

STATEMENTS THROUGH JULY 30TH have gone out. Please contact Ellen Hamilton if there are any changes that need to be made. PLEASE NOTE: the rpcstatements@rpcusa.org email is not working. Please send all emails to treasurer@rpcusa.org in the future.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY — We need ushers for Sunday's service. If you can usher please contact Paula McCracken at 708-484-1891

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Ethan Ranft for joining Sunday's Ministry of Music.

Ushers:

Liturgist: Kate Chard

Andrew Minister: Susan Lynch

Flowers this morning: Happy Birthday to Will Vogel with lots of love from Susanne, Trey and Lauren.

2018 Riverside Presbyterian Church Trip

Plans are underway for an RPC international trip next year using the services of Educational Opportunities Tours (EO). EO has been dedicated to providing quality Christian travel programs at an affordable price since 1974. EO incorporates elements of Christian learning whenever possible. Lectures, study books, and specialized guiding are part of the program.

Traveling together to learn more about our history as reformed Presbyterians or about Biblical history is a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives.

Once a location is determined, all the details will be made available. Trip prices are **all-inclusive** and include airfare from Chicago. Extension trip information will also be available for individuals who want to spend extra time in the region. If you have friends or family members who are not RPC members, they will be welcome to travel with us.

Informal conversations with some of the potential participants have led to narrowing the focus to two options and each option has both spring and fall departure dates:

Choice One:

The Journeys of Paul in Greece ~ 8 Days ~ Approximately \$3,000

Stops include: Amphipolis, Thessaloniki, Deplhi,
Corinth, Athens

Choice Two:

The Holy Land ~ 10 days ~ Approximately \$3,750

Stops include: Galilee, Nazareth, Mount of Olives, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem

Two informational meetings will be held to provide further information and select a location and a date. Attendance is not mandatory nor does attending commit you to the trip.

Sunday, August 20 following worship in the sanctuary

OR

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm in the upstairs parlor
Any questions please speak to Pastor Dale.

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 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.

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)

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP — Join us at Dale Jackson and Dennis Cobb's home on Friday, August 25, 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 2505 Keystone Ave. in North Riverside from 7 - 10 pm. Adults only, please. (Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a future Friday Night Fellowship at your home. Contact Karl-Heinz Meyer - kalle1015@aol.com — or the church office.)

ALL-CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Please join us at 6:00-8:00 pm. There will be outdoor yard work to do, as well as sanding, painting, lights to be replaced, downspouts to clean, AND more!

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/Service Auction — 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

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Begins Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am with a kick-off party on the lawn. We will also have a “Back to School BBQ” after service. All are welcome to join in the fun. On September 17, we will be launching a brand-new curriculum called *A Joyful Path* (classes start at 9:00.)

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 act 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!

Godly Play will return September 17, and take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Children PreK-1st grade are invited to attend Godly Play immediately following the Children's Message in service. Questions? Contact smozan@icloud.com

BARBEQUE ON SEPTEMBER 10TH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP celebrating the opening of Sunday School. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided – please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

RINGERS AND SINGERS — FIRST REHEARSAL IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13th

Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children's choirs: The Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. These groups are led by Sandra Kappmeyer, Sally Sloane and Donna Ulrich on a volunteer basis. We meet each Wednesday during the school year from 4:15 – 5:15. Children from ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join our group. No RPC affiliation is necessary and there are no fees! We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, and percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Much of our music follows the liturgical church year and we include brief lessons on scripture. Many children from this group have gone on to ring with our pre-professional handbell ensemble, The acaBELLa Ringers. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us musikhse@comcast.net or 708-822-0655.

REFUGEE FAMILY — The refugee family we are sponsoring are in need a couple of specific items. Gently used is fine. Let me know if you have any of the following. We would be happy to pick up! Connie Kelly (consueloak@sbcglobal.net 708-772-1767)

First aid kit
 AM/FM clock radio with alarm
 Dresser (not too big)

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.