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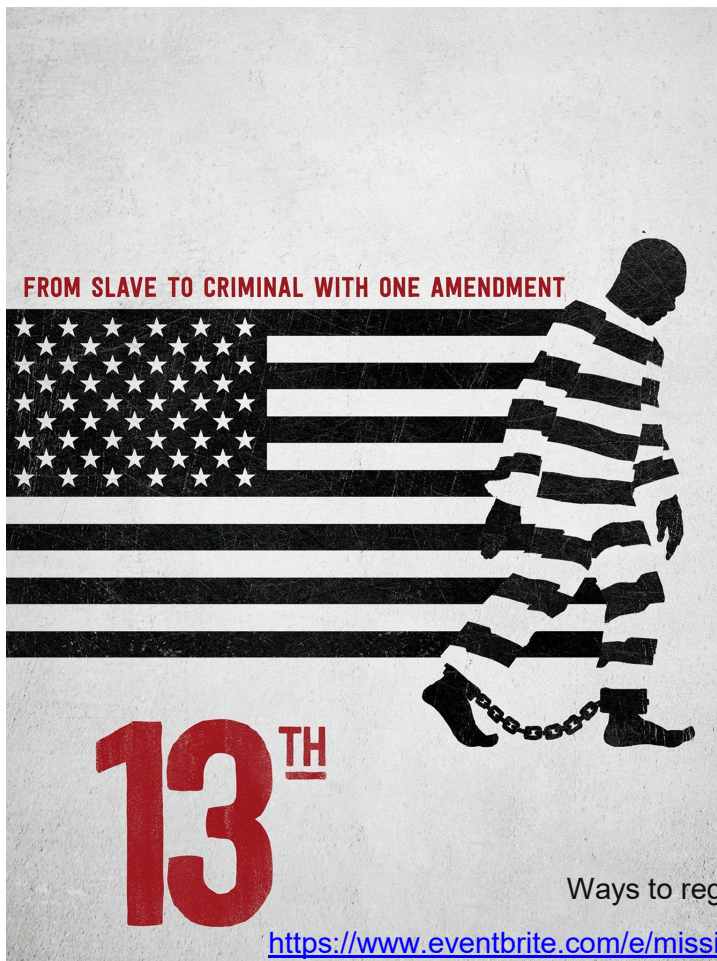
Celebrating 75 Years of Answering God's Call to Minister to All

## MISSION@theMOVIES - Systemic Racism

*Documentary "13th"*

July 22, 2020 - 6:30- 7:30pm EDT Discussion Group

Zoom Meeting ID and Password provided via email upon registration



**13th** is a 2016 American **documentary** by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

You can watch it on Netflix or on [YouTube](#) before the discussion event.

Ways to register: Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/missionthemovies-13th-tickets-110851884972>

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1866979026778363>

Contact church office - 305-666-8586x3

### Mission Statement

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

# Missy's Message

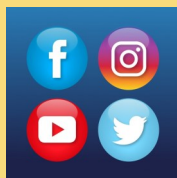
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11:00am Sunday Worship Service

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.

Donate



July 1, 2020

Dear Riviera Family,

The church is alive during this pandemic! God's work is being done by the Riviera community. We are serving and sharing love with others even though we are physically distanced from each other.

One of the definitions of living is change and we have had to adapt to our new culture, new ways of communicating and being together and the many, many other new realities. WOW! Our learning curve has been huge. But....God still calls us to be the church.

Our mission programs continue. We can't sit and wait for this virus to pass when God calls us to feed those in our community who are feeling the weight of this financial downturn. Our food pantry is open and busier than ever. We can't sit still as the pain of institutional racism in our country has come once again to the foreground. We are hoping to learn how we can be catalysts of change this month as we engage in the 21 Day Racial Justice Challenge and have a discussion night after watching the documentary '13th'.

Christian Education at our church is important to us and we decided to move forward with our plans to build a children's and youth program this year even if it must start on-line. Anna Rosas came on staff this last month to create opportunities for our children to engage in fellowship this summer when it might be needed more than ever!

And our worship will continue to be on line until we can safely be together. With the help of Robertson Adams, Walter Busse and I have adapted to our new form of worship and thank the many of you who have participated and will participate in the worship services as liturgists, in the virtual choir, in the ukulele ensemble, and even lighting candles or ringing bells. The more we can participate, the more we will build our community and minister to each other.

One of the worship elements I have been missing is our monthly communion service with the 'First Sunday Potluck' afterwards. Well.... we can't have the potluck but we will be having communion together this Sunday July 5th. Following the online worship service you will be invited to enter a Zoom room. Please have prepared a table or have a place set aside with bread, wine or grape-juice, and a candle or cross. Whatever will help your space become a spiritual place for you. We will share Holy Communion and then go into our coffee hour, Holy Grounds, immediately afterwards.

I have never been more proud and felt more privileged to be your pastor. We have been, are, and will be the church God call us to be in all times and places.

Sending my love through cyber space!

Missy

The Rev. Martha M. Shiverick



# Worship News...



## *What's Your Favorite Church Hymn?*

Send us your favorite church hymn and if we have the license for it we will do our best to incorporate it into a worship service during the summer. Submit your hymns to our Music Director, Dr. Walter Busse at <https://bit.ly/36G4iVc>

Cocktails with the Choir-  
Thursdays at 6:30pm

If you would like to  
participate please contact the  
church office

Ukulele Rehearsals  
2nd & 4th Sundays of the  
month

If you want to be added to  
the Zoom rehearsals  
Please email  
[rivierapresmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rivierapresmusic@gmail.com)

## A brief note 🎵 from Walter Busse...

As we continue to worship virtually, I am reminded that nothing can bring us together as a church family like music can. I am so grateful to our choir members and ukulele ensemble, (and especially Robertson Adams) who have all selflessly given of their time and talents in order to produce our weekly worship services, where celebrating God's love through the gift of music remains integral to the online experience. This is an open invitation to ANYONE who would like to contribute their musical talents (in any fashion)... please reach out and contact me at [rivierapresmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rivierapresmusic@gmail.com). If you would like to be part of our choir, ukulele ensemble, or are able to record yourself as a vocal or instrumental soloist (like our amazing Fabian!!), just reach out and we will help you make it happen. I also would like to extend an invitation for ANYONE (whether or not you are part of the music ministry) to join us EVERY THURSDAY evening at 6:30 p.m. for an informal zoom meeting of food, friendship & fellowship (plus perhaps a bit of wine!) where we can share and just simply be with each other (albeit virtually). Lastly, a HUGE thank you to EVERYONE who has been keeping Sarah in your prayers as she continues to recover.

Wishing you all - all of God's blessings,

Walter

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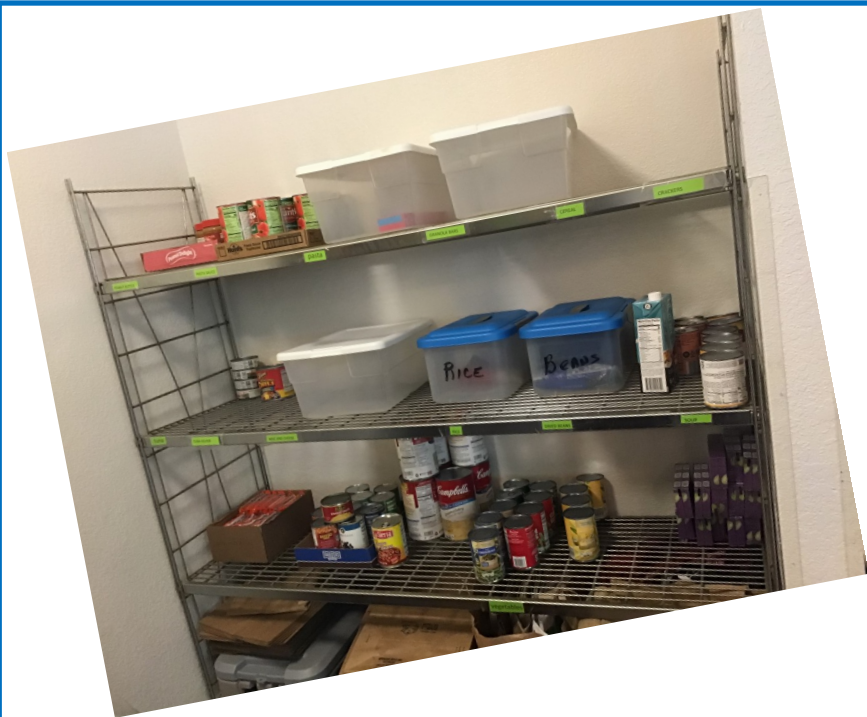
## Summer Sermon Series

# THE BOOK OF Acts

Join us online Sundays at 11:00am

[www.rivierachurch.org](http://www.rivierachurch.org) or [www.Facebook@RivieraChurch](https://www.facebook.com/RivieraChurch)

# Mission News...



### The Riviera Food Pantry

Will be open for distribution of food  
ONLY on  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
from 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Will be open for receiving food  
donations ONLY on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
from 9:00am - 12:00 noon

You may leave your donated items  
outside the Fellowship Hall  
doors. They will be picked up by a  
staff member.

### Current Needs

Canned Veggies, fruits, soups and tuna  
Mac and Cheese

You may also send monetary donations via our [online service](#), via your bank's bill pay, or mail a check to the church.

--Thank you.



# Mission News...



“To deny anyone a fair vote is a sin.”

( “[Lift Every Voice: Democracy, Voting Rights, and Electoral Reform](#)”  
approved by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2008).

In this time of pandemic and physical distancing, voting in person may turn into a denial of a right to a fair vote for many people. Ensure a fair vote by signing up now for vote by mail. Any Floridian who registered is eligible to vote-by-mail (VBM). [Request yours today!](#) As circumstances change, you may opt to [VOTE EARLY](#) or [VOTE ON ELECTION DAY](#). Requesting your VBM ballot now provides insurance that your voice will be heard, regardless of how things change.



## **Mission@the Movies: Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence**

Our first Mission @ the Movies kicked off with 14 people discussing the causes and impacts of gun violence. Rev. Deanna Hollas, a specialist in gun violence issues with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, provided detailed information on the topic. The group ended the evening brainstorming on ways Riviera can and should act to make a difference. Ideas ranged from

increasing voting/vote by mail; candidate information and forums; suicide prevention work; outreach to the CCC families and more. Look for opportunities to be involved as we refine our ideas.

# How COVID-19 is Impacting Farmworkers in Homestead

Presented by Guadalupe de la Cruz

of the AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) Miami Office

Hosted by Miami Friends (Quakers) Meeting

Sunday, July 5th, 1:00pm to around 2:00pm

Held via Zoom

Please register before the presentation.

Consider registering now.

The Zoom meeting information for "How COVID-19 is Impacting Farmworkers in Homestead"

Please submit any questions to: [meet@miamifriends.org](mailto:meet@miamifriends.org)

Date Time: Jul 5, 2020 01:00 PM to 2:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Jul 5, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?from=addon>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To share on Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/how-covid-19-is-impacting-farm/263825081569887/?ti=icl>



## Coming down the Pipeline, Kids and youth edition!

### 1. Three 20 minute, Weekly, Zoom Meetings

- A. Sunday School.
- B. A Weekly reading of The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.
- C. Game night.

### 2. A Summer Kit for Kids and parents!

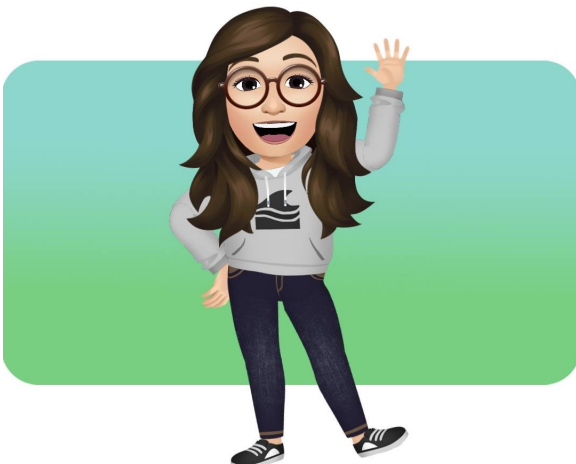
This kit will contain activities for kids and parents. Plus, some special surprises!

### 3. Vacation Bible School (VBS)!

A week-long online VBS discussing the topic of loving your neighbor.

As we are typing this up, we are nailing down dates with parent input. You'll get an email soon with all of our final Summer Dates!

Also, we at Riviera know that kids have had a lot of screen time since March. So, we are taking that into account with our programming. Our programs will also reflect the best safety protocols available for online ministries. We want to make sure that the kids and youth of Riviera are safe and active outside of a screen.



---Anna



## Let's get to know Anna

We are so excited to have Anna as the newest member of the Riviera Church Staff so we asked her to answer the following questions so that you can get to know her better during this time of physical distancing.

**1. What's our favorite thing about living in Miami?**

The Diversity. I love that my friends and neighbors are different than me because they reflect the beauty of kingdom of God.

**2. How long have you lived in Miami?**

25 years.

**3. What's your favorite book in the Bible?**

The Psalms because the poems are good, true, and beautiful.

**4. Who's your favorite character in the Bible?**

The Apostle Paul. He has one of the most unique journey's in Christian history. From persecuting Christians to starting churches across the Roman Empire, Paul has some great stories!



**5. Disney or Universal?** Universal, because of Harry Potter World!

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### Holy Grounds

Grab a cup of coffee and join us after the worship service every Sunday for Zoom Holy Grounds at 11:45am to connect with others in the Riviera church family.  
Meeting ID: 931-409-506  
Password: 5275

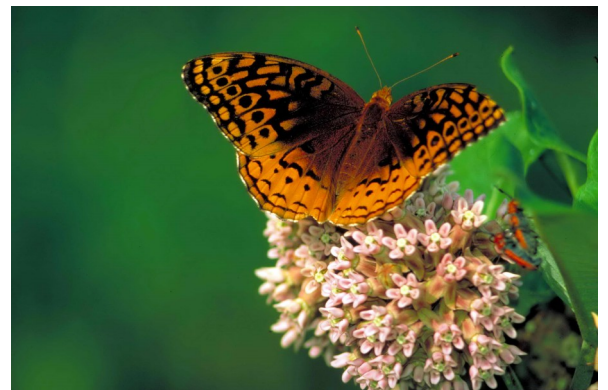


# Discipleship News...

**As we work through the Book of Acts this summer, there are two opportunities that we, God's children of ALL ages, can make its message come to life for us.**



Send us pictures of your milkweed plant!



**#2 No.... It's not Flat Jesus or Flat Moses, BUT a Presbyterian Cross!!!!**

Because we realize now, more than ever, that we the people not the building are the church, our 'flat Jesus' project this summer will be a cut out of our cross. So, use the cross you find in our newsletter, online, or in a Worship Bulletin on Sunday and decorate it... color it or personalize it in a way that is meaningful to you.... And then take photos of you with the cross in places you see God at work this summer. God is at work in our world today! Through your photos, we can witness it to the world!





For those who are artistically inclined here is a sample of the PCUSA cross that you can use as a template, for others not so gifted you may use this cross for your Summer Picture - places you see God at work this summer. You can send pictures to [rivierachurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:rivierachurch@bellsouth.net) or post them on social media using the #RPCGODATWORK

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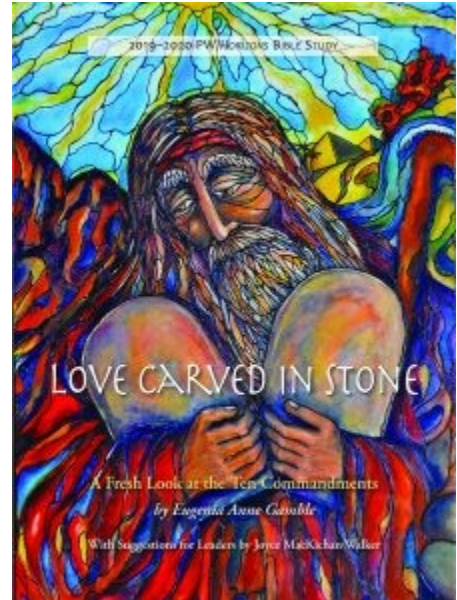


Visitors and church members (of any age) are welcome and encouraged to join Theology Over Morning Java on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Join us via Zoom 860-148-3445 ID 2708

## **Women's Study Group**

Love Carved in Stone -  
A Fresh Look at  
the Ten Commandments  
July 15 at 7:00pm

If you have not participated before please send an email to [kc33134@aol.com](mailto:kc33134@aol.com) to be included in the Zoom Women's Study Group



# Congregational Care News...



## **July Birthdays**

**Leah P - 10th**

**David G - 25**

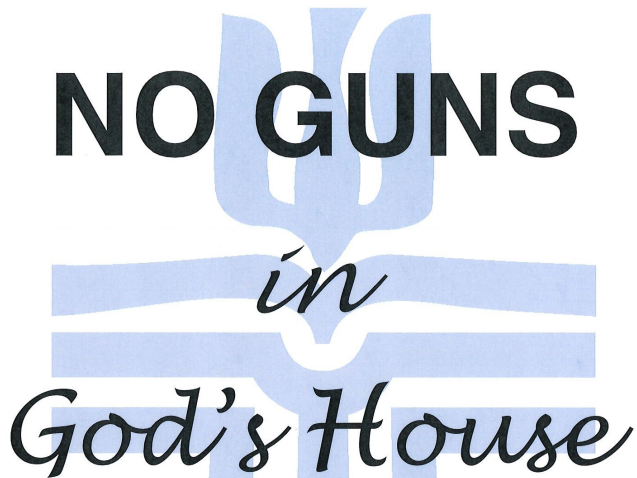
**Dylan D - 27**



# Session News...

## Normalizing Gun Safety--

Even as we maintain our "Safer at Home" social distancing, your Session is upgrading our church signage to include notices at the entrances that proclaim "No Guns in God's House" in an effort to promote gun safety. As we recently learned from PCUSA's Rev. Deanna Hollis (the first-known Minister of Gun Violence Prevention) in a Zoom discussion of the film Trigger, normalizing a culture of gun safety is one form of gun violence prevention. It is with the hope that the signs will be posted at the entrances to the church property.



**NO GUNS**  
*in*  
**God's House**

***Individuals (other than active law-enforcement officers) are prohibited from carrying guns onto this property.***

By Action of the Session of  
Riviera Presbyterian Church

Date: June 22, 2020

[pcusa.org/peacemaking](https://pcusa.org/peacemaking)

The Session met via Zoom with Anne Castro and Alejandra Rondon during the June Session Meeting where they reaffirmed their faith and were welcomed into membership at Riviera.

