

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

ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 4:00PM



Join us for the Organ Dedication Concert with Guest Artist Dan Miller

Dan Miller is an internationally renowned musician and will be welcomed by Rocky River United Methodist Church's organist Jeff Acker. The concert will highlight the updates to our organ:

Casavant / ROGERS Hybrid Pipe Organ

ROGERS Infinity 489 Console interfaced with the 1958
Casavant Pipe Organ with 51 ranks

*NOTE: Plan to attend the 10:00am worship on Sunday,
October 23, where we will consecrate the organ.*

Membership Class

Come and learn about
our Church

STORY CONNECTION (MEMBERSHIP) CLASSES

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 9, 16, 30, AND
NOVEMBER 6.

Interested in learning more about the mission and ministries of RRUMC? Ready to consider church membership? Story Connection (Membership) Classes will be held on Sundays, October 9, 16, 30, and November 6, from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Please contact the church office at office@rrumc.org or 440.331.7676 to sign up. Questions? Contact Rev. Dan Bogre at DBogre@rrumc.org.

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION



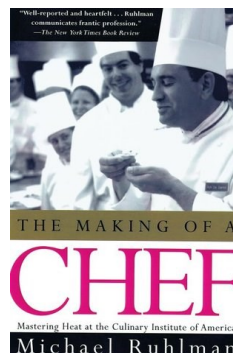
BEGINS OCTOBER 2

RRUMC is excited to be starting the 2023 Upward season. Upward is a sports ministry offering basketball and cheerleading to youth in Kindergarten (or age 5) through 6th grade. Registration begins October 2 at rrumc.org. All players will need to attend one of the evaluations occurring November 14-17. Teams practice one day per week, and play a game on Saturdays. Practices start the week of January 3, 2023, and games will run January 21 through March 11. The season concludes with a spectacular celebration on March 12. Scholarships are available. Information about opportunities to volunteer will be available at rrumc.org. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated! Questions, please contact upwardrrumc@yahoo.com.

BELL CHOIR RINGERS WANTED!

REHEARSALS ON SUNDAYS

Have you ever thought about ringing handbells? The Fuller Sounds Handbell Choir has immediate openings for you. They rehearse on Sunday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm and ring approximately once monthly. Ringing experience is not necessary but the ability to read musical notation is. Please contact Carmen Massaro, director, at cgmassar@aol.com if you are interested. Thanks!



BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Join us on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00am at Elmwood Park (or at the church if the weather is uncooperative). On October 20, we will discuss *"The Making of a Chef"* by Michael Ruhlman. Questions? List of future books? Confirming location? Contact Bruce

Biggin at brbiggin@netscape.net or 216.221.5880. Always happy to see new faces, and regular attendance is not required.

REFLECTIONS ...

by Rev. Daniel F. Bogre

Dear Friends and Family of RRUMC,

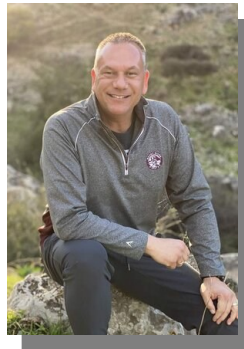
I don't know about all of you, but life sure seems to just be getting crazier and crazier. It seems like life is moving in fast forward most of the time. Have you ever said that you want to have a time when you can just sit and relax? Have you ever thought to yourself that you just want a break from the craziness of life? I feel like we are in a society where you hit the throttle and you never let off of it until you die or crash. Neither of those are good.

I have been driven to a Scripture more and more over the last three years. It is Psalm 46. In the wake of the world that we have now lived in since the pandemic entered the scene in March of 2020, this Psalm has spoken deep into my heart and soul. (I am hoping that right now you are looking it up so that it is there next to you.) It says in verses 2 and 3, "though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." That's what life feels like for so many people right now. How can we find peace in the midst of the mountains falling and the earth giving way in our lives? The psalmist reminds us that God is the one that calms all of those things and calms us in the midst of them. God is the one who protects us and delivers us from the earth giving way and the mountains crashing into the sea. The verse that speaks to me the most is verse 10, where God says, "Be still, and know that I am God."

What does be still mean for us today? The word STILL means a deep silence and calm, not moving or making a sound. Doesn't that sound fantastic? What I have come to learn is that those kind of moments don't just happen. We must seek them out. We must create them. We must live into them when we find them. God did that on the seventh day when He rested in the creation story. He showed us what Sabbath can/should look like. It is supposed to be a day when we don't just not work, but we use that day to seek God and his love and grace in our lives. In our world, we have planned that time out of our lives - me included. Last week, September 4, was one of the best Sabbath Sundays I have had in my 27 years of Christian ministry. I needed Sunday that day more than I ever have in my life. That day, even though I was preaching and leading worship, I felt God pour his love and grace into my life. I was truly worshipping while leading. Come back to church and see what God is doing for you and with you on the Sabbath. If your life is full throttle, God knows how to help you ease off the pedal in order to find Him. God showed us how to be still. God showed us how to live into Sabbath. The rest is on us to do our part. Grace and peace are available to you in the midst of the craziness of life. Will you allow yourself to BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT HE IS GOD?

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Daniel F. Bogre



BIBLE SUNDAY OCTOBER 2



On October 2, our 3rd graders will have a special celebration to honor them as they receive their Bibles. If you have a child in 3rd grade and have not received the information

about 3rd Grade Bible Sunday, please contact Mrs. Quinn right away at qbennett@rrumc.org.

LGBTQA+ SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 27

The LGBTQA+ Support Group for LGBTQA+, their family, and friends, plans to meet in-person in the choir room from 7:00-8:00pm on Thursday, October 27. Meetings are a safe, confidential space to express joys and concerns. Questions? Please contact Mark Brandt at brandt486@gmail.com.



October Anniversaries

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

10/6	Stacey & David Bowen	15
10/10	Bunny & Dave Huller	35
10/12	Amy & Thomas Dewey	20
10/15	Connie & Wayne Sweet	57
10/27	Janet & Dave Lynn	66

October Birthdays

(age 90 and above)

10/2	Iris Abel	103
10/12	Justine Gertz	99
10/12	Edith Eva	91

In Sympathy

Family and friends of Ruth Stadler who passed away on September 5.

Chuck Voll, in the passing away of his wife, Shelley Voll, on September 5; Shelley is Carl Eichler's cousin.

Baptisms

Henry Arthur Nelson, son of Brittany & Brett Nelson, on August 28; proud big sisters are Abigail and Lillian.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

by *Steven Young* at
SYoung@rrumc.org

October Crossroads Schedule

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Crossroads:

- Sunday, October 2 - 6:30-8:00pm
- Sunday, October 9 - 6:30-8:00pm
- Sunday, October 16 - No Crossroads
- Sunday, October 23 - 6:30-8:00pm
- Saturday, October 29 - Event: Majestic Meadows Alpaca Farm Visit (see details below)
- Sunday, October 30 - 6:30-8:00pm



Majestic Meadows Alpaca Farm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER
29, 1:00PM-4:00PM**

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join the youth group as we travel down to

Majestic Meadows Alpaca Farm. We will leave from the church at 1:00pm. It is a wonderful place full of alpacas (and some llamas). You can get up close and personal with alpacas, feeding them by hand, and even walking into the pen with them. Space is limited. Cost is \$10 per person. Email Steven Young at young@rrumc.org to sign-up.

At right: Photos from the Youth trip to the Lake Erie Crushers game on Saturday, August 27.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Family Mission at Twice Blessed Free Store - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 3-4PM

Come and help put together first aid kits for the community down at 9900 Madison Ave. How many times have you needed a band aid or thermometer and didn't have it right at hand? Your kids will learn the importance of having a first aid kit as well as the importance of taking care of others all at once. It's a fun and easy way to continue teaching what it means to serve God. Please help us to collect the following items to place in a first aid kit: oral thermometers, band aids (multiple sizes), tweezers, instant cold compresses, travel size hand sanitizer, small scissors, and individually wrapped 4"x4" gauze pads. Items can be placed in the basket marked Mission Possible in the main gathering area or outside Quinn and Steven's office (room 210). Questions? Contact Quinn Bennett at QBennett@rrumc.org



Tables and Treats - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6-8PM

Join us for Tables and Treats on Saturday, October 22, from 6:00-8:00pm, as we open the church to the community to celebrate Halloween. All ages are welcome to participate so invite your family and friends to don their costumes and join in the fun. We need people to decorate tables inside the church and pass out treats as well. Contact Quinn Bennett at qbennett@rrumc.org if you would like to decorate a table or have questions.

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DATED MATERIALS - PLEASE RUSH
Mailed September 21, 2022

Ministry

Daniel F. Bogre, Senior Pastor
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
Lisa Thomas, Twice Blessed Free Store Director

Music Ministry

Jeffrey A. Acker, Organist
Matthew Dolan, Director of Music
Carmen G. Massaro, and Lynn Young, Handbell Choirs
Robert W. Kimmel, Harbor Worship Leader

Mission Ministry

Dr. Belinda Forbes, Managua, Nicaragua

Deadline for November Circuit Rider:
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE STORY!

REMEMBER THESE LATE SEPT. DATES

September 21, 28 - Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study
September 21, 28 - Story Telling 101 Study
September 22 - Lydia Circle UMW
September 22 - LGBTQA+ Support Group
September 30-October 2 - RiverMen Adventure Weekend

SAVE THESE OCTOBER DATES

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 - TBFS Open for Worship/Shopping
Oct. 1, 8, 15, 29 - Open Gym Basketball
Oct. 2 - Bible Sunday & Communion Sunday
Oct. 2 - Upward Sports Sign-ups Begin
Oct. 2, 9, 23 - Confirmation Classes
Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30 - Crossroads Youth
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Joyful Sounds Handbell Choir
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Fuller Sounds Handbell Choir
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Women's Fellowship Group*
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 - Disciple III
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 - Men's Prayer Group
Oct. 4, 11; Nov. 1, 8 - LIFT "Trustworthy" Study
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 - Chancel Choir
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 - Wednesday Morning Women's Bible
Oct. 5, 12, 19 - Story Telling 101 Study
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Thursday Morning Breakfast Group
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Dynamic Women "Words of Life" Study*

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - "Invitation to John" Study
Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Harbor Worship Rehearsal
Oct. 9 - Family Mission TBFS
Oct. 9, 16, 30; Nov 6 - New Member (Story Connection) Class
Oct. 11 - RiverMen

Oct. 12 - Armored Disciples Motorcycle Ministry
Oct. 13 - Shawl Ministry
Oct. 20 - Book Club
Oct. 22 - Tables and Treats
Oct. 23 - Organ Consecration
Oct. 23 - Organ Dedication Concert
Oct. 27 - Lydia Circle UMW
Oct. 27 - LGBTQA+ Support Group
Oct. 29 - Youth visit Majestic Meadows

**virtual meeting via Zoom or other platform*

SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 8:30am - Chapel Service
- 10:00am - Sanctuary Service
- 11:30am - Harbor Service in Beacon Hall, also livestreamed at www.rrumc.org

SATURDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

10:00am - TBFS Service at the Story Church Campus, 9900 Madison Ave., Cleveland, OH