“A Word from the Pastor”

Happy New Year, friends! What a joy it was to share my first Advent as a pastor with you at Richland! I have been blessed by this time of preparation and reminder of Jesus’ presence in each and every one of our lives. It is my great joy to share that the miracle of Christmas continues! We will be entering into a new sermon series entitled, “Miracles.” I look forward to exploring some of the greatest miracles throughout Scripture. These miracles are not confined to the past as we can also experience miracles in our present reality. If you have a miracle story that you would like to share at some point throughout this series please let me or Richard know. Miracles are a work of God and they are happening all around us. May we have eyes of faith this new year to see the miracles of God in our lives and in the world.

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” -Matthew 19:26

Grace and Peace, Pastor Lyndsey

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2020 “Miracles” Sermon Series

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| Jan 2 | **S.P.R.C.**: 6:30 pm (L)  
  Athens Barbershop Chorus: 6:00 — 7:30 pm (S) |
| Jan 5 | Worship —“Miracles: The Three Wise-men” / COMMUNION  
  Epiphany of our Lord  
  Gathering Music: 9:45 am / Worship Celebration, 10am |
| Jan 6 | Epiphany of our Lord |
| Jan 7 | Men’s Prayer Breakfast: 6:30 — 7:30 am at Snider’s  
  Habitat Faith Committee Mtg.: 5:30 — 7:00 pm (P) |
| Jan 8 | Praise Band Rehearsal: 5:30 — 6:30 pm (S)  
  Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 6:45—8:00 pm (S) |
| Jan 9 | Activity for Parents & Preschoolers: 9:30 — 10:30 am (FH + K)  
  Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser: 5:00—7:00 pm (FH + K)  
  Athens Barbershop Chorus: 6:00 — 7:30 pm (S) |
| Jan 11 | Activity for Parents & Preschoolers: 9:30 — 10:30 am (FH + K)  
  RUMC Board Retreat: Lake Snowden—9:00 am — 2:00 pm |
| Jan 12 | Worship —“Miracles”  
  Gathering Music: 9:45 am / Worship Celebration, 10am |
| Jan 14 | Men’s Prayer Breakfast: 6:30 — 7:30 am at Snider’s |
| Jan 15 | Praise Band Rehearsal: 5:30 — 6:30 pm (S)  
  Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 6:45—8:00 pm (S) |
| Jan 16 | Athens Barbershop Chorus: 6:00 — 7:30 pm (S) |
| Jan 19 | Worship —“Miracles”  
  Gathering Music: 9:45 am / Worship Celebration, 10am  
  Youth Group: 12:30 pm (K) |
| Jan 20 | OFFICE CLOSED — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Jan 21 | Men’s Prayer Breakfast: 6:30 — 7:30 am at Snider’s |
| Jan 22 | Praise Band Rehearsal: 5:30 — 6:30 pm (S)  
  Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 6:45—8:00 pm (S) |
| Jan 23 | Activity for Parents & Preschoolers: 9:30 — 10:30 am (FH + K)  
  Athens Barbershop Chorus: 6:00 — 7:30 pm (S) |
| Jan 25 | Activity for Parents & Preschoolers: 9:30 — 10:30 am (FH + K) |
| Jan 26 | Worship —“Miracles”  
  Gathering Music: 9:45 am / Worship Celebration, 10am |
| Jan 28 | Men’s Prayer Breakfast: 6:30 — 7:30 am at Snider’s |
| Jan 29 | Praise Band Rehearsal: 5:30 — 6:30 pm (S)  
  Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 6:45—8:00 pm (S) |
| Jan 30 | Athens Barbershop Chorus: 6:00 — 7:30 pm (S) |

**Key:** Main Floor—(S) Sanctuary; (P) Parlor; (N) Narthex; (FL) FirstLook/Nursery; Lower Floor—(K) Kitchen; (FH) Fellowship Hall; (YR) Youth Room; (YAS) Youth Area Stage (CR); Children's Class Room; (L) Library
Richland UMC

RICHLAND UMC
Worship Schedule:
Gathering Music @ 9:45
Praise & Worship Celebration @ 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School is Available at 11:15 am
AdventureLand: After Children's Moment in Fellowship Hall
First Look is available from 9:45 to 11:30, for those wishing to use nursery service

Sunday mornings for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers
Nursery Hours:
9:45 to 11:30 am

First Look Family Experience

This experience is for parents/caregivers and their toddlers (infants & preschoolers are also welcome). We want kids to take a first look at who God is and understand that God loves me, God made me, and Jesus is wants to be my friend forever. Families will participate in activity stations, Storytime, and music. This is a free community event. Check us out (and see our upcoming events) at www.facebook.com/FirstLookAthens Please contact Kristina Guyton at 859-806-7306 to volunteer to help or for more information.

Tuesday Mornings
Men's Bible Study
Each Tuesday @ 6:30 am
44 Elmwood
Book Study—Contact: Mark Snider

Youth Group—every other Sunday
Jan 5th & 19th — 12:30 pm (k)
Contact Jen Cain to find out what is planned and enjoy your time together!
Music News:

Chancel Choir:
Weekly Rehearsal—
Wednesdays @ 6:45 — 8:00 pm (S)

Praise Band:  Weekly Rehearsal—
Wednesdays @ 5:30 — 6:30 PM (S)

Interested in joining:
Contact-Richard Crist, 740-583-8541

Medical Outreach Ministry:

The ministry has been very busy helping those in need of vaccinations and diabetic supplies. If you wish to support this ministry mark your gifts for Medical Outreach Ministry. If you wish to help, please contact:
Steve Follrod

Labels for Education

The UMW is collecting Tyson Chicken products labels to send to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Ky. Red Bird Mission is a Mission of the United Methodist Church that ministers to the people of Southeastern Kentucky – a mountainous area. The main campus in Beverly has a school, a dorm, doctors, dentists, a restaurant, a camp ground, a crafts store and a second hand store. They also do outreach in the Southeastern Kentucky area in terms of senior centers, home maintenance, church building, meals on wheels, ambulance services, visiting nurses, helping people who have tragedies like fires and other assistance type activities including building and assisting Churches in the area. They are located 1 hr. south of Lexington, Ky. And welcome visitors. The labels will be used for school supplies. There will be a box labeled Red Bird on the Shelf above the coat rack for the labels. This is an on-going project so there are no deadlines.

One in 5 Americans is affected by mental health conditions. Stigma is toxic to their mental health because it creates an environment of shame, fear and silence that prevents many people from seeking help and treatment. The perception of mental illness won’t change unless we act to change it.

UMW Mtg.: TBA

Seek God like a person with their hair on fire seeks water!
FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

Yearly: 175,780 (weekly) $3,400 a week
Behind Budget: — on track
District Apportionments: up to date
Conference Apportionments: up to date

Thank you for your prayerful attention to the support of the work of the Lord through Richland UMC.

Electronic giving cards are on the ministry table or available in the office. You can use that option when you travel, for your convenience, or one time gift.

Dave Davis, Treasurer * Steve Follrod, Finance Chair

Blood Drive: 2020
February 20 @ RUMC
NOON - 6:00PM

If you haven’t been part of a blood drive recently, think about making this your opportunity to be part of ‘saving lives’ by donating or volunteering.

Call Diane Tong 740-592-1688

Luke 6:38
“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be measured back to you.”

Habitat News:
Rummage Sale: $800
Next Faith Build house will start in Glouster in the spring of 2020
Jane Denbow

Psalm 100: 1-2
1. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
2. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Construction loan for RUMC
Still owed on loan: $1,790
Please keep this project in mind when considering your giving. The Interest is charged monthly so the sooner we pay the loan the less it costs.
Thanks to everyone who has supported this project so far!

Jesus said: “I give a new commandment to you: ‘Love one another; just as I have loved you, you should also love one another.’ John 13: 34
In Sympathy

Condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed on to dwell with Our Lord!

BIRTHDAYS

On birthdays, we honor our beginnings and remember that in God's eyes, we have a place in this world that no one else has.

January

01 Jacob Crawford
02 Ebony Smith
06 Joy Davis
09 Christy Bradford
15 Michele Hudson
16 Roman Hixson
17 Jim Foglesong
27 Josphelyn Smith
31 Lea Kirkland

Song of Solomon 8:7

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

We shall behold Him, Face to face in all of His glory.... The angel will sound, the shout of His coming, and the sleeping shall rise, from their slumbering place. And those remaining, shall be changed in a moment. And we shall behold him, then face to face.

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Prayer Requests

Christ's Church, Our World!
Our nation and its leaders!
Those affected by all violence!
Those in search of employment!
Those recovering from all disasters!
Those struggling with drug addiction!
Those with physical and mental health concerns!

Dave Davis: recovery from surgery new stint
Jim Councilman: healing knee replacement
Nancy Schaefer: recovery from surgery
The Bullock Family: passing of father
Jasper Family: loss of Son Matthew
John Witzell: (Linda Wilson's B+i-L) healing/surgery
Stephanie Davis: recovery gall bladder surgery
Nancy Schaefer: healing/shoulder surgery
Katherine Riley: continued healing
Jack Nozel: (Mark Snider's cousins' husband) passed
Steve Follrod: eye nerve problem/chemo
Del Dodrill: recovery from surgery/healing / strength
Phyllis Dodrill: strength/peace
Jack & Marsha Cornell: moved to assisted living, GA
Judy Fee: cancer returned 3rd time
Chuck Woodall: recovery/healing from leg surgery
Maellie-Jade Jean-Francois: healing knee surgery
Helen Secoy: healing from leg amputation
Beth Devol: (Ruth Devol Mayer’s niece) on list/a liver
Linda Secoy: fell and broke shoulder/healing
Jenni Weekly: (Christy's friend) healing
Len Scowden: (Tina's b in L) very serious condition
Chelsea Wagner: healing and well being
Marge Sebring: healing
Sue: healing Janet Bedilion: healing and well being
Art Gagnon: lung cancer
Beth (Tyre) Djanovic: continued healing
Gene Devol: (Ruthann Mayer's bro) Riverside Hospital
Sherry Henry: cancer treatment
Megan Hill: (Steve Davis' sister)/blood clot/healing
Janet Arts: Rita's Cousin's wife -- cancer
Residing at The Laurels:
Dorothy Cooley, Virginia Hankins
Our military family and friends:
Noah Davis, Brandon Follrod, Grace Kirkland, Rusty Henry, Matthew Robinson, Lillian Poches, Brannon Alkire; Justin Lopez, Dan Pearson, Skylar Hatfield