

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Col 3: 14-15

Sunday, July 30 we begin a new Worship series based on one of the most treasured hymns of Christianity in the last century "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

As we gather for worship in this series, we will be invited to consider how our relationships with the Holy One and with each other form and transform us. And we will affirm the power of God's presence in our worshipping community to inspire us to "go and do likewise" in relationship to the world.

Sunday, July 30 ~ FORMED

Isaiah 64:8-9

Sunday, August 6 ~ WOVEN

Genesis 1:1-27

Sunday, August 13 ~ POURED

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sunday, August 20 ~ LIFTED

John 13:1-17

Sunday, August 27 ~ MOVED

Galatians 5:16-26

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Norah Lougachi for joining today's Ministry of Music. Norah will be a 5th grader at Irving Elementary School and is a member of the Riverside Ringers & Singers.

Acolyte: Dessa Myers

Ushers: Lou Heine, Martha Heine, Sandy Kappmeyer and Dennis Zander.

Liturgist: Elizabeth Musick

Andrew Minister: Connie Kelly

Flowers this morning are dedicated in memory of my mother, Carolyn Anna Hamilton, best mom ever, by Ellen Hamilton.

Trustees of the Month July: Jim Sit and Henry Vogel

Trustees of the Month August: Thom DeVries and Jim Sit

HUMAN SCENE — Over the coming weeks, Human Scene will go back to the basics of the faith, though looking at them through some unusual lenses. We will follow a curriculum provided by The Work of the People entitled "The Ridiculous Journey: Following a Nobody from Nowhere." Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday as we embark on this journey together.

August 6 — The Ridiculous Journey - Two brief videos will help us enter into our discussion of what it means to follow Jesus: The Jesus Strategy with Greg Boyle, and The Merton Prayer, with commentary by Rich Nelson.

August 13 — The Revolutionary - A brief interview with pastor and author Nadia Bolz-Weber on the subject of A Personal Relationship with Jesus, and A Humble Call by Ann Voscamp, along with commentary by Rich Nelson, serve as our guides on this part of the journey.

August 20 — The Reconciler - Along with further commentary by Rich Nelson, our video guides are A Glimpse at Communion by Emmanuel Katongole and I Am Sorry by Kelly Stewart Hall.

August 27 — The Lover features Brene Brown's ideas on Love Made Flesh and Everything Is New by Travis Reed. Rich Nelson's reflection focuses on Loving with a Broken Heart.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED — Please sign up to host an upcoming coffee fellowship—many dates are open! You will receive complete directions from the office and dishwashing helpers, too. We don't want to have to cancel any coffee fellowships—so please volunteer for this fun and rewarding job!

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 August 6 at 2 pm, and at the Scottish Home on August 20 at 2 pm.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The next Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study will be Wednesday, August 30 at 10 am in the social hall. All women are welcome and coffee is served as we discuss "*Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*." Lesson One: Introduction.

CARERS CORNER AUGUST — The Boulevard provides housing and professional medical services for the homeless. When residents complete their recovery, they are assisted in obtaining full independence. Fill the trunk to get them started.

Personal items: Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Chap Stick, Deodorant, Sanitary wipes (flushable), Shampoo, Shower shoes, Towels (prefer white)

Wearable items: (Adult sizes SM, MD, LRG) Socks, T-Shirts, Pajamas, Jeans (men's size 34 to 40 or women's size 8 to 20)

REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE — A family of four has endured 8 years in a refugee camp in Eritrea, which has been fighting for its independence from Ethiopia since 1958. They flew on a non-stop 8,863 kilometer flight from Istanbul to Chicago, safely arriving June 7th. They were exhausted and elated all at the same time. They had smiles of joy, while trying to take in at the same time the enormity of their decisions. At some point in time they hope to come to RPC and express their thankfulness for what both churches have done for them. We ask that you keep David, the father, his wife Tesfay, their 8 year old son Razi, as well as their 18 month old son Azaiel in your prayers. While most of the resettlement of the family has been completed, the RRR committee is still active in the mentoring program.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP — There are many ways for you to serve the RPC Community. The Worship and Music Committee needs your help. There are many weeks this fall where we need flowers to adorn our chancel or smiling ushers willing to welcome people to our worship service. Please consider signing up on the signups outside of Dale's office or speaking with Susan Lynch.

LOST AND FOUND — We have established an area in the General Hallway (with benches) to collect various items. These include a newly established bin for Lost and Found, the Pill Bottle bucket and the Lions Glasses collection. If you have (or are missing, in the case of Lost and Found) any items pertinent to these categories, that's the place to LOOK!

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES — We are currently obtaining quotes for 2018 on our weekly offering envelopes with the goal of reducing overall costs. If you do not wish to receive envelopes, or participate in on-line giving, please notify the Church Office so that we do not include you in the order. Should you wish to learn more about the ease of automatic on-line giving, please contact our Church Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS — 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.

SAVE THE DATE — Save the following dates for exciting RPC events! More information to follow.

Theology on Tap — September 18

Animal Blessing Service — October 8

Oktoberfest — October 15

Reformation Sunday — October 29

Christkindlmarket — November 11

Messiah — December 10

Christmas Program — December 17

Sunday, December 24 — 10 am Worship, 4 pm Christmas Eve Service

COMMITTEE MEETINGS — The following committees will be meeting Monday, August 7 with a potluck dinner starting at 6pm: Christian Education, Fellowship, Mission, and Outreach.

THANK YOU — Thank you to Karl-Heinz Meyer, the Fellowship Committee and all of those who volunteered for making this year's Strawberry Social a great success!

SOMETHING TO PONDER! — In the information board, outside of Pastor Dale's office you will find Our Common Ministry, the Newsletter for the Presbytery of Chicago. On the back page is an article entitled Service Worship. Lakeview Presbyterian Church is exploring a new way to worship and be the people of God. Take a minute and read what is happening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am. Plan to have your children join us as we launch a brand-new curriculum called *A Joyful Path*.

The new curriculum encourages children to:

- Ask questions and be curious
- Go within and find their own inner guidance and wisdom
- Stay focused and calm when needed and to discover and harness divine energy
- Be creative, share their gifts and continue learning about their passions
- To take action toward their own successes and happiness
- Find compassion for all beings, to be inclusive and tolerant, to find the divine in All
- Honor, protect, serve, and be in awe of Mother Nature
- To know the history and mythology of our world religions and spiritual paths
- To be heroes and heroines- to be brave, courageous, and to stand for peace and justice...
- And much more!

NEW MISSION INITIATIVE — The Mission Committee, with Session's approval has installed a Little Food Pantry. You will find the Little Food Pantry outside the church office entrance. The Little Food Pantry is

designed to offer supplemental items to traditional food pantries and offer items for the homeless. There's a door on the front of the box but no lock, so anyone can take what they need 24-7. You can participate in this mission by donating goods or making a financial donation. Baskets are at each entrance for your donations.

Needed Items include:

- ◆ Travel size/hotel size shampoo, body wash, soaps, lotions and conditioners
- ◆ Small boxes of laundry detergent
- ◆ Individually wrapped toilet tissue
- ◆ Small boxes of feminine hygiene products
- ◆ Jars of baby food
- ◆ Granola/Cereal bars
- ◆ Canned meats with pop top lids
- ◆ Canned fruits with pop top or cellophane lids

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

Mid-Year General Budget snapshot – As of June 30th, Revenues are 53.22% of budgeted amount, and Expenses are 49.69% of budgeted amount. Yay!

Keep up those Per Capita Contributions! Remember, every \$ you contribute is one less \$ we need to take from our own coffers to support our denominational obligation.

Consider Electronic Giving, weekly or monthly – it stabilizes church income for planning purposes and is one way of giving your offering a PRIORITY among your monthly financial obligations.

If you are managing a fundraiser, please turn in your cash receipts when you receive them rather than waiting until the end. We are trying to adhere to Best Practices for financial management, and this method minimizes risk.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR RPC! - ELLEN

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to

Michelle Hejna, 8/1	Jerry Buttimer, 8/2	Justine Finn, 8/2
Lynn Shannon-Labotka, 8/2	Aidin Liberty-Bouse, 8/4	Elizabeth Musick, 8/4
Claire Gangware, 8/5	Sue Gross, 8/6	Joseph Dvorak III, 8/11
Larry Allen, 8/13	Alyssa Lancaster, 8/13	Maggie Hejna, 8/14
Carrie Staubus, 8/15	Steve Feary, 8/16	Kip Friend, 8/16
Samantha Friend, 8/16	Lily Lisle, 8/16	Charlotte Tagliere, 8/16
Susan Deems-Dluhy, 8/17	Jordana Jantze, 8/17	Marc Scheetz, 8/18
Will Vogel II, 8/18	Jaden Vonesh, 8/18	Harriet Kweton, 8/20
James Long, 8/20	Carol Walker, 8/20	Brianna Allen, 8/21

Lauren Cody, 8/21

Haley Rayfield, 8/22

Joyce Dobrzanski, 8/25

Amanda Schwarz, 8/21

Ellary Hastings, 8/24

Kathi Roccanova, 8/27

Tara Vonesh, 8/21

Dima Aieta, 8/25

Andi Krug, 8/31