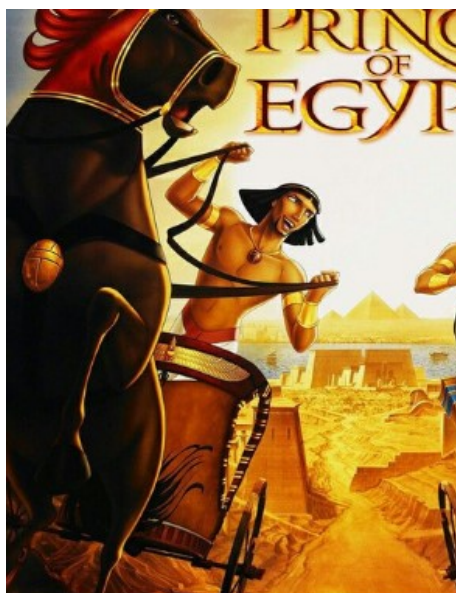




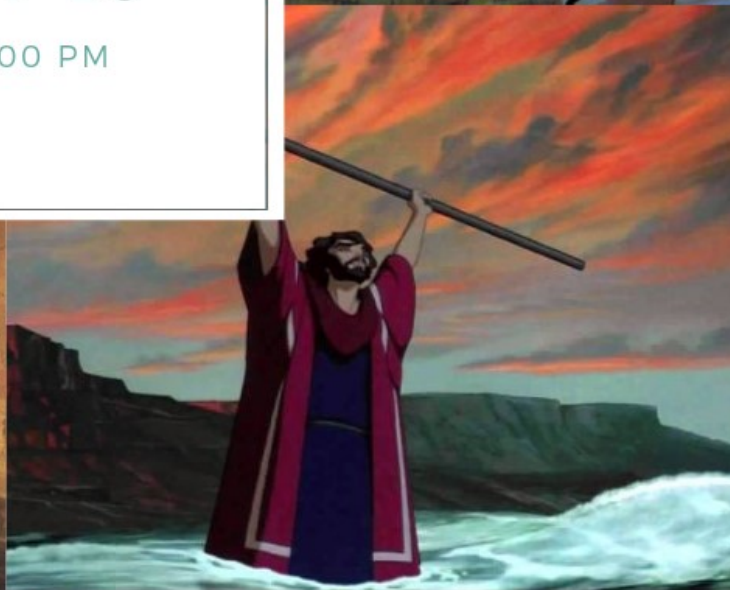
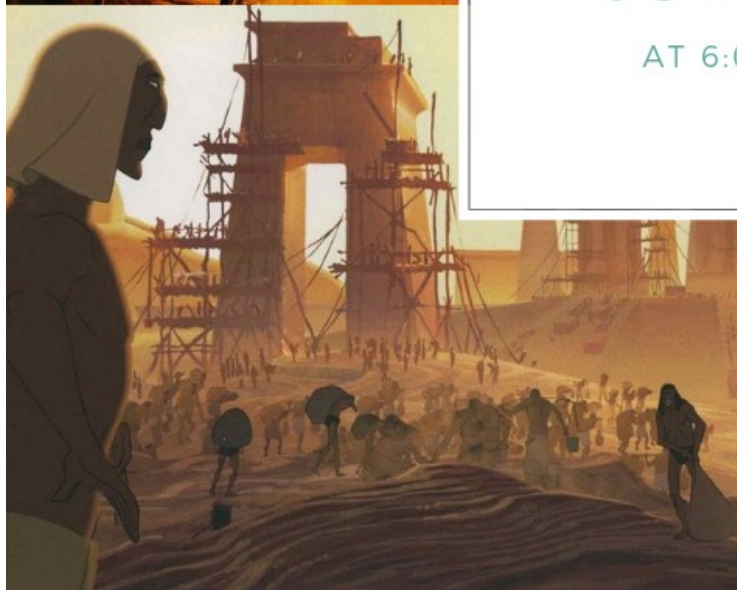
JULY 2019

The Spark

Riviera Presbyterian Church embracing all God's children



JULY 13
AT 6:00 PM



An Egyptian prince learns of his identity as a Hebrew and his destiny to become the chosen deliverer of his people. Oscar Winner for Best Song!

All ages are invited to attend the showing of the Prince of Egypt. Refreshments will be served.

Mission Statement

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

Missy's Message

Riviera Presbyterian Church
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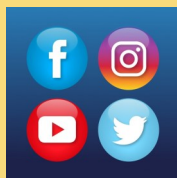
11:00am Sunday Worship Service

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

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Riviera's Mission Statement

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

Therefore;

- We engage with each other in joyful worship and thoughtful education.
- We dedicate our resources and talents to God's work.
- And we open our hearts in active mission to others.

[Donate](#)



July, 2019

Dear Riviera family,

What a summer we are having! And I am not talking about the odd weather patterns taking place but of God's work being done at Riviera and through Riviera's mission and justice ministries!

In June, we answered God's call with in generous response to our national church's Pentecost offering which goes for youth ministries throughout our church. We responded to the Gun Safety/Wear Orange Week by donning orange stoles during worship and signing petitions for regulations on assault weapons. And we attended a rally in Homestead to close the child detention center located there.

We have also enjoyed our less formal summer worship with an exciting 'set up' in the sanctuary as we journey with Moses and God's people throughout the Book of Exodus. With a map of the Sinai Peninsula on the sanctuary floor where we can map out their trip and our table sandboxes filled with items from the Exodus story, Exodus has become a story which is experiential, real, and relevant to all of us at every age.

We continue the journey this month with Moses and Aaron leading the Hebrew people on that looooong journey to Mt Sinai. And we will find that they are just as human as we are. On July 21st we will take a break from Exodus to celebrate Christmas in July as I have found living in the heat and humidity of South Florida that we 'need a little Christmas' by July each year.

The Good News we are living out is that church is relevant, that faith is living, and that God is doing wonderful things at Riviera Presbyterian Church.

Share that joy with others so that all will know and experience the love of God that can be found here.

Shalom!

Missy

The Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

"The church does not exist primarily for the benefit of its own members. Instead, it exists for the benefit of those outside its walls." Darrell Guder, former dean and missiologist at Princeton Theological Seminary,

Worship & Music

Dear Music Lovers,

If you love to sing, play an instrument, or always wanted to learn HOW to sing or play an instrument, then Riviera Presbyterian Church is the place for you!! What better time than during the lazy days of summer to try something new and join the RPC music team.

Come out and sing in the choir, (meets every Thursday @ 6:30pm for food & fellowship) or learn Ukulele with practices every 2nd, 4th, (and 5th) Sunday after church service. The next 2 ukulele rehearsals will be Sunday, June 30 and Sunday, July 14 in preparation of our super-fun "Christmas in July" service on Sunday July 21.

Let's all "hang ten" with Santa on the beach as we sing and play your favorite carols! If interested, please email our Music Director, Walter Busse at waltbusse@aol.com.



**Come worship every Sunday in July
at 11:00 am:**

**You are invited to take the journey through the
Book of Exodus this summer**

July 7 - Exodus 15-18 - The Wilderness Period

July 14 - Exodus 19: 1-7 - God Proposes to God's People

July 21 - Exodus 19: 8-25 - The Mountain of God

July 28 - Exodus 20 - The Ten Commandments

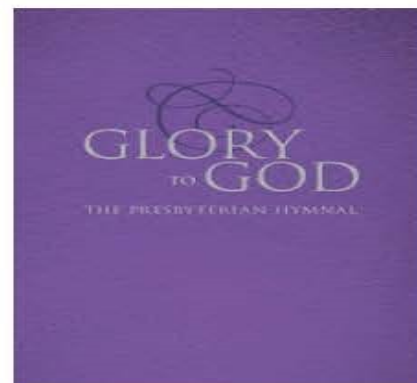
Worship & Music

DEDICATE A GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL

Give a *Glory to God* Hymnal in memory of a loved one, in someone's honor, or just because you love hymns! The cost is \$25 per book.

Below please specify how you would like your name to read on the bookplate. For each donation of \$25 please specify the name for each hymnal and how the individual is to be honored on the bookplate – “in honor of” (living) or “in memory of” (deceased).

We currently have 41 hymnals without dedications please consider dedicating one or a few to loved ones. All proceeds will go towards the organ restoration.



HYMNAL #1

I would like my name to read as _____

This hymnal will be _____ In honor of **OR** _____ In memory of

Name of person _____

HYMNAL #2

I would like my name to read as _____

This hymnal will be _____ In honor of **OR** _____ In memory of

Name of person _____

HYMNAL #3

I would like my name to read as _____

This hymnal will be _____ In honor of **OR** _____ In memory of

Name of person _____



PAYMENT METHOD:

_____ I will submit a check Make checks payable to Riviera Presbyterian Church with "Hymnal" on the memo line.

_____ I will pay online

Questions? Contact Barbara Prieto at
305-666-8586x3.

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Glory to God includes 853 hymns, songs, and spiritual songs,
music from six continents, and all musical styles.

DID YOU KNOW

- There have been seven Presbyterian hymnals. The first (in the United States) was published in 1830.

Christian Education



Visitors and church members (of any age) are welcome and encouraged to join Theology Over Morning Java on Sunday mornings, at 9:30am in the church library.



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.



Mission

RIVIERA'S FOOD PANTRY

CURRENT NEEDS

granola or protein bars

Shelf milk

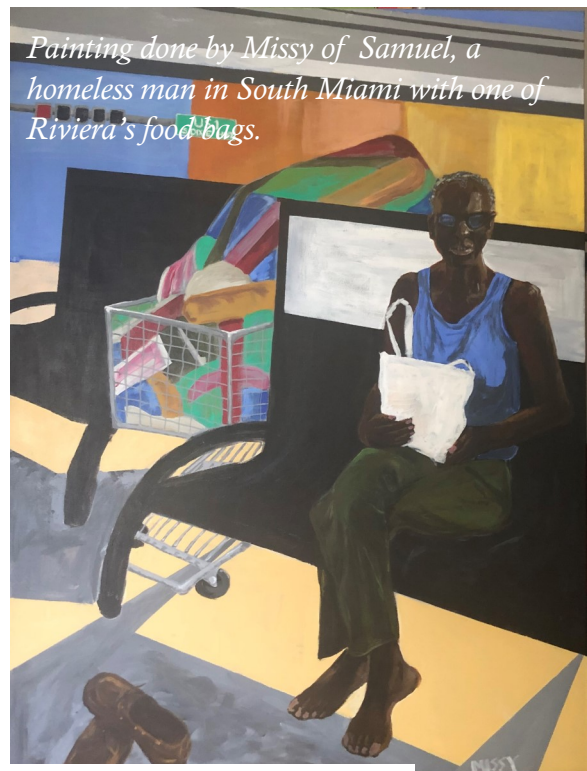
**So far this year with your donations
we have given out**

36 family size grocery bags

38 individual bags

10 grocery store gift cards to families at
Frances Tucker Elementary

If you would like to make a donation to the
food pantry please go to
www.rivierachurch.org - memo Food Pantry



Child Care Center

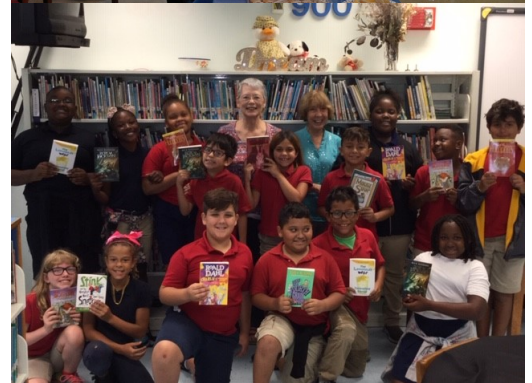
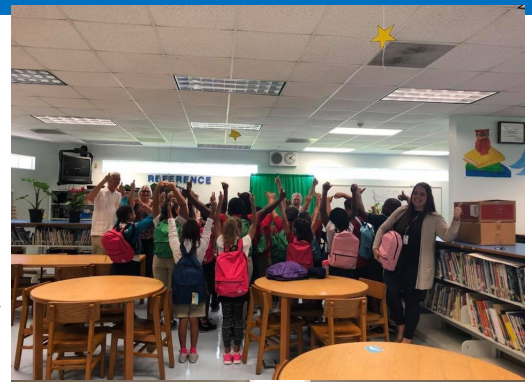
at Riviera Presbyterian Church



The Bloomers and Delights
helped to plant and send good
wishes to our new baby mango tree
that will provide us with shade and
yummy mangos in the future.

More Mission

Riviera's adopted third grade class at Frances S. Tucker Elementary School in Coconut Grove received a summer send-off from the Church with books from the summer reading list. The book distribution capped off a year of service to the 48 students including gifts of schools supplies in August, holiday gifts in December and Thanksgiving/spring break meal support for students in need. We also hosted the school-wide Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in May. Riviera knows that when you educate a child, you change the world. Our work supporting this multi-ethnic school population with students from a predominantly economically disadvantaged community allows us to show God's love to the community. We will continue to follow this class into the 4th grade and will be calling on you for school supplies soon! Please contact the church office if you would like to be even more involved in our support of Frances Tucker Elementary.



After the recent shootings in Virginia Beach, Riviera responded with action in addition to our prayers. Under the leadership of Karen Picciano, we made a public statement on Sunday June 10, National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Wear Orange Weekend, by wearing orange and calling for an end to gun violence. Our Child Care Center families were also involved with many parents and teachers signing the Ban Assault Weapons Now petition which seeks to amend the Florida constitution. If you would like to sign the petition, please contact Karen Picciano or Barbara Overton.

Fellowship

THEOLOGY **uncorked**

2nd Sunday of the Month
5-7pm
Titanic Restaurant & Brewery
5813 Ponce De Leon Blvd,
Coral Gables



THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Theology Uncorked will meet on Sunday, July 14th 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!

Food and beverages for purchase.

Holy Grounds

Holy Grounds - Volunteers needed for July & August

Holy Grounds is the time after worship where we gather for refreshments and fellowship time after worship. Currently there are several dates open. Please see the sign up sheet in the Welcome Area/Narthex or contact the church office. You may contribute \$25 and we will purchase the treats or you can bring them on your chosen date. Monetary contributions will be needed at least one week prior of chosen date.

Flat Moses Sightings

