



**Riverside Presbyterian Church**  
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## MAY NEWSLETTER



### ADULT MISSION TRIP FUND RAISER —

Saturday, May 19 6:00 pm at the home of Ellen Hamilton ~ Our Youth are traveling to Detroit this year, so you are invited to come and experience the sounds and flavors of Motown. Motown artists were known for their style and class! Pull out your skinny suits and skinny ties, grab your sequined gowns and join us for an awesome evening. Tickets available for \$30 after worship and in the office.



**Theology on Tap** returns Monday, April 30. Dinner at 6:30 pm, and discussion begins at 7:00 pm at the Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange, IL. We are reading *Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life* by Thich Nhat Hanh. In the rush of modern life, we tend to lose touch with the peace that is available in each moment. World-renowned Zen master, spiritual leader, and author Thich Nhat Hanh shows us how to make positive use of the very situations that usually pressure and antagonize us. For him a ringing telephone can be a signal to call us back to our true selves. Dirty dishes, red lights, and traffic jams are spiritual friends on the path to "mindfulness"—the process of keeping our consciousness alive to our present experience and reality. The most profound satisfactions, the deepest feelings of joy and completeness lie as close at hand as our next aware breath and the smile we can form right now.

**PENTECOST May 20, 2018** —This year our Worship Service will focus on *The Fruit of the Spirit*. Focusing on Galatians 5:22-23 we will contemplate the gifts that the Spirit gives and take time to think of ways we can develop those gifts. Our service will engage all our senses. As always you are invited to wear the colors of fire for Pentecost – yellows, reds and oranges.

**PENTECOST OFFERING** —Consider a donation to the Pentecost offering; envelopes are in the pew racks. Sixty percent of the Pentecost Offering goes to our national church for ministries that encourage, develop, and support our youth and young adults and address the needs of at-risk children. RPC keeps the other forty percent for local ministries that also support young people.

**Is there a Bible story that you never understood?**

**A Bible story that makes you angry?**

**A Bible story that confuses you?**

If so the Worship series for June is just for you. I am inviting you to share those stories with me, and then some of those stories will become the text that we explore during Worship on Sunday morning. Call, text or email and we will figure them out together!  
-- Dale

**WORSHIP AT CANTATA AND CALEDONIA** — The Deacons welcome any and all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata today at 2 pm, and at Caledonia on May 20 at 2 pm.

**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.

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY TODAY** — The trustees want to thank all who came out on the last all church work day to replace the fluorescent lights in the social hall with high-efficiency LED lighting. Be sure to check out the new lighting when you have a chance. In order to keep costs down, the trustees will continue working hard to make repairs and improvements around the church. The next church work day is **today from 1-3 p.m.** We will paint Dale's office as well as the Christian Education office. Weather permitting, we will also be doing outdoor work. Please join us if you are able.



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS — APRIL 2018

- approved the bid from Restoric to restore the Good Shepherd window at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.
- approved obtaining a ten year loan/line of credit from Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) in an amount not to exceed \$230,000 so that work can begin on the capital improvement projects. The loan will be repaid as RPC raises funds through the Capital Campaign. The Good Shepherd window restoration is not included in that amount, with funds for that raised separately.
- approved the baptism of Theodore ("Teddy") Robert Woodham on June 3.
- noted with sadness the death of Richard Crang.

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS** — We are coming to the end of the Sunday school year, and going out with lots of games and fun! On May 13, we will hold class outside, learning how all things are interconnected and making chalk drawings. We will have our end of the year party on 5/20, with treats, games and a science experiment. Please contact Susan Zander if you have any questions.



**SAVE THE DATE!!** This year our theme for Summer Camp is "God's Earth, Our Home," and it will take place 7/11-7/13 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will be learning about the ways we can care for God's world through a variety of games and activities. Watch this space for more details on how you can register your children (and how you can lend a hand)! In the meantime, email Susan Zander if you have any questions.

**GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW** —will be removed within the next two weeks for renovation. Donations to the renovation fund are welcome.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** —Canned vegetables, fruit cups, canned meats, canned soups, small containers of laundry detergent, small boxes of raisins and trail mix. **No drink mixes needed at this time.**

**NEW MEMBERS** — If you're interested in church membership, please talk to Dale. A class will start soon.

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SHIRTS** — are available for \$20 in the church office.

**ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE?!?!?! Rumble** as in turning over the soil, getting out the rototiller, and start planting. Share the Harvest has literally donated to local food pantries, 50,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables in the past 4 years. They are looking for our help to fight hunger in the Chicagoland area. Look for sign-up sheets in the newsletter, and if you have any questions see Steven Teune or send an e-mail to [scubateune@gmail.com](mailto:scubateune@gmail.com).



**SHARE YOUR SOLES** — In many places in the world including right here in America, the difference between going to school and staying home, is a pair of shoes. **Share Your Soles**, located in the historic Pullman district will take your donated lightly used shoes and get them to the people in need all over the world. The *shoe barrel* will be in the hallway for the month of May. All kinds of shoes are needed.

**PILL BOTTLES**— Effective immediately, we are no longer taking empty pill bottles. The program is concluding. Thank you to David Harper for making this ministry possible.

**BARRYPPOINT ROAD CONSTRUCTION** — The Village of Riverside will be resurfacing Barrypoint Road. The project start date should be the week of May 7, weather permitting. The projects will start with concrete work such as curb and gutter replacement (and crosswalks).



**2018 TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND** – It is not too late to sign up to go the Holy Land, September 3-12, 2018. We are traveling with Educational Opportunities Tours (EO). EO has been dedicated to providing quality Christian travel programs at an affordable price since 1974. Over the years, more than 400,000 Christians have traveled on the various faith-based tours. EO incorporates elements of Christian learning whenever possible. Lectures, study books, and specialized guiding are the pioneering hallmarks of EO's development. You are still welcome to join us on the trip. Registrations received before May 20, 2018 will NOT incur a late charge. Speak with Pastor Dale or Ellen Hamilton today.





**5th SUNDAY RPC CALEDONIA EVENT**— As part of RPC's mission outreach program, RPC performs a service-based program on the fifth Sundays of the calendar year. The intent of the 5th Sunday program is taking the church into the surrounding communities. On April 29, a worship service was held at the Caledonia campus followed by a buffet luncheon/BBQ for the residents. Two bus loads and several vans left the church to arrive at Caledonia by 10 am. Reverend Jackson presided over a worship service, including a message, communion, prayers of thanksgiving, a performance by the RPC bell choir and old-fashioned hymns. After the service, RPC members visited with residents and shared a meal. Bratwurst and hotdogs were grilled on the outdoor patio. Special thanks to the mission ministry for planning and executing this marvelous event.

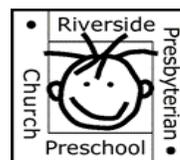


**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** — Summer hours will begin after Memorial Day. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon and closed on Fridays. Marika Floros will be staffing the office this summer starting Monday, June 4.



**WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — meets **Wednesday, May 23** 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 Nine "In Community with the All the Saints". Hebrews 6:9-12; 13:24-25; 12:1-2; 11:35-40. Elizabeth Musick, Leader.

**RPC PRESCHOOL NEWS** —The month of May will find us busy getting ready for our Moms' Night Ladybug Tea to celebrate our preschool moms and the end-of-the-year program. We will end our school year with a magic show by Mike D.



Thank you to all who bought geraniums!! The plants will arrive on Monday, May 7.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in the fall!



#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Ushers:* Fred and Donna Mitchell

*Liturgist:* Susan Lynch

*Andrew Ministers:* Patti Perry-Halline and Cyril Friend

*Communion Servers:* Patti Friend, Martha Heine, Serina Ranft and Jeanne Smith

*Flowers* this morning are given in loving memory of Bill Jansky from Jon and Deb Jansky and in loving memory of my mom, Ruth McCracken, from Paula McCracken.

*Coffee fellowship* today is hosted by Dale Jackson and Dennis Cobb.

*Trustees of the Month:* Doug Harvin and Alfred Kitch



## *Share the Harvest* Free Plant Sign Up Sheet

Please help provide fresh produce to our local food pantries! Share the Harvest provides a free *tomato, pepper, and/or cucumber* plant to anyone willing to grow and share the best from our gardens this summer. One tomato plant can help feed several families each week! When you harvest, please bring your gifts to church and place them in the **Share the Harvest** basket. They'll be picked up and delivered to a local food pantry!

Just one note: you need a spot with 6-8 hours of sun a day to grow the plants. Check your yard — and if it's a go, please sign up to receive a plant(s) by filling out this form and returning it to the church office. **Please sign up by May 13, 2018! Thank you!** You can pick up your seedling(s) on May 22.

Your Name	Email address or other contact information	Type of Plant(s) Desired — Tomato, Pepper or Cucumber

## 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**

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