

March 1, 2015

The Oaks



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SCRATCHINGS FROM ANOTHER PENCIL

As of this writing, Reverend Jonathan Dixon has been suffering from serious health problems and has been in the hospital throughout most of the last month. Please continue to lift Jonathan and Ellen up in prayer. Pray for healing and strength for both of them. Ellen has requested that the congregation not call, visit, or send e-mails right now. Ellen has been speaking to one member of the congregation daily and from that communication, we have been forwarding her update via email. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates about Jonathan's health, please send a request to carlyshank@yahoo.com and you will be added.

While our prayers for the Dixons right now are most important, many people have stepped up to see that the work of the church continues during this difficult period. We are thankful to Pastor George Heinaman for filling in at the pulpit for several services already. Many congregation members are working to make sure that services run smoothly, bills are paid, and other details are attended to. Pastor John Keyes from First Baptist Church has agreed to speak at both the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services that our churches will hold jointly. Thank you to all who have assumed extra responsibilities in service to our church.

Carly Shank
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

George Skaggs
Chair, Administrative Council

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NEWSLETTER: Are you still receiving this newsletter in print? Consider doing something for the environment in 2015 and ask to be added to our email newsletter list. Send an email to carlyshank@yahoo.com and identify yourself and the email address you would like us to use for the newsletter.

WEBSITE: If you haven't visited our website for awhile, browse to www.rivertonfirstumc.org.

FACEBOOK: Search for Riverton United Methodist Church for very up-to-date photos, videos, and more. Thanks to some of our members for their updates and postings.

MISSION STATEMENT: *Our mission is to draw people into relationship with Christ and the church and to lovingly challenge them to spiritual growth.*

OUR VISION: *A warm fellowship of Christians in the Riverton area, growing in numbers and spiritual nurture, with facilities and programs to do ministry in the name of Jesus Christ for generations to come.*

RFUMC Calendar – March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 AM Worship; 10:30 AM Adult Bible Class	2	3 7:00 PM Trustees	4 9:00 AM Quilt- ing; 6:00 PM Bible Study	5	6	7 4-6:30 PM Chili/Vegeta- ble Soup Sup- per
8 9:30 AM Worship; 10:30 AM Adult Bible Class; 6:30 PM Finance and Administration	9	10 7:00 PM United Methodist Women	11 9:00 AM Quilting; 6:00 PM Bible Study; 7:00 PM Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 9:30 AM Worship; 10:30 AM Adult Bible Class	16	17 6:00 PM United Methodist Men Annual Meeting	18 9:00 AM Quilting; 6:00 PM Bible Study; 7:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 9:30 AM Worship; 10:30 AM Adult Bible Class	23	24	25 9:00 AM Quilting; 6:00 PM Bible Study; 7:00 PM Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30 AM Worship; 10:30 AM Adult Bible Class	30	31				

Looking Ahead...

April 3, Good Friday, 7 PM service at First Baptist Church

April 5, Easter Sunday, 7 AM service at RFUMC

May 6, Mother – Child Banquet

May 10, Mother's Day

June 21, Father's Day

March Anniversaries

David and Cheryl Beckner 3/1
James and Mary Dial 3/10/1990

March Birthdays

Arthur Gowin	3/2/1936
Carol Wells	3/4/1939
Mary Dial	3/11/1965
Richard Carr	3/14/1947
Jeff Koger	3/19/1960
Liam Byers	3/20/2008
Bill Kleban	3/21/1925
Jerry McCullough	3/25/1939
Craig Thomas	3/26
Tom Stroisch	3/30/1949

*Chili and Soup
Supper*

Riverton

**United Methodist
Church**

Where: 429 E. Lincoln St.

When: Saturday, March 2, 2013

Time: 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Chili or Soup, Dessert and a Drink

Chicken Salad Sandwich
and Hot Dogs are Extra.

EAT IN OR CARRY OUT

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United Methodist Women

WILL MEET: Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM
PROGRAM: Betty Peel
HOSTESSES: Harriet & Kim Becky, Sharon Stroisch
We welcome all the ladies in the church.
Come see us in the fellowship hall

Join us for the Chili Supper on March 7