



The Vision

October 2008

We are called to celebrate God's presence; Nurture the spiritual life of each individual; Carry the light of Jesus Christ to the world; and Serve God by serving others.

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WNL! Girls Group

School. Parents. Friends. Relationships. Media. Sports. Teenage girls today face a variety of pressures and challenges unique to our particular moment in history. Navigating the waters of adolescence can be a great joy or bring great hurt – often at the same time! In response to the particular issues surrounding teenage girls today, RPC announces the first ever all girls' group. The group's focus will be on encouraging girls to live healthy, spirit-filled lives—appreciating their unique gifts and cultivating meaningful relationships.

The group will meet on Wednesday evenings, beginning October 1 in the Celestial Cinema, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. for eight weeks. As part of my internship here, I will lead the group, along with my faithful volunteer, Marcy Dunne, an experienced youth counselor at First Presbyterian of La Grange. The group will involve activities, discussion, guest speakers, movies and more. Topics of interest will include: Managing Stress: Body, Mind and Spirit, Mythology and the teenage girl, Self Image and the Media, and Youth on the Street. While many activities are planned, we will use the girls' input to shape our program.

We need you!!!! All teen girls at RPC are invited to participate in the group and are encouraged to bring a friend. The program is ecumenical in nature so girls from other churches (or no church at all) are welcome.

I am grateful for the warm welcome that I have received here at RPC and thank you in advance for your prayers and support for this new ministry!

If you have any questions or want more information about the group, please do not hesitate to contact me at maryinwi@hotmail.com.



Mary Koon

Vision Online

Did you know that the **Vision** can be viewed at the church website, www.rpcusa.org? If you have been frustrated by how long it takes to receive the Vision (the September Vision was mailed on August 26, but many people did not receive their copies by mail until September 12-15), please consider an electronic subscription. You will be notified by e-mail when the Vision is online (even *before* it's mailed), plus the online version is in full color. (The printed version uses less color to save printing costs.) If you are willing to receive the Vision online, rather than having a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the office at 447-1520 or by email at rpcoffice@sbcglobal.net and let us know that you would like to change your subscription option.

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5 Philippians 3:4b-14 “World Communion Sunday” How did Paul go about seeking to create a Worldwide Communion? The Peacemaking Offering will be taken today.

12 Exodus 32:1-14 “The Meaning of Life” What is the meaning of life? Why is the universe better off with humans than without them?

19 Matthew 22:15-22 “God and the Emperor” What things belong to God, and what belongs to the Emperor? How do we negotiate our loyalty to country and our loyalty to God?

26 Matthew 22:34-45 and 23:1-3 “Walking the Walk” What does loving God with heart, soul and mind look like today? Seminary Intern Mary Koon will preach today.

Trustees News

Thank you to all who participated in the September 21 All Church Family Work Day!!

Our next Work Day will be Sunday, October 19, from 1:00 to 3:00. Please come; it is always a wonderful church family fellowship opportunity!

We will soon be unveiling a plan for a beautiful paver area around the Rose Garden to raise funds for restoration of the Rose Window. What would you like to put on your paver? Your family's name, a memorial to a loved one, a favorite bible verse?

Austin McKain will be completing his Eagle Scout project this month. He is organizing a group of Boy Scouts and sponsors to implement his plan of removing disrupted bricks from the Barrypoint curb area and using them to create a brick path in the garden behind the church. He will restore the grass area at the curb. We all look forward to this much needed restoration. Thank you, Austin!

Have you noticed something that needs repair? Please fill out a “trouble report” form and return it to the office or report it to any trustee.

Please lock all outside doors at 8:00 pm. Please double check that the back door is locked if you are the last to leave; it has been accidentally left unlocked recently.

October Trustees: Chris Schiller, Allan Chard



Session News

During September the Session:

- ◆ met with two members of the Committee on Ministry of Chicago Presbytery, without the pastor's presence, for a triennial visit to review activities and concerns of RPC. Topics such as worship, interaction with the local community, mission activities, financial concerns and stewardship were discussed.
- ◆ learned of the exciting plans by the deacons to organize flood relief volunteers to work in Riverside and surrounding communities, in cooperation with village authorities.
- ◆ approved a request for the baptism of Luke Christopher Staubus on September 21.
- ◆ affirmed the policy that the sacrament of baptism is open to children when at least one parent is a member of RPC, or is an active member of another Christian church, subject to session approval. Baptisms must take place during a regular worship service.
- ◆ authorized the Pastor to officiate at weddings he/she deems to be appropriate and that are done in accordance with the Book of Order requirements, without the need for prior session approval.
- ◆ approved plans for an "Every Member Canvass" in conjunction with the fall pledge drive.
- ◆ learned that the budget deficit has been slightly reduced, but is still around \$30,000.
- ◆ discussed the possibility of allowing alcoholic beverages to be served at functions held at RPC. Further research as to the implications of this will be conducted.
- ◆ approved vacation leave for Rev. Jansen from October 25 to October 31. Our seminary intern, Mary Koon, will lead worship on October 26.
- ◆ discussed the advisability of making access to the online **Vision** password-protected, as a safeguard against making members' phone numbers and photos of children available to the internet at large. It was decided that this was not a necessary precaution.
- ◆ learned that Mary Morrison, pastor of the Berwyn Presbyterian Church, has approached Rev. Jansen about the possibility of a formal merger of that church with RPC. Such a merger is a very complicated procedure with many ramifications for both churches. More information will be gathered before the session discusses this further and makes any recommendation to the congregation.

Mary Ann
Clerk of Session



Presbyterians at Work

On Saturday, August 23, nine RPC members traveled to Rockford, Illinois, to work on a Habitat for Humanity worksite. HFH is a Christian organization whose mission is to provide affordable housing for deserving low income families. Using volunteer labor, they build houses that are sold at cost to families who must volunteer on other houses before getting their own. Our group, consisting of Pastor Scott Jansen, Mary Jansen, Lou Heine, Mike Heine, Bill and Colleen Muller, Doris Hayes, Fred Mitchell, and Diane Chaney did finish work on a house that's very near completion—sanding, sealing, painting and varnishing of trim work inside and outside of the house. In a few hours, we accomplished a lot and had a great time. We're hopeful this will be the first of many such adult mission trips!



Flood Relief

The severe flooding of the Des Plaines River on Saturday, September 13, prompted the deacons to cancel the Benton Harbor, Michigan Habitat for Humanity trip scheduled for September 20, and divert our energies to flood relief efforts in Riverside and surrounding communities. 400 residents were evacuated in this area early Saturday morning, and some could not return to their homes for days, due to lack of electricity. Basements and first floors were flooded in homes near the river, leaving behind an incredible mess.

Riverside Presbyterian Church is responding in an effort to help those persons who have been hard hit, to contact them, hear their stories, and provide labor for the clean-up process. We helped 5 families during the weekend of September 20-21, and have received word of seven more who could use help.

Those who have helped so far are Colleen and Bill Muller; Kate Chard; Mary Koon; Lou Heine; Scott, Pete and Mary Jansen; Amanda and Tara Gregus; Carol O'Maera; Sanlee and Tom Radigan; Marilyn Slanec; Joseph and Michael Aieta; Kemp Clarke; and Stanley Schade. We thank them for all their hard work in serving the Lord's purpose.



Please sign up to be on a Flood Relief Team by calling the church office. We need people to assess damage, take notes, make phone calls, as well as clean up muddy messes.

Although we have placed posters in businesses in the area and done some door-to-door canvassing to get the word out, there are still undoubtedly families who could use help, but who we have not heard about. Please contact the church office at (708) 447-1520. Be sure to leave names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

God bless all you good people!
Sylvia Schade and Mary Koon, current coordinators

CROP Walk

The Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches is sponsoring the annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 19. Meet at Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m. for a brief service, followed by the walk at 2:00. CROP walks are a ministry of Church World Service, a group of 35 denominations. Every year over 2 million walkers and sponsors raise over \$16 million to help end hunger and poverty. For more information about the CROP walk, contact Sylvia Schade.

Sharing Our Gifts

CARERS Corner

October is our annual drive for canned food. Cub Scout Pack 24 and Boy Scout Troop 24 will be assisting in collecting food. This year the need is even greater, so try to add a few extra cans to your donation. You have always been so caring in the past, and we appreciate it very much. Again, put these items in the trunk or white barrel outside of Pastor Scott's office. In November we will be collecting decaf coffee, lemonade mix, and paper goods to be sent to BEDS.



For the past few years the CARERS have supported "The Companions," a Christian prison ministry organization. We have asked you to participate by taking a packet of ten selected cards, signing them, giving a personal message of hope or an encouraging Bible verse, stamping them, and returning the cards to us. We mail them to the Companions' office, where volunteers address them. Last year alone 6500 cards were sent to inmates and another 8500 were delivered to current and recently released inmates throughout the state. The impact of this project has been truly encouraging, giving people words of hope and renewed faith. Please help this year. The packets will be available in October and the deadline will be before Thanksgiving. The Companions have many other projects for inmates, but this is one way we can help.

Share the Harvest

Thanks to all of you at Riverside Presbyterian Church, it's been a great growing season and **Share the Harvest** thanks *everyone* who has made it possible! We'll celebrate what God has done through your growing and sharing at a Thanksgiving feast on **Saturday, November 1** at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

The time: 11:30-2 p.m. **Everyone is invited!** We'll celebrate with a Thanksgiving worship service, followed by a fantastic feast! **Share the Harvest** will provide ham and turkey. If you can, we invite **Share the Harvest** growing partners to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Last year we had a delicious array of wonderful dishes – some made with gifts from your gardens!

Thanks to your congregation, **Share the Harvest** has been able to give away more vegetables and fruit than ever before and has been able to expand our giving to include two new food pantries this year. Your giving has made a real difference this summer – reaching out to hungry neighbors who are grateful for your gifts. Thank you! And come to the feast on Saturday, Nov. 1! For more information, please contact Mary Jansen, your **Share the Harvest** coordinator!
Linda Wygant, Share the Harvest



October Sign-Up

Thanks to those who have volunteered to usher, to provide flowers, and to host coffee fellowship. Dates are still available for flower donations. Please contact the office to volunteer.

	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Coffee Fellowship</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
October 5	Halline Family	Patti Halline	Lisle Family
October 12	OPEN	Lauren Cody	Miezio Family
October 17	OPEN	Boy Scout Troop 24	Buttimer Family/Dennis Sadilek
October 26	OPEN	Rayfield Family	Vogel Families

Balance the Budget

Did you know that our current budget deficit is approximately \$30,000? Presbyterians are not inclined to “talk money,” as it can be an uncomfortable subject. However, it is the responsibility of the Stewardship Committee to monitor our fiscal well-being and respond appropriately. On Sunday, September 28, the Stewardship Committee held its dinner and auction fund raiser. All the proceeds from that event will be used to offset our deficit. **The Fall Pledge Campaign** is just around the corner and the Stewardship Committee hopes that all our members will prayerfully consider pledging.

The bad news: We have a deficit again this year. **The good news:** That means we will have another "Balance the Budget" dinner! Please join us on November 8 at 7:00 pm for another wonderful evening of food and fellowship, hosted by Len and Stephanie Messner. John Cain and Tara Gregus will again cook a delicious gourmet dinner. Tickets will cost \$100 and only 40 will be sold. Contact Tara Gregus at taragregus@yahoo.com to reserve your spot. Checks should be made payable to RPC. We hope you can join us!



Handel's Messiah

We look forward to sharing the musical gifts of our congregation and our visiting soloists in our annual performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. Soloists will be:

Theresa Ludden-Wold, Soprano
Erika Morrison, Mezzo Soprano
Wayne Parham, Tenor
Pete Pohlhammer, Bass



Peacemaking Offering ♦ October 5, 2008 ♦ World Communion Sunday

Every year our congregation joins Christians around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. Born in a time of international unrest as nations were about to enter another world war, World Communion Sunday's central focus is the Lord's Supper instituted by Christ and its unifying message for all who partake of it. We are one in Christ Jesus, and not to be separated by the nations, ethnic groups, or denominations we belong to, or for any other reason.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) also marks the day by a call to peacemaking, urging us to be followers of the Prince of Peace. One concrete way that we do that is by receiving the Peacemaking Offering. Through this special offering, we work together with others in our presbytery, our synod, and nationally through the General Assembly's Peacemaking Program to learn and live out the ways of peace.

The Peacemaking Offering invites each congregation to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain twenty-five percent of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent goes to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world. Join us on October 5 to celebrate World Communion Sunday and to commit ourselves to working for the unity of the church and the peace of Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

Blessing of the Animals



On Sunday, August 24, RPC held an outdoor service with a special *Blessing of the Animals*. The beautiful day

was complemented by the music of the talented musicians, Beverly Aieta and John Haugland. In addition to our regular attendees, we were joined by 25 dogs, three cats, one parrot, one goldfish, and three squirrels. All animals were invited to come forward for a special blessing by Pastor Scott. Everyone—humans as well as non-humans—was well-behaved.



New Members/Baptisms

RPC welcomes new members Marty and Debbie Lubeck. Their son, Finn, was baptized on September 21. Also baptized on September 21 was Luke Christopher Staubus, son of RPC members Brad and Carrie Staubus.



Thanks to the Lubeck and Staubus families for making the photos available.

Human Scene

Adult Sunday School Schedule

October 5 • *The Jewish/Roman War 66-70 A.D. and How It Changed History* with Stan Schade.

October 12 • *Women in Jesus' Life* - What was their physical and spiritual role? Mary Koon will review the book, *Dancing Girls, Loose Ladies and Women of the Cloth* by F. Scott Spencer. Do the women in Christ's life have anything to say to us today? Can reading the Bible through the lens of modern feminism reap greater awareness and understanding of the Biblical message?

October 19 • *Domestic Violence Awareness Day* - Lynda Nadkarni has arranged for a guest speaker from Constance Morris House, Pillars' Domestic Violence Shelter. Pillars provides comprehensive community mental health and social services to over 10,000 people annually in 38 communities, including Riverside.

October 26 • *The U.S. Presidency: An historical look at our electoral process* with Ron Smith.

Children

Youth Group News

Our Junior and Senior High Youth Groups have started out the year with great attendance and lots of fun! Here's what is coming up in October:

October 5: Backyard Bonfire at Gregus Home (s'mores, games, ghost stories and discussion)
Junior High 6-7:15 pm, Senior High 7:30-8:45 pm.

October 12: Regular Meeting in Celestial Cinema (game and yoga instruction)
Junior High 6-7:15 pm, Senior High 7:30-8:45 pm)

October 19: Service: CROP Walk to raise funds for hunger in the afternoon
(Combined Junior and Senior High)

October 26: Haunted Trails Outing
(Combined Junior and Senior High. Meet at church at 5:30, return approx. 9 pm, \$20)

As always, everyone is welcome. Don't miss out on the fun! Questions? Contact Tara Gregus at taragregus@yahoo.com.

TWO Youth Sundays in '09!

Our traditional Youth Sunday has outgrown its ability to accommodate all the time and talents of our many children and youth. In order to accommodate more kids and diverse schedules, we'll have TWO Youth Sundays in 2009! The first one is January 11. If your child has a talent to share, or time to give to this service, please see Lynda Nadkarni. We'll be putting it together in late October/early November to allow time for practice at home and rehearsal at church.

Specifically... time and talents needed are...

- ◆ actors for a skit that will be the sermon
- ◆ readers of scripture
- ◆ musicians
- ◆ a liturgist
- ◆ ushers
- ◆ bakers and servers for coffee hour
- ◆ an artist for bulletin cover design

The second Youth Sunday will be June 7. The same set of roles will need to be filled beginning in April. Please look at your calendar and see when your child(ren) are available. January? June? Or both!



Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 24, in conjunction with Pack 24 and the RPC CARERS, is holding a food drive in October. The last day for the collection will be October 19. The Riverside food pantry is low on all supplies and we will bring all donations to the township. Your donations can really help local families! Thanks in advance for your help.



Passport to the Promised Land - How the Bible Came to Be

We're traveling through the greatest book of all...the Bible. Throughout the rotation, which runs through October 26, children will experience history of the Bible, highlight their favorite stories, learn fundamentals of structure and how to use a Bible, and much more.



Kathi Rocanova is teaching about Bible reference materials – an atlas, dictionary, concordance and taking children on a scavenger hunt to find specific items from verses they look up in their Bibles. **Fred Mitchell** has the children racing around the gym as they work to put the books of the Bible in order while discovering how they are grouped together and why. **Frank Fieseler** will be producing a DVD with the children as the stars, sharing their favorite Bible stories and why those characters speak to them. Watch for it during coffee hour in October. **Serina Ranft**'s lesson has children reviewing their skills of looking up verses and reinforces significant verses with food. Always a motivator at 9:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning! **Patti Friend** is leading the children through a reflective lesson of journaling their thoughts based on favorite verses and stories. **Beverly Aieta** will be sharing the ancient form of Bible writing—illumination—and helping the children create an illuminated verse. Many will be on display in the social hall.

Our children are shepherded by a familiar face each week as they travel to the different classrooms. These dedicated folks have volunteered to guide for the 08-09 year:

- Lily Henderson – Kindergarten and First Grade
- Susan Lisle – Second and Third Grade
- Bill Vogel – Fourth and Fifth Grade
- Tom Kedzie – Junior High

How the Bible Came to Be

Date	Grades K-1	Grades 2-3	Grades 4-5	Jr. High
9-14	Library-Bible Reference	Gym	Oasis Place-DVD	Kitchen-Cooking
9-21	Living Waters-Journaling	Library-Bible Reference	Creation Station-Illumination	Oasis Place-DVD
9-28	Kitchen-Cooking	Creation Station-Illumination	Library-Bible Reference	Gym
10-5	Oasis Place-DVD	Living Waters-Journaling	Gym	Creation Station-Illumination
10-19	Creation Station-Illumination	Oasis Place-DVD	Kitchen-Cooking	Living Waters-Journal
10-26	Gym	Kitchen-Cooking	Living Waters-Journal	Library-Bible Reference

RPC Preschool



Preschool is off to a great start with 60 wonderful 3,4,and 5-year-olds! We're ALL putting our "best foot forward" as seen outside our rooms with colorfully decorated footprints. Preschool will visit the British & Scottish Homes in costume for a great outreach field trip at the end of the month. Watch for our unique paper jack-o-lanterns popping up all over town signaling Halloween fun is on its way!

Fellowship



Presbyterian Women

Bible Study: Wednesday, October 22, 10:00 a.m., **Church Social Hall** (*Change in location*)

“JUBILEE! Luke’s Gospel for the Poor,” the Bible Study theme for 2008-2009, highlights some of the unique aspects of Jesus’ life and teaching found in the Gospel of Luke. The word “gospel” is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning “good news.” This gospel, of course, is about Jesus Christ, but the four New Testament Gospel writers tell the good news in different ways. Study books are available by contacting Dorothy Jansky. Elizabeth Musick is the leader for

Lesson 2, “The Poor Hear Good News.” Scripture: Luke 7:1-23. Key idea: Jesus’ ministry began in the tradition of the prophets.

The Coordinating Team will meet on November 6, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. November’s Bible Study will be on Wednesday, November 12 (change of date) at the Scottish Home, with Joyce Van Cura leading the discussion. There is **no Gathering in October or November**, but mark your calendars for the next “Gathering” on Wednesday, December 10, with a 12:30 luncheon at the Scottish Home and a musical Christmas program by Karena Mendoza, RPC’s Artist in Residence.

Ryan Womack Scholarship

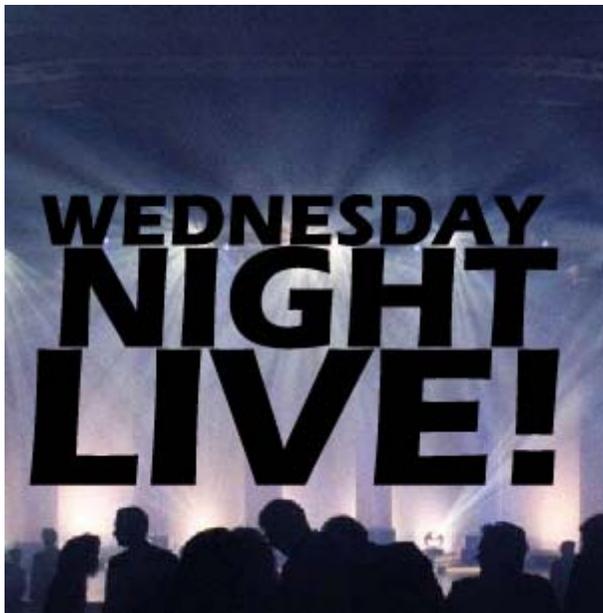
We hope that you will come to hear the 2008 Ryan Womack Award recipients on Saturday, October 18, at the Riverside Golf Club, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with dinner, a live band, and an open bar throughout the evening. This year 36 awards were given to students through the Riverside Presbyterian Church. The awards from this scholarship total over \$438,000 to 131 students! Please join us in supporting our Riverside Presbyterian scholars and celebrating Ryan’s life! Tickets are \$100, and are available by contacting Lonnie Womack or the church office at (708) 447-1520.

Using the Social Hall?

The Social Hall has been reconfigured to make room for a Childrens’ Corner where our youngest members of the congregation can enjoy each others’ company, play games, read a book, or create some artwork if they tire of adult conversation, all within sight of the adults responsible for them. If your group uses the Social Hall and moves tables or chairs, please return the room to its new set-up. Diagrams are posted by the light switches at either end of the room.

Also, if your group is using supplies from the cabinets in the Social Hall or kitchen, please let us know if you notice that we are running low on items (contact Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak). This will not only assure you of having the proper supplies available when your group meets, but will reduce the risk of another group having to do without. The Fellowship Committee is not always aware of who is using the Social Hall and what supplies they need. We have had several instances of thinking that the cupboards were well stocked, only to find out that things were gone at our next event. We are here to serve the Fellowship needs of all of our church groups, and we can best do this if your group keeps us informed.

We are often blessed to find that members of the congregation have generously donated items to the kitchen or Social Hall for use by the church. People have graciously given everything from coffee supplies to appliances. With church finances being tight, we are especially grateful for these gifts. If you wish to donate an item, please either leave it with a note on the counter in the kitchen, or put it with other like items in the cabinets. This will assure us that it is meant to be used by everyone and wasn’t brought for any particular event or forgotten by someone using the space. If you are donating groceries of any kind, please make sure they are labeled for use (there are stickers and pens on the counter next to the refrigerator), and left in the kitchen. **Please do not leave any food, especially open crackers or cookies, in the cabinets in the Social Hall.** Too often no one finds these items and we end up throwing them away because they’ve become stale.



The Fall Semester of **WNL!** began October 1. Did you forget to register? Do you want to attend but can't be there all eight weeks? Not to worry—we have options for you! Come for dinner even if you can't stay for class (Choir members especially are invited!) Come to class even if you can't make it for dinner! All that is required is a call no later than Tuesday noon, the day prior, so we can be sure to have enough food available. Bring \$5/person to cover the cost of the meal.

Classes this fall are focusing on the Greatest Book of All—the Bible—and will run through November 19. This program has been designed to bring the whole church family and community together for mid-week rejuvenation and refreshment, so invite a friend to attend with you. See Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak or Lynda Nadkarni for more information.

Fellowship: Another beautiful day on the lawn at RPC

Pastor Scott is boasting a perfect nine for nine on good weather for outdoor activities in the year he's been here. September 7 was no exception as we kicked off the beginning of another Sunday School year under sunny skies. We hope you enjoyed the chance to share a meal and some good conversation with your church family.

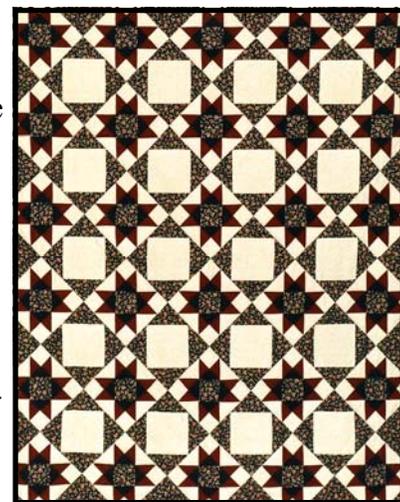


The **Fellowship Committee** plans to bring you more opportunities for fun with the congregation and community. If you would like to help with these plans, we'd welcome you as a member. Please contact our session chairs, Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak or Scuff Gross. If you have an idea for fellowship, let us know that, too!

Craft Nights

Do you knit, scrapbook, bead, embroider, paint, draw, make your own greeting cards, quilt, craft or create in any way? Would you like to find the time to make your own holiday ornaments or finish a project that you started long ago? Come join in the fun as we all bring our own supplies and visit together as we work.

Craft Nights are hosted by the Fellowship Committee on the third Friday of each month. Drop in and stay as long as you wish anytime between six and eleven p.m. Everyone (no matter your age, your gender, or your level of creativity) is welcome. No need to register. Invite a friend, relative or neighbor to bring a project and join us—the more, the merrier. Questions? Contact Connie Kelly or Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak.



Church Officers Needed

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of recruiting nominees for church officer positions for 3-year terms beginning in January 2009, and a new Nominating Committee to serve a 1-year term. If you are interested in serving as a church officer, or if you would like to nominate fellow members, please complete the form below and return it to a Nominating Committee member, to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. It is the goal of the Nominating Committee to include as many people as possible in the process, and to recruit officers from all constituencies within our congregation. To assist you, a description of each position is included below. Your input is appreciated, and we encourage you to consider nominating yourself as well as a fellow church member!

ELDERS

Elders sit on the 18-member Board of Session. The Session is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Church: worship, mission, Christian education, youth, stewardship, finance, physical plant, personnel and fellowship. Elders meet on the third Wednesday evening of each month for approximately 2 hours. Each Elder serves as chair or a member of a church committee. Committee meetings are held as needed, often on a monthly basis. Elders may participate in Sunday morning worship as the liturgist and when the worship service includes Communion, several Elders will participate as servers.

DEACONS

The Board of Deacons consists of 18 members who meet the third Tuesday evening of each month. The Deacons' primary focus is on care and support of members of the congregation and the greater community. They are commissioned to visit the sick, befriend the stranger and help the elderly. Each deacon is responsible for keeping in contact with his district members on an as-needed basis by making home visits, phone calls and sending cards or notes by mail. The deacons communicate the needs and concerns of the members to the pastor and other members of the church staff. Deacons are also directly involved with service of Communion, including preparation of the elements and clean-up. They deliver flowers to those who are sick, home-bound or celebrating special events, promote mission opportunities and lead monthly worship services at the British Home.

TRUSTEES

The 12-member Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining the condition and functioning of the physical plant of the church. The Board of Trustees meets for about 1.5 hours the second Monday evening of each month to discuss and act upon business related to building improvements, repairs and maintenance. Trustees make decisions within a budget, and under the final approval of the Session. In addition, each trustee is expected to fulfill "Trustee of the Month" duties. During that month, the trustee is responsible for unlocking the church facilities on Sunday mornings prior to Christian Education activities and locking up after church activities are completed. The church employs a part-time custodian, a part-time building supervisor, and landscaping contractors to perform many required duties. However, "hands-on" work by the trustees is often necessary to bridge the gap between necessity and available budget.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee consists of 5-7 members who recruit individuals to serve as church officers. The bulk of the Committee's work takes place in October and November. The Nominating Committee may meet at other times during the year to find replacements for church officers who vacate their positions before the end of their term. In addition, in those years when there is a change in pastoral leadership within the church, they are responsible for nominating a search committee. After the Nominating Committee creates a slate of candidates for church offices, a congregational meeting is held to approve or reject nominees.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The Endowment Committee consists of 9 members (4 members-at-large, the financial secretary, the treasurer, 2 elders and 2 trustees). Each year, one new at-large member is added for a 4-year term. The committee monitors the church's financial endowment in a prudent and fiduciary manner, meeting at least quarterly. Members should feel somewhat comfortable with financial investments and the financial needs of the church.

2008 Nominating Committee: Tara Gregus and Mike Heine (co-chairs), Joe Dvorak, Hollie Miezio, Kemp Clarke, Scott Schwarz, Deb Jansky (trustee), Dale Heilenbach (Deacon)

I would like to nominate _____ for Elder
_____ for Deacon
_____ for Trustee
_____ for Nominating Committee member

My name: _____ Phone: _____

October 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!</p>			<p>1 Office Closed 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace 4:15 Singers 4:45 Ringers 6p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2 6:30a Womens' Forum</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	
	<p>5 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p British Home Service 6p Jr High Youth 7:30p Sr High Youth</p>	<p>6 5:15 Volleyball</p>	<p>7 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Meeting 7p Personnel Comm</p>	<p>8 9a Office open 9-12 4:15 Singers 4:45 Ringers 6p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 6:30a Womens' Forum</p>	<p>10 Night Ministry</p>	<p>11</p>
	<p>12 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a CARERS Mtg 6p Jr. High Youth 7:30p Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>13 5:15 Volleyball 7p Finance Comm 7:30p Trustees</p>	<p>14 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg 4p Presby. Of Chicago Assembly Mtg</p>	<p>15 Office Open 9-12 4:15 Singers 4:45 Ringers 6p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:15p Session Mtg 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 6:30a Women's Forum</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 6:30p Ryan Womack Scholarship Dinner/Dance</p>
	<p>19 Vision Deadline 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Scottish Home Service 6p Jr High Youth 7:30p Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>20 5:15 Volleyball</p>	<p>21 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg 7p Deacons Mtg</p>	<p>22 Office Closed 4:15 Singers 4:45 Ringers 6p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 6:30a Womens' Forum</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
	<p>26 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 5:15p Youth Group Trip to Haunted Trails</p>	<p>27 5:15 Volleyball</p>	<p>28 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg</p>	<p>29 Office Closed 4:15 Singers 4:45 Ringers 6p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 6:30a Womens' Forum</p>	<p>31</p>	

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." — Proverbs 29:18

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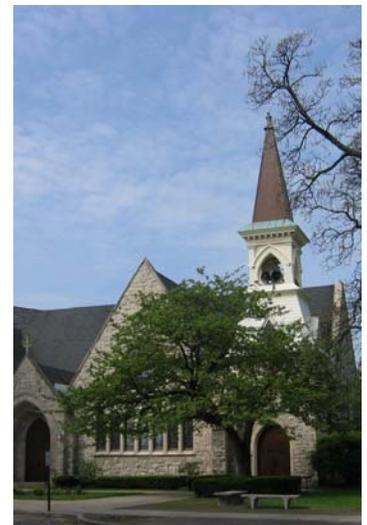
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