

The Riverside Light

May, 2021

“And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind.” – Ephesians 4:23

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 outside, if weather permits. If inside, we 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!

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ who has chosen to reveal to us that he has RISEN. HE HAS RISEN INDEED! We have chosen to place our faith in that good news and tell others to COME AND SEE COME AND BELIEVE the good news of EASTER. It is so good to be on the other side of Covid 19. I am so grateful and thankful to Sue, Drew, Pat, BettyAnn, Robyn, Doreen, Mandy and others who have stepped up the last few weeks to handle worship on Sundays. You are a super group ready to do whatever and for that I cannot say enough words of gratitude and thanksgiving!

While recuperating, I had to miss Easter this year. Missing Easter is not just about missing a church service, but about missing a personal experience with the risen Christ. John 20:19-29 tells us a story of a disciple of Christ who missed Easter. Thomas, known to many of us as "doubting Thomas" missed the appearance of Christ after his resurrection; he missed Easter. The appearance of Jesus brought peace to the disciples' troubled hearts. Thomas missed this incredible experience! When you miss Easter – when you don't understand the resurrection – you miss a true encounter with Christ! Thomas needed proof that it was Jesus by seeing his wounds. Jesus met Thomas right where he was – in his unbelief – he provided the proof Thomas needed. Thomas responded with, "MY LORD AND MY GOD."

Spring has sprung! He has risen! Easter has come again! What will the Thomas inside each of us choose to do? Will we share the glory that is MY LORD AND MY GOD with those around us? The choice is ours...

Hope to see you in church!

Sincerely,
Rev. Russ Chamberlain

From Spiritual Ministry:

“Ego says, ‘Once everything falls into place, I’ll feel peace.’ Spirit says, ‘Find your peace, and then everything will fall into place.’” ~Marianne Williamson

From the Moderator:

Hello Congregation!

I hope this note finds everyone well and in good spirits. I am happy to see both the church and The Cobweb open again! I recently suffered an injury, but hope to be back at church soon. Please know if there is something you need, you can let me or anyone on the board know. The Lighthouse Shop is still going strong and The Cobweb is seeing great success since its renovation. Feel free to stop by and check both shops out, we would love to see you! Welcome back and let's have a great year!

BettyAnn Perry

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. 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/>.

~The Cobweb

~The church office will be open as of May 4th. You can reach us at 401-433-2039.

~Spring Cleanup: Please feel free to donate any time to spruce up the outside of the church. Come when it is convenient for you and help however you can. All support is welcome and greatly appreciated!

~If you would like to organize a fundraiser, please email us. All ideas are welcome!

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!

~ The Cobweb team would like to thank Charlene Mueller for providing our patrons with much needed handheld shopping baskets. They have made a big difference!



**“The Cobweb”
Hours
Wednesdays,
Thursdays, &
and every 2nd Saturday
of the month.**

9am - 12 noon

New merchandise weekly!

***Covid 19 restrictions.**

***Masks are required
as well as hand sanitizing.**

Please practice social distancing.

- ***Cindy, Pauline, & the Cobweb volunteers.***

Contact Information:

If you need to contact us, please email us at rcc-office@cox.net, or call us at (401) 433-2039, beginning May 4th.

Please email us at rcc-office@cox.net with any news you would like included in the newsletter.