

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." - Galatians 2:20a*

## WORSHIP

**Parking Lot Service:** You are invited to our parking lot each Sunday at 8:30am (please arrive 15-30 minutes early) for worship. **Please remain in your vehicles!**

**In Person Worship:** You are invited to the 10:00am Sanctuary Service for worship.

**Worship Online:** You are invited to stream us live at 11:25am each Sunday at our church website, [www.rrumc.org](http://www.rrumc.org). You can view past worship services there as well.

Please check our website for details/instructions before coming at [www.rrumc.org](http://www.rrumc.org).



## TWICE BLESSED FREE STORE REOPENING PLANS by Ben Weisbrod, TBFS Director

The process of reopening the Twice Blessed Free Store, a ministry of Rocky River United Methodist Church, has one goal in mind - the safety of all involved. Thus, we have had to make changes to how the store will be operating as it reopens. Please be flexible, this is new to all of us and may have to change as time goes on. Working side by side with our landlord, the Nehemiah Mission, we have implemented new policies that adhere to the CDC and state guidelines.

The Twice Blessed Free Store will be **reopening on Saturday, August 8, from 10:00am to 12:00pm**. **Donations** will start being **accepted** again on **Monday, August 10**, and will be **accepted from Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm at RRUMC (no Sunday drop-offs at this point)**. We are currently collecting **summer clothing** and **items should be clean and in good condition**. To comply with Cleveland's new safety rules, one high demand item will be face masks, so donations of these are also appreciated.

New store policies will include masks being worn by everyone, fewer shoppers in the store at any given time, shoppers waiting outside, and other CDC guidelines. The Nehemiah Mission has stated that they will be adhering to strict cleaning policies. These changes are being implemented for the safety of all involved in the Twice Blessed Free Store ministry. If you have any questions about the Free Store operations, please contact Ben Weisbrod, TBFS Director, at [bweisbrod@rrumc.org](mailto:bweisbrod@rrumc.org).

## CRUISIN' RIVER 2020 DRIVING CRUISES!

WEDNESDAYS,  
AUGUST 12 & 26

Driving Cruises continue on the second and fourth Wednesdays of August.

- 5:30pm - Parking lot opens for staging and directions to destination.
- 6:00pm - Cars depart for a fun destination (burger joint, ice cream stand, park, etc.)! Destinations will be announced the prior week and printed directions will be provided at the cruise.

Cruisers travel at their own pace, pay for their own food and beverage at the destination, and keep enjoying the collector car hobby with others! Rain or shine cruises - you make the call to participate or not if weather is "iffy."

For more information contact Steve Zayac at [Stephen.zayac@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.zayac@gmail.com) or 440.785.1489 or Michael Parry at [mparry3638@gmail.com](mailto:mparry3638@gmail.com) or 440.773.1301.

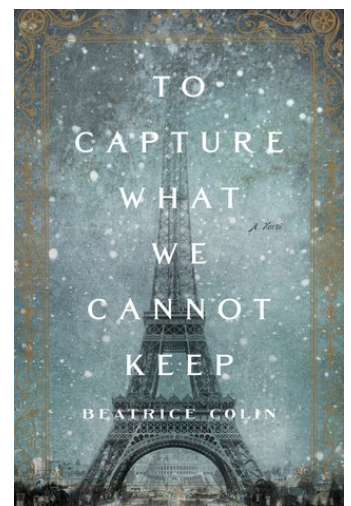


## BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Join us on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00am. During the summer, we are meeting at Elmwood Park (near the cabin), 600 Elmwood Rd. Rocky River; bring a lawn chair. If the weather is inclement, contact Bruce to confirm that whether the discussion will be at Elmwood Park or via Zoom.

On August 20, we will discuss **"To Capture What We Cannot Keep"** by Betrice Colin. Questions? List of future books? Need the conference code? Contact Bruce Biggin at [brbiggin@netscape.net](mailto:brbiggin@netscape.net) or 216.221.5880. Always happy to see new faces, and regular attendance is not required.





## YOUTH MINISTRIES PAGE

by *Steven Young, Director of Youth Ministries* [syoung@rrumc.org](mailto:syoung@rrumc.org)



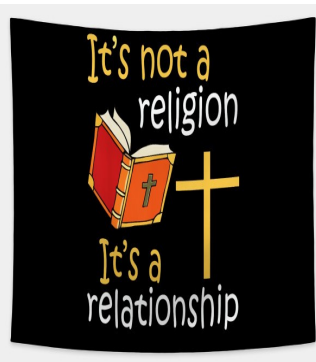
Even though teenagers have a lack of events to choose from now, what is most important for their lives right now is an authentic relationship with Jesus. A relationship is always more compelling than an event. The power of an event fades, but a relationship lasts through the ups and downs of life.

As a church, our goal isn't to invite teens to show up to an event, service, or trip; it's to invite them into a relationship with other teens, Christ-reflecting adults and ultimately Jesus Himself. We are passionate about seeing teens walk with Jesus for a lifetime, well beyond their time in student ministry.

John 10:26-30 gives us a picture of what the process of walking with Jesus looks like:

"But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

In this passage, Jesus says His sheep will believe Him (which is more like an active faith instead of intellectual acknowledgement). How does that active faith come about?



1. Listening to Jesus – Jesus makes it clear that His sheep listen to Him. We are inviting students to listen to the voice of God through prayer, scripture and looking for signs of His work.
2. Knowing Jesus – After we learn to listen to Jesus, He becomes familiar to us. We can discern His voice from others. We have an ongoing relationship with Him. We move from knowing about Him to actually knowing Him.
3. Following Jesus – Students who listen to Jesus and learn to know Him will naturally follow Him. Where He goes they will go because they will want to be with Him. And what is the result? As a teenager develops a habit of walking with Jesus, they will experience life and security.

If you have teenagers in your life (children, grandchildren, neighbors...) and want them to hold firm to their faith, then here are a few thoughts:

- Don't be satisfied with church attendance. We want teens attending church regularly, but a church attender isn't necessarily a Christ-follower. Make sure you look for deeper spiritual markers (like prayers, Bible study, the fruits of the Spirit) as markers that they are walking with Jesus.
- Model the kind of relationship with Jesus you want them to have. Show them what it looks like to have an intimate relationship with Jesus on a daily basis. They won't believe it unless they see it lived out.
- Initiate the conversation by asking them how they are seeing God at work in their everyday lives. They need reminders to look for God's presence every single day, just like you and I do.

We want Rocky River UMC to be an exciting place to be not because we do great events, but because many people here have a living relationship with Jesus.

### Daily Devotions for Student Ministry, One Verse, Sunday Messages

**Daily devotions**, taking 5-10 minutes of your time, are sent to youth 5 days a week, but hopefully have a much longer impact. E-mail Steven Young at [syoung@rrumc.org](mailto:syoung@rrumc.org) to subscribe. "**One Verse**," 2-3 minute videos speak to one Bible verse, discuss its impacts, and spurs spiritual growth. Also, I release short **messages** geared towards youth every **Sunday** which offer exciting lessons from God's Word meant to strengthen, grow, and reach youth within the church. Both the "One Verse" and Sunday message videos can be found on the church website, on the RRUMC youth Facebook page, and on the church's YouTube channel so don't forget to like and subscribe to the youth Facebook and Instagram page via the youth page on the church website, [www.rrumc.org](http://www.rrumc.org)! Also by subscribing you will get up-to-date information regarding upcoming events, newsletters, and pictures. Questions? Contact Steven at the e-mail above.





# ***A TRIPLE PLAY BICYCLE GIVEAWAY!***

## **Three Ministries - One Event**

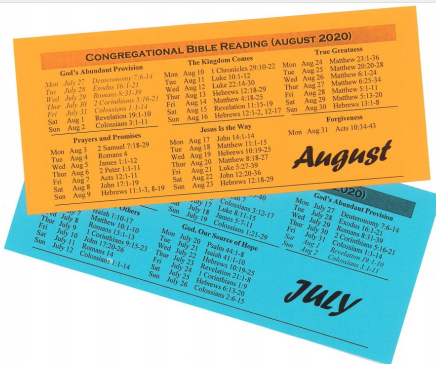


Please join RRUMC's "Armored Disciples Motorcycle Ministry" (ADMM) on Saturday, August 29, 2020, as they distribute the bicycles you donated to the "Link Up" bicycle ministry for refurbishing. The bicycles will be given away on the grounds of Twice Blessed Free Store (6515 Bridge Ave., Cleveland) by members of the ADMM. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided to all.

We are not looking for volunteers! Rather, we are inviting you to witness with your eyes and hearts how truly happy your donations have made those who receive bicycles that day. Selection tickets will be given away at 10:30am, with the first ticket drawn at 11:00am. That ticket will allow the holder to select any one of the bicycles in the display corral.

What a truly heart-warming day this will be..... be part of it!

Questions? Contact Don Jones at [TRKSERDLJ@aol.com](mailto:TRKSERDLJ@aol.com).



## CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Have you ever wondered where we get the congregational Bible readings found on the back of the bulletin or in our weekly "Our Week Ahead" e-mail that comes out each Monday? They come from the devotional titled "**A Guide to Prayer**" published by The

Upper Room and prepared by Rueben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck. There is a theme for each week. August's themes are: God's Abundant Provision, Prayers and Problems, The Kingdom Comes, Jesus Is the Way, and True Greatness.

If you want to use these verses as part of your daily devotion time, but worry about missing a Sunday, pick up a copy of an entire month's verses scattered about the church. Look for the August (bright orange) readings on the various information tables and wall brochure racks.

*"I sit down alone, Only God is here; In his presence I open, I read his books; And what I thus learn, I teach." - John Wesley*



Full "buck" moon rising over Roaming Rock in Ashtabula County - photo from Rev. Daniel Bogre.

## MILESTONES

### August Anniversaries

(50 or more years and those in 5 year increments)

8/3	Nancy & Richard Blume	52
8/6	Amy & Bill Bolas	15
8/12	Alison & Ken Hawkinson	25
8/17	Christa & Bob Blum	25
8/24	Debbie & Frank Comery	52
8/25	Mary & Ned Tookman	58
8/31	Joan & James Dean	35

### August Birthdays

(age 90 and above)

8/3	Lizabeth Emrick	90
8/5	Roger Knipper	92
8/14	Elda Krach	92
8/15	Rhoda Brodnik	90
8/20	Louise Fletcher	91
8/22	William Minnich	90

### In Sympathy

Cathy Tasse and family, in the passing away of her mother, Patricia Bays, on June 16.

Carl Eichler and family, in the passing away of his father, Harlow Eichler, on June 25.

Karen Weger and family, in the passing away of her mother, Rebecca Katterle, on July 6.

Family and friends of Jane Gribben, who passed away on July 8.

### Births

Hadley Marie Halek, daughter of Jeremy & Brittany Halek, born on June 26; proud grandparents are MaryElin & Kenneth Halek.



## BE AN ANGEL DAY

**AUGUST 22**

The objective of this day is to be like an angel, to be God's servant in doing good things or being kind to others in need.

The type of angelic help you can offer is not defined or limited. It can be physical, emotional, or spiritual.



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DATED MATERIALS - PLEASE RUSH  
Mailed July 22, 2020

### Ministry

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Paul A. Bennett, Associate Pastor  
Sheri B. Swartz, Director of Church Ministries  
Quinn E. Bennett, Director of Children's Ministries  
Lisa P. Sierk, Director of Endowment Ministries  
Steven M. Young, Director of Youth Ministries  
Ben Weisbrod, Twice Blessed Free Store Director

### Music Ministry

Jeffrey A. Acker, Organist  
Matthew Dolan, Director of Music  
Josetta Q. Balford, Harbor Worship Leader  
Carmen G. Massaro, and Lynn Young, Handbell Choirs

### Mission Ministry

Rev. Paul Webster, Kanyama, Zambia

Place Address  
Label here.

**Deadline for September Circuit Rider:**  
Wednesday, August 5

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE STORY!

### SAVE THESE AUGUST DATES:

August 4, 11, 18, & 25 - Men's Prayer Group\*  
August 8, 15, 22 - TBFS Open for Shopping  
August 11 - RiverMen Monthly Meeting\*  
or outdoor gathering  
August 12 - Armored Disciples Monthly Meeting\* or Bike Ride  
August 12 & 26 - Crusin' River Driving Cruises  
August 20 - Book Club\*  
August 29 - Armored Disciples / Link Up Bicycle Ministry Bike Giveaway Day at TBFS

*\*These small group church activities will continue virtually through at least the end of August. Committees will also meet virtually during this time.*

### POSTPONEMENTS (NEW DATES TBD):

Confirmation Sunday  
50 Year Member Sunday

### CANCELLATIONS:

Open Gym Basketball (Tuesday evenings in August)  
Algart Hymn Sing (August 18)

*Just a  
little note  
to say...*

### CHURCH REOPENING NOTE

With our church in the process of "reopening", Mary Lou and I have availed ourselves of worship at the 10:00am service the past two Sundays. The measures that have been taken to assure worshippers' safety made us very comfortable in our surroundings. Individuals wear masks, every other pew is used for seating, sanitizing is apparent throughout the church, and we are asked to limit our socializing. Even with precautionary measures in place, it was just so nice to be back amongst persons whose presence we had missed for some time. We will be back on successive Sundays. Perhaps we will have the pleasure of greeting you. - Dick and Mary Lou Sanders

### IN GRATITUDE

Thank you to Jeanette Lihani, Kathy Rafferty, Janice Perry, and Julia Artbauer for the nutritious and delicious meals they provided for us and to Carol Harpster who delivered and coordinated the meals. We so appreciate the time and effort they took and are truly grateful for their care.  
- Charmaine & Bill Riccio

