

STREAMS



Riverton United Methodist Church

From the Pastor's Desk

Worship is like water. Let me explain. I feel I have to say something about worship, because, well, because the aroma of His glory is still on my clothes and in my nostrils, and on my mind. The Holy residue from yesterday's corporate worship experience is still upon me. A few strands of our music are still ringing in my ears, and the 'brush of Angels wings, and the glory on each face' fill my thoughts.

Worship is like water.

At times its like the water of a swimming pool. Or at least I approach it that way. There are times that I am hot, bothered, tired and stressed. Oh, you too. Well, for me, at least during the summer, these times called for a dip in the pool. Just the thought of that refreshing water eased my stress. After quickly putting off my work clothes and putting on my suit, I grabbed a drink, (usually coffee) and headed to the patio. Then I would proceed to EASE my way in. First sit on the edge, sip my coffee, get my feet, knees, legs wet. Already, the cool water was doing its magic. I would slip in up to my waist, then walk around and slowly inch by inch get deeper. Eventually, I would be totally submerged into it and could feel my woes and cares and distractions oozing out into the cool water. Total immersion, total peace....

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SIDENOTE: Did you ever notice there are two kinds of people in the world. Those who step into the pool and work their way in and those who just jump right in without even feeling the water first.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 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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Many times, worship is that same experience for me. When I am overwhelmed with stuff of the world; when I am hot and bothered about something or someone and when I'm tired or worn out, looking forward to spending time with my sisters and brothers in worship lifts my spirits some. And as I try to 'put-off' the coverings of this world and put on Christ, I am very aware that, together, immersed in His presence, I will be revived. God restores my soul. But just like the cool pool water, I have to ease my way in. I have to start slow and allow the Holy Spirit to consume me a few inches at a time. First a prayer or two, a hug from a friend, a smile and an Amen. Then some music, and lyrics that are familiar, that draw me in and remind me I am loved and God is good. Maybe a chorus or two that allows me to celebrate His mighty acts of salvation, restoration, healing or comfort in my life. Inch by inch, moment by moment, the Holy Spirit is calling me deeper. By now my soul is being refreshed and my spirit and the Spirit of Christ in me are in communion. I have forgotten the trivial cares I carried in with me and I feel completely immersed in the Holy presence of the Almighty God. There, I find peace.

In both cases, both in the pool and in church, when I am rushed or when I am pushed in before I am ready, so much of the joy and peace that *could have been* is robbed from me and I never really have a chance to let go of every burden. Sometimes, worship is like water.....

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you today.

See ya Sunday,

Pastor Marc

New Sermon Series for October

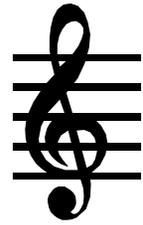
- October 5th - Worship; Why we do it
- October 12th - Worship; How we do it—Together
- October 17th - Worship; How we do it—Alone
- October 24th - Worship; Let's do it



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Worship & Welcoming



Last night I drove to Dulles airport to pick up my lovely wife as she was flying in from being out of town on business. It turns out that Deb landed 2 hours before I was able to pick her up. To pass the time she decided to sit in the gate area of the terminal in which all of the international flights were arriving so she should could engage in that great form of entertainment... people watching!! When I arrived at the airport, I met Deb in the gate area and as we exchanged welcome home greetings she asked if we could stay there just a little while longer. She then pointed out a gentleman whom she had been observing for a while. This young man was standing in front of the arrival door holding two helium filled balloons that had the words "I love you" printed on them. Obviously waiting for the arrival of the woman he loved, we watched as this man's hope, anticipation and excitement quickly turned into heartbreak and disappointment as his beloved one .was not among those who came through the arrival door. As he stood in disbelief, Deb shared with me that this had already happened to this guy a couple of other times earlier in the evening.

When I woke up this morning, I couldn't stop thinking about this scene from the airport and a spiritual parallel. It was clear that the man in the terminal gate was waiting for the opportunity to greet and express his love for the woman that he dearly loved and was excited about the chance to spend time with her. The same is true concerning our Heavenly Father's desire to be in relationship with all of mankind. Instead of helium filled balloons, our Father has written His "I love you" message to us in the Holy Spirit filled Word of God, the Bible. In it we read how God proved His love for us by reconciling our relationship with Him through the giving and sacrificing of His only Son (John 3:16). Having already done everything on His end, God waits outside the arrival door of our lives with excitement and anticipation for the opportunity to express His love for us, not just once, but on a daily basis as He longs to spend time with us. We open the gates of our lives and hearts to Him through times of prayer and worship, not just corporately, but through personal private times together with Him. We have the opportunity to daily respond to The Creator of all the universe, who so wants to be with us, He wrote these words... ***"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."* Revelation 3:20**



Chip Crawford
COME Ministries Lead

Financial Update



This Brick's for YOU!

This image should be a familiar one. Perhaps its on your refrigerator right now, or nearby. Many of us experienced it and hopefully many more have heard about it since the Lord first introduced this idea to us in Worship.

It represents the foundation of our church, both physically and spiritually.

It represents the maturity and integrity of our faith.

It represents the desires of our hearts and

It represents the commitment we have made to serve the Kingdom of God in this Body, at this time.

It represents the reality of our future together, by your
 promised giving we can plan our ministries with assurance and confidence.

\$200 per month from 200 Adults for 200 Days



Get Your Bricks Today!

Grow Ministries

(Training and Transformation)

...*"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

Classes for Everyone—Come Join Us!

There are several ongoing classes and classes about to begin on both Sundays and Wednesdays at Riverton. Studying together is one of the ways we grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus and *learn to love the Lord our God with all your Mind*. It's also a great way to get to know others in our Riverton family whom you might now normally meet by just coming to church. Come out on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening and be together and you will be blessed by the support you find as you grow and become equipped to share your faith with others.

Riverton's Surge 120

Youth Group

Surge 120 for the Youth grades 6-12 meet every Wednesday from 6:15 to 8. Surge 120 combines fun with the study of God's word to prepare youth to meet the challenges they face and be equipped to share their faith.

Wednesday Evening Class for Women, 6:30

Calm My Anxious Heart: A Woman's Guide to Finding Contentment
Facilitated by Sherry Williams

Even though we want to be content and trust God, we can still feel overwhelmed by worry. Filled with encouragement and practical help for overcoming anxiety, this 12-session Bible study for women explains what God says about contentment and offers ways to apply it to daily life.

Wednesday Evening Children's Program

Children ages 4-11 meet from 6:30 to 8 for fun and to Grow in their relationship with Jesus.

In the month of October the children will be learning about God's Goodness leading up to a Harvest Party on October 29th!

Please bring your children and invite your friends. There's something for the whole family on Wednesdays at Riverton!

Wednesday Evening Class on Prayer, 6:30

Encounter: A Blueprint for the House of Prayer
Facilitated by Cecil Pullen

Finally there is a study that will teach and model effective prayer. Prayer assignments, discussion questions and 10 different prayer models make this write-in workbook a one-of-a-kind resource. The Encounter is great for Sunday school, small group discussion or personal study. The sessions are designed for easy lesson preparation.

Don't forget that Life Group sign-ups are on-going. There is always room for you to join a group and connect.

Sundays in October

Personal Prayer: We will wind up our class on Sunday the 12th. We have been learning how to pray the Psalms with David.

Overview of the Bible: Facilitated by Trish Anderson. On October 19th, we will begin in the Old Testament. We will look at the major themes and the different types of writing genres we find in the Bible, look at the authors, and stop to look at the major stories along the way through the New Testament.

Colossians Facilitated by Larry Moore. This is a verse by verse look through Colossians.

Sunday classes begin at 8:45, including classes for the Children and Youth.

Trish Anderson

GROW Ministries Lead

Surge 120

Riverton Youth

October, 2014

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

Coming Up...

October 5

YES Sunday –Pick a Youth to encourage and pray for this school year.

October 8

1st deposit for \$30 due for ATF

October 12

Leadership meeting – 11:45-1:15

October 29

Hallelujah Party

Youth Opportunities

Wednesday night Youth 6:15-8:15

Youth Sunday School

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

ATF 'Acquire the Fire'

Come join us January 30-31, 2015 at the Richmond  Acquire the Fire. If you get your deposit of \$30 in by October 8 you can go for \$100. It includes 3 meals, transportation, hotel and ticket. If you miss the October 8 deadline the price increases to \$110 and after November 19 it increases to \$120. Make your checks out to RUMC Youth. You can give it to Ella Mae Harper-Mueller or turn it in to the church office.

Riverton's Children

Children's Ministry Events

What a fun time we are having in Children's Ministry! From games to Bible stories, our children are growing as Christians and learning how to live the Christian life. Our program is for ages 0-11. On Sunday mornings, children begin their week with Sunday School at 8:45 am and Children's Worship at 10:00 am. Our children share in opening worship with the congregation and enjoy a children's sermon before moving to the Bible story and activity time. On Wednesday evenings at 6:30-8:00 pm, our children enjoy the fun and fellowship of our children's group. Nursery is provided for children 0-2 for all the events.

Serving in Children's ministry is one of the most rewarding and important ministries of our church. We have an amazing opportunity to share the Christian life and gospel with them. If you love working with children and would like to enjoy making the Christian life a wonderful experience for our children, please fill out the volunteer inquiry form and return it the church office.

Yes, I would love to participate in children's ministry.

I my gifts/interests are: (please circle all that apply)

Games/sports	Story telling
Party planning	Event coordinator
Lesson preparation	Substitute teacher
Group assistant	Nursery Care giver
Sunday School Teacher	Arts and crafts

Name: _____ Cell: _____

I am available:

Sunday Mornings

Wednesday Evenings

Sundays and Wednesdays

First Aid/CPR Training for Children's Ministry Volunteers!

October 12, 2014 from 1:00 - 4:00pm

All children's ministry volunteers need to have First Aid/CPR training.

Riverton's Children

Riverfront Christian School Events

Fundraising Captains:

We need parent team captains for our fundraiser this year. Parent volunteers may work in co-captain positions. We need about 10 parents to help as captains. If you are able to help, please let Miss Martin or Mrs. Reiling know. 540-635-8202

After School Activities:

Miss Martin is in the process of developing an after-school activity program for our students that are in the aftercare program. If you are interesting in volunteering for an hour to provide a fun activity, please contact Miss Martin. We are looking for outdoor activities, club activities, art activities, or just fun and game activities. We want our after-school time to be fun and enjoyable for our students. Let us know if you can volunteer.

October 2 Parent's Day 6:00-7:00 pm:

Parents will come and meet the teacher and receive a progress report for their children. At 7:00 pm we will hold a Parent-Teacher Fellowship Meeting to share information on MySchoolworx and to share the fundraising information on the Pack-A-Thon. Parents, please come to this night. This will be a great way to get to know your school community and to keep in the loop as to what is happening within our school community.

October 8 Chapel Service 9:00 am:

Come and Worship with us. Pastor Jim Simmons is our quest Pastor.

October 11:

Festival of Leaves: We are looking for a parade coordinator. If you can help us with procuring the float and decorations, please let Miss Martin know. We are also looking for families that will be willing to help at the Riverfront Booth.

October 13 Reminder:

No School- Columbus Day

October 16 and 17 Teacher Training Event:

Students will not have school these days.

Riverton's Children

Little Sheep Preschool

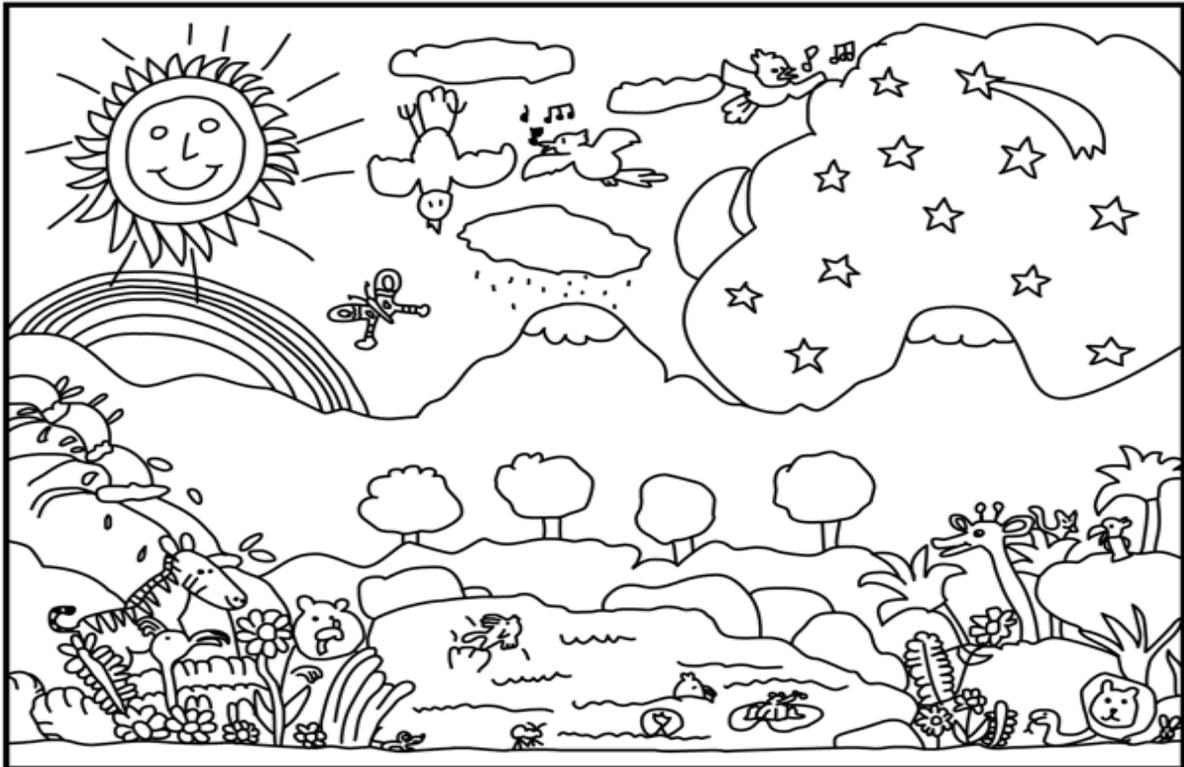
During our first month, Little Sheep Preschool students have learned about God's six days of creation and how He rested on the seventh day. Was He tired? Oh no! God was happy with all He had made and said, "This is VERY good!"

To celebrate God, we visited Wilson's Wild Animal Park on September 29 and 30 to see some of the animals Adam named.

Enjoy coloring this page!

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-18



October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	2 Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Men's 8:30 AM RCS Parent's Day 6:30 PM SPRC	3 Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Men's 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	4 Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Men's 1:00 PM Wedding
5 Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Men's 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary YES Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Trustees Meeting	6 3:30 PM Girls Scouts 6:00 PM Private Booking	7 9:00 AM UM Men's 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	8 RCS Chapel 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	9 Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Women's 6:00 PM Food Pantry	10 Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Women's 3:00 PM Pack-a-thon Kick-off	11 Festival of the Leaves Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Women's 1:00 PM WEDDING 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
12 Offsite - Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Walk: Women's 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Youth Leader Meeting 1:00 PM CPR/1st Aid Training	13 Columbus Day - No RCS School 11:00 AM Memorial Service 7:00 PM Church Council	14 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	15 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	16 8:30 AM RCS Teacher Training Day 11:00 AM Full Sugar Gang	17 Private Booking 8:30 AM RC Teacher Training Day	18 2:00 PM Private Booking
19 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Mission Group Meeting 12:00 PM Hospitality Team Training	20 8:30 AM District Clergy 3:30 PM Girls Scouts	21 9:00 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM WARM Ministry 7:00 PM RIVERTON CHARGE CONFERENCE	22 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes	23 RC P3 Race for Education 6:00 PM Food Pantry	24 RC K4-12 Race for Education	25 10:00 AM Alcolyte Training 10:00 AM CPR/First Aid Training
26 8:45 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Prayer 10:00 AM Children's Worship In Sanctuary 10:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM NIGHT OF WORSHIP	27 3:30 PM Girls Scouts 6:00 PM UM Men Supper/Bible Study	28 9:00 AM UM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM WARM Ministry 5:30 PM Trinity's Branches 7:00 PM Praise Team	29 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:15 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Classes * Harvest Party for Youth & Children	30 RC P3 Noah's Ark Parade	31 K4 Noah's Ark Parade	1

Birthdays



- 1 Julie Shiflett, James Davis, Jonathan Roof, Collin Painter, Jimmy Andrews, Hope Cook
- 2 Neville Derflinger, Jr., Elizabeth Proper, Wendell Davis, Neda Duncan, Bryan Helmick
- 3 Dana Moore
- 4 Wanda Hines, Fitz Dunivan
- 5 Valerie O'Neil, Christian Madden
- 6 Dana Fogle, Samantha Silke-Bare, Jennifer Vickers
- 7 John McKenzie, Jr., Killian Swann
- 8 Patti Jennings, Joan Potter, Becca Wheeler, Isabel Wright
- 9 Rita Rutledge, Cynthia Frederick, Sadie Clatterbuck, Trae Smith
- 10 Christopher Noreen, James Walters, James Proper, Amanda Kresge
- 11 Jeannine Gordon
- 12 Diana Scoggin
- 13 Linda Derflinger, Nathaniel Roof, Charles Brown
- 14 Kahle Magalis, Wanda Darr, Chrisann Mishler, CJ Lindsay Jr.
- 15 Marty Roof, Kara Schmidt, Allison Santmeyers
- 16 Sarah Kerns, Ashly Sexton
- 17 John Magnotti III, Sherri Smedley, Cameron Spieles
- 18 Jeff Snider, Phil Charles, Maybelle Henson, Sarah Lawson, Terry Graves, Don Eldred Jr, Andrea Pederson, Daniel Perry
- 19 Robert Cairns, Gordon Anderson, Ryan Proko
- 20 Derek Frederick, Dillon Sisk
- 21 Troy Robinson, Glenn Booth
- 23 Neville Derflinger Sr, Sharon Walters, Delmas Dotson
- 24 Tammie Painter, Bradley Kresge V
- 25 Zac Cox, Eric Anderson, Nick Wheeler, Kaitlyn Rodman
- 26 Randall Schuldt, Beth Smith

- 27 Sue Sealock, Judy Harness, Sabrina Mullins, Robert Creekmur III
- 28 Jessica Pinker, Al Atwood
- 29 Thomas Wayland III, Ruth Clatterbuck, Nikki Roof, Brandon Mullins
- 30 Alexandra Wahl, Stacey Whited
- 31 Raymond Fogle, RJ Myers



Anniversaries

- 1 Joe & Rusty Soboleski; David & Gina VanDoren
- 2 Troy & Andrea Bunch
- 6 Rod & Susan Madden
- 8 Mark & Jenna Cook; Charles & Erin Brogan
- 9 John & Paula Owens
- 12 Even & Becky Cox
- 13 Allen & Annie welsh
- 14 Dave & Deana Goss
- 19 Donnie & Susie Poe
- 22 Kevin & Carrie Flickinger
- 23 Dick & Pat Bigler
- 27 Pat & Diane Lund
- 28 Eric & Trish Anderson

THANK YOU ALL !

I had such a wonderful time at the Ladies Tea last month and wanted to give an official big hug and thanks to Susie, Barbara, Deb and all the Ladies for honoring me so. And Chip too. I hope we can all get together again.

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Wednesday Evenings @ Riverton

Delicious Dinner at 5:30

Classes & Fun for the Whole Family

Nursery Provided

**K through 5th - Youth Group Activities,
Adult Classes including Class on Prayer,**

Women's Classes, Bible Studies

Classes begin after Dinner

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