

**FAMILY DINNER AND MOVIE TONIGHT** — Join us for a fun night! 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!

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Acolyte:* Dessa Myers

*Ushers:* George Dluhy, Susan Deems-Dluhy, Claire Gangware, Serina Ranft

*Liturgist:* Megan Foran

*Andrew Ministers:* David Harper and Cyril Friend

*Flowers* Sunday morning are given in loving memory of Bill Vogel by the Vogel family.

*Trustees of the Month May:* Nancy Jensen and Thom DeVries

*Trustees of the Month June:* Brad Staubus and Nancy Jensen

### **LETTER FROM PASTOR**

Summer is here! And with it our busy schedules, vacations, mission trips, parties and a host of other activities. During the summer fun, I hope to still see you on Sunday morning in worship. On June 25, we start a beautiful Worship series on the Psalms. The overarching theme is: *God is Holding Your Life*. The Psalms are the prayers of the Hebrew people and run the gamut from praise to gut-wrenching pleas for help. Throughout this poetry runs a thread — we can trust God to hold our lives. In this summer series, we take a break from the worry, anxiety and distress that life can bring and let Holy Assurance hold us fast. Each week we will focus on one of these Psalms, 121, 23, 63, 31, and 136. As part of the series we will take the opportunity to reclaim some of our heritage as Presbyterians and sing the Psalms!

Sunday, June 4, Pentecost Sunday I will be traveling with the Youth to Heifer International for our mission trip. The Reverend Linda Wygant, from Grace Seeds Ministry will be preaching and leading communion. You are invited to wear RED to celebrate the gift of the Spirit!

Sunday, June 11 the Youth and I will lead worship and share with you the wonderful and hopefully life changing things we learned while at Heifer International.

Sunday, June 18 I will be recovering from outpatient surgery and our friend the Reverend Garnet Foster, who will have just returned from Syria will fill the pulpit.

Sunday, June 25 begins our aforementioned Worship Series.

May this summer be filled with God’s grace and peace and fun.

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**ALL CHURCH MISSION WORK DAY** — If you have a couple of hours to donate, please come and join us for our first (of many) All Church Mission Work Day on Saturday, June 17 from 9-11. We will be assembling hygiene kits for use by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). If you are unable to participate but still want to help, please consider making a donation

for the purchase of the hygiene kits. The more we can put together, the more help we can provide to those who truly need it when a disaster strikes.

**WHAT IS PDA?** Recently, during the Mission Update, Matt Lisle, chair of Mission Committee announced the upcoming all church Mission work day on Saturday, June 17. On that day we will be packing Hygiene Kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). The Hygiene kits are then sent by PDA to disaster survivors.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The core budget, including staff and administrative costs, is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing, and its program work is additionally funded through designated gifts.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

- Focuses on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities.
- Provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods.
- Works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith based responders.
- Connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster), World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA and others.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY IN RIVERSIDE** — Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the St. Mary Parish Center (building by back parking lot). Everyone is invited. If you have any questions please call Tom Sisulak 708-447-3767.

**CARERS CORNER** — Constance Morris House is a domestic violence shelter for Women and children which offers them a safe haven. Counseling and advocacy, plus physical and psychological safety is also provided. Fill the trunk with items that include Women's needs, Child care needs, Household goods and also Outdoor toys just for fun. A detailed list will be posted.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 11** — Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on June 11 for the purpose of electing a Trustee to fill an unexpired term.

**STEWARDSHIP** — Our First Quarter results show that we are still doing very well. Your generosity shows that we can support our mission efforts and keep our local programs funded to do God's work.

**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.

**June 4** – Philosopher and entrepreneur Damon Horowitz gave this talk to a TED audience in Silicon Valley in May 2011, raising issues of how, in a society that is increasingly dependent upon technology, we are to make good decisions. The talk is titled “We need a ‘moral operating system’,” and it challenges us as Christians to define more clearly how we make our decisions, whether in our personal lives, as citizens, and as those who claim to follow Jesus Christ.

**June 11** – Former foreign minister of Norway, Jonas Gahr Støre, suggests that dialogue, even with our most radical opponents, can be a productive activity to attempt. In our polarized world, however, dialogue has broken down and is considered worthless. Støre presents some ideas of how it can be made to work.

**June 18** – Psychologist Philip Zimbardo conceived and conducted the notorious 1971 Stanford Prison Experiment and is the author of the book “The Lucifer Effect,” in which he explores the nature of evil. In this talk, “On the psychology of evil,” he describes the conditions under which good people turn bad; and he ends by urging the nurturing of children to think of themselves as “heroes in waiting.” We will consider how the church could contribute to this.

**June 25** – In the TED Talk “How great leaders inspire action,” leadership expert Simon Sinek discusses why some organizations fail to attract support and to achieve their goal and why others are successful in doing so. We will discuss how his ideas might be applied in the life of RPC for the sake of the ministry of Jesus Christ.

### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS — MAY**

Elders spent most of the May meeting discussing ideas from the book *Leading Change in Congregations: Spiritual and Organizational Tools for Leaders* by Gilbert R. Rendle.

Some key points which were considered:

- It is important to constantly evaluate our ministry and discern what God calls us to do.
- Congregations have both a fear of too much change and a fear of too little change.
- The task of leaders is not to focus on the happiness (satisfaction) of each member, but to be faithful to the understanding of the church’s purpose
- Change will produce conflict, which is good, since having only one idea on things can be a problem in these times which require adaptability and experimentation
- Leadership is essentially a spiritual issue, since we are a faith community and should look to God for our vision.

Elders were enthusiastic about all the positive things happening at RPC and continue to be committed to moving forward as a church which celebrates and shows God’s love.

Mary Ann Sadilek,  
Clerk of Session

**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 AT CANTATA AND SCOTTISH HOME** — The Deacons welcome any and all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata on June 4 at 2 pm, and at the Scottish Home on June 18 at 2 pm.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** — The next Presbyterian Women’s Horizon Bible Study will be Wednesday, June 28 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 Nine: According to Contemporary Culture. Background Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28; Luke 10:38-42. Key Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28 Elizabeth Musick will lead. This concludes the study.

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**—The Outreach Committee is looking for any interested and

available RPC members to accompany RPC's unit in Riverside's 4th of July Parade. Contact Patti Friend at pfriend@luc.edu or 708-359-5326 or Steve Marcus at 847-873-2813.

**SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP** — Summer Science Camp is fast approaching! This fun event takes place 7/5-7/7, from 9:30-12:00. We are seeking volunteers to help out. Please look for an email with the SignUpGenius link, or contact Susan Zander directly to see how you can help. Parents, have your kids grown like weeds since last year? We are ordering new lab coats, and would appreciate your exchanging the kids' old ones if you still have them. Just drop them off at the office at any time between now and the 30th of June. Thank you!

### **IT'S HAPPENING!**

On June 7, our Refugee family will arrive in the Chicago area! Our family is from the African country of Eritrea. Our family is comprised of Mom, Dad and two boys aged 8 and 1. If you are like me you know very little about the country of Eritrea so here is a bit of information:

Eritrea is a country in the Horn of Africa. With its capital at Asmara, it is bordered by Sudan in the west, Ethiopia in the south, and Djibouti in the southeast. The northeastern and eastern parts of Eritrea have an extensive coastline along the Red Sea.

Eritrea is a multi-ethnic country, with nine recognized ethnic groups in its population of around six million. Most residents speak languages from the Afroasiatic family, either of the Ethiopian Semitic languages or Cushitic branches. Most people in the territory adhere to Christianity or Islam.

Eritrea is a one-party state in which national legislative elections have been repeatedly postponed. According to Human Rights Watch, the Eritrean government's human rights record is considered among the worst in the world. The compulsory military service requires lengthy, indefinite conscription periods. Since all local media is state-owned, Eritrea was also ranked as having the least press freedom in the global Press Freedom Index.

In 1888, the Italians entered Eritrea and remained there until the Battle of Keren in 1941 at which time the British took over the country. The 1950's were a time of political unrest with Ethiopia laying claim to Eritrean territories. The Eritrean war for independence lasted approximately 30 years. In 1993 Eritrea, with the help of the UN, gained global recognition as a country.

There is much more to learn about Eritrea, including history, cuisine, wildlife and culture. Watch upcoming announcements for more information!

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

*Happy Birthday to:*

Will Gangware, 6/2	Alan Booton, 6/8	Amanda Gregus, 6/22
Sylvia Schade, 6/2	Sandy Kappmeyer, 6/8	Max Marciniak, 6/22
Jake Strand, 6/2	Christine Brakas, 6/10	Abigail Schwarz, 6/22

Susanne Vogel, 6/2	Tom Radigan, 6/11	Bailey Hastings, 6/23
Marge Abbott, 6/3	Dennis Zander, 6/13	Patti Friend, 6/26
Judy Booton, 6/3	Olive Sahlas, 6/14	Mark Jantze, 6/26
Kathleen Feary, 6/3	Ellie Pearson, 6/15	Tara Gregus, 6/27
Phyllis Sit, 6/4	Karon Nettles, 6/16	Harriet Juister, 6/27
Cyril Friend, 6/5	Thom DeVries, 6/18	Cindy Reynolds, 6/27
George Kazarian, 6/5	Mia Haugland, 6/18	Eva Harvin, 6/29
Bill Paarlberg, 6/6	Donna Ballerine, 6/21	Drake Sahlas, 6/29
Jill Vacek, 6/6	Kelsey Buttimer, 6/21	Brad Staubus, 6/29
Tricia Willinger, 6/6	Robin Jensen, 6/21	Peter Tess, 6/29
Natalie Lisle, 6/7		