



April 2019

The Spark

Riviera Presbyterian Church embracing all God's children



HOLY WEEK

Between Hosanna and Hallelujah

Sunday, April 14th - 11:00 am - **Palm Sunday** – Blessed are the Peacemakers -
With procession of palms

Thursday, April 18th - 7:00pm - **Maundy Thursday**

We reflect on the Last Supper and on Jesus' coming death in a Communion/
Tenebrae Service of darkness

Friday, April 19th – noon - **Good Friday**

Joint service with and at Coral Gables UCC Congregational Church 3010 De Soto
Blvd. Coral Gables

Sunday, April 21st - 11:00 am - **Easter Sunday** Celebration of the Resurrection of
the Lord. Followed by egg hunt and refreshments.

Mission Statement

Riviera Presbyterian Church is a spiritual community that
accepts and embraces all God's children.

Missy's Message

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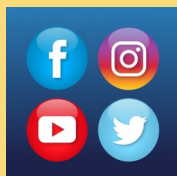
11:00am Sunday Worship Service

Office Hours M - F 9:00-5:00

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April, 2019

Dear Riviera Family,

There is nothing I like more than theological dialogue, so when one of our Elders approached me about changing the language in the Lord's Prayer to an inclusive expression for God, I was very excited.

The Lord's Prayer is our Christian prayer, but strangely a prayer that can isolate and underline differences in traditions and backgrounds. Some use the words, sins and trespasses or debts as we Presbyterians do. Catholics have a different ending and I grew up in a church where we said 'leave us not in temptation' instead of 'lead us not into temptation'. Clearly there is not one correct prayer. And now I hear that the pope is going to come up with another version to add to the pool.

To begin the conversation, I opened the session meeting last week with a version of the Lord's Prayer that is found in the *New Zealand Prayer Book*. In this version, God is referred to as Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, and Source of all that is and that shall be. It is a beautiful version and one that we might use in worship one Sunday. And what I shared with the session was that there is not one right prayer. The lesson Jesus' wanted us to know about prayer was that we were to pray in a certain manner, not that we were to use exact words for our prayers.

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Missy's Message continues...

Part of what I love about Miami is that it is truly multi-cultural. When the Presbyterian ministers in our community meet and we say the Lord's Prayer, we bring our traditions and our languages with us. It is a beautiful symphony of prayer as we all pray in our own languages and use the words with which we are most comfortable. And at Riviera we also promote people praying the Lord's Prayer in the manner that is right for them and state that in our bulletin next to the printed Lord's Prayer.

So... we are going to talk about changing the words that are printed as the Lord's Prayer in our bulletin. We are going to discuss whether addressing God as Father is in line with our inclusive language we try and use in everything else we do here at the church. The discussion will be on whether the prayer that is printed in the bulletin will begin with 'Our Father' or 'Our Creator'.

If you would like to be a part of this discussion, please come to the worship committee which meets at 9am the second Sunday of each month. We will be bringing a recommendation to session at its next meeting.

In Christ and in love,

Missy

The Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

Session News...

Church Membership Anniversaries

Membership in the church is a joy and privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. These faithful members bear witness to God's love and grace and they have been involved in the ministry of Christ's Church.

January

Ruth Admire - 63 years
Amy Bogardus - 20 years
Bo Shiverick - 2 years

March

Henry Barrow - 58 years
Sandy Barrow - 58 years
Barbara Overton - 24 years
Kathy Stults - 24 years

February

Cheryl Earwood - 29 years
Barbara Prieto - 29 years
Rey Prieto - 29 years

April

Kyle Dettloff - 2 years
Michelle Garcia - 2 years
Stephanie Godoy - 2 years
Mary Harrison - 10 years
Butch Sorenson - 5 years



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

With your help we can reach our goal of \$300 for the 70th Anniversary of OGHS. Providing a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

Donate by going to
www.rivierachurch.org
Memo - OGHS

Farming Tools

\$10



\$25 can provide up to 10 jerry cans to help families more easily transport clean water to their homes.

\$40 can buy a piglet for an economic development and food security project.

\$50 can buy a water filter to reduce contaminants in drinking water and keeps 300 bottles out of landfills.

One Great Hour of Sharing

RIVIERA'S FOOD PANTRY

CURRENT NEEDS

1 pound box crackers, tuna, peanut butter, canned soups, fruits and vegetables, family size cereal, pasta sauce, pasta, 1 pound rice, 1 pound dried beans, Vienna sausages, 100% juice boxes or bottles, individual fruit cups, pudding cups, canned pasta with pop top and white socks.

So far this year with your donations we have given out

14 family size grocery bags
19 individual bags
10 grocery store gift cards

If you would like to make a donation to the food pantry please go to



www.rivierachurch.org - memo Food Pantry

Christian Education News...



You are invited to
**Theology Over
Morning Java**
Sundays at 9:30
am in the church
library.
Elder Chuck
Hannemann leads
this class for all
adult ages and all



Women's Study Group

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Please join us on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month
April 17th at 7:00pm



Christian Education for children

The Deep Blue Mission:

Reaching, empowering, and equipping children, and those who care for them, with grace-based resources that help them on the journey.

Deep Blue Kids will...

Be with God

Love God and neighbor

Understand themselves as children of God

Explore faith and the Bible

Deep Blue offers meaningful and engaging curriculum, encouraging children to “dive deeper” into the Bible and explore their faith in fun and age-appropriate ways. Sunday school will be the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month children are invited to attend worship.

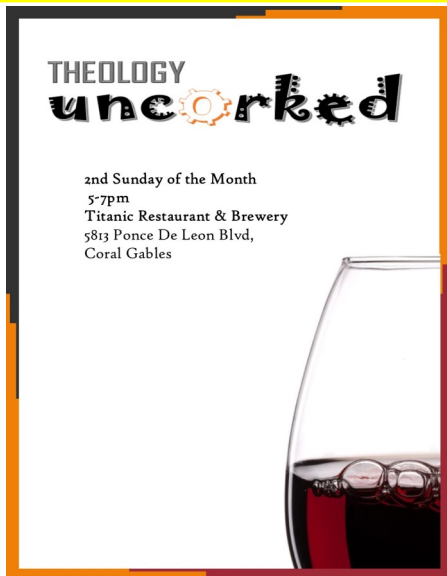
Lenten Study Faithful Living

April 7th after worship.

Worship at 11:00 am - Lenten Study at 12:30 pm



Fellowship & Community News...



THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Theology Uncorked will meet on Sunday, April 14h at 5:00 pm at Titanic Restaurant and Brewery, where we wrestle with issues of social concern.

Titanic is located at 5813 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Coral Gables, FL 33146. All are invited!



We welcome back Bryan and Dan Page!

Come for a fun evening of live music, funny stories and food!

Saturday April 6 at 7:00pm

RSVP at 305-666-8586x3

or

On our Facebook Page - RivieraChurch

Worship & Music News...



The Riviera Ukulele Ensemble will be playing on Sunday, April 7th during the worship service. If you missed the last practice please contact our Director of Music or the church office, to obtain the music.

Ukulele rehearsals are Sunday, April 14th and Sunday, April 28th at 12:30pm.

JOIN THE CHOIR

If you're interested in getting involved please come on Thursdays at 7:30pm in the sanctuary and give it a try.

Looking Back at March 2019



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