



November 2019

The Spark

Riviera Presbyterian Church embracing all God's children

*You are invited to a free Pancake Breakfast on
Thursday, November 28 from 8:30am - 10:30am*

Thanksgiving



Donations of canned veggies or fruit are welcome.

Riviera Presbyterian Church | 5275 Sunset Drive |
www.rivierachurch.org

Mission Statement

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

Missy's Message

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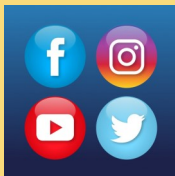
11:00am Sunday Worship Service

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

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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.

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November, 2019

Dear Riviera Family,

Throughout the past few weeks and continuing until Thanksgiving, members of the church have been sharing with us their personal lists of twenty things for which they are grateful. I loved Bryan's list which included singing, Karen's list with her kitten, and Kyle's list where he told us about the places he has been able to live. Thank you all for sharing them and I look forward to hearing other's lists as well.

Gratitude and thanksgiving are topics this time of year as our Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving takes place. It is important to step back from the hustle and bustle of life and remember that we are indeed blessed with so much and as a people of faith, and that we believe these blessings come from God. This past month we also have been challenging each other to give away an individual bag of groceries from our food pantry to someone we see on the street that looks as though they need it and to ask them their name, greet them by name and shake their hands, and let them know our name. Yesterday I handed Scott an individual bag from our pantry which contained food that did not have to be cooked... toiletries... water and juice... and a pair of socks. Scott, in return, blessed and thanked me.

Truth is.... although I loved being blessed by Scott, I already knew I was blessed. God has blessed me in so many ways. And God has blessed each of you as well. In November we are asked to make our commitment to the church for the next calendar year by filling out the Stewardship Pledge form which was mailed out to you last week. As you consider your 2020 financial commitment to Riviera Church, consider the importance of the church in your life and the many blessings you receive from it.

In Love and In Christ,

Missy

The Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

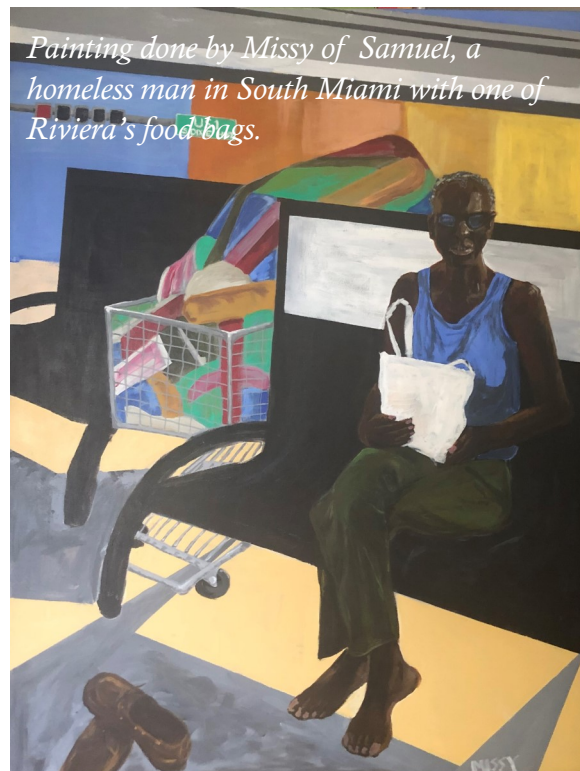
PS - Don't forget to begin your Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration with the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service at 7pm on November 20th!

Mission News...

RIVIERA'S FOOD PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS

Tuna
Peanut Butter
Canned veggies
Leftover Hurricane Supplies

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



THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DONATED CANDY & TREATS!

FOR THE STUDENTS AT
FRANCES TUCKER ELEMENTARY!



Mission News...

Our potluck lunch for October was hosted by the Mission Committee and included Table Talk on the Ten Commandments of Food. We gave thanks for our food with the Addams Family Grace (earworm warning!) and talked about use of local foods in our diet and the impact of food choices. A surprising fact: Ruminants, of which cattle are the most common, accounted for nearly half of all agricultural production-related greenhouse gas emissions in 2010. If cattle were able to form their own nation, they would rank third behind China and the United States among the world's largest greenhouse gas emitters.

Talk turned to action as we wrote postcards to Wendy's urging them to join the Fair Food Program and to Senator Rick Scott asking him to support the Global Nutrition Resolution (H.Res.189/S.Res.260) and increasing global nutrition funding to \$150 million in the fiscal year 2020 appropriations bill. The bipartisan Global Nutrition Resolution recognizes the importance of continued U.S. leadership to accelerate global progress against maternal and child malnutrition.



For more information please visit

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/food-faith/10commandments/>

Mission News...



Worship News...

Attn: ALL MUSIC LOVERS... If you (or your older children) love to sing, already play an instrument, or want to learn ukulele (no experience necessary), please reach out to our Director of Music Dr. Walter Busse after worship service on Sundays or email him at rivierapresmusic@gmail.com.



We would love to have you participate in our music program as choir member, in the uke ensemble, or even possibly perform during a Sunday service. Our Choir meets every Thursday evening at 6:30pm for dinner and fellowship with practice beginning at 7:30pm. Our Ukulele ensemble meets every 2nd, 4th, (and occasional 5th) Sunday of the month (after the worship service).

There's also tons of other opportunities to serve in our many outreach ministries. More info at www.rivierachurch.org. Contact us at 305-666-8586 or rivierachurch@bellsouth.net

FYI - Riviera Church is truly a warm and welcoming family, accepting and embracing of all God's children, no matter who you are, or wherever you may be on your faith journey. Come check us out! Bring your entire family. Tell all your friends and neighbors. We guarantee you will be welcomed and feel at home!

---Walter

2019 Community Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service

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Discipleship News...



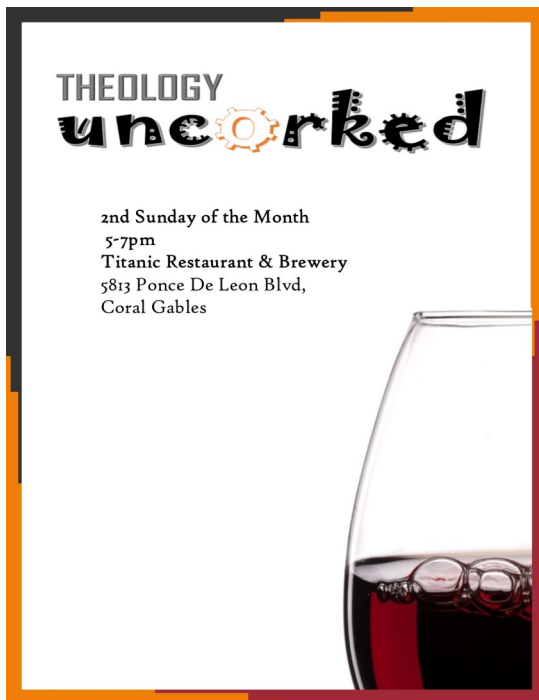
Visitors and church members (of any age) are welcome and encouraged to join Theology Over Morning Java on Sunday mornings, at 9:30am in the church library.

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. 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.



THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Theology Uncorked will meet on Sunday, November 10th 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!

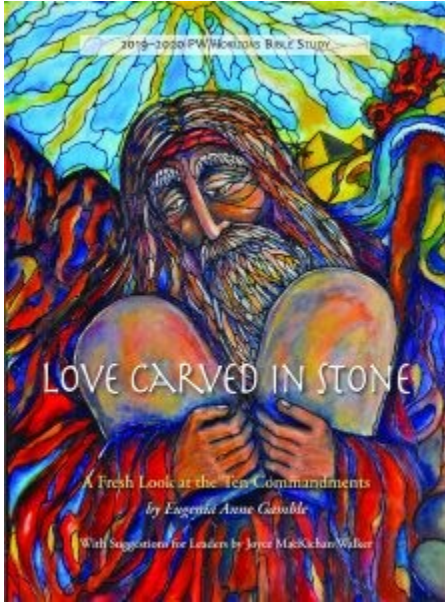
Food and beverages for purchase.

Holy Grounds - Volunteers needed November

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.

Holy Grounds

Discipleship News...



NEW MEETING DATE FOR NOVEMBER's Women's Study Group

Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm

To purchase a book please contact Karen Collier at kc33134@aol.com.

Please join us.

Conversations About Membership

Conversations about Membership will be held on Sunday, November 10th immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interesting in finding out more about the PCUSA and Riviera please RSVP to Pastor Missy at marthashiverick@gmail.com or contact the church office at rivierachurch@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care News...

If you have need of care, please feel free to contact the church at rivierachurch@bellsouth.net or me at kc33134@aol.com

Karen Collier, Ruling Elder at Riviera