



# RIVERSIDE CURRENT

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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### Liturgists:

- May 1 — Ann Harshbarger
- May 8 — Jean Montgomery
- May 15 — Thomas Montgomery
- May 22 — Rebecca Bliss
- May 29 — Lauren Bliss

### Greeters & Ushers:

- May 1 — Dustin & Jennifer Briscoe, Bill and Sara Shaffer
- May 8 — Barb & Larry Robertson, Jana Hausch, Bruce Brandt
- May 15 — Kim Terry, Angie Peterson, Bill Jutte, Bill Heller
- May 22 — Rebecca Bliss, Mike Mauzy, Lauren Bliss, Ann Harshbarger
- May 29 — Steve & Jeanne McMahan, Dena & K.J. Cannon

### Acolytes:

- May 1 — Drew Hymes, Ethan Marshall
- May 8 — Molly Montgomery, Gabe Miller
- May 15 — Gracie Briscoe, Emily Fuller
- May 22 — Open
- May 29 — Drew Hymes, Ethan Marshall

### Nursery Helpers:

- May 1 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over
- May 8 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over
- May 15 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over
- May 22 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over
- May 29 — Karen Wetzel, Youth 6th grade and over

Elder Host: — Kim Terry

If you are unable to serve as listed, please find a substitute and inform the church office.

If you'd like to serve in one of these areas, please let us know! Thanks!

## *From our Pastor...*

***Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"***      ***John 20:17***

Mary is seeking to hold Jesus close to her as he appears at the open tomb in his resurrected body. She does not want to lose Jesus again. But Jesus cannot accept being detained at the tomb. His destiny is to ascend to Heaven so that the Holy Spirit may come.

However, before that happens there is much to do. The disciples have often misunderstood what Jesus was telling them about the future. Their past failures were many. Although he asked them to take part in his all-night prayer vigil, they kept falling asleep. When he talked of servanthood, they argued about who would be greatest. When he prophesied that he would be raised up after three days, they just didn't get it!

But something happened to change all that. What would change a cowardly group of mourners into a courageous band of evangelists? What would cause them to stand up to the mob and testify that the crucified Jesus was now alive? What changed them into willing martyrs for their faith?

It was hard evidence that changed skeptics into believers. Jesus had appeared to the three women at the empty tomb. He joined two disciples along the road to Emmaus. Peter saw the Lord at an unnamed location. Jesus appeared to ten of the disciples when they were in a locked room, and then to Thomas, who put his hand into the wounded side of a resurrected Jesus, before he would believe. He appeared to the disciples who weren't catching any fish on an all-night trip. Using his advice their nets were filled. Back at the beach, Jesus prepared a hot breakfast of fish and bread for all. They all met on a mountain in Galilee. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 about the crowd of 500 people who saw the resurrected Christ. At his final appearance in Bethany, "Jesus was taken up into a cloud and out of their sight".

The evidence was clear. The disciples were not the type of men who could have lived a lie claiming a dead man wasn't dead any more. They sometimes misunderstood Jesus, but they were basically honest men. They had no reason to make up false stories.

The disciples went to their deaths as martyrs for their cause. It is believed that Peter was hanged upside down. Mark was dragged through the streets to his death. James was beheaded. Thomas was pierced with a lance.

Tradition says that these men died horrible deaths as just described. What a testimony to the truth of their claims! They were willing to die for the One who overcame death for them -- and for us!

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Pastor Alice

# MAY EVENTS

## Our STAR for MAY

(Spontaneous Thanks And Recognition)

We select a different individual or family each month to receive our STAR! Our STAR for May is

**Rebecca Bliss and Mike Mauzy**

Rebecca and Mike live at

710 E ,County Rd. 1550

Hamilton, IL 62341

We want to get creative and heap STARS on them! Here are some ideas:

- ☆ Send a card
- ☆ Bring a treat
- ☆ Deliver a meal
- ☆ Give a gift certificate
- ☆ Wrap up a small gift
- ☆ Call to let them know they are loved and appreciated
- ☆ Ask how you can pray for them

P.W. will be hosting a **Mother Daughter Banquet** on

**May 11th at 6:00 p.m.**

**Karen Snyder** will be the speaker. She will be talking about her mission trip to Dominic Republic. She will show how they make dresses to give to the children.

Carry-in dinner, Bring your favorite salad or covered dish. Drinks and ice cream with cookie will be provided. If you don't have a daughter or Mother to bring, bring a friend.



## 2011 GRADUATES

**Emily Terry**

Keokuk Senior High

**Jenny Erbes**

Monmouth College

**Keith Peterson**

Kirkwood College

*Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take*

**Roeglin and Tri-State Area Scholarships applications are available. Stop by the Church Office to pick one up. The applications need to be turned in by June 1st. For the students that need to renew their scholarship, please bring in a copy of your grades.**

**Any questions contact Kim Terry.**

### Graduation Party

**Emily Terry will be graduating from KHS.**

**Party will be at 3755 250th Ave., Keokuk.**

**May 28th, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

“To our Church family”

Bill and I thank you for the delicious food Joann brought us that was left over from the Maundy Thursday dinner at the Church. Pastor Alice has been so good to come and visit. She is a true treasure and needs all the support possible from the Congregation. We are very fortunate to have her and Kathy serve our congregation.

I miss all of you and hope to be able to attend Church soon. My back surgery is scheduled for May 10th.

Sincerely,  
Dixie Jutte



Congratulations  
Jay Wilkins on  
your 90th Birth-  
day



# Easter 2011



**Outreach and Mission** are having a **rummage sale**. Date has not been determined. If you have any items you would like to donate please bring them to the Church.

They are in need of some large items to sell.

Any questions contact Barb Altgilbers, Clara Sallee, or Sara Shaffer

## FINANCIAL REPORT

March 1 through April 1, 2011

### Deposits

Contributions	\$ 5,554.85	
Investments	2,821.51	
Other Income		
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>8,376.36</b>

### Expenses

Pulpit Supply	85.00	
Pastor Expense	1,880.08	
Organist	216.00	
Payroll Liability	215.62	
Advertisement	31.60	
Utilities	1,534.15	
Postage	88.00	
Telephone/Internet	229.90	
Copier Lease	48.56	
Supplies	177.59	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-265.13	
Housing Allowance	500.00	
Outreach	31.91	
Payroll	1,297.66	
Other	1,740.34	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>7,811.28</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>565.08</b>

## May Birthdays

- 7 Betty Riter
- 9 Ethan Marshall  
Gabe Miller
- 25 Les Fowler
- 27 Mildred Carlson  
Daniel Lohman  
Thomas Montgomery
- 28 Chloe Sage
- 29 Ann Harshbarger



## Anniversaries

- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Keith Miller



## Church Family News

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 \* Glenn Shultz, Jacob Altgilbers, and J.T. Swan serving in \*  
 \* the military \*  
 \* Our Church growth and unity \*  
 \* Melody Burke \*  
 \* Olive Davis \*  
 \* Billy Jutte \*  
 \* Dorothea Kultala \*  
 \* Bonnie McLaughlin \*  
 \* Amber Myers (Bobby Myers' PRAYER CONCERNS \*  
 \* daughter) \*  
 \* Kevin Peterson \*  
 \* Chris Wright \*  
 \* Jo Anne Yoder \*  
 \* 832nd Engineer Company in Afghanistan \*  
 \* Missionaries around the globe \*  
 \* Nick Oren ( Aileen Jinkens' Grandson) who is serving \*  
 \* in Afghanistan \*  
 \* Afghanistan \*  
 \* Glenn Shultz, Jacob Altgilbers, and J.T. Swan serving in \*  
 \* the military \*  
 \* Bill Shaffer — surgery \*  
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# *CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*

Our youth activities will be taking a break for the month of May, but check out our summer activities we have scheduled!!! The Christian Ed committee has selected dates for each of the summer months to do something fun for our youth and church family. Please take the opportunity to participate in the following events:

**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – St. Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO**

**Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Fun City Water Park Burlington, Iowa & Pizza at Happy Joes**

**Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – Swim at the Keokuk Aquatic Center**

Details will be announced in the bulletin as time nears for each of these events, but please mark your calendars now. These are church activities, so everyone is invited to attend!

I also want to remind everyone that our youth Sunday school program will resume again in September. We need to know your opinion. Please let me, or anyone on the Christian Ed committee know if you liked Sunday school for your children to be during the worship service, or if you would prefer meeting at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. From now until the end of August – the activity bags will be ready for your children to take into the worship service. They are located straight across from the church office where the coat racks are. Please return them after each service.

Please don't forget that the youth programs are a very important part of our church family. Proverbs 22:6 says "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it."

Have a great month!

Dena



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## Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,  
A mother who never grows old;  
He made her smile of the sunshine.  
And He molded her heart of pure  
gold;  
In her eyes He placed bright shin-  
ing stars,  
In her cheeks fair roses you see;  
God made a wonderful mother,  
And He gave that dear mother to  
me.

