

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Matt Lisle for filling the pulpit on Sunday.

Acolyte: Jaden Zander

Ushers: Kemp Clarke, Mary Rob Clarke, Susan Lynch and Kaki Lynch

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Andrew Ministers: Lynda Nadkarni, Susan Lynch and David Harper

Flowers on Sunday are given by Ellen Hamilton with special love and honor for her mother Carolyn, grandmothers Nellie and Beatrice and for all other mothers.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Sandy Kappmeyer.

Trustees of the Month: Nancy Jensen and Thom DeVries

FROM THE PASTOR

In a little over a month, I get the honor of accompanying 12 of our youth to Heifer Ranch International in Perryville, Arkansas for our yearly youth mission trip. I think the yearly mission trip that our youth take is one of the most significant ministries that happen at RPC. Thanks to your contributions our young people have the opportunity to learn more about the world around them and discover what it means in concrete ways to be a Christian.

Our young people will spend five nights at the ranch learning about world hunger, sustainability issues, and spending time helping on the working farm. In addition to me, our adult chaperones are Ellen Hamilton, Matt Lisle, and Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak. The Christian Education Committee believes that everyone should have the opportunity to serve, so we started raising funds, and we have raised a significant amount of money, more than half of what we need. If you would like to help us reach our goal, there are ways you can be involved.

Sunday, May 21 following worship the Youth will be serving a Mimosa Brunch after church. Casseroles, fresh baked goods, fruits, juice, and coffee are on the menu. Plan to stay after church and support the youth with a donation.

And you can always make a monetary donation to help our young people attend Heifer, simply make your check payable to RPC with a Youth Mission Trip note in the memo line and drop it in the offering plate.

You have the power to change a young person's life forever.

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HUMAN SCENE — Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 am every Sunday as Human Scene features a series of TED Talks on a variety of subjects. We will reflect on these stories through the lens of our Christian faith.

May 21 – Peace-builder Scilla Elworthy, founder of the Oxford Research Group that seeks to promote effective dialogue between nuclear-weapons policymakers and their opponents, speaks on “Fighting with nonviolence.” We ask, “Can we become self-reflective enough to commit ourselves to the nonviolent resolution of conflicts?”

May 28 – Continuing our focus on nonviolent conflict resolution, we hear from peacemaker Jamila Raqib, “The secret to effective nonviolent resistance.” We ask, “In relation to what issue(s) could RPC be active in this way? What situations within our sphere of influence could we affect positively through applying these ideas?”

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the May-June Upper Room are in the library and Parlor.

FAMILY DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT — Join us for a fun night on Friday, May 26! Bring your family to watch “The Adventures of Robin Hood” with your RPC family. Dinner (pizza and salad)

will be at 6:30. Previews and cartoons will start at 7:30 and the main show will start at 8. Plus, if you come at 6, you can really get into the spirit of things and **make your own Robin Hood hat!** And, all this for only **\$3 per person!** Please let us know if you will be attending—and how many people (so that we know we'll have enough for everyone)—by contacting the church office or Karl-Heinz Meyer (kalle1015@aol.com). Also, if you'd like to bring appetizers or baked goods to share, we won't refuse them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday 5/21 will be our final Sunday school for the year. We will have a celebration outside to kick off the summer. Kids - don't forget to bring your Bibles, as we will be using them in a game. Treats and fun will be provided! Teachers and shepherds — a big thank you for all you have done to ensure that our kids have had a wonderful year!

CARERS CORNER MAY, Stars and Stripes Month — The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187 will be accepting our donation for their Packages Abroad program. Everything we donate will be used by a member of the armed services deployed abroad and by those who visit the USO at O'Hare Airport. Items needed are non-perishable snacks, personal care products, fun items to occupy their off-duty hours. A more comprehensive list will be posted next to the trunk.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187 is also hoping that we would submit a list of servicemen and servicewomen deployed abroad from our families, friends and neighbors. Send their name and their FPO or APO address to Kate Chard at kate.allan.chard@sbcglobal.net

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY— Sunday, May 21, 1-3 PM

READY, GET SET, GROW! Spring has sprung, winter's blanket has been removed. Working with Grace Seeds Ministry and other churches, RPC helped grow over 20,000 pounds of fresh vegetables that are given to food pantries around Chicago. The plants are free, they just need your love, water and attention to make a difference in a family's life who cannot afford fresh veggies. A SIGN-UP Genius has been created for you to pick and choose which vegetable you would want to grow. Our order must be in by May 13th, thank you!

TROOP 24 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER — On Saturday May 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., Troop 24 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. All scouts & leaders, former scouts & leaders, and family and community members are invited to a celebration at RPC including 5:00 program including historical re-enactors and skits, catered dinner & desserts following the program and optional campfire and camp-out at Riverside Scout Cabin. The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person. There is no cost for the Scout Cabin camp-out. Please register to attend by May 10 on the Troop website troop24riverside.com. If you have questions about the event, please contact Tim Lauger at lt@lauger.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study will be Wednesday, May 24 at 10:00 am in the social hall. All women are welcome and coffee is served as we discuss "*Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" by Judy Yates Siker. Lesson Eight: According to the Other. Background Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4; Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:6-7; 4:23-29. Key Scripture: Galatians 4:23-29 Sandy Kappmeyer will lead.

GIRLS GROUP HIKE AND ICE CREAM — All junior and senior high-aged girls are invited to join us for a hike and ice cream after school on Friday May 19. Please let Tara know if you plan to attend. Questions? Contact Tara at taragregus@yahoo.com

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS — Summer hours will begin after Memorial Day. During the summer the office will be open on Wednesdays and closed on Fridays. The hours are 9 am to

noon. Marika Floros will be staffing the office this summer. Donna Jones will continue to handle the contributions and financial statements over the summer.

WORSHIP NOTES FOR MAY

May 21 John 14:15-21

May 28 John 17:1-11

June 4 – Pentecost Sunday, Linda Wygant, Grace Seeds Ministry Preaching

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS — Statements through April 2017 have gone out. Please review your statement and let the office know if there are any corrections needed. If you did not receive your statement please contact Donna in the office or send an email to rpcstatements@rpcusa.org.

PER CAPITA FOR 2017— *"Per Capita is a set amount of apportionment per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church USA to share in the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of our church's government."* In other words, RPC pays \$33.38 per registered member to the Presbytery USA to fund things like leadership training, worldwide mission work, inter-church gatherings, seminary matters and the other resources that are provided to all members of the Presbytery. Consider this as a type of "dues" for being a member. Please consider paying your portion even if you have already pledged. Payments can be made by using the Per Capita envelope found in your pledge card box, regular check with "Per Capita" in the note section or online.