

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!

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

OPEN GYM FOR KIDS TODAY — The gym is open for the kids the first Sunday of every month, immediately following Worship. Parents, please bring your children upstairs and wait with them until our supervisor arrives.

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Rev. Linda Wygant for filling the pulpit this morning.

Acolyte: Harriet Juister

Ushers: Megan Foran, Beverly Aieta, Mike Aieta, and Deb Pike

Liturgist: Dennis Cobb

Andrew Ministers: Connie Kelly and Susan Lynch

Flowers this morning are given in celebration of Susanne Vogel's birthday from Will, Trey and Lauren.

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 4, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 am Human Scene

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Open Gym

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

Monday

7:00 pm Fellowship, Outreach, & Worship and Music Committee Meetings

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Friday

Office Closed

Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene

10:00 Worship

11:00 Congregational Meeting

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

1:15 Endowment Committee Meeting

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

Sunday, June 18 I will be recovering from outpatient surgery and the Reverend Garnet Foster will fill the pulpit.

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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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.

WORSHIP AT CANTATA TODAY — The Deacons welcome any and all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata at 2 pm today.

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.

PENTECOST OFFERING — This week for Pentecost, please consider a donation to the special offering for Pentecost. You can find envelopes in your church pew. The offering will be used for youth-related programs. Sixty percent of your Pentecost Offering gifts go to our national church for ministries that encourage, develop, and support our youth and young adults and address the needs of at-risk children. Congregations retain the other 40 percent for local ministries that serve people in the first third of life. RPC has decided to donate its share to The LeaderShop, a program based in LaGrange that is dedicated to fostering youth leadership in the local area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday school is on summer vacation.

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.

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.)

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 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. Please note that the CARERS meeting has been changed to June 21st at 10:00am.

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.

RIVERSIDE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT — Our family from Eritrea should arrive this week. 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, whale shark, turtles, marlin, swordfish, and manta ray.

Next week we explore Eritrean Orthodox Christianity