

Riverside Presbyterian Church

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March 18, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

2018 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

2018

Diane Chaney

John Haugland

Gwen Heine

Youth Elder: Kaki Lynch

2019

Jeanine Buttimer

Patti Friend

Susan Lynch

Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak

2020

Frank Gangware

Martha Heine

Lynda Nadkarni

Dennis Zander

Deacons

2018

David Harper

Steve Marcus

Paula McCracken

Serina Ranft

2019

Ellen Hamilton

Sandy Kappmeyer

Lorraine Meyer

Steve Teune

2020

Lloyd Bradbury

Charlie Juister

Sally Sloane

Jeanne Smith

Trustees

2018

Thom DeVries

Joel Hastings

George Meyer

Connie Nestor

2019

Susan Deems-Dluhy

Cyril Friend

Fred Kitch

Brad Staubus

2020

Patti Perry-Halline

Doug Harvin

Henry Vogel

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

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dale Jackson, Pastor 502-592-1617 (pastor@rpcusa.org)

Linda Hutcheson, Office Manager (rpcoffice@rpcusa.org)

Dr. Sally Sloane, Minister of Music (musikhse@comcast.net)

Susan Zander, Director of Children's Education (smozan@icloud.com)

Ellen Hamilton, Treasurer (treasurer@rpcusa.org)

Susan Lisle, Preschool Director (rpcpreschool@sbcglobal.net)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 Deacons Potluck

11:15 Manse Utilization

Committee Meeting

1:00 pm All Church

Family Work Day

2:00 Caledonia Worship

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on

Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

10:00 am CARERS

Meeting

7:30 Session Meeting

Thursday

6:30 am Women's

Forum

Friday

Office Closed

Sunday

8:30 Human Scene

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship-Palm

Sunday

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

11:15 Mission

Committee Meeting

11:15 Policy Review

Committee Meeting

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER & MEDITATION VIGIL —

Our Sanctuary will be open from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm for prayer and meditation. The south doors will be unlocked. You are invited to sign up for a minimum of a 30-minute time slot; you may also share your time with a friend or a loved one. This will be a time for you to contemplate God's love, pray for our world, call to mind friends and family who need God's care.

Devotional materials and a list of prayer concerns will be provided for your use.

Lenten Worship Series - Women in the Bible

During Lent we will focus on the stories of some of the lesser known women in the Bible. We will seek to understand the context of their stories and the limitation of the context and encourage them to speak for themselves. We will spend time with Delilah, Rahab, Gomer, Vashti, Jezebel, Tabitha, Lydia, Mary and Martha.

During the Lenten season, the Worship committee has adorned the church with purple, the traditional liturgical color of the season. The rustic cross was created several years ago by Jon Jansky and is placed in the center of the sanctuary to help us keep focused on the penitential and reflective nature of Lent. The crowns of thorns that are on the hangings at the front of the church were created by artisans in Bethlehem, cut from the thorny branches of plants in the area around Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday, March 25 Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Communion Service in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service 6:30 am, Doug Asbury leading the Service. There will be a light breakfast in the manse immediately following the service.

Worship at 10:00 am with Communion

Sunday, April 8, Jazz Sunday

THEOLOGY ON TAP — We gather at 6:30 pm Monday for dinner, and our discussion begins at 7:00 at Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange, IL. We are reading *Unbelievable* by Bible scholar and Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong who contends that “there is mounting pressure among Christians for a radically new kind of Christianity—a faith deeply connected to the human experience instead of outdated dogma. In *Unbelievable*, Spong outlines twelve “theses” to help today’s believers more deeply contemplate and reshape their faith. As an educator, clergyman, and writer who has devoted his life to his faith, Spong has enlightened Christians and challenged them to explore their beliefs in new and meaningful ways. In this, his final book, he continues that rigorous tradition, once again offering a revisionist approach that strengthens Christianity and secures its relevance for generations to come.” Amazon \$18.29

HUMAN SCENE — During Lent Pastor Dale has been leading a study of the Holy Land – the region’s geopolitical history along with Bible passages which pertain to specific regions. For the final session on this topic, Pastor Doug Asbury will focus on the Via Dolorosa located in Old Jerusalem and on The Stations of the Cross found there that commemorate the path of Jesus that ended in his crucifixion and burial.

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS! The Second Annual RPC Team Trivia Night will be hosted by the RPC Youth Group on Saturday, April 7. Trivia will start at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will support the Youth Mission Trip to Detroit as well as RPC’s mission and ministry to the community and beyond. This second-year event will be bigger and better with new categories of trivia, cash prizes, a gift package raffle, a 50/50 raffle, games, and fair ways to “cheat” by purchasing mulligans!

Invite your family and friends (bring everyone!) to fill a table. The entry fee is \$160 per table (\$20 per person) for teams of 8 people. To reserve a table, there’s a sign-up sheet outside the church office, or contact Dennis Cobb at dlc0906@gmail.com. If you can’t fill a table on your own, let Dennis know and we’ll have a running list from which teams will be created. You’re invited to bring snacks for your table (dinner if you want!) and popcorn, soda, beer, and wine will be available for a donation.

Everyone had a great time last year, and this year promises to be even better, so bring your friends and test your trivia knowledge!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — We will be collecting fish banks in Sunday School next week and on Easter. The children will all gather together for a Celebration Sunday in the Westminster room. We will discuss how Jesus’ self-sacrifice on behalf of others was the highest form of courage and make ‘Hosanna’ posters. Sunday school will be on break for Easter Sunday, 4/1 and will return 4/8. When we return, we will be collecting cereal boxes along with the CARERS Committee.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS — Vacuum packaged meats, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, small boxes of raisins and trail mix, granola/cereal bars and small packages of powdered laundry detergent. **No drink mixes needed at this time.**

CARERS CORNER MARCH — Fill the CARERS Trunk for BEDS Plus in LaGrange. BEDS Plus provides a safe overnight shelter and services needed to help people escape homelessness. Beverages are needed. Please give ground Decaf Coffee and drink mixes such as Lemonade, Cider and Cocoa. Individual serving packets are not preferred. No Tea, they have plenty.

WOMEN’S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — meets **Wednesday, March 28** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss “*Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*” by Melissa Bane Sevier. Lesson Seven “In Community with the Hope of the Future”. Hebrews 11:1-3; 3:1-19; Psalm 95; Hebrews 4:1-11 and 6:9-12. Sandy Kappmeyer, Leader.

ENVELOPE CLARIFICATIONS—Those of you who use envelopes may have noted that there are a couple of envelopes marked for “Mission” or “Special Offering” as part of your set. These are intended for any contributions you may wish to make for specific purposes outside of the general fund – such as the Little Food Pantry, the Boulevard, the Good Shepherd Window, a Capital Campaign, etc. They are not to be confused with envelopes supplied by the Presbytery for the 4 Stated Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness and Christmas Joy.

Additionally, if a liturgical holiday, such as Easter, falls on a Sunday, you will have two envelopes for that date – that is because some churches have a separate collection for that liturgical holiday, although we do not. Use either envelope; in that case, it’s all the same.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

Ushers: Brad and Carrie Staubus

Liturgist: Charlie Juister

Andrew Ministers: David Harper and Connie Kelly

Coffee fellowship is the Deacons Potluck.

Trustees of the Month: Cyril Friend and George Meyer