

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE — The Outreach Committee is looking for 5 or 6 RPC members to accompany RPC's unit in Riverside's 4th of July Parade. Contact Patti Friend at pfriend@luc.edu or Steve Marcus at 847-873-2813.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS —The hours are 9 am to noon Monday-Thursday. Marika Floros will be staffing the office this summer. Donna Jones will continue to handle the contributions and financial statements over the summer.

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

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June 18, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
2:00 pm Worship at the Scottish Home

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

7:30 pm Session Meeting

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Friday

Office Closed
10:00 am CARERS Meeting
7:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship

Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene
10:00 Worship
11:15 Coffee Fellowship

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.

Sunday, June 25 begins 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. 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!

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

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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.

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP — Join us at Lou and Martha’s Heine’s home on Friday, June 23, for an evening of fun! Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share and enjoy a lovely summer evening with your church family. Meet us at 124 Gage Road in Riverside from 7 - 10 pm. Adults only, please. (Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a future Friday Night Fellowship in your home. Contact Karl-Heinz Meyer - kalle1015@aol.com - or the church office.)

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL—SAVE THE DATE! —

The social event of the summer--the RPC Strawberry Social--will take place on Wednesday July 19. Don't miss it--mark your calendar! Tickets will be on sale after worship beginning June 25 and through the office in the upcoming weeks. As always, we will need lots of volunteers to bake, serve and help at the event. Contact Karl-Heinz Meyer or any member of the Fellowship Committee if you have any questions.

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.

CARERS CORNER JUNE — 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 are 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 Please note that the CARERS meeting has been changed to Friday, June 23 at 10:00 am.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP —There are many Sundays this summer that we need liturgists, acolytes, coffee fellowship hosts and flower donations. Please consider donating your time, talents or treasures to the church. Sign up on the board outside the pastor’s office!

RIVERSIDE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT — Our family from Eritrea has arrived. Here is more information about the country. Eritrea can be split into three ecoregions. Hot arid coastal plains, cooler fertile highlands and a subtropical rain forest.

Eritrea is part of a 14 nation constituency within the Global Environment Facility, which partners with international institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector to address global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives. In 2006, Eritrea also announced that it would become the first country in the world to turn its entire coast into an environmentally protected zone.

Eritrea has several species of mammals and over 560 species of birds. Eritrea is home to an abundant amount of big game species. Enforced regulations have helped in steadily increasing their numbers throughout Eritrea. Mammals commonly seen today include the Abyssinian hare, African wild cat, Black-backed jackal, African golden wolf, Genet, Ground squirrel, Pale fox, Soemmerring’s gazelle, warthog.

Lions are said to inhabit the mountains of the Gash-Barka Region. There is also a small population of African bush elephants that roam in some parts of the country. The spotted hyena is widespread and common. In the coastal areas marine species that are common include dolphin, dugong, whaleshark, turtles, marlin, swordfish, and manta ray.

Next week we explore Eritrean Orthodox Christianity

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!

BUY A BRICK, LEAVE A LEGACY! —Last chance for summer installation of an engraved brick paver for the north lawn! Small bricks are \$150 and Large bricks are \$500. Order forms are available outside the church office. Orders must be received by Sunday, July 16 for installation this year. Your tax-deductible gift will fund the Capital Improvement projects. Please contact the church office or Susan Deems-Dluhy with any questions.