



The Spark

February 2020 Celebrating 75 Years of Answering God's Call to Minister to All

Please join the fun -75th anniversary events
February 7 - 9, 2020

75th Anniversary Welcome Reception & Art Installation Reveal

Friday 2/7/20 | 6 PM - 8 PM | Sanctuary



Bill Baggs Beach Cleanup

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
9:00 - 11:00 AM



RPC will have a reserved shelter

Bring closed shoes!

RSVP on church website

www.rivierachurch.org



Dinner Party

Join us as we reminisce and look to
the future of Riviera enjoying a
delicious dinner.

6:00pm Gathering

6:30pm Dinner and Program

Saturday, Feb. 8

\$35 Adults | \$15 Children under 10 | 3 and under free



**75TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE
AT 11:00AM**

RSVP by Feb. 1 on church website

Mission Statement

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

Missy's Message

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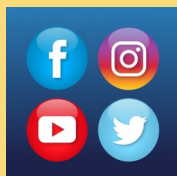
11:00am Sunday Worship Service

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

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Riviera's Mission Statement

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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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February, 2020

Dear Riviera Family,

Have you ever heard that parents sometimes get depressed after a family wedding? For months they work with their children in planning the event, helping with the details, and then there is the beautiful and happy wedding ceremony and reception which is followed their child going away on a dream honeymoon; and the parents.... well, ...they are left with memories.....

I was afraid that we might feel that way after our big 75th Anniversary and Family Reunion Weekend. We have been working on it for the past year. The Friday night Cocktail Party with the unveiling of the art installation, the beach cleanup on Saturday morning, the festive Saturday catered dinner, and the culmination of the weekend at the Sunday worship service where we will celebrate the past, present, and future with guests from our National Church, Synod, Presbytery, and our previous pastor Laurie. Will it be hard to return to normal???....

But, God is working at Riviera Church! We can feel it! We are beginning the month with a worship service where the communion liturgy will be sung (WOW! Thank you Rosemary Noga Welton and David Welton!) and we will celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with a Souper Bowl Luncheon! AND the last Sunday of the month will be one of our favorite worship services... 'The Blessing of the Animals.' Please bring your animals, whether they have feathers, fur, or the soft fabric of a favorite stuffed animal and they will receive a blessing and a certificate.

The month will end with Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent. Those who want to receive the imposition of ashes first thing in the morning on February 26th can do so between 8 and 9 in the church yard. We will also be offering ashes for the parents and teachers of the Child Care Center at that time. In the evening, we have a simple dinner served at 6:30 followed by a short worship service which includes The Invitation To Observe a Holy Lent, the Litany of Penitence, and the Imposition of Ashes.

God has great plans for Riviera. It doesn't stop at our anniversary but just continues. The Holy Spirit has been at work here for the past 75 years and is present now and calling us to be God's hands and heart into the future.

In Christ's Name and Love,
Missy
The Rev. Martha M. Shiverick



Meet Ellen Anderson



How are you involved in the RPC Music Ministry Program? choir, tambourinist, Letter Fairy

How long have you served? 25 years

What brought you to RPC? An old boyfriend. They got rid of him and kept me.

What do you feel makes RPC as special place to be? Because everyone is respected as an individual no matter what their beliefs.

What are your thoughts on how music impacts, transforms, or is essential to... worship? (life!?) Since I am Jewish, I was raised singing half of any worship service. It brings people together, gives them a sense of belonging since we all sing the same music together. Anthems help people center themselves for the sermons.

If you are so inclined, please briefly share something unique about you or share an interesting experience or story relating to your creation of music? I was not allowed to sing until I was in my 40's. Laurie, our former pastor, and Warren, our former director of music, asked me to join the choir and when I told them I couldn't sing, Warren said he would teach me, and he did.

What would you want to say to someone reading this who may be considering becoming part of the RPC music program? It doesn't matter if you think you have any musical talent, you can always learn enough to contribute to the "sound of music". It gives one a good feeling to know that you were able to contribute to the worship service.

Anything else you would like to share?...

Choir has evolved over the last 25 years. We no longer just get together on Sunday to practice and join the service. There is a camaraderie among the choir members as we meet, kibitz, eat and drink together and sing together on rehearsal evenings. We have a choir director who has proven his ability to get a beautiful sound out of a very diverse group and make it fun. That's the operative word - **choir is fun.**

Worship News continues...

75th Anniversary Art Installation - February 7, 2020

As the 75th anniversary of Riviera approached I began to think of ways that we should celebrate the church birthdate that reflects who we are. We are an artistic and expressive community and I knew that music and art should in some way be a part of our anniversary celebration.

In the last century when churches had anniversaries they would often have sets of plates made to celebrate the occasion. It is fitting theologically as we celebrate a meal as one of our sacraments together. So, having church plates made not only celebrates our communion with each other but our fellowship and community we have when we share meals together.

In some of the older churches I have served, they had several sets of plates from previous anniversaries. Riviera had a set made on their 10th anniversary and one of the plates can be seen in the narthex of the church in a cabinet.

But having a set of plates made for our anniversary just did not seem to be us at this time.... but using the idea of plates in an art installation excited me. What if the plates could be designed and painted and were ready for every family in the church to personalize theirs in some way? Our congregation is made up of such individuals that it seemed even more appropriate to make each plate unique even before the members personalized theirs.

The art installation is made of 50 plates. They are each unique but are a definitely a set of plates in that the patterns are similar and the same 6 colors are used. The colors are those in our chancel cross made by Kathy Stults. Each plate represents a family and/or mission of the church. They are installed in the sanctuary in the pattern of our Celtic cross representing that we are a reflection of the unconditional love the cross represents.

This project was not just mine but is the work of the whole congregation. It was also made possible by Morgan Adams and Cheryl Earwood who helped church members paint their plates and Rey Prieto and Bo Shiverick who helped with the installation.

Love, Missy Shiverick

**If you cannot make it to
the art installation
reveal we hope you will
stop by the church to see
it.**



Worship News continues...

February 26 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 - 9:00am Imposition of Ashes in courtyard

6:30 pm Simple Supper

7:00 pm Worship Service with imposition of ashes



SUNDAY, FEB. 23
11:00AM WORSHIP

**BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS**



**Ukulele
Rehearsals
February 9th
February 23rd
At
12:30pm**





The Super/Souper Bowl is in Miami –

The Super Bowl LIV will mark the culmination of the 100th season anniversary of the NFL. The Souper Bowl of Caring will celebrate 30 years of giving and serving to tackle hunger in local communities.

Riviera has been an active participant for 20 years helping to tackle hunger.

Please join us for Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch on February 2nd and help to #TackleHunger in our local community and beyond. Proceeds will go to the RPC Food Pantry and Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Our 2020 goal is \$600

If you are not able to attend the Souper Bowl Soup Luncheon won't you support our goal today with a donation to help further our mission and vision to #TackleHunger.

_____ **YES, I want to #TackleHunger here is my donation of**

_____ \$100 _____ \$30 _____ \$20 _____ other

Credit card donations at www.rivierachurch.org



Riviera Food Pantry 2019

Provided 63 Family size bags

Provided 85 Single size bags

In addition to grocery gift cards to students at

Frances Tucker Elementary

Discipleship News...



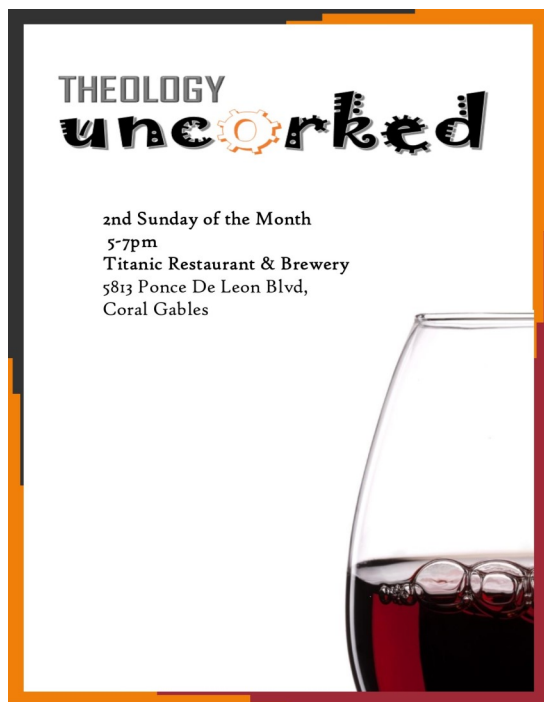
Visitors and church members (of any age) are welcome and encouraged to join Theology Over Morning Java on Sunday mornings, at 9:30am in the church library.

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.

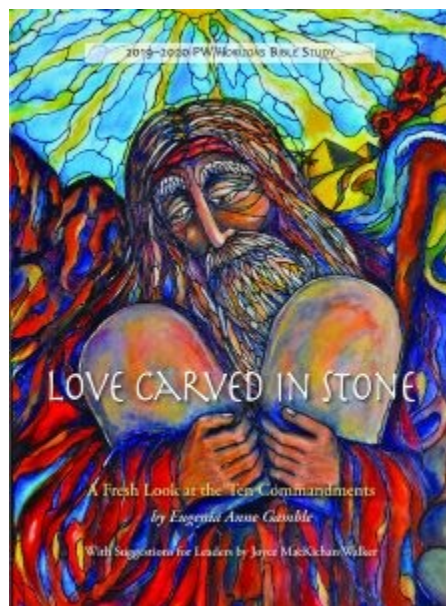


THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Please join us monthly for topics focused on faith and contemporary issues that directly or indirectly affect our lives as progressive thinking Christians. Food and beverages are available for purchase. We hope to see you on Sunday, February 9th at 5pm at Titanic.

Women's Study Group
Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm
Love Carved in Stone - A Fresh Look at
the Ten Commandments

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



Holy Grounds



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Holy Grounds is the time after worship where we gather for refreshments and fellowship time after worship. Please see the sign up sheet in the Welcome Area 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.



Youth Education and Outreach Assistant

At the January meeting of session the job description was accepted for this new position. After the vote, it was announced to the session that an anonymous donation was given to the church for the purpose of funding the position for the first year. We are blessed to have both the need for a staff person to minister to our children and youth and to have a generous donation that allows us to do it.

Please share the job description, on the following page, for this part time position with people you know.

Please send cover letter and resume to marthashiverick@gmail.com

Thanks

The Discipleship Committee

Discipleship News continues...

DRAFT December 3, 2019
Updated MS January 7
Updated SGM January 8
Updated SGM January 15, 2020, January 22, 2020

Riviera Presbyterian Church South Miami, Florida

JOB DESCRIPTION

POSITION: Youth Education and Outreach Assistant
REPORTS TO: Minister, Riviera Presbyterian Church
JOB TYPE: Full Year, Part Time, Salaried Position

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The objective for the Youth Education and Outreach Assistant will be to serve, lead, teach, mentor, and motivate the children and youth of Riviera Presbyterian Church in their walk with God and support our Child Care Center mission. They will work closely with the Minister, staff and Discipleship and Worship Committees and is responsible for the implementation and development of ministries for the spiritual formation of children, youth and parents. The Youth Education and Outreach Assistant will be given well-rounded, practical experience in all areas of Children/Youth and College Ministry and will function as a program staff member of Riviera Presbyterian Church. This part time, salaried position is 20-25 hours per week for the full year. Final candidates will be subject to a background check.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Children/Youth Education and Outreach Assistant should not only see themselves as a spiritual mentor for children, youth and congregants, but as a living example of Christian life. The Children/Youth Education and Outreach Assistant will always be expected to demonstrate the highest level of integrity at all times. Ideally, the person will be Presbyterian and be able to articulate Reformed Theology.

This leader must be:

1. 'The face of the children's and youth ministry' for Riviera Presbyterian Church and will work closely with the Minister and other Committee leaders in aligning the Children and Youth Ministry and our Child Care Center mission with the overall vision for the church.
2. A creative, talented and hard-working team player.
3. Must be knowledgeable in curriculum resources for our denomination.

LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES

1. Excellent leadership, organizational and communication skills.
2. Exceptional planning skills, commitment and a sense of caring.
3. Good team player with a willingness to collaborate with all staff members, committee members and volunteers to develop common interests and educational ministry opportunities.
4. Sensitivity to and appreciation of the unique needs of the religious community.
5. Works toward the overall vision of Riviera Presbyterian Church.

This key leader should also:

1. Have a positive attitude.
2. Be a self-starter who works well independently with ability to take direction from and listen to supervisor.
3. Demonstrate a willingness to delegate to team members and volunteers, as required.
4. Work well in large and small group settings, particularly with children, youth and parents.
5. Exhibit an ability to recruit, train, and equip volunteers.
6. Demonstrate flexibility and problem-solving skills
7. Demonstrate discernment and wise judgment.

8. Carefully maintain discretion and effectively deals with sensitive and/or confidential information of a written and spoken nature.
9. Add value to assigned tasks and meetings attended.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Build a children and youth curriculum and teach on those Sunday mornings with volunteers.
2. Develop a children and youth summer program for Riviera Presbyterian Church.
3. Develop the Youth curriculum to impact the hearts of our children and partner with parents.
4. Plans, organizes, recruits and trains volunteers for participation in special church events throughout the year.
5. Helps and encourages new families to participate in the children's ministry and connect groups.
6. Participates and includes the children and youth in all other events planned by Riviera Presbyterian Church.
7. Recruits, trains and equips volunteer leaders who serve in Children/Youth's Ministry.
8. Recruits and trains volunteers for the Sunday children's sermon. Maintains this schedule and fills in to do the children's sermon as necessary.
9. Manages the scheduling of those volunteers and has the ability to lead volunteer teams.
10. Attends weekly worship and all children/youth group ministry activities.
11. Organize, prepare, and execute both formal and informal activities designed to help our children and parents grow in their faith.
12. Coordinate and execute regular communication about children/youth events to students and families.
13. Be a liaison to the Child Care Center (CCC). Explains appropriate church activities to CCC children and families and invites them to participate.
14. Reads to CCC children as part of 'Story Time' as needed.
15. Attend weekly staff meetings and monthly meetings of the Discipleship Committee.
16. Maintain a regular work week that includes office hours, but which focuses on spending as much time as possible in forming relationships with children, youth and parents.
17. Prepare an annual written statement of long-term and short-term goals and an evaluation of the prior year's goals.
18. Demonstrates a Christ-like attitude in the work of the church and beyond.
19. Uses independent judgment to determine work priorities.
20. Other responsibilities as outlined by the Minister of Riviera Presbyterian Church.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Youth Education and Outreach Assistant reports to the Minister/Head of Staff of Riviera Presbyterian Church. They shall be responsible to the Session through the Personnel Team.

EVALUATION

The Youth Education and Outreach Assistant shall be evaluated annually by the Minister/Head of Staff in consultation with the Personnel Committee and other Committees as applicable.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- ☐ One-three years' experience in Children's Ministry or related experience.
- ☐ Bachelor's degree in related field (or at minimum be enrolled in college taking 9-12 credits per semester and have completed their freshman year of college.)



If you would like to be added to the Prayer Email Group when a prayer request is submitted please contact Karen Collier at kc33134@aol.com.



Becky F.Feb. 4
Amy B.Feb. 9
Diana IFeb. 13
Michele R.....Feb. 18
Barbara OFeb. 20

If we missed your birthday, please contact the church office to update our records.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

—Mother Teresa



Taking a look back at January 2019

Epiphany Sunday - Children's Message with Anna Rosas



YPO presents Papageno to CCC students



Cheering for our Riviera Family Member Lulu at the Golden Globes



Celebrating the Lord's Supper



First Sunday Lunch - Climate Change Awareness presentation by Michele Ready



Bluegrass Worship Service - Thank you Forest City String Band

