

The Riverside Light

June, 2021

“Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”– Acts 2:36

Please mark your calendars:

Sunday, June 6th, after the church service, will be our annual congregational meeting. During this time, we will discuss the budget, nominations to the Ministry Board, retaining a new pastor, and all other church business. We will hold the meeting **inside**, and will follow all social distancing regulations. Please join us as we decide the future of the church! Your input and vote ensure your voice is heard! Can't wait to see you there!

In spring, we can look around at all of the new life beginning. The grass grows green and beautiful flowers bloom. It is a rebirth of nature after the dark and dreariness of the winter. The same way Jesus had a rebirth after three long days of darkness. As Jesus's rebirth signified a new start for those who would become the Christian Church we know today, spring is a rebirth for Riverside Congregational Church! Restrictions are easing and we are moving back toward normalcy after the long, darkness of the pandemic. As we gather together, we must keep the fate of our church on our hearts. This is the time to come back, say hello to old and new friends, gather in worship and fellowship, and breathe new life into our community! The Ministry Team is hard at work working behind the scenes to bring our community back to life. We need your help! Do you want to join the Ministry Team, or maybe organize a fundraiser? How about volunteer to assist one of the Team members in their area? Do you have any ideas to bring life back into the church? We would love to hear them!

What is your talent? Your passion? How can you use your God-given gifts to serve? Maybe just telling others about the wonderful, caring community we have and inviting them to join us for a Sunday service is where you can help. We would love to regrow our church as we have done in the past, and for that, we need you! Please reach out to us at riversidechurch.ucc@gmail.com with any questions, ideas, or just to say hello!

Your Ministry Team

Goings On:

~Offering envelopes are still in the narthex, so if you haven't done so, please grab yours when you come for worship.

~Our new website is up and running! You can donate online and get information the Cobweb and Lighthouse Shops. The weekly service materials will be posted on Saturdays, so you can follow along on Facebook. This newsletter will be posted as well. If you have any announcements or information to share, you can click on "Get Involved" and send us a message. An events calendar has been added along with Sunday service information. Go to <https://rcc-ucc.com/> and check us out!

~Due to access issues, we had to create a new Facebook page. Beginning on Sunday, May 2nd, we will be going live from this page. You can find the new page at: <https://www.facebook.com/riversidecongregational/>.

~If you need to contact us about the website, the Facebook page, or the newsletter, please email us at riversidechurch.ucc@gmail.com. For church business, you can still use the rcc-office@cox.net.

~The Cobweb has been doing amazingly well and has been selling out. They are in need of donations: women's clothing (for the season), bath towels, face cloths, etc. Please **no furniture or VHS tapes!** You can drop your donations outside in the donation box, or bring them with you when you come to church. We greatly appreciate your support! Please stop by when you have a chance to see the beautiful rebirth that has happened there as well. We are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays and the second Saturday of every month, from 9-12!

~June 7th, the first Monday, there will be a blood drive at St. Brendan's Church, in honor of Tyler Ballou. Please come by and donate between 3:30 and 7:30. **You must make an appointment online!** Please use the code: 0553

The Lighthouse Shops:

Please stop by Monday and Tuesday from 9am to 11am and Wednesday through Friday from 9am to 1pm. Our mission continues to support families in our community, so tell your friends!

Contact Information:

If you need to contact us for church-related business, please email us at rcc-office@cox.net, or call us at (401) 433-2039.

Please email us at riversidechurch.ucc@gmail.com for website, Facebook, newsletter, and community information, questions and/or suggestions!