

December 31, 2017

We extend a Christian Welcome to you!

Our Mission: The Riverview Congregation exists to glorify God and proclaim Jesus Christ. In love, we invite all to experience Christ in worship, truth, and hospitality.

Pastor: Merlin Miller (260) 336-3210 merlinwm@riverviewcf.org

9:30am Sunday School

Classes for all ages

Adult: A Spirit-Empowered Testimony unto Death

10:30 am Worship Service

Welcome & Prayer

Offering for the General Fund

Special Music:

Worship: Merlin Bontrager

Message: *Pure in Heart*, Merlin Miller

6:00 pm Sunday Evening

Youth Skit Night

Upcoming Events

- **DECEMBER 31, 7:00 PM Tonight** after the service everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a time of fellowship. Bring your leftover Christmas cookies, fruit cake or other treat to share. It's a great way to get rid of the sweets before we all start our diets on New Year's Day.

- **JANUARY 14, 10:30 AM** This Sunday morning is a missions morning - our guest speaker will be **Eric Fleck**.

- **JANUARY 20, 6-8PM Men's Meeting:** Come out and join in a time dinner, fellowship around the WORD and prayer. All men young and old are invited. If you would like to be added to the email group see Kris Reckers.

- **MARCH 2018, Men's Retreat** at Amigo Centre in Sturgis MI. The plan is to spend time praying and fasting together Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. This is open to all men of the church both young and old. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

Scripture Prayer for the World

I draw near with boldness to your throne of grace, that the _____ may receive mercy, and may find grace for help in time of need. I build up the wall and stand in the gap for the *land/city/village* of _____, that you O God should not destroy it. As a watchman on the walls, I will never be silent day nor night. I will take no rest until you O God make the _____ a praise in the earth.

Hebrews 4:16; Ezekiel 22:30; Isaiah 62:6-7

Church Related

- **CHURCH CALENDAR ADDITION:** We are very sorry to have missed Finnley Agustus Monroe Yoder's birthday on the church calendar - he was born June 15, 2017. Please make the necessary addition to your calendar!

- **THROUGH-THE-BIBLE READING GUIDES**(Bookmarks) and "Joy" My Bible Reading Book(s) from World Missionary Press are available on the counter in the foyer. We have found it a blessing to invest in the spiritual lives of our children and grandchildren by rewarding them for reading through the Bible (on their level) in one or two or three years time. For younger children, a detailed Bible Story Book could be considered. The Bible on DVD (you can read and hear it narrated at the same time) is another great way to read the Bible. Various versions are available on-line through christianbook.com and other websites, through Christian book stores, and other places. For more guides or bookmarks, or if you have any questions, see Kermit & Mary Weaver.

- **MDC GOLDENROD** has an URGENT NEED for maintenance help and for caregivers. Work a few hours each week or full-time with benefits. No experience needed, just an open heart and a love for joyful people. For more information, call MDC Goldenrod at 574- 533-9720 or visit us online at www.MDCGoldenrod.org. MDC Goldenrod provides faith- based community services to empower people of all abilities to reach their individual potential.

- **THE ANNUAL MCC MEAT CANNING PROJECT** at The Depot in Goshen will be January 8-18. Several guys are needed to help set up this Thursday and Saturday. Please contact Ernie Miller if you can help either of those days.

For the Youth:

- **TONIGHT:** Following the evening service & time of fellowship, the youth are invited to Caleb & Kayla Miller's home for a New Year's Eve party. Please bring a snack and a 2 liter of pop to share.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The youth winter retreat will be held at Camp Friedenswald from January 26-28. The cost is \$65 **if you sign up and pay by Wednesday, January 3.**

Prayer Requests

David Stevens
Ted Bierdeman
Larry Mast
Ora Hochstetler

Sunday Evenings

Jan 7- Message, Jeff Stevens

Jan 14- Missions night: MCC Meat Canner

Jan 21- Spiritual Journey: Albert & Sarah Stutzman

Special Music

Jan 7- Children's S.S. Dept

Jan 14- Kermit Weaver

Jan 21- Noah Reckers

Greeter Schedule

Dec 31- Daniel Reckers

Jan 7&14- Albert Stutzman

Jan 21&28- Chris Stutzman

Last Week:

Attendance: 110

General Fund:
\$2025.00

Pastoral Fund:
\$300.00

Next Sunday's Offering:
Pastoral Support

Send Bulletin Info To:
announcements@riverviewcf.org

This Week

Today 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6	Sunday 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Sunday School • 10:30am Worship • 6pm Youth Skit Night • New Year's Eve Fellowship • Youth New Year's Party @ Caleb Miller's home • Suzanne Glass 	Happy New Year!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30am Men's Prayer Group • 7pm Bible Study & Prayer 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Van Kirk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Sunday School • 10:30am Worship • 6pm Message - Jeff Stevens

Pure in Heart

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Jam 1:27

katharos =

hagnos =

Who are the pure?

- _____ to God
(Heb 10:22; Jam 4:8)
- Control the _____ (Phi 4:8)
- _____ godly things
(Jam 3:17; 2 Tim 2:22)
- _____ associations (1 Tim 5:22)
- Obey call to _____ others (1 Pet 1:22)
- Receive _____ § _____
(2 Pet 3:1-2; 1 Jn 3:3)

2 Cor 7:1



Wash me and I shall be
Whiter than Snow

12.31.17

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