

# 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

In the sermon this morning, we will explore the parable of the valuable coins (also known as the parable of the talents). In this story, Jesus tells us about three servants who receive coins and make choices about how to invest them. Two of the servants make wise choices while one makes a poor choice. As we ponder the text today, we will consider how we – as people of faith- can faithfully honour the gifts that God gives us.

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:14-30

## This Week

**HYMN SING** – Tonight at 7:30 pm. Come join us to sing your favourite hymns.

**COFFEE SALES** – Fair trade coffee is available for purchase **TODAY**.

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS** Coffee Sponsors are needed for the 10:30 coffee hour. If you would like to sponsor please contact Jan in the church office to make arrangements.

**TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** **Mon. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Aeolian Hall, 7:00 pm.** Please join in the annual ceremony in remembrance of Trans people worldwide murdered simply for who they are. Rev. Dave will be delivering the non-denominational prayer.

**CHRISTMAS TREES** – We are selling Christmas trees **Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am - 5pm.** To pre-order your tree call or email the church office.

Riverside United Church is an Affirming community of faith. To find out more, visit [riverside.on.ca/about/affirm.php](http://riverside.on.ca/about/affirm.php)



## 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



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[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.

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**RIVERSIDE**  
United Church

**“Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently.” – Maya Angelou**

### 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

**FINDING HOPE AT CHRISTMAS** – a gentle service for those who struggle at this time of year. **Sun. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.** All are welcome.

**10:30 PRESIDERS & SCRIPTURE READERS**  
Can you help on a Sunday morning? Contact Don Lucas 226-663-4854.

**RUTH POULTON UNIT MEETING** **Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:10pm** in the auditorium. Festive Table Accents – a demonstration on decorative napkin folds and creative food garnishes and art. Optional cookie exchange (bring 3 doz. cookies to exchange if you would like)

**UCW CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE & LUNCHEON** – **Sat. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 pm.** Everyone is invited to enjoy a catered meal, a candle lighting service and entertainment by George and Gillian Laidlaw. Tickets \$17.

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS**  
November 26<sup>th</sup> – Communion  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> – White Gift

# Mission and Outreach

**ROHINGYA FOOD APPEAL** – Information postcards available at the back of the sanctuary.

**DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK** The Outreach & Social Action committee invites you to bring **toilet tissue** 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. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

**PROJECT WELCOME** – The Outreach Ctte welcomes donations of household & personal care items such as toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, dish soap, & 2018 calendars to support new families in the Limberlost Housing Community. Through November, collection pails will be at the entrances. Financial donations are also welcomed.

# Children and Youth

## SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

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.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL** Lunch in the auditorium at 11:30, practice to follow in the music room.

**YOUTH CAFE** for high school students **Thursdays - 2:45-4:45pm** in the Mackenzie Lounge.

**THRIVE** Young adults 18-30 are invited to meet in the Mackenzie Lounge on **Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30-3:30 pm.

**NURSERY:** Child care for children up to age 4 is available in our professionally staffed nursery. Available at both services.

## TRAVELLING TEA PARTY

Good conversation, fellowship, treats, followed by Communion was enjoyed November 8 when the Riverside Travelling Tea Party stopped by Chelsey Park. The purpose of the Tea Party is to assure the Riverside people at Chelsey Park that they are a part of the Riverside Church Family -- whether they are at church each Sunday or whether they no longer can be with us in the Sanctuary. Riverside members from Cherryhill also came across the street to participate. Thank you to David Exley for the Communion Service, and to Neila Lawson for her rendition of “Let There Be Peace on Earth”. Thank you also to the **Total Life Care (TLC)** members who organized, prepared and supported this sharing time.

**RUCUS** – **Fri. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 pm** games and fun for grades 5-8. Bring your friends.

**WONDER:** Families, children and Youth are invited for an afternoon at the movies to watch “Wonder” on **Sun Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for details. #ChooseKind

**FAITHWEAVERS** for children in Grade 5-8 **Wednesdays - 3:45-5:15pm.** Friends are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

# 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.

Irene Felkar – LHSC, University Hospital  
Geraldine Gaertner – LHSC, University Hospital  
Pauline Bramhill – LHSC, Victoria Hospital

**SOLES FOR SOULS** - With deep gratitude for you at Riverside, I announce the great success of Soles for Souls again this year. About 110 pairs of men’s/youths’ shoes were donated to the Mission Services Store Voucher Program! You have made a great difference in the lives of many who need emergency help. I can’t say enough – can only express my love for this church community. Sincerely, Brenda Benson

## 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 John & Betty Beatty, Norman & Alice Beddoe, Eileen Beecroft, Megan Bell, Brenda Benson, Willeta & Norm Biddle, Robert & Bev Bilyea, Lois Bloxam, Sherri Bocchini and family, Barbara Boothe and the work and ministry of Outreach Pails program. Middlesex Presbytery has asked that we include in our prayers: the ministry and mission of Wesley-Knox United Church, and of Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler and all others involved in ministry at Wesley-Knox.