

STREAMS

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY FOR ETERNITY

Riverton United Methodist Church

April 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Name of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Follow Christ, Follow Up, & Follow Through! Our themes for the season.

First and foremost, you and I are followers. We are called and saved to become followers of Jesus Christ. He is our Lord, our Savior and the Head of the Church. Riverton is Jesus' church. To be fully vital and transformational, we must follow the direction and submit to the authority of Christ. Because we are all human, the Leadership included, we covet your prayers and support, your wisdom and influence as we are all in this together.

After a record breaking Easter, we are now faced with the Follow up work.

James, the author of the Epistle in his name, encourages us to be doers of the Word (of God) and not just hearers only. Implying what is true today was true in his day as well. That is, that so many of us Christians, we who say we believe God still speaks to us through His word the Bible, are inspired and edified by good preaching, moving music, and thoughtful prayer. However, our weekly worship attendance doesn't translate into active service throughout the week. We talk a good fight but don't live it out. We only pay lip service to Christ and the work of His Kingdom. We listen and enjoy God's word but aren't actively living it out.

I know this is pretty harsh talk, especially after such an awesome and inspiring week of worship and fellowship but this is never an easy topic, so maybe now is the best time to take a good look at our priorities. *How are we walking out our talk?* What are we doing to put feet and hands to our beliefs? What are we doing to Transform our Community for Eternity?

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00am–3:00pm M-TH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Prayer & Quiet Reflection, in Prayer Parlor 9:15am
- Worship Service 10:00am
- Children's Worship (begins in Sanctuary) 10:00am

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Riverton United Methodist Church



To Know Jesus Christ and to Offer Him Freely

COME *worship Jesus*

GROW *in relationship*

GO *serve others*

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Follow up. What's next for you? I have some ideas, but I believe the Lord will give you some ideas as well. I also believe from experience that God will use you where you are. I know there are people who need the hands and heart of Christ in their lives who are in your daily life. Maybe a neighbor, a co-worker, and fellow student or teacher. Maybe in your own family. I don't think God's plan was for everyone to do the same thing, or go to the same place.

The followers of Christ must follow Christ to where He is. Christ seems to always go where He is needed. To the Lost, the least, and the sick. To the rich and young who feel 'self-sufficient' and to the broken and hopeless who feel forgotten and alone. Jesus once said to the 12 followers, His first disciples, "As you have seen me do, you do likewise"! We are to take our cue from Jesus. We don't have to get all "spiritual' and wait around praying every day for God to show us what to do. We need only to see what Christ did and do likewise. I know there are plenty of opportunities for me do follow this example. In fact, every day I run into folks who could use a helping hand, a smile in time, a favor, or some advice.

Sometimes they need to be offered forgiveness or be treated with a little more patience. Some folks just need a break. I know I would like to live in a community that has been transformed by the Grace of God. A community that lives differently than the rest of the world. A community that nurtures and encourages our needy and inspires our youth. A community that pulls together to meet each other's challenges and celebrate each other's victories.

Can I get an AMEN?

WELL...If that is to be who we are as a community, then it must begin with YOU and ME ! It's time to put our talk to work. Its time to

FOLLOW UP!

See ya Sunday,

Pastor Marc

Reverend Marc Roberson

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Music Notes

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever. In Psalm 107 verses 1 – 3 we read, “Let the redeemed of the LORD say so; whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy and gathered out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.”

I trust that you – as the redeemed of the Lord - are thanking Him and rejoicing in Him and that you are being blessed as we worship the King of Kings in song each week.

The Easter season has been such a special time as we have reflected on the price Christ paid for our redemption, and we launch fully into Spring and the coming Summer with excited anticipation of what the Lord has in store for us.

We welcome a new member of our praise band, Marshall Emmert who is playing Bass Guitar. Please introduce yourself to him and his family, he is filling a much needed gap in our music ministry! We continue to look for and invite others who have musical ability – both singers and instrumentalists to join us, as we rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Come and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

In addition to our regular Sunday Morning Worship, be on the lookout for some upcoming events featuring our increasingly famous “Red Tie Men” as well as some special collaborations with the Riverton Children, and special Sunday Night Prayer and Praise events. We are anticipating and expecting Great Things from God as we offer our lives to Him!



Gary and Marsha Foster

Riverton's Children

Little Sheep Preschool April News

TRIKE-A-THON



Our students will be collecting money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital this month. You, too, can donate! The lessons teach the children about bicycle safety during the two weeks preceding the Trike-A-Thons that will be held on

April 21st and 22nd. Snow cups will also be sold for \$1.00 to increase these most needed funds. Bikes, trikes and other wheels will be brought in by the children to have fun and celebrate. In our eleven years of participation, we have been able to raise \$18,046.82. We thank our parents and praise the Lord for every penny that helps find a cure for the dreaded disease of cancers, especially in children.

Call the school office at 540-635-8202 for more information. Don't delay! There are young lives depending on us!

Open enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is currently taking place for grades P3, K4 and Kindergarten.

Call for a tour today!

Our Word of the Month is **Joyful**.

Ephesians 4:32 tells us to "be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Christ has forgiven you."

Riverton's Children

Children's Ministry - What's Happening in April!

Kids, come join us as we continue our study of **In The Garden – The Beginning**, during *Children's Worship on Sunday mornings*. Discover what happened next after God created the Heavens and the earth. You don't want to miss the exciting lessons, games, music and crafts your teachers have for you. **Break- Out** (Tweens) join Ms. Trish on Sundays in your newly designed Break-Out room

Bible Time Kids Club continues *each Wednesday night*. Kids come each time and earn your "Faith Bucks" to be used at the **Bible Time Store**. The store will be opened Wednesday, April 6th for you to cash in your bucks for fun "stuff" and candy!! Continue to learn your Books of the Bible and memory verses, participate and be good listeners, and just show up to earn your Bucks.

Parents, Grandparents, and all those who want to know more or be a part of the Children's ministry. Join us on *Sunday, April 10th* at 11:45 as we share the vision of the Children's Ministry and areas where you can take part. Looking for teachers and assistants for Sundays and Wed. nights, check –in workers and new parent greeters, special event coordinators and helpers and much more! Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn more about Children's Ministry and how we can impact our children to impact the next generation for Christ.

VBS – God's Amazing Love June 20th – 25th

Come join us at the **Surf Shack** nightly as we discover together how much God loves us. And then Celebrate and Share His Love at the **Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday the 25th!**

Kim Beard

Children's Ministry Director

Riverton's Children

Children's Ministry

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

Children's Worship Nursery/pre-school (infant – 4yr)

Sunday mornings in the Nursery room, during morning service.

Children's Worship Big Kidz (5yrs. – 3rd. grade)

Sunday Mornings in the Downstairs Worship room, during Sunday morning service.

Breakout (tweens 4th – 6th grade)

Sunday Mornings downstairs in the new room – across from youth room, during Sunday am service.

Bible Time Kidz Club (5 yrs. to 5th grade)

Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

See you there!!!

Kim Beard

Children's Ministry Director

RIVERTON'S SURGE 120 YOUTH

Youth Information

- Sunday School, 8:45—9:45am in rooms 117 & 119.
- Youth, Wednesday nights, 6:15—8:15pm, In rooms 117 & 119.
- Check us out on facebook, www.facebook.com/surge120
- For more in-depth information contact Ella Mae Harper-Mueller at emhm72@hotmail.com

Guidelines for Youth

We want Riverton Youth Group to be a place where youth feel safe emotionally and physically. A place where they can be heard and prayed for. That's why a guideline we have is that Youth speak one at a time without interruption as a sign of respect to each other.

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4: 12.

Coming Up...

Adding Kindergarten. Enroll Now!

Accepting Applications for
Preschool and Kindergarten
Teachers

Call 540-635-8202



Join us on Sunday, April
24 at 6:00 for an
unforgettable night of
Prayer & Praise!

Worship **Him**
with a thankful heart

Community Table

When:

April 14

Where:

Front Royal
Presbyterian Church

Menu:

BBQ pork sandwiches,
baked beans, coleslaw, and
dessert



April at Riverton ...

- April 1** Youth Retreat at Camp Pinnacle
- April 2** Youth Retreat at Camp Pinnacle
- April 3** Youth & Adult Classes; **Worship Together!** 
Trustees Meeting; Youth Retreat Concludes
- April 5** UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry; Prayer Team Meeting
- April 6** Noon Bible Study w/ Pastor Marc, Youth Group, Wed. Night Dinner, Wed. Night Classes
- April 7** Praise Team Practice
- April 9** Pancake Breakfast
- April 10** Youth & Adult Classes; **Worship Together!** 
 Children's Ministry Parent Meeting; SPRC Mtg.
- April 11** Administrative Board Meeting
- April 12** UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry; Strategic Planning Meeting,
- April 13** Noon Bible Study w/ Pastor Marc, Youth Group, Wed. Night Dinner, Wed. Night Classes
- April 14** **LSP SPRING PICTURE DAY;** Community Table; Praise Team Practice
- April 15** **LSP SPRING PICTURE DAY**

Coming Up ...

April 17 Youth & Adult Classes; Worship Together! 

April 19 UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry;
Ministry Leads Meeting

April 20 Noon Bible Study w/ Pastor Marc, Youth Group,
Wed. Night Dinner, Wed. Night Classes

April 21 LSP TRIKE-A-THON; Full Sugar Gang;
Praise Team Practice

April 22 LSP TRIKE-A-THON

April 24 Youth & Adult Classes; Worship Together! 



Prayer & Praise Service

April 25 UM Men Supper/Bible Study

April 26 UM Men's Breakfast; WARM Ministry; Finance Mtg.

April 27 Noon Bible Study w/ Pastor Marc, Youth Group,
Wed. Night Dinner, Wed. Night Classes

April 28 Praise Team Practice

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT RIVERTON!

DINNER: Dinner is free and is provided from 6:00-6:30, usually pizza & salad or something easy

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR KIDS AT 6:30:

Childcare: We provide childcare for children 4 years old and under, which is upstairs.

Bible Time Kidz Club: The Children's Program, which is for children 5 yrs. old through 5th grade.

Youth Group: For kids in Grades 6-12

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR ADULTS AT 6:30:

At this time we have a couple options to offer:

Young Families Group: This group will be starting a new study in the next couple of weeks, so it would be a good time to see if this is the group for you.

Going Deeper: This is a class that you can come to at any time. They take the Sunday message and study it, going deeper than time allows on a Sunday morning.