

Riverside Presbyterian Church

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March 12, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ushers: Karla Engel, Charlie, Bridget and Victor Juister

Liturgist: Doug Harvin

Thank you to the women of the Chancel Choir for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Andrew Ministers: Connie Kelly and Lynda Nadkarni

Communion Servers: Dennis Cobb, Susan Lisle, Lynda Nadkarni and Steve Teune

The flowers today are given by Will and Susanne Vogel with wishes for a Happy Birthday to Lauren and to her family who share her March birthday - Taylor, Uncle Hank and Grandpa Bill.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Chancel Choir.

Trustees of the Month: Cyril Friend and Joel Hastings

A NOTE ABOUT OUR EMAIL AND OUR WEBSITE — The rpcusa.org emails and website are under transition and are not currently active. Please refer to the box below to find the active email addresses. We will be debuting a new and improved website soon! Thank you for your patience.

Mission Statement

We gather as a church family to:

Celebrate God's Presence ~ Nurture the Spiritual Life

Carry the Light of Christ into the World ~ Serve God by Serving Others

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dale Jackson, Pastor 502-592-1617 (cdjackson86@gmail.com)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 am Human Scene

8:45 Confirmation Class

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

11:15 Endowment Committee

Monday

7:00 pm Monday Night Live!

7:00 Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 acaBELLa Ringers

7:00 Girls Group

7:30 Chancel Choir

7:30 Session Meeting

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene

8:45 Confirmation Class

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at the Scottish

Home

PRAYER CONCERNS.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Worship involves the senses. The light filtering in through the stained-glass windows, the colors of the vestments, and even the words we read in our Bibles fascinate us visually in worship. The sounds of musical instruments and voices raised in song grip us audibly. The feel of the pews and the communion table engage our sense of touch. All of these sensations come together to form our worship experience.

In *Bread for the Journey*, Rolf Svanoe has sought to attract our other senses, enhancing our encounter with God. This Lenten worship series includes sharing the Biblical stories of Bread and the smell and taste of fresh baked bread. Throughout Lent we will celebrate communion every Sunday with fresh baked bread.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, March 19

Scripture – Exodus 16:1-21, Luke 11:1-4

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, March 26

Scripture – Deuteronomy 8:1-18, Matthew 4:1-4

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, April 2

Scripture – Mark 6:30-44

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, April 9

Scripture – Mark 14:12-22

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13 (6 pm)

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16 (6:30 am and 10 am)

Scripture – Isaiah 25:6-8, John 6:25-35

HUMAN SCENE — Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 am every Sunday.

3/19 - "Prayer: Intimacy with God." The idea of prayer as the primary method of interaction with God is best thought of as a way of life rather than an activity reserved for specific times, places, and formulas.

3/26 - "Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry". Jesus was not primarily a teacher of correct beliefs or right morals. He was a teacher of a way that transforms people from legalistic rule-followers into compassionate disciples who put people first.

MONDAY NIGHT LIVE! — We will meet in the Social Hall at 7 pm on 3/13 and 3/20 for dessert and a discussion of *Christianity after Religion: the End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*, by Diana Butler Bass.

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT — The RPC Youth Group will be hosting a Team Trivia Night on Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. to raise funds for their Mission Trip to Heifer International. Teams of 8 people will compete for cash prizes and acclaim as winners of the first RPC Trivia Night. Invite your friends and family to fill a table. The entry fee is \$160 per table (\$20 per person). To reserve a table, contact Dennis Cobb at dlc0906@gmail.com. If you can't fill a table on your own, let Dennis know and he will keep a list from which teams can be created. Brush up on your trivia knowledge! It will be an evening of fun and fellowship!

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Enrollment is now open for RPC's Summer Science Camp, running 7/5-7/8 from 9:30-12:00. We only have 10 slots open for each age group, so be sure to sign up early! We are also taking sign-ups for teachers and assistants. If you have any questions contact Susan Zander.

GIRLS GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY MARCH 15 --- All junior and senior high girls are invited to attend Girls Group at RPC on Wednesday, March 15 from 7-8 pm in the Westminster Room. We will play a game and have a discussion. Questions? Contact Tara at taragregus@yahoo.com. Bring a friend and you both earn a prize. Hope to see you!

BLANKETS +, CHURCH WORLD SERVICE — RPC supports Blankets Plus, a ministry of Church World Service, assisting people worldwide who are affected by a natural disaster. Checks should be made payable to Riverside Presbyterian Church with "Blankets +" in the memo line.

WORSHIP AT THE SCOTTISH HOME — The Deacons welcome any and all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of The Scottish Home on March 19 at 2 pm.

CARERS CORNER MARCH — Fill the CARERS Trunk for BEDS Plus in LaGrange. BEDS Plus provides individuals a safe overnight shelter and services needed to help escape homelessness. Supplies needed: Ground Coffee (decaf only please), No Tea (they have plenty), Drink mixes - Lemonade, Cider, Cocoa, Napkins, Paper Towels, Dish Detergent, Garbage Bags - 13 gallon and 30 gallon size. Note: These items are utilized at the facility.

COMPANIONS FOR MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother's Day. Once again we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother's Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Donations are due by April 1.

ALL COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP — Today, there will be an All Church/All Committee workday immediately following coffee fellowship. We will be "spring cleaning" — that is, cleaning and reorganizing shelves, cabinets, etc. in the social hall, kitchen and various closets and cubby holes elsewhere in the church. The aim is to donate or discard items no longer of use (or of which we have too many) and consolidate them according to committee usage. Storage space is at a premium — we will be dividing it up according to need and use patterns. **It is extremely important that each church committee be** represented by however many members are necessary to accomplish the purpose. Please poll your committee members to insure adequate attendance. Many hands make light work!

PER CAPITA FOR 2017 — 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. 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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study will be Wednesday, March 22 at 10 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 Six: According to Hebrews. Laura Vanags will be the lesson 6 leader.