



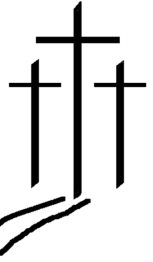
The Community View

Faith Community United Methodist Church
Riverview United Methodist Church

Faith on Jefferson,
Faith on 68, Riverview UMC

July-August-September 2021

Riverview
United Methodist
Church



Growing in Faith . . . Growing in Service . . . Growing in Christ!

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God Continues To Bless Us!

Sunrise Service

Riverview Pie Night



*And Uses Us
For His
Glory
To Bless
Others!*

Pastor Luke Ordination



Easter Egg Hunt Faith 68



WORDS FROM Pastor Luke



Let Prayer Pave the Way

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

I love the summer. I don't know if you have similar feelings? But the pace of life and the activities that make up the summer season have a different kind of energy. One of the things that my family and I like to do in the summer is going for long walks. We will walk on one of the nearby trails at Brady's Run Park or the Patterson Twp. Park just below the parsonage property.



Because of our local topography, a walk in the woods in Western Pennsylvania is not necessarily a "walk in the park." We have hills. Walking on a trail means a lot of going up and down the terrain. This is where, if you are an experienced hiker, it's helpful to carry around a walking stick. That simple tool can do a lot as you make your way through the woods. It will clear out spiderwebs that might cross your path, and a spider web on your walking stick is much better than one in your face! It can clear away overgrown weeds that are blocking your way. And most

importantly, it can help you keep your balance as you scale the trails weaving through the woods; you can lean on it when the ground has you off-kilter. It's a simple tool you can pick up off the ground before you begin walking, but the simplicity of it should not hide the fact that a simple stick can make a world of difference.

But, as you might have guessed, I am not highlighting the practical uses of a walking stick to get you hiking more. Rather, I think that this simple tool for walking is a great metaphor for prayer. Every single one of us is capable of prayer. It is a tool available for any of us to pick up and use. It is a gift that God has given to the Church that our prayers are not just quiet ways for us to sort out our thoughts or private ways to make wishes. Far from it, the Bible makes it clear that prayer is the strongest avenue through which God works.

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (John 14:13-14)

In prayer, we have this basic tool for journeying forward. A tool that Jesus tells us works to accomplish things. It doesn't matter the difficulty of the task, the greatness of the need, or the impossibility of the road ahead. If we pray, we will find God working through those prayers.

John Wesley, in one of his sermons, reflected on the call of God's people to be people of prayer. Wesley thought that in our daily living, prayer should be a regular fixture. And when we are faced with challenges, prayer should especially be there.

"On every occasion of uneasiness we should retire to prayer," says Wesley.

WORDS FROM Pastor Luke Continued

Is that part of your pattern? When you get news that is uneasy, when you feel unsettled in your spirit - what is the first thing that you do? Wesley says it should be prayer. Before you call your friend to vent, before you get more information from the internet, before you go for a cup of coffee or a bag of chips to help you cope - *go to the Lord in prayer.*

Obviously, what I have just said about prayer is applicable to your personal life. You will have rocky roads and unclear paths where prayer will be the walking stick that helps to keep you balanced and invites God to make the path clear.

But there is another level of prayer I want to invite you into and that is for our church. Being a church today has its own set of rocky and uneven challenges. We exist in a culture that is less Christian, less interested in religion, and less valuing of Sunday worship. We could sit around and throw out ideas for how to make church work in this era. We can use a lot of different schemes to help us reach a culture that is indifferent or antagonistic to our beliefs and calling as Christians.

But before running to those ideas and schemes, it seems the best step forward is to take up the simple but reliable tool of prayer. Not just prayer from your pastor or a few key leaders, but prayer as a whole church for our mission and reach as the body of Christ. Praying for the ministry of the church reminds us that we do not “lean on our own understanding.” We cannot scheme our way out of the challenges we face. Rather, through prayer we are inviting God to do what we cannot do on our own.

I believe that the more fervent and faithful we are in praying for God’s help as a church the more we will find that God is the one who can make rough and windy paths into straight ones.

At the end of May, this was my encouragement to you as your pastor. **During our “Vision Sunday” service we had some little stones passed out with the words “deep, rich, and wide” written on them.** The challenge was to take these stones to the places where you feel led to pray, places where you want to see God do the incredible work that only God can do. I hope that some of you have taken them to your home, your neighborhood, your workplace as a reminder to be faithful to pray for those places.



This summer, on Thursdays at noon, I am walking to different parts of our neighborhood and setting these rocks down as I pray for the community, our sister churches, and the institutions - that a reviving work of God might happen here. And, you are welcome to join me.

So let us pray, church! And as we pray, let us see the incredible things that God does.

“Every new victory which a soul gains is the effect of a new prayer!”

-John Wesley

Love In Christ,

Rev. Luke a. Whipple

Prayer Ministry

Ministry Opportunities

Don't just go to church. Be the church.

Summer Prayer Ministry – Thursdays at Noon – Jefferson

This summer, on *Thursdays at noon*, Pastor Luke is walking to different parts of our neighborhood and setting these rocks down as he prays for our churches, the community, our sister churches, and other institutions - that a reviving work of God might happen here. *Please join him.*

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PRAYER

PRAISE

WORSHIP

Jefferson St. Campus
Wednesday August 18 @ 7 PM
A time to pray for our community,
church ministries, and each other!

Our
PRAYER

CHAIN
Needs You!

Be A Prayer Warrior!

Contact Pastor, or Tracy Wilson
 at 724-494-7579 or
tracywilson1103@gmail.com

to make prayer requests or to
 become a part of this
 Prayer Warrior Group right from
 your own home.

Summer Sermon Series



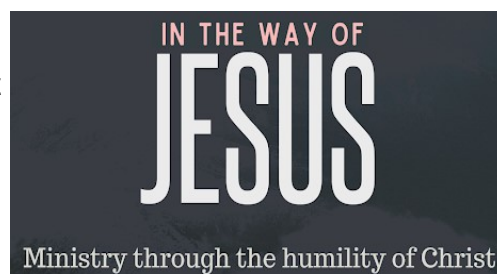
New July Summer Sermon Series | "EPIC"

"Epic" is usually a word we use to describe something that is incredible or awesome. We would describe the "trip of a lifetime" or a larger-than-life moment as epic. The word actually has a specific meaning in literature. An "epic" is a story about a hero whose "life or achievements shape the destiny of a nation or the whole human race." To me, that describes the life of King

David. His story, as told in the books of 1 & 2 Samuel is not just "epic" because he had larger-than-life experiences. The story of David was important and continues to be important because of what God had done through the life of this one man. God not only shaped David's life, but used David's life to shape and prepare God's plans for all of humanity. **That is EPIC!**

New August Sermon Series

As we close out the summer, I wanted to briefly reflect on what *Christ-like* ministry looks like for the Church. That's a big statement. Christ-like ministry has so many facets and necessary pieces. I was, however, thinking of just two places to address for the church. These are places of temptation. Today, in the Church, there are temptations for relevance and for power. Churches that seek relevance and power over grace, humility, and vulnerability are not practicing ministry in the way of Jesus. But as we look to Jesus as the "author and perfecter" we find a way to do ministry that is true to the model our Savior gave us.



Can you be an e-Giver? Yes You Can! It just takes a few clicks on your device!

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinth. 9:7)

The new offering envelopes for 2021 should be in your hands by now. But there's a way you can make your offering to our Faith Community easier. **No more writing checks. No more looking for stamps. No more leaving your envelope behind on the desk or kitchen table when you leave for church.**

You can make it easy on yourself by setting up weekly, monthly, or annual giving electronically through our secure link from our website or even use texting. If you prefer, you can make a single offering each week through the webpage also.

Do you need to make a special offering? Simply designate that in the "memo" line. All you have to do to give your tithes and offerings is visit the link below and click a few times!

<https://www.faithcomumchurch.org/giving>

Never Miss A Church Service!

**Remember- All Sunday Services Can Be Watched On-line, or TV
Depending on Your Device! Just use the Links Below:**



<https://www.facebook.com/Faithonjefferson/videos>

<https://www.facebook.com/FaithOn68/videos/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RiverviewUnitedMC/videos>

Ministry Opportunities

Don't just go to church. Be the church.

September Is Apple Dumpling Day at Riverview in Celebration Of God's Delicious Creations!



Call Riverview 724-843-3620 or Marjean Stephenson 724-843-4091 to place order beginning August 15. Price is \$21 for a tray of 6 including sauce. Indicate whether you wish them baked or unbaked. Individual dumplings are \$4

Orders may be picked up Sept. 11, 18 or 25 between 10:00 and 12:00 (special time by request)

Dumplings will be made Sept 10, 17 & 24 from 8:30 am to 12 pm (noon).



Many hands make light work and great fellowship.
Contact Marjean if you can help.
(additional day may be added.)



"The Open Door Sunday School Class"

Continues to sell Anderson candy bars to cover the cost of the Good Samaritan shoe boxes at Christmas. Candy bars are \$1 & are sold at both Faith campuses. Just take one and place a dollar in the basket. YUM



Help Wanted!
Sunday School
Teachers
For Fall

Church Van Ministry:

Our church has an opportunity to partner with another ministry to lease passenger vans to use for our Sunday services. We are trying to determine need and the availability of volunteers.

If you attend Faith on Jefferson St. or Faith on 68 and could benefit from being given a ride to and from church please contact the office.

Likewise, if you have a driver's license and would be willing to donate your time to drive a van once or twice a month, please contact the office. Email Pastor Luke pastorluke@faithcomumchurch.org

or call 724-775-3447

Sat Aug 21

Rochester School



Back to School Bash
With Haircuts

August 21st at the Rochester School in partnership with the Salvation Army. They have taken over a bulk of the planning.

Room
for





Beaver County Combined Youth Meetings!

Several churches are starting to gather together their youth once a month on the fourth Saturday of the month. In February, we were at REACH Center in Beaver Falls where we

played games, ate pizza, had a dance-off competition, and heard a powerful message about God's great love for us. **March 27th** we were at Northway Beaver (Old KMart store in Rochester). On **June 26th**, the youth gathered at **Faith on 68!** If you have children, grandchildren, or neighbors who are youth (grades 5-12) we encourage you to invite them. **Pastor Luke** is participating in this youth group and would love to see more Faith Community youth come. Watch bulletins, Facebook, and web site for July, August and September dates and locations. **Contact Pastor.**

Grief Share is held in the Wesley Room on Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:30pm. Grief Share is a group counseling program to help those that have lost someone dear to them. For more information, please call the church office at **724-775-3447**.



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Celebrating 152 Years

We meet the third Tuesday of the month at Noon in the Hebrews Cafe. Meeting dates during the rest of 2021 are: September 21, October 19th, and November 16th.

The rummage sale is the main source of income for both local & world wide missions. The next sale will be held on the **first weekend in October**. We accept donations of household items, clothing, small furniture & toys. **We do not accept bowling balls ,TV's, computers, or electronics of any kind.** Drop off donations at church during office hours. **\$1,675 was made at the last sale!** We appreciate help from members/friends of the congregation who can give time to set-up, work the sale days or clean up.

In 2020 after paying our pledge to the United Methodist Women's Butler District, we were able to donate to over 11 charities that helped many people. **For more information contact Susan Boehm 724-728-3352.**

All women of the church are considered members of the United Methodist Women's group and are welcome to attend any of our meetings.

We meet the

RADA Fundraiser Has Begun!

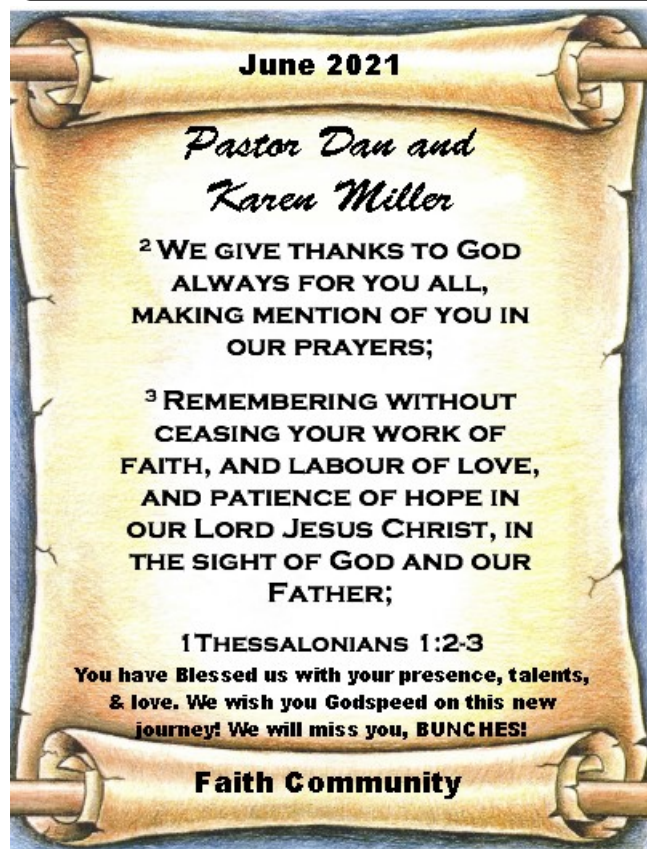
If anyone would like to order RADA Cutlery please call Susan Boehm at 724-728-3352,



Orders will be taken until July 25. Books and order forms will be available at the churches. You may also look on line and call Susan Boehm with your order.

www.radakitchenstore.com

Other Opportunities & News



Our dear friends, Reverend Dan and Karen Miller are moving north. Dan has been re-assigned to the Pymatuning Charge and will pastor three churches beginning July. The Miller's launched, nurtured and grew the Nu-2 U monthly clothing distribution ministry into a vital mission for Faith Community. We serve upwards of 200 individuals every month!

Karen was encouraged to attend trainings and serve as coordinator of our Grief-Share program. Karen also participated in the reading program at the school.

Dan and Karen served as Youth Leaders, Dan directed VBS for many years and they have volunteered and participated on numerous committees and events during their tenure at Faith Community.

**Tuesday Community Dinners
Will Resume September 28**

**Please Contact Michael
Beightley to help!**



Please continue dropping loose change into the jugs marked Deeply Rooted Upward Reaching for the Bishop's project which helps send needy children to summer camp among other needs.

We made a 3 year commitment for \$500 per year & 2021 is our last year. For 2019 we collected \$1,264 and in 2020 \$809. The change is collected the first Sunday of each month.



"Annual Riverview Women's Picnic"

Will be held at 6 PM August 2nd at Pam Mansell's home, 254 Oakville Road, Chipewa. All women & guests of the Riverview/Faith Community Charge are welcome. Hot dogs, buns & drinks provided. Bring your favorite covered dish & join us for some "Girl's Night Out" time. Call the Riverview office 724-843-3620 by July

31st to let us know if you are coming.

Riverview also plans on a picnic in honor of Pastor Luke and family sometime in July since Covid prevented it last summer. Watch bulletins and e-news for details.


Vacation Bible School & Swap Shop



TREASURED
Discovering You're Priceless to God
VBS 2021

**A FREE ADVENTURE
FOR KIDS 3 AND UP!**

**FAITH ON 68
935 WALLACE DR
ROCHESTER, PA 15074
AUGUST 9TH-13TH
5:30PM-7:30PM**



SWAP and SHOP
\$5 BAG CLOTHING SALE

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH 2021
TIME: 9AM-1PM
WHERE: FAITH ON 68, 935 WALLACE DR, ROCHESTER

**Come shop Kids and Adult Clothing and fill
one of our standard size grocery shopping
bags for only \$5!**

**OUR DROP OFF FOR GENTLY USED CLOTHING DONATIONS IS AT FAITH ON 68
IN ROCHESTER, EMAIL US AT TROOP16206@GMAIL.COM TO DROP OFF! ALL
CLOTHES STAY IN OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THE SWAP & SHOP CHARITY
SALE AND EVERYTHING LEFT GOES DIRECTLY TO THOSE IN NEED LOCALLY.**

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD, DONATE WHAT YOU CAN,
AND COME SHOP WITH US!**

Organized by Faith on 68 and Girl Scout Troop 16206

Contact Lauren Ipson (724-630-9467) or Pastor Luke for details on registering for Bible School and how you can help, or for more information on both events.

APRIL – MAY – JUNE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Divine Sisterhood	no meetings due to covid—Check Bulletins for info	
Thursdays @ Noon	Walk and Pray with Pastor Luke	Faith on Jefferson
Third Tuesdays	UMC Women meet @ Noon (no July & Aug)	Jeff-Hebrews Cafe
UMW Rummage Sales	First weekend of October see page 8	Faith on Jefferson
Each Wed @ 11 am	Mid-Week Worship w/Communion	Riverview UMC
Second Wed monthly	Riverview Admin Bd Meeting 6pm	Riverview UMC
Every Thursday	Grief Share—6-7:30 pm— Wesley Room	Faith on Jefferson
Passion Team Mtgs	Monthly separately, 1st Mon—(combined Aug 2)	All churches
Last Wed each month	Inspirations— 6:30 PM see page 8	Grand Valley Inn
Sat July 3— Noon	Don & Louise Blinn Memorial Luncheon	Jefferson Fellowship
Sun July 4	Patriotic Sunday— Dress in patriotic colors if possible	All Churches
Tue July 6 @ 6 PM	Trustee meeting	
July 8-17	Pastor Luke on Vacation— check bulletins	Guest Speaker
Mon Aug 2— 6PM	Riverview annual women's picnic— see p. 8	Mansell home
Sat Aug 7, 9am-1pm	Swap Shop sponsored by Faith 68 & Girl Scouts	Faith 68
Aug 18, Wed— 7PM	Night of Prayer & Worship	Jefferson
Sat Aug 21	Back 2 School Bash—Haircuts etc w/ Salvation Army	Rochester School
Sept 28, Last Tue—	Free Community Dinner— see p. 8- Help needed	Faith on Jefferson

Watch e-news, bulletins, & FaceBook or Web sites for information on changes or more upcoming Events! You'll be glad you did so you won't miss out on Blessings that are in store



The next issue of Faith Community covers October, November, December. To prepare the newsletter, print, fold, label, mail, etc., **please** start sending me information on events for those 3 months as soon as they are planned.

Deadline for all submissions is September 22, 2021. Please plan early, especially for holidays, retreats, Rummage sales, N2U, Battle of The Loaves, fund raisers, Apple Dumplings, etc.

Please don't wait until the last minute as I also have other obligations and it takes hours to prepare the newsletter. Others who graciously volunteer to print, fold, label, etc have other obligations as well. **It is our desire to get the newsletter out to every one before**

Oct 1. May God Bless You for your Diligence!!! *Betty Allen*

If you have not received a digital issue in the past and would like one please send me email or text me to request it. (757-328-7344) baballen123@gmail.com

MEMORIALS & UPDATES



March/May, 2021

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT for Clifford Zahn

Pat and Shirey McKinnis

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT for Robert Stuck

Grandchildren Gregory,
Steven & Jacqueline

YOUTH GROUP: MEMORY OF LOUISE BLINN

Renee Blinn Zellhart

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT for PEGGY CURCIO

Dave & Mary Haney
George Pettibon

In Loving Memory

At recent Faith Community and Riverview administrative meetings, it was agreed that we are at a point where we no longer need to require mask-wearing for our worship services. We praise God that we are at this point in the long journey through Covid-19 responses. At both meetings, it was agreed that it should be clear that mask-wearing is not being forbidden, and that there might be needs (for the unvaccinated, or health compromised, etc) where you still need to mask. You are welcome to do so!



Praise the Lord!

Face masks are optional

In our worship services and small group gatherings, we are no longer asking all attendees to wear a mask.



Words Of Wisdom

PRAY without ceasing
— AND IN —
everything
GIVE
THANKS
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

INSPIRATIONS

Book Club meetings will be held the last Wednesday of July, August and September at the Grand Valley Inn at 6:30 PM. Book choices will be available in bulletins or weekly e-news. **Please RSVP** by text or call Carol Campbell at 724-987-2652 for additional information. Note e-news or bulletins for any changes of upcoming meetings.

News to Use From Faith Community



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New Worship Times:

Faith on Jefferson UMC

Traditional Service Sundays @ 10 AM

Riverview: 9:00 AM Sunday,

Mid-week Communion Wed @ 11 AM

Faith on 68: Contemporary Service

Sunday @ 11 am

Office Hours: see page 1

TITHE AND OFFERINGS ONLINE

For your convenience, we have online giving

www.faithcr.org/give



Find us on Facebook at: Faith on Jefferson UMC, or FaithOn68, or Riverview United Methodist Church. Check out everything there is to know at faithcomumchurch.org