

River Road Presbyterian Church

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The Witness
April 1, 2018

Please join us for RRPC's *First Annual Service Week* - April 28 to May 5!

This year, the Mission and Service Ministry welcome you to participate in a week long effort to do good things in our community! We would love to have 100% participation from church members!

1. Rebuilding Together Construction Day - Saturday, April 28

Do you like light to moderate home construction work? If so, join us! RRPC is partnering with *Rebuilding Together- Richmond*, for the third consecutive year. We will be working on a northside home that needs repairs.

To sign up and/or receive more information, please contact Scott Duff at 804-405-4518 or jsdiii@comcast.net.

2. Make bagged lunches for CARITAS - April 28, 30, and May 2, 4

Bagged lunches need to made in the church kitchen and delivered to the CARITAS facility. Supplies will be waiting in the church kitchen; we need you to assemble and deliver!

For more information and/or to sign up, please call or email Lesley Glotzl at 804-357-4917 or lesley@glotzl.com. To sign up online, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054fada62ea31-caritas12>.

3. Housewares Drive for CARITAS, deliver to tables in the Narthex all week - April 28 to May 5

Each item you donate to the CARITAS Furniture Bank goes directly toward furnishing the new homes of nearly 1,000 families each year. These items allow families to eat together around the table. They mean that a child no longer has to sleep on the floor. Lives are transformed and dignity is restored.

Please donate new or gently used (these items only please!):

- bed sheets and blankets (twin and twin XL needed most)
- bath towels and washcloths
- baking dishes and pots/pans
- cutlery and sets of flatware
- drinking glasses
- crock pots, coffee makers, blenders, and mixers
- new mops, brooms, dust pans, and buckets
- new cleaning products: sponges, dish soap, window cleaner, paper towels, Lysol wipes

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4. Make casseroles or desserts for a CARITAS supper - May 3, 4

The CARITAS housing model is changing, and the homeless guests we have housed in the past will now be staying in a new facility in the south side of the city. We have been asked to cook and serve a supper for 200 people where they are located. Recipes have been chosen; we need you to make a dish at home and deliver to the church kitchen fridge on May 3 or 4.

To sign up and receive the recipes, please call or email Lesley Glotzl at 804-357-4917 or lesley@glotzl.com. To sign up online, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054fada62ea31-provide>.

5. Serve dinner for 200 guests at CARITAS facility - Saturday May 5

Please help us serve the casseroles and desserts to the hungry guests at the CARITAS facility. We will caravan from RRPC at 3:15 p.m. with all of the premade casseroles and desserts in tow. We will leave by 6:00 p.m. It will be a lot of fun!

To sign up to serve, please call or email Lesley Glotzl at 804-357-4917 or lesley@glotzl.com. To sign up online to serve, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054fada62ea31-serve>.

I Served!

Thank You Notes

We wish to thank the members and staff of RRPC for their prayers, support, and many acts of kindness throughout and following Ballard's illness. Your help and generous spirit were greatly appreciated.

Betty Parker,

Jenny Everett, and Kate Jonas

We would like to thank the congregation for their thoughts, prayers, and cards upon the passing of Sandy's sister recently.

Bill and Sandy Osborne

Lectionary

April 1 - Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 8-Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 15-Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

April 22-Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

April 29-Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Fox - Ould Scholarship

Attention All Students

Apply Now!



Applications Accepted Through May 1

The Fox-Ould Scholarship will be awarded based on the applicant's demonstration of Christian commitment and academic record and is available to anyone furthering formal education beyond high school. Whether you are a rising freshman or a first year grad student, consider submitting an application. You may download the application from the Youth Ministry area of our website. Applications should be returned to the Church office by May 1.

Pathways Sunday School (Kindergarten - Fifth Grade)

All elementary aged children begin in Hillside Theater each Sunday for music by our M4K music staff. A Storyteller shares the Bible story (or stories) for the day to the whole group. Following the story, the children break into age groups to participate in activities designed to allow them to interact with the Bible story in creative ways. These activities may include crafts, worksheets, videos, technology, cooking, and more!

April 1 - Resurrection (Thing #64); Jane Sewell, Storyteller



April 8 - The Conversion of Paul (Thing #77); Jane Sewell, Storyteller

April 15 - Acts (Thing #45); Storyteller needed

April 22 - Journey and Letters of Paul (Thing #78); Jane Sewell, Storyteller



April 29 - The Apostles' Creed (Thing #91); Storyteller needed

Extended Session

This year the Extended Session time will do a survey of the Bible using the Spark Story Bible. This engaging Bible for children will be used along with a simple craft and/or some coloring pages and worksheets. You can follow the schedule in the newsletter or online. Extended Session is geared for K - second graders.



Stories this Month

April 1 - The Empty Tomb

April 22 - Saul to Paul

April 8 - The Road to Emmaus

April 29 - Fruit of the Spirit

April 15 - Doubting Thomas

Mark your calendars for RRPC's Spring Golf Outing on May 21, 1:00 p.m. start. The Captain's choice tournament will be held at Providence Golf Club with prizes, dinner, range balls, and a ton of fun included in your \$56.25 registration fee. Call your friends, bring your sons/daughters, and join us for a day of fellowship and bonding. Confirm your participation with a reply to Bill Osborne at bosbo1@aol.com or 784-0124 or Carroll Londoner at clondoner@verizon.net or 740-0731.



People of the Book

You are invited to a year-long Bible Book Club!
Please join us on this faith journey.

Presbyterians are People of the Book, so let's read it together! The Christian Education Ministry Team invites you to read and study the Bible this year - at your convenience. People of the Book presents an opportunity to read the Bible on your own time using your preferred device/method and with the guidance of a Bible study

leader. No calendar check necessary - you can plug in at any time by visiting rrpcusa.org and clicking on the link, *People of the Book*. Dr. Roberts is leading us through Genesis. Join us!



Session Actions

At the Stated Meeting on March 25, Session took the following actions:

- Adopted and endorsed a *Vision for River Road Presbyterian Church: River Road Presbyterian Church will be a vibrant, diverse, Christ-centered congregation known for hospitality, worship, Christian education, and mission*. The complete Vision will be publicized to the Church family through multiple sources.
- Approved funds to refinish the Rosewood table in the entry.
- Approved funding for a planned Christmas program, *Carols and Keyboards*.
- Approved the purchase of new microphones for use by the pastors in the 9:00 a.m. service.
- Approved funding for a drainage system in specified interior areas of the main building to assist with humidity control.
- Appointed Ronald Drumheller and Donya Ransom as Columbarium Fund trustees, effective immediately. Session acknowledged with gratitude the recently completed service of Beverly McGhee and Frank Fritz in this role.
- Approved Cokesbury's *Rolling River Rampage* program as curriculum for the RRPC 2018 Vacation Bible School to be held June 25 – 29, 9:00am – Noon.
- Approved use of funds from the Corky Clarke Playground Fund to replace the interior fencing on the playground.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Discipleship

(formerly Faith and Family)

This class is open for all adults. What does it mean to be a Disciple? What should I know...what should I do? This class meets in the Parlor in the main building.

God in Action

This class explores how the Bible is relevant in all aspects of our lives using a rotation schedule and meets in Kemp Hall. Upcoming topics include:

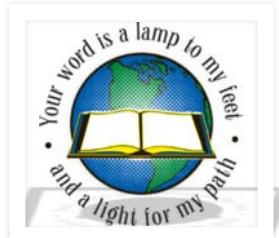
April 1 - Jenn Cornell leads Praying the News.

April 8 - Linda Thomas continues the History of the Christian Church.

April 15 - Jim Ring teaches Knowing God, a topical Bible Study of the Old and New Testament.

April 22 - Mary Stefanik leads the discussion on sleep, rest, and what God has to say about Sabbath.

April 29 - Fellowship time!



Martin B. Williams

This class studies the Bible using the Present Word, a curriculum based on the Uniform Lesson Series and meets in room 01. Upcoming lessons include:

April 1 - He Has Risen, Luke 24:1-12,30-35; Floyd Cotton, teacher

April 8 - The Risen Lord Appears, John 21:1-14; Andrew Sanders, teacher

April 15 - Follow Me, John 21:15-25; Pat Ellison, teacher

April 22 - The Lord God the Almighty, Revelation 4:1-6,8-11; Bill Osborne, teacher

April 29 - Blessings, Glory, Honor, Forever, Revelation 5:6-14; Tim Ailsworth, teacher



Art in the Halls

Joys and Concerns

Deacons have been assigned on a rotating basis to contact people on our weekly Joys and Concerns list. These individuals are willing to provide assistance in circumstances where other help might not be available. Please call Susan Hockman in the church office or one of the team members if you have a joy or concern to share.

April- Nancy Gleason

Join Our Church Family

The Session of River Road Presbyterian Church cordially invites anyone who believes in Jesus Christ to become a member of the Church. New members are received typically on the third Sunday of the month. If you are looking for a church home, please contact Susan Hockman at 740-7083 a week prior to the third Sunday to obtain information about the church and joining our church family.

We continue to display art created by members of our congregation on the walls just outside of Saunders Hall. Please make a special effort to stop by!

Our current display is of some lovely floral paintings by Mary Jane Ould.

If you would like to provide a display, please contact Mary Jane Ould. Each display will remain around three months. If you have art that is not able to be displayed on the walls, let us know; we can find a perfect spot.



Join our
Church
Family
this
Easter
Sunday!



SUNDAY
APRIL 1, 2018

Informal Worship
9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:00 AM

Traditional Worship
11:00 AM

The Care of Children

...and Yourself

Adult Education at River Road Presbyterian Church



Please come on **April 15** and **April 22**, to hear Certified Parent Coach, Janet Carter, help us break through common misunderstandings about caring for children that cause us unnecessary stress and anxiety.

Janet asks the question,

What do you feel responsible for as you care for this child?

Bring your questions on **Sunday, April 15 ~ 10:00 a.m.** ~ Saunders Hall

Let's relieve some of the weight of parenting and replace it with joy!
Join us for this Q & A on **Sunday, April 22 ~ 10:00 a.m.** ~ Saunders Hall



"Whatever your role of influence on today's children is, if you ever get the chance to hear Janet Carter, DO NOT pass it up! She is supportive, positive and so informative!" Cindy Lanning, Gloucester, Virginia

"I met Janet through a neighbor and am SO GRATEFUL for her advice and support. She helped me identify ways that I was enabling my kids and she gave me hope." Bernice Sim, Richmond, Virginia

"Janet is a great reminder that parenting is a marathon not a sprint, and staying grounded (even when our children seem to be floating in space!) is the greatest gift we can give our kids." Shannon Busbee, Richmond, Virginia

For more information visit:
CoachJanetCarter.com

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This free event is open for adults of all ages who care for children... and want to also care for themselves. Questions? leighannering@rrpcusa.org



Vacation Bible School

June 25-29

9:00 a.m.—Noon

Ages 3—rising 5th graders

Cost: \$20 first child

\$5 each additional child

Bring a Friend for FREE:

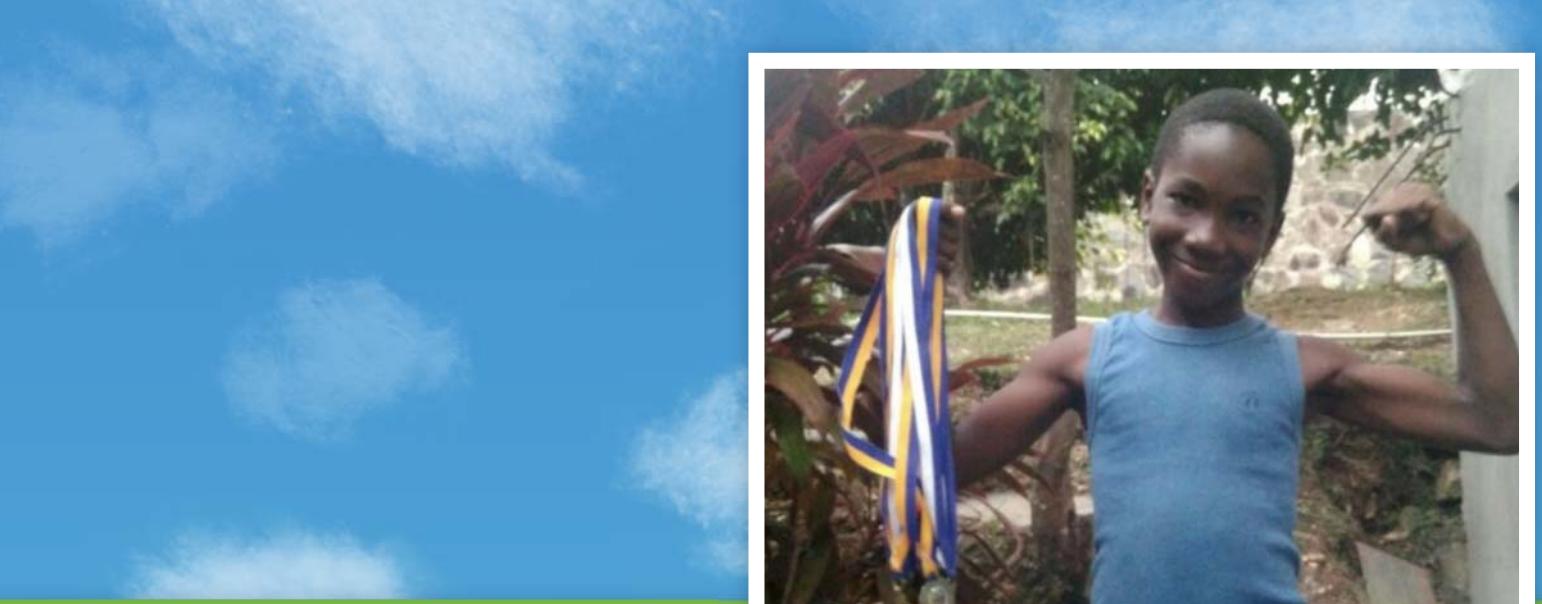
**RRPC members who register will receive a
coupon to invite a friend for FREE!**

Registration is available online: rrpcusa.org

Youth and Adult Volunteers are needed.

**Volunteers can also register online—
or contact the church office.**





More News from Our Mission and Service Ministry

Happy and Healthy in St. Lucia!

About this time last year, 10 year old Kyle Albert was in Richmond having surgery to remove a brain tumor at MCV. He was brought here through the World Pediatric Project and sponsored by RRPC. After his 6-week stay here, he returned home healed and ready to continue his life. He recently won 6 gold medals for distance running at his school. Thanks be to God for his good health!

RRPC will be sponsoring a child with World Pediatric Project this fall rather than in the spring as had been originally planned. We look forward to once again helping with this important mission to bring health and wellness to children who need surgery.

CARITAS Works Update

In December, RRPC donated \$5000 to the CARITAS Works Workforce Development Program. It is a five-week, eight hour a day, job-readiness and skills development program that encompasses character building, career development, and life skills classes. It provides career preparation and job placement services to individuals with major barriers to employment, empowering them to overcome their circumstances and forge pathways to lasting success.

We asked for an update on the group of gentlemen who passed through the program we sponsored and are excited to pass along their progress!

Chris G, Jerry S, and Tony R are peer mentors at The Healing Place (the CARITAS drug recovery facility), and Jerry S is in class for his Peer Recovery Specialist Certification.

Bryant H has completed his CDL training and is now a licensed commercial truck driver.

Kevin B is now a pallet refinisher at PECCO pallet company.

CJ is working in the CARITAS Warehouse while pursuing other opportunities.

To learn more about the CARITAS Works program, please visit <https://www.caritasva.org/programs/works/>.

**Your contributions during stewardship season are what fund the
Mission and Service Ministry budget and make this good work possible!
Thank you!**



Church Officers

Clerk of Session: Linda Thomas

Treasurer: Linwood Cobb

Assistant Treasurer: Sharon Cherry

Assistant Treasurer: Cheryl Duff

Session Class of 2018

Terry Byrne	Pratt Cherry	Jim Cuthbertson
Lee Ann McGhee	Dana Moore	Jim Stewart

Session Class of 2019

Patricia A. Avery	Lee Branch	T. J. Childress
Lesley Glotzl	Curt Manchester	Kristen Raper

Session Class of 2020

Ellen Guinther	Brooke Hearn	Dan Murray
Cory Rayfield	Sherry Scudder	Shel Thomas

Deacons Class of 2018

Kimberly Dawson	Jeff Glotzl	
Kirsten Gregory	Scott Thornhill	

Judy Busch	Tim Evans	
Nancy Gleason	Ken Hitchens	

Cathey Brown	Mike Donavant	
Laura Murray	Melissa Schein	

Prayers Day and Night

Petitioners, RRPC members or non-members may make prayer requests through voice mail by simply calling the church office at 740-7083, ext. 352.



Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

April 16 for May 1

May 15 for June 1

June 18 for July 1

July 16 for August 1

August 14 for September 1

September 14 for October 1

October 16 for November 1

November 13 for December 1

December 12 for January 1, 2019



Nickels for Hunger

Please note the Nickels for Hunger offerings are collected on the last Sunday of each month.

**Be sure to regularly check the
RRPC Church Calendar online at
www.calendarwiz.com/rrpcusa.**

River Road Presbyterian Church

Defining Vision: Reach, Nurture, Send, and Serve

Vision—River Road Presbyterian Church is to be a vibrant congregation spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. As a Christ-Centered Church, firmly grounded in the basic tenets of the Apostles' Creed, we will foster and encourage the spiritual growth of all in their faith journeys.

Mission—To introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him; To deepen the faith of those who know Jesus Christ; and To demonstrate His way of love in service to the world.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor and Head of Staff.....	Dr. Raymond R. Roberts (ext. 301)
Associate Pastor.....	Rev. Andrew Whitehead (ext. 304)
Director of Christian Education.....	Leigh Anne Ring (ext. 306)
Director of Music.....	Landry J. Duvall (ext. 311)
Assistant Director of Music/Organist.....	Marianne P. Crean
Assistant Director of Music.....	Philip S. Tickle
Director of Operations.....	Susan G. Hockman (ext. 300)
Administrative Assistant.....	Brenda Chavis (ext. 302)
Sexton.....	Larry E. Coleman (ext. 308)
High School Youth Intern.....	Morgan E. Brannan
Middle School Youth Intern.....	Caitlin M. Hahn
Childcare Center Director.....	Melanie M. Davis (ext. 319)

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Website: www.rrpcusa.org Concern Mailbox: 740-7083 ext. 352

River Road Presbyterian Childcare Center Telephone: 740-2003

Pastor Emeritus: Dr. Richard L. Sommers

Deacon's Corner

Any member of RRPC unable to attend church who would like communion at home, please contact the church office at 740-7083 or Kirsten Gregory at 282-0772 to make arrangements. If you have a need for meals delivered to you, please contact Susan Hockman in the church office.

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