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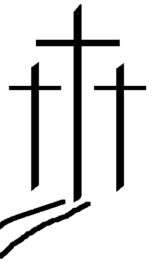
The Community View

Faith Community United Methodist Church
Riverview United Methodist Church

New Sunday Service Times

Riverview @ 9 AM, Jefferson @ 10 AM
Faith 68 @ 11 AM

Riverview
United Methodist
Church



Growing in Faith . . . Growing in Service . . . Growing in Christ!

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New OFFICE HOURS

9:00 to Noon
Mon.—Thur.

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If you would like to receive the Faith Newsletter digitally in your email box and save us hours of work and postage, please send Betty Allen an email to request it.

baballen123@gmail.com

Pastor Luke Whipple to Serve Faith Community/Riverview

Announced: 04-19-2020

Luke was born and raised in Beaver County, growing up in Freedom, PA as the third of four children in his family. He is a graduate of Beaver County Christian School, Grove City College and United Theological Seminary.

Before pursuing ministry as a vocation, Luke worked for four years as a high school English teacher, teaching in the Pittsburgh Public Schools and the Shaler Area School District. In 2013, Luke began seminary studies and started working part-time at Bakerstown UMC. While there, he experienced God guiding him toward ordination in the United Methodist Church.

Luke was eventually appointed to the pastoral staff of Bakerstown, first as a local pastor and then as a provisional elder. At Bakerstown, Luke's responsibilities included the worship team, youth ministry, and audio/visual needs. He also participated in the ministries of preaching, pastoral care and leadership development.

Luke is passionate about mission work and has participated in mission trips to Central America, Ireland, and different parts the USA. Through those trips, Luke learned how great and varied the Kingdom of God is. He puts a high priority on discipleship, for it is the tool Jesus gave to change the world. He is also passionate about ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luke is married to Rachel Whipple who shares his passion for missions, discipleship, and Spirit-empowered ministry. They have three children—Evangeline, August, and Joanna -- and they hope to one day be foster parents as well.



See more about Pastor Luke and his lovely family on pages 6-7.



WORDS FROM Pastor Donna

To the beloved church families and friends of Faith Community/Riverview Charge:

As most of you are probably aware, I have been appointed by Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi to serve Savannah United Methodist Church in New Castle effective July 1, 2020.

It has been my privilege to be your pastor for the last four years as your shepherd, and years before that in lay leadership. During that time we have worshiped God together. We have shared holy meals at the Lord's Table. We have kicked off our shoes to renew and refresh our souls together in retreat. We have cooked, served and done dishes together. We have knelt together in prayer. As a congregation, we have welcomed children and adults into the family of God through Holy Baptism. We have created new families with Holy Matrimony. We have sat in hospital rooms together. We have shared our grief at the passing of beloved friends and celebrated their lives. We have searched the Scriptures together and sought God's purpose for our future. We may have disagreed on some issues and even at times disappointed each other but we have found that the love of God is more important than either disagreements or disappointments. We have weathered many storms in my years with you, but experienced so many joys as well.

These are the kinds of experiences that bind people together. They are part of a shared history. Nothing will change their reality. The unique relationship between pastor and congregation is partly built from these shared experiences. The changing of the calendar from June 30 to July 1 will not alter those experiences or change our friendships.

There is another part to the relationship between pastor and congregation that will change on July 1st; it is related to the authority and responsibilities of the appointment from that time forward. Preaching, administering the sacraments, conducting weddings and funerals, and similar pastoral duties are the responsibility of the appointed pastor. Through June 30 I retain responsibility for these things at Faith Community/Riverview Charge. However, starting July 1 those responsibilities belong to your new pastor, Rev. Luke Whipple. If you should have any inclination to do so, please do not ask me to return for anything that would interfere with the ministry of your new pastor. Of course, I have and will continue to be willing to work with Luke any way I can to help with the transition, but only at his request.

As I write this farewell letter to you, we are still in Eastertide and we still have not returned to worshipping together. It is my prayer that by my last Sunday here with you, we will at least have several opportunities to worship together. This is not the first disruption of service for us. We have survived significant setbacks and situations with our buildings and disruption of worship over the last year.

However, we are an Easter People! Even though our usual patterns of worship are disrupted we can still come to the cross with humble gratitude and the empty tomb with rejoicing. While we are concerned about disease that takes life it cannot stop us from spreading the Good News that gives life.

You've heard it from me before...Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (NIV) That verse applies not just to me as I follow God's plan for myself, but for all of you as well. My beloved friends, I will miss seeing your smiling faces each week and our time together. But God has a plan for all of you as well under the leadership of Pastor Luke. I leave from here with full faith and confidence God WILL prosper you.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Donna



Dearly Beloved,



Five years! It's been a good five years in ministry and in service with you!

I thank God everyday for the opportunity to serve alongside you in ministry and to grow with you in the faith, reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus Christ in creative and purposeful ways. Thank you!

And now, our God has new plans for Faith Community/Riverview... "plans to prosper you not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future!" I pray that you will embrace Pastor Luke and the leadership he will bring to your church, and I can't wait to watch from afar while you continue to be the church right here in your community, and as you make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

I say, "from afar," because I will no longer be your pastor. God has called me to serve the Russell/Akeley charge up in the Kane district, and just as God has called Pastor Luke to lead you forward, they will depend upon my leadership in their churches. Please do not contact me for any pastoral concerns or advice, please go to your pastor, Luke. Please try not to hold onto what was, or what we've always done, or the way we've always done it...instead, may you grab hold of what God has in store for you next... "plans to prosper you not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future!" Pastor Luke will lead you where you need to go next in ministry, in service, in discipleship, in outreach — I pray that you will follow him, for to follow your pastor is to fully accept the gift God has given you in your pastor.

I am grateful for the way that you have embraced my family: Mary, Kailey, Gavin, and myself, and I carry with me countless memories of seeing God at work in the Rochester/Beaver Falls area. Thank you for the last five years; they have been such a blessing!

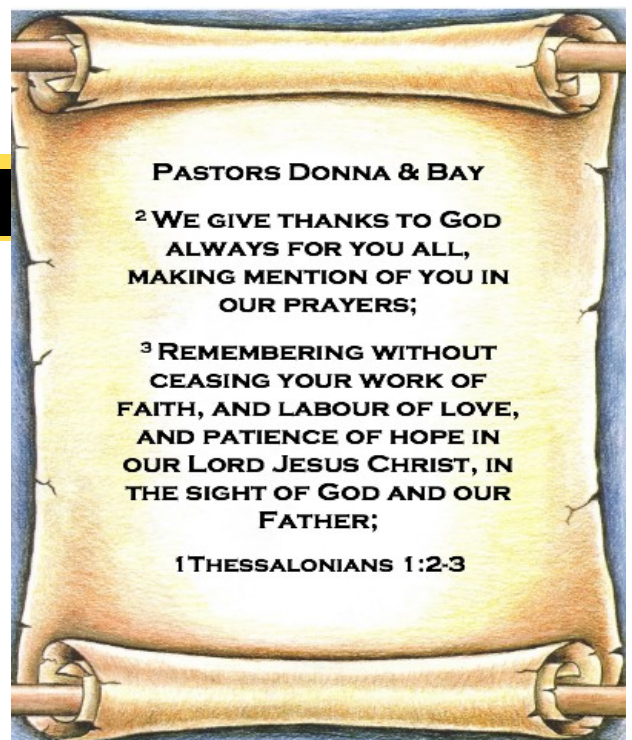
And now, even as my family and I pack our boxes, labeling the things that we shall carry with us to our new home in Russell, PA, know this: our love for you could never fit into a box, we carry it with us forever in our hearts.

With Love,

Pastor Bay Allen

FAREWELL GATHERING

Save the date for Sunday, June 28th at noon for a farewell gathering for Pastor Bay and Pastor Donna. To promote social distancing, this will be held at the pavilion at Faith on 68. Everyone should have received a letter in the mail. Watch for announcements at church, on Facebook, or email news. Refreshments will be served.



Sincere Thanks for Your Faithfulness



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Great is your faithfulness!

So many of you are so faithful about sending in and dropping off your weekly tithes and offerings. Others are giving online (which has doubled in this last month.) Someone checks the church each day for mail and messages. If you are not attending church due to illness or Covid 19 restrictions, please try to remember to support us with your weekly tithe and offering. We appreciate it!

If you would like, this is something that can be taken care of through our website as a "one-time offering", or you can set up weekly or monthly offerings. [Click here to go directly to the secure link to give.](#)

Memorials in Memory of Harry H. Hyslerman

*Your Gifts of
Love are Much
Appreciated!*

American Legion, Anderson-Adkins Post 19,
PO Box 103, New Brighton, PA 15066

John (Jack) Patricia Thomas,
4470 Old Burlington Street, Alpharetta,
GA 30022-6239

*Grief Share resumes at
JS on June 18. We pray
for families of all who
have passed away.*

**online
GIVING**
easy. fast. effective.



Can you be an e-Giver? Yes You Can! It just takes a click of a button!

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinth. 9:7)

The new offering envelopes for 2020 should be in your hands by now. But there's a way you can make your offering to our Faith Community easier.

- No more writing checks.
- No more looking for stamps.
- No more forgetting tithe while on vacation.
- No more leaving your envelope behind on the desk or kitchen table when you leave for church.

You can make it easy on yourself by setting up weekly, monthly, or annual giving electronically through our secure link from our website or even use texting.

If you prefer, you can make a single offering each week through the webpage also.

Do you need to make a special offering? Simply designate that in the "memo" line. All you have to do to give your tithes and offerings is visit the link below!

<https://www.faitbcomumchurch.org/giving>

Reopening Guidelines

Due to Coronavirus restrictions, we cannot schedule usual events at publishing time. Please check Church web sites, e-news, FaceBook, prayer chain notices, etc. to learn of events as they are scheduled.

Please notify members or friends that don't do social media by phone to let them know too. That is an awesome ministry for all of us. Please Continue prayers for God to end this pestilence and keep us all well.



A big shout out to our pastors and executive committee members for all the zoom meetings they've held to consider what it will take to reopen our churches, and still be compliant with all the new regulations such as:
Guidelines for Church Reopening in Green Phase



PLEASE REMEMBER NEW WORSHIP TIMES ARE RV AT 9 am, 10:00 am FOR FAITH ON JEFFERSON AND 11:00 am FOR FAITH ON 68.

We understand that some of you, especially those with underlying health conditions, are not ready to return yet. But for those of you who do, please arrive a little early because we still must follow CDC protocols. Be prepared to participate in the following upon entry:

- All those coming for worship should enter ONLY through the door near the parking lot.
- Temperature will be taken at the door using a no-touch digital thermometer.
- Those that come to worship are expected to wear a mask. No one will be admitted without one. If you don't have one, we will provide them at the door.
- Someone will be at the door to "sign you in." This is necessary to comply with contact tracing suggestions.
- Of course, hand sanitizer will be available in multiple locations.
- Please sit **only** in spaces indicated to comply with CDC guidelines for social distancing. Families may sit together. The rule of thumb is "if you came in the same car, you can sit together."
- Sorry, but singing is discouraged, even with masks on.
- There will be no paper bulletins, hymnals, prayer cards, offering envelopes, or Bibles in the pews. If you want a Bible, you must bring your own. The entire worship will be on the screens.
- We have purchased special sanitation equipment to ensure proper cleaning of our worship and social spaces.
- Only one person in any restroom is permitted at one time.
- We will have a no-contact method of offering set up for your convenience.



You can find us on Facebook at "Riverview United Methodist Church," "Faith on 68," or "Faith on Jefferson". Please don't forget to like, share, and follow us! Want to stay clued-in to everything that's happening in our churches? Go to Faithcomchurch.org or riverviewumchurchbf.org.

More About Pastor Luke & Family



Dear Faith Community & Riverview Churches,

New beginnings are full of blessings and hope. Rachel and I are learning this as we are getting ready to come to you as your new pastor and family. As we get ready, we have been given an opportunity to count our blessings. As we pack away our items (*a picture, a keepsake, a diploma*) they bring forward memories of how God has been good and faithful to our family over the years. Each personal artifact bears a testimony to this truth. In addition, as we see each box filled, labeled, and ready to go it gives us hope for the journey that God has ahead of us. Each packed box reminds us that we are getting that much closer to the day when we will transition into our new place in your churches. With that realization, we are filled with an eager hope for what God will be doing in the near future as we join with the faith communities in Patterson Twp. and Rochester.



As we get ready to come to you, we also know that part of the work of this transition will be the exciting task of getting to know one another. This is vital work. In order for a church family to be healthy, we have learned, there has to be a deep and abiding trust and love. Those things, however, take time to plant and nurture. This gets complicated when we recognize that we are still in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic and due to that we might be limited in our face-to-face interactions. So Rachel and I have written this brief letter so that you might get to know a little bit more about the Whipple family as we pre-

pare to come to you.

It is our wish that, in the coming weeks, you too would have moments of remembrance and hope. As you prepare for this transition, it is our desire that you would remember the blessings you have experienced under the leadership of your pastors, Donna and Bay. As you remember those blessings, we would want you to look ahead with hope trusting that God will be faithful and good into the future!

In Christ,

Luke & Rachel

Family Bio

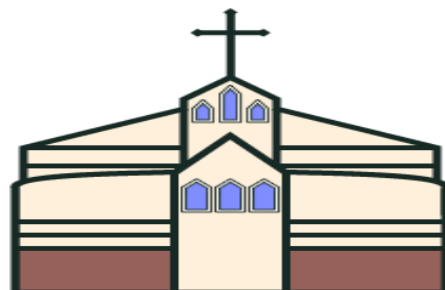
Luke and Rachel met while they were in college (*Grove City College*). They didn't start dating until after they had graduated (*Luke can be a slow learner sometimes!*). They were married in 2013, which is when Luke started to study at seminary. Before they knew each other, Luke and Rachel had dramatic, soul-shaping encounters with Jesus.

Luke experienced the love of Christ flood his heart at 13; it was God's answer of peace to a heart that was restless. Rachel experienced God's overwhelming forgiveness and grace reach her when she was a young adult, serving on a mission trip in Costa Rica with her church. Together, they have served in mission work to Central America several times, led many children's programs and Vacation Bible schools, and have learned how to make their home a place of love for their family and hospitality to the wider community.

As a family, they like to take walks in the neighborhood and local parks, go on camping trips, and have family movie night every Friday.

Whipple Family Bio Continued

Welcome to our Church Family



Joanna Lys (lee) Whipple

Joanna is 10 months old. She is very proud of her two new teeth, which she uses to bite everything she can. She also just learned how to crawl and is excited to go everywhere her mom and dad would prefer she didn't go!

August Wesley Whipple

August is 3 years old and turns 4 in January. He loves playing with his older sister and helping his Mommy and Daddy do chores around the house. August loves the music during church, especially if he is allowed to bang on the drums!



Evangeline ("Evie" rhymes with 'Chevy') Rose Whipple

Evie is 4 years old and turns 5 on July 6. She is really hoping for a goldfish for her birthday! Evie loves to read. Her favorite books are *Pippi Longstocking* and the *Junie B. Jones* series. One of Evangeline's favorite things about



PLEASE JOIN OUR CARD PARTY TO WELCOME PASTOR LUKE

Our churches are preparing to welcome Pastor Luke and his family with a "card party." Containers are in place at all churches, and we encourage members to submit a "welcome" card or letter, that includes your name, address, phone #, email, perhaps a picture, and please share something about yourself and/or your family so that it is easier for our new pastor to connect with you beginning July 1



We're
Getting
a New
Pastor

AND
I WILL GIVE
you pastors
ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
WITH
knowledge &
understanding.
JEREMIAH 3:15

Ministry Opportunities

Don't just go to church. Be the church.

Faith on 68 Passion Team: Casting Call! - We are looking for some people that are passionate about the ministry and worship of our church! **We are looking for people to help with the following when Church is reopened.**

WORSHIP (not the band...this is the nuts and bolts such as scheduling communion stewards, folding bulletins, ushers & greeters, preparing for communion and baptism etc.) and we are also looking for someone gifted with...

SOCIAL NETWORKING / INTERNET PRESENCE

(essentially, helping get a buzz out online by posting for us, helping get the word out with our live-streaming of the service, helping to be an admin on FB, twitter, Instagram, or whatever happens to be trending these days...we don't know what that is...but if you do, you're perfect for this!)



Sound Operator Needed for Faith on 68

Jeff Gray is seeking an assistant that he can train to run sound with the worship band; if you like music and have an ear for what sounds good, you've probably already got what it

takes to learn how to get involved with this exciting ministry! Please see Jeff Gray, or Tom Perkins because this opportunity/need is just for you!



Girl Scouts will start meeting as a group again on August 4, 2020 at Faith on 68. These meets will be outside, as long as the weather's nice. Then they will have the 1st Pack meet September 1, 2020 at 6pm inside the church.

Contact Lauren Ipson for more information.

Sunday School Teachers needed

@ Faith on 68

We are still looking for teachers to help lead our children in Sunday School. Requirements & Commitment would include child clearances (we'll help you with that for free!). This volunteer position would also require discussing curriculum with the other teacher(s), making sure that things were ready for the start of class (ie. glue, craft stuff, video, things like that...) and a dedication to see our kids grow in love of Christ! If interested, please see Pastor Bay. Marsha just got clearance to help, you can



Help Wanted!
Sunday School
Teachers

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6

dailyhfeverse.com



More Ministry Opportunities

Mark Calendars

JS-Grief Share will resume on Thursday evenings @ 6:00 pm

July 1 RV- 11 am- Wed Worship with Pastor Luke

**Below Tentatively Scheduled-
Mark Calendars
Call to Verify**

July 19 RV - Congregational Dinner/Picnic -

Aug 3 RV - Women's Picnic -

August 8 JS- Nu-2 - U Clothing cupboard resuming and is held the second Saturday of each month

Aug 23 @ 68- Blessing of backpacks during Service.



Aug 28th RV- Apple Dumpling Baking

Sept. 4 - Apple Dumpling Baking

Sept. 5 - Apple Dumpling Pickup

Sept. 11 - Apple Dumpling Baking

Sept. 12 - Apple Dumpling Pickup

Sept. 18 - Apple Dumpling Baking/Pickup

Oct. 17 - RV Rummage Sale

Oct. 18 RV- Congregational Dinner



*Inspirations
Hopefully
Rescheduled to August*

provided Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

*Let Leah know
if you have book ideas.*

*Contact Leah Martin for more Info at
leahmartin68@hotmail.com or
724-494-3380*

Children getting BORED?

Try These Links with Freebies!

Look at Kidsburgh.org -lots of fun activities.

This Childrens-Ministry link also has lots of freebies you can download for children.

Short Fruit of Spirit Devotionals and activities.

<https://www.raisingarrows.net/2012/01/fruit-of-the-spirit-devotional-and-printables-for-young-children/>

Faith Mask T-Shirt Faith Community Fundraiser

Remind everyone you see (six-feet apart, of course!) during this coronavirus pandemic that you wear your faith like a facemask! This T-Shirt not only supports the belief that you know that



God is bringing about healing, but also that we are to do our part to wear our masks! What color speaks to your heart? Available in Heather Gray, Turquoise, Orange, Pink, our White (for you tie-dye folk out there) Put your Faith Mask on! Click here to order: <https://www.bonfire.com/faith-mask-t-shirt/>



**Sorry, Cancelled
Until Further Notice!**

PRAYER CHAIN & SHUT IN MINISTRY



Call, text, or
email
**Pastor Luke or
Tracy Wilson if
interested in
this Prayer
Ministry**

Pastor Luke- (phone, text,
email) 724-622-7763
Pastorluke@faithcommunity.org

Tracy Wilson- tracywil-
son1103@gmail.com
(phone or text) 724-494-7579



"We are now live streaming our service from Faith on 68 each week at 11 am. Please take a moment to share a service through Facebook with your friends and family, spreading our social networking also allows us to reach more people for Christ each week... even those who are not physically able to attend. Again, please help share what your church is doing on the internet, and who knows, maybe we'll reach people for Christ that otherwise would not have heard what God is doing right here in their own backyard!

It is very important during the coronavirus restrictions that our congregation stays in touch with each other by phone or social media & Pray for each other!

You Can Bring Joy to Our Shut Ins All Year

Our Shut Ins were so appreciative of our Christmas Caroling that we would like to invite you to bring them Joy all year long. Betty Allen saw Helen Clear the other day and said "she is still talking about how much she and her neighbors enjoyed the Caroling." If any of you would feel inclined to visit someone on our list, just ask us for names. We invite you to be a Christ-bearer to them. Just ask Pastor Luke for a current list. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve Christ, your church, and have some fun socializing too! We only ask that you drop us a note to let us know who you visited, so we can be sure each shut-in is called on.

If you can't visit we will be glad to share names and addresses so you can send cards to brighten their day. Contact Pastor Luke if you can help. Cards are easy to do if you can't visit. Phone calls would also brighten their days.

¹³ If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. ¹⁴ If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. James 5:13-15 CEB



Blessing of Backpacks- August 23 at Faith on 68

All Students & Others who use Back Packs are encouraged to attend church with their backpacks August 23 at Faith on 68 and have their backpacks Blessed in prayer by Pastor Luke.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!!

WE ARE
SO
PROUD
OF YOU

Congratulations to Grace Edmonds on her Graduation from Geneva College. Best wishes from your church family for the future!



Double Congrats to Hannah May who graduated from Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School in Midland Pennsylvania. She will be attending the Community College of Beaver County where she will be majoring in early childhood education. Upon graduation she will be awarded Associate in Arts degree.. She was also accepted into their honors program and will receive a full tuition honor scholarship to attend CCBC.

Congratulations to Gavin Allen who had a virtual Pre-School graduation Wednesday June third with his classmates and teachers on Zoom. His teacher sent him a shirt, cap, certificate, and medal. He was very excited. He is



now officially a Kindergartener and will be attending Eisenhower Elementary in Russell PA. Gavin also lost his first tooth which proves he is definitely a Kindergartener.

**“For I know the PLANS
I have for you”
declares the LORD
“plans to PROSPER you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”**

Jeremiah 29:11

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Please Pray continually for these and all students from our Faith Community; that they will always do their Best as unto the Lord, Be Blessed, and let their light shine for Jesus! Pray that the Lord will give them excellent caring teachers and help them to seek His will in all their decisions!

News to Use From Faith Community

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Rochester PA 15074

Address Correction Requested

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9:00 to Noon
Mon.—Thur.

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ROCHESTER, PA.



We are
a growing community of believers
whose mission is to equip our
community to *Believe* in Jesus, to
Belong to a family, *Become* a
disciple, and *Build* His kingdom.

Please Observe

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Watch e-news, prayer chain messages, bulletins, FB & social media for information on more upcoming Events! You'll be glad you did! Don't miss out on Blessings to be had!



BELIEVE



BELONG



BECOME



BUILD



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or riverviewumchurchbf.org