

# Welcome

We'd like to welcome you to Riverside United Church. We hope you feel at home in worship this morning!

Make sure to grab a mug of coffee or tea as you come in for worship at the 844 SERVICE or join us in the multipurpose room after the 10:30 SERVICE for coffee & conversation.

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

We begin a five week sermon series this week entitled, "Jesus, Man of Mystery". We will look at the nature of Jesus and the character of God through the lens of Mark's gospel. This week we will begin with Jesus' baptism as we ponder together "The Reveal" of this mysterious man. **Scripture: Mark 1:4-11**

## This Week

### STARBUCKS OFFICE HOURS

will start later this week due to another commitment. **Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 - 12:00 pm.** All are welcome to meet Rev. Dave and others and join in conversation at the Byron Starbucks, 1291 Commissioners Road West.

### BARISTA NEEDED

The 844 is looking for "baristas" to serve coffee & treats before the service. You can work with a seasoned barista until you feel comfortable. Contact Sandy Corner at 519-471-4104 or email [cornersl@sympatico.ca](mailto:cornersl@sympatico.ca).

### SUNDAY LUNCH

**BUNCH** will meet **TODAY, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**, following the 10:30 service, in the narthex, and head out to The Four Seasons Restaurant for a time of food and fellowship.

### WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING

A Lenten worship and book study. **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm beginning Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.** Purchase the companion book, \$10, after worship today or from the office. Questions: ask Rev. Dave.

## Riverside

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OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8:30 – 4pm

## Service Times

Sundays 8:44am (Express Service)  
Sundays 10:30am (Traditional)

## STAY CONNECTED



### WEBSITE

[www.riverside.on.ca](http://www.riverside.on.ca)

### FACEBOOK

[facebook.com/695riverside](https://facebook.com/695riverside)

### SERMON PODCAST

[Riverside.on.ca/blog/sermons.php](http://Riverside.on.ca/blog/sermons.php)

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### ACCESSIBILITY QUESTIONS?

PERSONAL FM SOUND ENHANCEMENT, ELEVATOR, HYMN BOOKS, BIBLES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.

JANUARY 14, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



# RIVERSIDE

United Church

"About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

—MARK 1:9-11

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Riverside United Church is a diverse and inclusive Christian community. We are a mix of age and experience sharing our journey in a supportive and respectful environment, empowering us to be at work in the world.

# Upcoming Events

## LIVING LIFE ON PURPOSE

Are you searching for calm, contentment & meaning. RUC, in partnership with Third Age Outreach & London Health Sciences presents: **Living Life on Purpose** Thursdays Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at RUC. Based on the book The How of Happiness. Contact Connie Zolotar to register now. (519-471-8702)

## SOUP LUNCH

enjoy a warm bowl of soup in support of our Ronald McDonald House meals program. **Sun. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – following the 10:30 am service.** Free will offering accepted.

## SPEAKER SERIES

Mondays, **Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> to Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Sanctuary. A six week series with a variety of speakers and topics relating to grief. Attend one or all of the free presentations. Register at [jan@riverside.on.ca](mailto:jan@riverside.on.ca) or 519-472-6071.

## FAMILY CANNELLONI DINNER

**Fri. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>** Come and enjoy a hearty Italian cannelloni dinner with your family. Tickets Adults/\$12, children 12 and under/\$6. Tickets will be available starting Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Cheryl Partington 226-927-5729 or [cherylpriverside@yahoo.ca](mailto:cherylpriverside@yahoo.ca).

# Mission and Outreach

## PEACE CANDLES

If you will be worshipping with another congregation as you travel this winter please take a peace candle to present to the church as a symbol of friendship.

## DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

The Outreach & Social Action committee invites you to bring diapers next week & place it in the wooden benches.

## THIS LAND

Riverside United Church gathers on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa, and Anishinabek people. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land and respect the history, spirituality and culture of the people with whom Treaty 6 was signed. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

# Children and Youth

## SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAM

At the 844 and 10:30 services, children and youth begin in the service and then depart after the congregational welcome. Our Children & Youth Director or our Children's Worship Co-ordinator will meet with everyone at the front before moving to the education rooms.

## FAITHWEAVERS

Gr. 5-8s are invited to gather for crafts, snacks, games and discussion during the season of Lent. We will gather on **Wednesdays from 4-5:15 pm** in the Auditorium from **Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** (except Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> - March Break)

## IMPACT

High school youth are invited to gather **today** in the Mackenzie Lounge from **11:45-1:30 pm** for lunch, games and event planning.

## RUCUS

The next RUCus is **Fri. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 pm** – for children in gr. 5-8. Invite your friends for a night of games/activities and conversation.

## YOUR RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY

You may have heard about the phenomenon replacing New Year's resolutions or maybe you've already tried it. Replace your typical wish list with one word that you will focus on in the year ahead and let it act as a vision for your future, or at least the year ahead. How is God calling you to live your life and care for yourself and his Creation? I encourage you to choose one of the words below or any word that will inspire and challenge you for the remaining 351 days of 2018.



# Ongoing Events

EVENT:	DAY/TIME:	CONTACT:
Ageless Grace	Mondays 2pm	connie.zolotar@sympatico.ca
Starbucks	Tues. 9-11:30am	dave@riverside.on.ca
Prayer Team	Thursdays 10am	don.lucas@rogers.com
Euchre	Thursdays 1pm	Shirley 519-474-1106
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7:30	marque@riverside.on.ca
Bell Choir	Contact Marque	marque@riverside.on.ca
Quilting group	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	paohara@rogers.com
844 Brunch	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun/month	macgowan@live.ca

**DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE BULLETIN?**  
Submit it via our online form: <http://riverside.on.ca/bulletin/>

# Our Church Family

Please pray for those who are or have recently been in hospital and if you are aware of anyone in the hospital, please call the church office at 519-472-6071.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Dorothy Knight following her death on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Leftover Bakeware:** If you have brought food to the church and forgot to pick up your dish, please check the wire shelves in the downstairs kitchen. Any item not picked up by Sun. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> will be donated to a good cause.

## PRAYER CYCLE

Let us pray during the week for these families, their needs, their hopes, and their well-being. May they know and feel our support and God's embrace all week long. This week let pray for Paul & Mary Fennell, Clarie Fidler, Dave Filipowich, Mel & Stella Finkbeiner, Shannon Fisher, Marg Fliss, Jack Foote, John & Connie Ford, Jennifer Foster and family, Elaine & Fred Fransen and family and the work and ministry of our Sunday School Co-coordinator, Linda Thompson. Middlesex Presbytery has asked that we include in our prayers: the ministry and mission of Wardsville United Church and for the well-being, compassion, strength and joy of Rev. Richard Golden and all others involved in ministry leadership at these churches.