's done by yourself.** When I declare His majesty and power in my life, He becomes Majestic and Mighty in a very real way to me and in me. And when you worship, you are **never alone!** The Lord will reveal Himself in new and refreshing ways as the Holy Spirit,

which is poured out in our hearts, makes us alive with Christ.

Hey, somebody turn on the faucet!!!

See ya Sunday,

Pastor Marc

Worship & Welcoming



"PARDON THE INTERRUPTION..."

"We interrupt your regularly scheduled programming to bring you this special news bulletin"...

For decades these familiar words have been proclaimed over the airwaves of broadcast radio and television. I'm sure most of us have experienced them at one time or another. In most cases, these special bulletins are filled with bad news, many times announcing tragic historical moments that forever changed the landscape of our neighborhood, our nation and even our world.

The most important news bulletin in the history of mankind actually took place more than 2000 years ago. Although the news would affect the entire world forever, the initial broadcast would only be heard by a single teen-age girl. Just imagine... Mary and Joseph, a young couple in love, engaged to be married with their whole life ahead of them. Oh, the conversations they must have had planning their future. Together they shared dreams and visions believing they knew exactly what their life as a married couple would look like. Then, suddenly, their regularly scheduled life was interrupted by a special news bulletin. God sent the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to share the good news with her that she had been chosen to give birth to Jesus, the Son of God! Talk about a late breaking-pardon the interruption!! ...and, as they say, the rest is history!

Once the news flash was spoken, and God's plan was revealed, both Mary and Joseph had the opportunity to respond to this unexpected surprise. Ultimately they each decided to embrace the interruption of their previously scheduled life program. They willingly laid down their own detailed organized plans and unselfishly surrendered their lives to the cause of Jesus Christ and the salvation of mankind. What an amazing response on their part! Most of us are usually resistant and/or troubled when our daily plans are interrupted by anything, much less our life plans! Our all-knowing Sovereign God obviously knew He could trust that Mary and Joseph would accept His plan and assignment.

God speaks to all of us in Jeremiah 29:11 ***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*** As we enter and celebrate this Christmas season, may our hearts and minds be tuned in to God's frequency...we just might hear a messenger from heaven say to us... "pardon the interruption!"

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Chip Crawford

COME Ministries Lead

Financial Update

In Luke 6: 37-38, Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (NIV)." Jesus is telling us that we will receive back what we give and more! The measure we receive will be "pressed down, shaken together and running over." In this scripture, Jesus is telling us that we get to choose what is "poured into our laps." How? By our own level of generosity.

During November, Pastor Marc has been teaching us not to dwell on what we do not have, but to acknowledge and praise God for what He has given us, and to believe that He will meet all our needs, both as individuals and as the corporate body of Christ, according to His riches in glory.

Here is some encouraging financial information. In September 2014, giving was \$246,207, - 12% below giving of \$279,781 for the same period in 2013. As of November 24, 2014, giving was \$330,898, less than -1% below giving through the end of November 2013, \$337,133. With one Sunday left in November, I believe that we will make up the difference for November, and by the end of December, I believe that we will exceed last year's giving. Through November 2014, we have reduced the mortgage on the church by \$250,000. We are increasing our giving, paying off our mortgage, paying our vendors on time, and reaching out into our community to help those in need. In January 2015, I will provide a full financial report for 2014. If you have any questions about the church finances, you may contact me via email at rumcfinance2014@gmail.com, or via telephone at 635-5787.

God is good ALL the time; ALL the time, God is good. Let us honor Him every day in every way!! May God richly bless you and keep you in His care throughout the Christmas season and the New Year.

Yours in Christ,
Joan
Chair, Finance Committee
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Grow Ministries

... "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."
Matthew 22:37-38

I recently attended the 21st Annual National Christian Apologetics Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. The 2 day conference had close to two thousand participants and roster of speakers that left you wishing you could clone yourself and attend multiple lectures at one time.

The conference follows three tracks so there is something for everyone. These tracks included God & Science, Christianity & Culture, and Historical Apologetics. Speakers included theologians, philosophers, astronomers, geneticists, archeologists, and professors, just to mention a few, all working in their field to make a case for what they believe and sharing that knowledge with others so we are better equipped to make a case for what we believe.

And this is really what the conference is about each year; being better equipped to share what we believe with others. This is what energizes me and excites me, and why I attend and want to tell you about it. I love to engage people that I work with or meet regularly in conversations about life and their beliefs. The more prepared I am, the bolder I feel to lead conversations in directions that will be meaningful. This often happens when discussing books people have read, movies they watch, or events in the news, or what's going on in their life.

We face an increasing onslaught every day of news articles, tweets, Facebook memes, college professor's comments, political opposition, and apathy to the beliefs we hold dear. We need to be bold as Christians to share our beliefs and teach our children and youth what we know. Don't assume they are picking up on them or learning them in Sunday school and youth group. Prepare yourselves and them to "always be ready to give an answer...." not the perfect answer. We don't have to be experts on every topic but there are answers out there and Christians do not have to take a defensive position. We all have our specific areas of interest and it's good to admit when we don't have an answer to a question and are willing to look it up. Here is a sampling of just a few of the excellent speakers who helped equip us at the conference.

One of our favorite speakers at the conference is Hugh Ross, PH.D. He is an astronomer, and pastor and shows how a commitment to the Bible is not incompatible with science. His organization, Reasons to Believe, is a good resource for the science minded who wonder how current scientific discoveries align with the Bible.

www.reasons.org

Michael J. Behe, PH.D is a biologist working with the Discovery Institute. He has written extensively about Darwinism. He discussed his book *Darwin's Black Box* and also presented the Discovery Institute's latest film *Privileged Species*. I encourage you to look it up at www.discovery.org.

John C. Sanford PH.D is a semi-retired assistant professor at Cornell University and is currently researching the limitations of mutation and natural selection. He lectured on his research and his book about genetic entropy.

There was a discussion panel about the reliability of the NT documents. The panel included Professor Gary Habermas from Liberty University, J. Warner Wallace, a Homicide Detective who has written a book about assessing the eye witness accounts of the NT the way you would the eye witness in a crime scene, Dr. Joseph Bergeron who has studied extensively the medical accounts of crucifixions, and archeologist Bryant Wood PH.D known for his work excavating around Jericho.

Trish Anderson
GROW Ministries Lead

Grow Ministries

Josh McDowell and his son Sean both spoke about the challenges in our culture and what our youth are facing.

Walter Kaiser PH.D, retired President of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary spoke on the reliability of the Old Testament documents. He has written extensively on this topic and I recommend his works if this area is of interest to you.

There were sessions about philosophy in science, ethics, the Christian's role in politics, the problem of evil, and defending inerrancy of the Bible. The list goes on. Come see me if you'd like to hear about more of the sessions or get a complete list of speakers for more reading material. Southern Evangelical Seminary has an app where many of the sessions become available for listening as a podcast and the session are available to order for a nominal fee.

The dates for next year's conference have just been announced. They are October 16-17, 2015 in Charlotte, NC. I'd love to see you there!



Ladies of Riverton

We met for the second time on November 2nd and enjoyed an afternoon of friendship, fun, music, and spirited food. A diversity of interest groups were formed on this day, amongst many, the lunch bunch being the largest. Volunteers are needed to move forward and firm up plans for these groups.

Our next quarterly gathering is scheduled for February 1, 2015. An open invitation extends to each of you wishing to participate and become a part of making friends and having fun. If you need information or can help in any way, please call:

Betty Smith, Coordinator - 540-636-9775

Trish Anderson
GROW Ministries Lead

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Riverton Youth

December, 2014

*What we've been up to...
And what's coming up...*

Coming Up...

December 10

Decorate the church

December 14

Leadership meeting & Leadership Party
– 11:45-1:15

December 17

Christmas caroling with the church

December 24 & 31

No Youth Group – Happy Thanksgiving

Youth Group

Wednesdays from 6:15-8:15 PM

Youth Sunday School

Grades 6-12 from 8:45-9:45 AM.

* No youth Sunday School Dec. 28

Volunteer Opportunity

We want to express our “Heartfelt Thanks” to Beth Moon for serving as our Communication Coordinator these last 4 plus years. As she moves into new areas of service we are in need of a new Communication Coordinator. We are looking for someone creative who can make our correspondence “**Youth Friendly**”.

The responsibilities include:

- * Updating forms
- * Managing the email distribution list
- * Creating the monthly newsletter Articles with info from Youth Director
- * Youth announcements for Bulletin

Acquire the Fire – Jan. 30-31

Don't miss out on this Fun event in Richmond. We already have 17 youth going. Pick up a permission slip at Youth group on Wednesdays or the Welcome Center on Sunday. The total cost is \$120 through .

Riverton's Children

It is a joy to see our children growing in Christ Jesus each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Thank you to all the families of Riverton UMC and Riverfront Christian School that participated in Operation Christmas Child. You have made this Christmas a very special one in the children's lives around our world.

Several of our Riverton UMC children and students of Riverfront Christian School will be participating in the "Heart of Christmas". The children will continue to practice during the Children's Worship hour on Sunday and on Wednesday evenings. There will be a walk through November 30 at 12:30 pm and the dress rehearsal on December 5, at 7:00 pm. The children will perform at the beginning of each program on December 6 and December 7.

Wednesday evenings in December, our children begin celebrating the Advent season. Beginning on December 3, the children will begin to construct a traditional Christmas scene. This Wednesday, they will build a fireplace on which to hang their stocking. There will be fun games and the Advent devotional, "Celebrating Jesus at Christmas".

On December 10, the children will add to the Christmas scene by decorating a Christmas tree to be placed next to the fireplace. We will continue to enjoy celebrating Advent as the children light the candles and begin building the Nativity.

Sunday, December 14 the children will sing in the morning worship service. The choir practices will be held on Wednesday evenings during the Wednesday evening ministry time. All the children of the children's ministry are invited to come and sing.

Children, you will not want to miss December 17! We will share the Christmas cheer by going Christmas caroling around community of Riverton. We will return to the church for cookies and hot chocolate. Then we will enjoy an Advent Story and fun activities.

Bible Quiz Time- All Creature Great and Small

Answers are on page 16

1. Which Old Testament judge prepared a meal for a young goat for an angel?
2. According to the account of Genesis 1, on which day did God create land animals?
3. True or False? There are about 80 mammals mentioned in the Bible.

Riverton's Children

Riverfront Christian School

Field Trip:

On Dec. 5, our children in K5-5th grades will visit the Lynn Care Center

December Chapel:

The December Chapel will be held on December 10 at 9:00 am. Parents, families and friends are welcome to attend chapel services.

Little Sheep Preschool Program:

Preschool students will be having their program on the evening of December 12. All are welcome to attend!

Christmas Store:

Riverfront will host our annual Christmas store for students on December 16-17.

Riverfront Christian School Program:

Riverfront students will be having their program on the evening of December 18. All are welcome to attend!

Happy Birthday Jesus Party:

P3 Happy Birthday Jesus Party will be on December 18.

K4-12th Grade Happy Birthday Jesus Party will be on December 19

Faculty Christmas Party

Riverfront faculty will be having their Christmas Party on December 19

Vacation:

Students will have Christmas & New Year's Vacations Dec. 22-Jan. 2.



Riverton's Children

Little Sheep Preschool News

In November, we learned about the first Thanksgiving and how the Pilgrims and Indians helped each other survive. It was a time of sharing, not only of food but of different faiths.

December will bring a big birthday celebration for Jesus. The children already know that if Jesus had not been born, there would be no Christmas today. They also learned it is more blessed to give than to receive by having filled shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. We will be giving Christmas cards to the inmates at the local jails in hopes they will find love and peace through scripture.

On the 12th of December, we will be performing our Christmas program at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Don't miss it as it promises lots of smiles. Here is a coloring page for you to complete.

Enjoy and Merry Christmas!

Happy Birthday Jesus!



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Holidays @ Riverton

Make your plans now.

*This Holiday Season, Riverton will be a place
of Memories, Celebration and Song.*

7:00PM	Saturday, December 6	"Heart of Christmas" <i>Drama</i>
7:00PM	Sunday, December 7	"Heart of Christmas" <i>Drama</i>
10:00AM	Sunday, December 7	2nd Sunday of Advent - PEACE
10:00AM	Sunday, December 14	3rd Sunday of Advent - JOY Filled Baskets due Angel Tree Gifts due
10:00AM	Sunday, December 21	4th Sunday of Advent - LOVE

Christmas Eve

Family/Children's Service 3:00PM

Candlelight & Communion Service 7:00PM

Many, many thanks to all of you for making me and my family feel very APPRECIATED! Even though we have only been here a few months, you have begun to make this feel like home already!

God Bless all of you for all you do! *Marc, Te and Caleb*

Trustees



The Parsonage is rented!

Thanks to all who made this possible. Income from this rental is used to offset the housing allowance with a portion kept in reserve towards parsonage maintenance costs.

Heating maintenance update

During the 4th quarter preventive maintenance work and inspections on our heating and air conditioning systems, our contractor found 5 heat exchangers in our roof top units (RTU) that are defective due to flue gases corroding holes in the exchanger pipes. The HVAC industry rates the typical life of heat exchangers to be 10-15 years. Ours were installed when the church was built, meaning ours have lasted about 13 years. Holes in these heat exchangers can allow carbon monoxide gas and other toxic fumes to enter the inside of the building. As a result the gas valves have been shut off to all the affected units. Heating will not occur until new exchangers are installed. Power to these units have been left on so fans and air conditioning can be operational as needed.

All of these must be replaced before cold weather is upon us. Once replaced, the exchangers are warranted for 10 years by the manufacture, Trane, and our contractor provides one year warrantee on the labor. With these issues as well as previously known problems with other HVAC units the cost of repair is over \$27,000. The Trustees and the Finance Committee are working on establishing a payment plan to minimize the impact on our cash flow.

If you would wish to help in offsetting the impact on Riverton's cash flow by making a donation over and above your normal giving it would be of great benefit. Please identify any donation to this effort by marking your envelope and or your check with "HVAC Maintenance".

In His Love,

Fred Boyer Trustee Chairman

Post Script

11/6/14

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 3:30 PM Girls Scouts 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	2 9:00AM UMM Breakfast 10:00 AM WARM Ministry 10:30 AM Prayer Team 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 6:00 PM RCS School Board Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team	3 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	4	5 6:00 PM <i>HEART OF CHRISTMAS FULL DRESS REHEARSAL</i>	6 7:00 PM <i>HEART OF CHRISTMAS DRAMA</i>
7 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10:00 AM <i>Worship - 2nd Sun. of Advent, PEACE</i> 3:00 PM DISTRICT CONFERENCE 7:00 PM <i>HEART OF CHRISTMAS DRAMA</i>	8 3:30 PM Girls Scouts	9 9:00 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM Strategic Planning Team Meeting	10 RCS Chapel 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:30 PM <i>Wednesday Night - Hanging of the Greens</i>	11 11:00 AM Full Sugar Gang 6:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM SPRC	12 7:00 PM Little Sheep Preschool 2014 Christmas Program	13 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 12:00 PM Girl Scouts
14 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10:00 AM <i>Worship - 3rd Sun. of Advent, JOY</i> 11:45 AM Youth Leader Meeting	15 3:30 PM Girls Scouts	16 9:00 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team	17 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:30 PM <i>Caroling with the Church family</i>	18 P3 Christmas Program RCS Christmas Celebration	19 RCS Faculty Christmas Luncheon RCS Jesus' Birthday Party 1/2 Day of School	20
21 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10:00 AM <i>Worship - 4th Sun. of Advent, LOVE</i> 11:45 AM Mission Group Meeting	22 RCS Christmas Vacation 3:30 PM Girls Scouts 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM UM Men Supper/Bible Study	23 RCS Christmas Vacation 9:00 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 7:00 PM Praise Team	24 RCS Christmas Vacation 3:00 PM <i>CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY/ CHILDREN'S SERVICE</i> 7:00 PM <i>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE</i>	25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i> RCS Christmas Vacation	26 RCS Christmas Vacation	27 RCS Christmas Vacation
28 RCS Christmas Vacation 8:45 AM <i>Combined Sunday School for Everyone</i> 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10:00 AM Worship Service	29 RCS Christmas Vacation 3:30 PM Girls Scouts	30 RCS Christmas Vacation 9:00 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 7:00 PM Praise Team	31 <i>No Wednesday Night Classes</i> <i>No Wednesday Night Meal</i> <i>No Youth Group</i> RCS Christmas Vacation	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! RCS Christmas Vacation	2 RCS Christmas Vacation	3

Birthdays



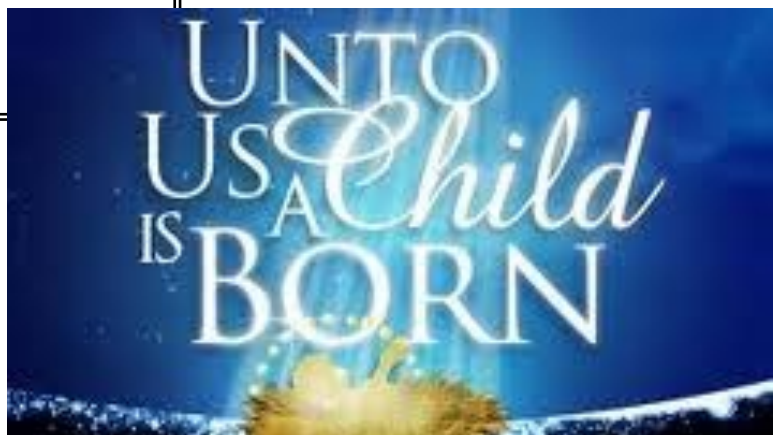
Anniversaries

- 1 Rebecca Schuldt
- 2 Brandon McCray
- 3 Jane Kenney
- 4 Stephanie Sexton
- 5 Cody Clark, Mary Beth Wayland
- 6 Tony Frederick, Rebecca McCray, Susan Smith
- 7 Shyanne Whisner
- 9 Hunter Foster, Brayden Steshoski, Susie Thomas
- 10 Nan Saylor
- 11 Sharon Deavers, Jeff Crump, Rebecca Schuster
- 12 Amy Jo Richards
- 13 Pat Albanese, Cliff Baggarly, Cecil Pullen, Bonnie Stonebreaker, Sarah Williams, Alan Williams
- 14 Joseph Andrews, Jr., Ryan Koch
- 15 Sharon Albanese, Aaron Buracker, Kim Neff
- 17 Lacey Clark, Lindsey Flickinger, Stevie Folger
- 18 Robby Creekmur, Dennis Knupp, Matthew Ritchie, Chuck Rutherford, Natasha Schmidt
- 25 Natty Vazquez
- 26 Ella Mae Harper-Mueller, Brandi Showers
- 27 Cathy Johnson, Jim Kenney, Neil Lilly
- 28 Travis Shell
- 29 Kelsey Baggarly, Nick Flickinger, Debbie Robertson, Lisa Rudacille

- 18 Ricky & Bonnie Kirkland
Carson & Birdie Lauder
- 20 Bill & Debbie Stafford
- 21 Doug & Nancy Chapman
Allen & Pat Derflinger
Bob & Judy Ruffner
- 28 Fred & Natty Vasquez
- 31 Robbie & Joyce Myers

Children's Ministry Answers:

- 1—Gideon
- 2—On the sixth day
- 3—True





***** Filled Baskets due back no later
than Dec. 14***

***** Salvation Army Christmas Tree Angel
Gifts due back no later than Dec. 14***

Sunday Morning December 28th 8:45 – 9:45

SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US FOR SOME AFTER CHRISTMAS FUN
COMPARE STORIES OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT
SHARE SOME COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE

Receive the Riverton Newsletter by Email

The Riverton Newsletter, STREAMS is best viewed electronically.

If you would like to start getting the STREAMS Newsletter via email OR your email has recently changed, please contact the church office by emailing: riverton@rivertonumc.org.

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