

THE SPARK

October 2024

Embodying Love - Demanding Justice - Transforming the World

Deliver us from evil

**SERMON
SERIES**

YOUR KINDOM COME

Rev. Melanie Marsh



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Join us in person or online for the last two worship services on the Lord's Prayer.

October 13

For the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

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MELANIE'S MESSAGE

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Beloved Community,

This All Saints Day (November 1st), we are celebrating with a Family Movie Night, showing Disney's "Coco" a story about a young boy's journey with his ancestors on Dia De Los Muertos.

Whether we call it Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, All Saints, or All Souls Day, there are strong traditions all over the world that honor the dead and departed at this time of year. Many of them are rooted in faith traditions that go back further than the first Christians to come to those areas.

In our community of faith we honor all of these practices, and we recognize the gift it is to remember and celebrate the lives of those who were here long before us, and who we will one day join again.

We celebrate with our sisters, brothers, and siblings in Latin America, the Caribbean, and elsewhere in the world, within the Christian tradition and beyond as we honor our ancestors and the saints in our lives who have traveled the path before us, and whose wisdom guides us still. We hope you will join us on Friday November 1st at 6pm for this all-ages celebration.

Don't forget to bring any extra, left-over, or maybe just not your favorite flavors of candy for our candy swap!

Peace and blessings,
Rev. Melanie

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Wishing you a joyful and blessed birthday this October! May God's love, grace, and abundant blessings surround you in the year ahead. We're so grateful for the light and warmth you bring to our church family.

- Stephanie G. - 1
- James B. - 2
- Cris S. - 3
- Annie C. - 5
- Rey P. - 6
- Martin T. - 9
- Karen C. - 15
- John G. - 16
- Diana F. - 18
- Emilee G. - 21
- Vivian G. - 23
- Bryan P. - 27

If we missed your October Birthday please send an email to the church office rivierachurch@gmail.com
Subject: October Birthday



FELLOWSHIP

Oct 27 @ 7pm



Nosferatu

Movie screening and live organ and theremin music.

Nov 1 @ 6pm



Coco

A story full of emotion and deep entertainment.

Spooky & Dia de los Muertos Movie Nights

Join us for two events. One which will scare you but keep you enthralled by the music and the other one will take you on a journey of discovery.

Candy Swap on Nov 1

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-ADULTS

Bible study @ 10 am

10:00 am Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study is the best way to explore the day's scripture, ask questions, and connect with new and old friends. You do not have to be a member of the church to join this small group class. We offer the class in person and via Zoom. Child care is also available.

Meeting ID: 894-7650-2156 Passcode: 333227

Women's Study Group

"The Women's Study group is going strong! We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 on Zoom, October 17. New members are welcome.

Meeting ID: 886-2278-6373 Passcode: 757192. Contact Karen C
kc33134@aol.com for details

Theology Uncorked

Sunday, October 13 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Unseen Creatures Brewing and Blending, 4178 SW 74th Ct, Miami, 33155.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-KIDS



MISSION



Socktober 2024

Help us reach our goal of 500 pairs of socks for the homeless population.

[See Bulletin for details](#)



We are underway in our annual Socktober event. Please help us reach our goal of 500 pairs of socks.

Riviera has been collecting men's white cotton socks for several years to give to homeless people in downtown Miami. This is done through Camillus House Concern, a clinic serving this underserved population.

Many people on the street suffer from foot conditions because their feet are damp, and they cannot keep them clean.

White cotton socks give them some relief. We also include a pair of socks in each food bag we provide to the homeless people on the street.

Please help us meet our goal of 500 pairs of white cotton men's socks. You can either buy them and bring them to church, order them online and have them delivered to the church, or donate money to the food pantry line on the Riviera giving page. www.rivierachurch.org/give

Remember, when we all do a little, it adds to a lot.

SPF: STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE/PROPERTY

Members: Kathy Stults, Butch Sorenson, John German, Rey Prieto, Tania Socarras, Diana Florez, Melanie Marsh, Barbie Prieto

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm via zoom, Please note, no meeting for October. Next meeting is November 13.

Our yearly Stewardship drive is running now through October 20, which will be Consecration Sunday. Our goal is to have 100% participation for pledging towards the 2025 budget.

All of our committee members are most grateful for your many gifts of time, talents, and financials that help support our Riviera Presbyterian community throughout the year. Over the past year our committee has worked hard to update the property and pass the Miami-Dade County 10 year re-certification process.

Thanks to Diana who has guided us with consolidations and services that have decreased several monthly expenses for the same services. She always keeps an eye out for our church and the budget.

Thanks too, for Rey who worked along with the handyman in fixing a long list of items that needed repairs and update.

Our property always has a "to do" list going with a surprise of the month to tend to. Recently many roof leaks were repaired as Diana found a quality, reliable, low-cost company to do the repairs with a five-year warranty coverage. Then there's always the hope that the AC will be working each week.

Please feel free to contact anyone on our committee if you have questions or need help with pledging.

With warmest regards, sending peace and love,

Kathy Stults, Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Save the Date
Wednesday, Nov 20 at 7:00pm

**Thanksgiving
Interfaith
Community
Worship Service**

at Riviera Presbyterian Church

**Sign Up to
Be a Liturgist
in
Worship**

A liturgist is needed for each worship service to help lead our worship. The liturgy and readings will be provided ahead of the service so you can practice and ask questions.

Training is available for anyone who would like it; don't hesitate to contact Pastor Melanie.

You can see available dates by clicking the button. Thank you so much for your participation.