



# The Vision

October 2010

## What Is a Columbarium?

I think it would be fantastic to have a church Columbarium—a storage facility for the permanent interment of ashes (human cremains). Such a storage facility would be constructed on the premises, probably indoors.

For many, the initial reaction to hearing about a Columbarium is negative and fairly emotional. Death carries a kind of taboo. We want to pretend that we will live forever. Few people make detailed plans in advance of their own deaths. In general, death is considered “bad.”

To be physically in the vicinity of something considered “bad” is likely to evoke a negative emotional response. I acknowledge that natural emotional reaction, but then I ask you to move beyond it.

Let us consider the situation calmly and rationally. Churches have been built on premises that included cemeteries for the majority of the past two thousand years. Being buried at a church was an excellent symbol of how we place our hope for life after death into God’s hands. It was also a constant reminder of the “communion of the saints,” of the work done by those who went before us, of the legacy they passed down to us. Finally, it gave families far more “ownership” in a given church, when going to church could include a visit to a grave site.

Over the past two centuries, driven by a lack of available land in areas of population explosion, many church structures were built without attached cemeteries. Along with that new trend, came a decline in the *loyalty* usually afforded one’s church, and an increase in the sentiment that “I’ll remain a member as long as my church continues to suit my fancy.” The struggle to reconcile has more urgency when “my grandparents are buried there.”

Thus, in recent times, many churches are installing columbaria on church grounds, partly from a concern for the financial health of their parishioners. A typical ground burial today costs around \$15,000, while a typical columbarium interment costs around \$2,000. For some, the costs are simply insurmountable, so urns sometimes sit in dark closets for extended periods, and are often disposed of unceremoniously (and illegally).

Environmentalists favor columbaria because the growth of human population has consumed the available land needed to continue former practices. On average, we can bury two hundred cremains in the same area required for one ground burial. Would you prefer that scarce land be dedicated to cemeteries, or to parks?

I am very excited about this opportunity to reclaim the traditional connection of the church with one’s final resting place. I hope you will also become excited as more information comes forward.

Your brother in Christ,  
Scott Jansen



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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### October Worship Schedule

**October 3** 2 Timothy 1:1-14 “Why the Spirit Is Like Fire”

Who has God’s Spirit? Today is World Communion Sunday, when we focus on the fact that Christians all over the world are sharing in communion together. It’s a celebration of diversity of Christian expressions.

**October 10** Jeremiah 29:1-7 “While in exile...”

Guest Preacher Mary Koon will lead our worship this day, with a special appearance by Nancy Dvorak.

**October 17** Luke 18:1-8 “Nagging God”

Why should we bother with praying to God? If we believed in fate—the notion that the future is already determined—then there would be little sense in praying and little sense in trying to encourage a positive change by supporting the church’s ministries.

**October 24** Luke 18:9-14 “Righteousness and Justification”

When Jesus refers to someone as “righteous” or “justified” does he mean a permanent/eternal status, or does he mean a transient quality? Is he more interested in improving the current situation, or more interested in the state of the current situation?

**October 31** Luke 19:1-10 “Children of Abraham”

The focus will be on All Saints Day today as we are led in worship by the Memorial Committee, who will remind us of how the saints of the past have contributed to building up the church of the present. They will use a Powerpoint presentation to review the history of great saints from RPC’s past.

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### The Messiah and Memories

For over two decades, RPC has performed Handel’s *Messiah* and during that time it has been enjoyed by thousands. It’s a lot of work, but it is a work of love. To keep the tradition alive, to help us continue to sing praises to God, we need your help. Many times when we think of loved ones who have gone on to glory, we think of music. We remember their favorite hymns, songs and smile. This year we are asking people to donate in memory of those loved ones so the music can go on. As of this writing we have 36% of the funds needed. The soloists have been lined up, the musicians have the date, but our funds are lacking. Help us make RPC sound like heaven by supporting our community choir. Your loved one’s name can be added on the program. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the music fund, and having your loved one remembered.



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### Church Officers Needed



The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of recruiting nominees for church officer positions for three-year terms beginning in January 2010, and a new Nominating Committee to serve a one-year term. If you are interested in serving as a church officer, or if you would like to nominate fellow members, please [complete the nominating form](#) and return it to a Nominating Committee member, to the church office, or place it in the offering plate on Sundays. 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. Your input is appreciated, and we encourage you to consider nominating yourself as well as a fellow church member.

### Thank You, Thank you!

*Super Sale! Rain kept us in but didn't dampen the hard work of everyone who sold all the wonderful items donated by members of the congregation. Through this effort approximately \$1,800 was raised to offset the budget deficit. Thank you church family!*

*Thanks also to all who participated in the Share the Harvest program—we look forward to sharing again next summer.*

## Session News

In September, the elders and the deacons met in a joint session to consider items of mutual interest:

- ◆ The Columbarium Task Force presented their report and recommendation for installing a 48-niche columbarium in the north narthex; more details will be forthcoming.
- ◆ The fees for funerals/memorials of RPC members will be reviewed by the Worship & Music committee.

At the regular Session meeting, the following took place:

- ◆ placed Patricia Delaney on the inactive roll, at her request;
- ◆ approved a suggested donation of \$20 for adults attending the “Messiah performance;
- ◆ reviewed plans for the fall Pledge Drive, with an every-member canvass on October 31;
- ◆ noted the YTD deficit was \$28,000;
- ◆ approved a policy that groups engaging in fundraising make a good faith effort to return to the general budget an amount sufficient to cover office expenses and postage involved in holding their event;
- ◆ learned of plans for a new RPC Weekend Connections series of multi-generational programs of education, children’s programs and fellowship.

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session



## October Opportunities

If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Deb Jansky](#) or [Patti Perry Halline](#)  
For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC Office](#)  
Potential Acolytes, Liturgists & Ushers, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#)

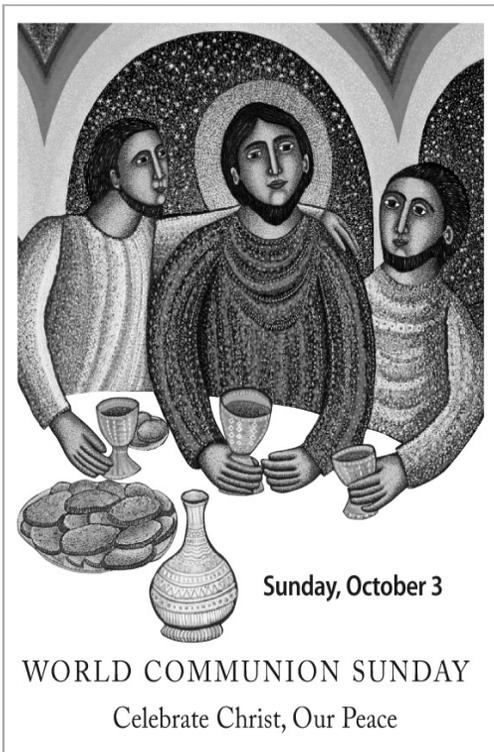


	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
October 3	Mary Ann Sadilek	Hannah Ranft	Vogel Family Aieta Family	Hayes Family	Gwen & Mike Heine
October 10	YOUTH	YOUTH	Scuff Gross & Dennis Sadilek Tom & Sanlee Radigan	OPEN	Chris and Carrie Schiller
October 17	Ellen Hamilton	Adeline Pecis	Gangware Family	OPEN	Ranft & Sahlas Families
October 24	Melinda Yachnin	OPEN	Lou & Martha Heine	Mary Kemp Clarke	Pecis/Kolinski Family
October 31	Michael Aieta	Dima Aieta	Lisle Family	OPEN	No Coffee Fellowship

## Sharing Our Gifts

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### 2010 Peacemaking Offering



Every time our congregation receives the Lord's Supper, there is opportunity to remember other Christians around the world who are also receiving these gifts of God. But we make a special point of remembering our unity with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. It is a day to be mindful of the love of Christ, who draws us all together despite our many differences.

As Presbyterians, we recognize that Christ taught us to be peacemakers, and that being peacemakers is part of being Christ's followers. So on World Communion Sunday, we receive the bread and cup of heaven, and we bring our gifts of self, service, and money to be put to work for Christ's peace in the world.

This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering. The Offering was set up in a way to encourage all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work for peace. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. For that reason, our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and the Deacons have decided how best to put this money to work...through a donation to Austin Polytech. Austin Polytech is an Academy High School just 20 minutes from RPC serving 500 students from the Austin community of Chicago. Most of the families of these students have incomes below the federal poverty level. Austin Polytech has a relationship with over 65

manufacturer "Partners." RPC's Bill Vogel serves as the school's Industrial Coordinator, creating job shadowing, summer jobs, and internships for the students. You'll even find him in the Machine Shop teaching "Drill Press" once in a while. He is proud that President Obama said, "Austin Polytech is bringing hope back to the community." 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 3 as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and as we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

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### CARERS Corner

In October, the CARERS Committee, with help from RPC's scouts, are collecting canned goods for the First Presbyterian Church in Chicago. With the colder weather fast approaching, please include cans of meat, fish, pasta, and soups, along with fruit and vegetables. *As usual, we thank you again in advance for your continued generosity.*



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### Pecans ■ Pecans ■ Pecans!

For years the RPC women have handled the sale of pecans to benefit the [Erie Neighborhood House](#). The funds raised benefit the Team Tutoring Program for college-bound high school students. Again this year, one-pound bags of freshly harvested pecan halves will be sold for \$8.00. Orders will be taken during the church coffee hour on Sundays, or orders can be placed with Carol Sprunger, Edie Wakely, or the church office.



## A Witness to the World

Charles Spencer

Stewardship is an act of Christian witness. We have heard, “. . . for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). But have we asked why? Do we imagine that God, who is creator of the earth and all within it, needs our gifts? Do we suppose God’s delight is in the gift itself? No. Scripture tells us it is the faithful witness and testimony of the giver that is the source of God’s delight: “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work” (2 Cor. 9:8). A believer can be a cheerful giver today, having experienced God’s faithfulness and generosity in days past and trusting in God for the days ahead. Our gifts bear witness that we are sufficiently confident in God’s promises for the future that we may freely, generously, and cheerfully give today.

The cheerful giver also participates in and shares abundantly in every good work that is the mission and ministry of Christ in the world. Cheerful and generous giving bears witness to the world that Christians through the church are continuing Christ’s ministries of hope, help, and healing. The Westminster Confession of Faith affirms, “All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth” (*Book of Confessions*, 6.058). God’s delight in the cheerful giver comes through the witness borne, the ministry maintained, the mission furthered, and the lives touched.

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## Cheerful Givers

Over the past three summer months, the Cheerful Givers Bulletin Board focused on the needs of the Prayer Garden, located between the manse and Social Hall, behind the church. We would like to acknowledge the contributions received for this project and look forward to watching our garden grow in beauty and serenity.

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver"*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

### Garden Benches

Lynda Nadkarni, in appreciation for the church family  
Sloane/Kazarian Family in loving memory of Sylvia Papazian Okolovitch  
The Deacons Committee, in loving memory of Henrietta Cady

### Groundcover plants

Anonymous Giver, in honor of Ethel Brakas  
Beverly Aieta in memory of her mother, Sally Gibson  
Marjorie Lewe, in memory of John C. Lewe  
The Ourth Family, in memory of Carmen Ourth  
Edith Wakely, in memory of her friend, Nancy Manos

### Rose Bud Tree

Memorial funds given in memory of Carl Martin



The Cheerful Givers Fund has received a significant donation toward the iron gates needed to keep deer out of the garden. Additional contributions are still needed before the gates can be ordered. Please contact [Beverly Aieta](#) for more information. Stop by the Cheerful Givers Bulletin Board, in the hallway next to the Library, to see what new items are placed there for more cheerful giving opportunities in October.

## Sharing Our Gifts

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### 2011 Pledge Drive

RPC's Every Member Canvass will be held on October 31. Please plan to be at home between noon and 3:00 p.m. when members of RPC will visit you to discuss your thoughts and concerns about the future of RPC as well as your 2011 pledge. Your pledge supports pastoral care & youth education, buildings and grounds, worship and music resources, and office and committee support. It takes ALL of our members to maintain a church community. *Make a pledge—Keep your pledge.*



### Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at the end of August (67% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$187,426 (52.2% of budget)
Disbursements	\$215,744 (60.1% of budget)
Deficit	(\$ 28,318)

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### RPC Connections

Dear RPC family/friends... We are **ANXIOUSLY** awaiting updated info regarding your student's 2010-2011 college address(es). We'd like to continue our "RPC Connections" effort by writing to students away at school both in the fall and spring of each year. **PLEASE** reply **TODAY** by forwarding your student's info via e-mail to the church office at [rpsoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpsoffice@sbcglobal.net). The Deacons, as well as other folks from our congregation, will be assigned to keep in touch with your student(s). We need your help with this project so no child is left out! Thanks in advance for your support.

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### Deacons' Doings

The Deacons' **Fall Bake-Off** on Sunday, September 26, was great fun. Many people jumped in to show off their baking skills, and we had many wonderful treats to be tasted and judged.

**Share the Harvest** is still ongoing. We have two baskets on the benches across from the office. If you have any extra produce you'd like to share, please drop it off in one of the baskets. The produce can come from your own garden, a Farmers' Market, or even a local grocery store.

Please join the Human Scene class on Sunday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m., to hear Deacon Richard Crang speak about his recent **Mission Trip to Columbia**. Deacon Lloyd Bradbury is in the process of creating a website devoted to links and addresses potentially helpful to the well-being of seniors living in the vicinity of Riverside. Seniors and caregivers will be able to use this site as a Directory. In addition, there will be a blog with short, inspirational messages and articles of interest to people of any age. Stay tuned for more details.

And as always, if you ever have a need to contact the Deacon assigned to you, just check the back page of the Sunday bulletin, to see who has been assigned to the first letter of your last name. We are here to offer help whenever needed.



We're off to a **WONDERFUL** year with our preschoolers and their families. It's been great to see some familiar families and to meet many new ones. Along with our new families we have another wonderful addition to the Preschool - a new bulletin board! Thanks go to Nancy and Joe Dvorak for the inspiration and donation of materials, and to Jon Jansky who supplied the expertise for the installation. Please watch as it changes throughout the year with the preschoolers as "inspirations." Another *Thank You* goes to Cindy Reynolds Rayfield for providing her technical expertise in our Parent Orientation Presentation - we could not have done it without her. Thank you all!

## Sunday School: The *Quest* Continues

This year in Sunday school we're focusing on the "Quest for Identity." October starts off with the story of Joseph and his identity within his family as revealed to him in dreams. Towards the end of the month, Joseph's story transitions into the story of a single family becoming the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

	<u>K/1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup></u>
<b>October 3</b>	Tie-dye	Computers	Creation Station	Oasis Place
<b>October 10</b>	Computers	Tie-dye	Oasis Place	Creation Station
<b>October 17</b>	Social Hall	Social Hall	Social Hall	Social Hall
<b>October 24</b>	Cooking	Creation Station	Gym	Computers
<b>October 31</b>	Creation Station	Cooking	Computers	Gym

### Thanks to those who dedicate their time and energy to the children of our church family!

*Confirmation class leaders:* John Cain and Joe Ourth have returned once again to prepare our 9th graders for Confirmation. *First rotation Sunday school teachers:* Patti Friend, Jill Glawe, Tara Gregus, Susan Lisle, Vince Pecis and Kathi Roccanova. *Shepherds:* (K-1<sup>st</sup>) Serina Ranft and Amanda Gregus, (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) Shannon Buhle and Noemi Sanchez, (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) Frank and Mack Fieseler, (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Lynda Nadkarni and Marika Floros. *Godly Play volunteers:* Lisa & Ellie Carlson, Courtney Hooglander, Lynda & Kathryn Nadkarni, Cindy Reynolds Rayfield, Carrie Staubus, Brooke & Abbey Schwarz, and Melinda Yachnin.

### A Great Way to Start Off Sunday school

When kids bring an offering to Sunday school, the money is donated to Heifer International. At the September 12 Sunday School Kick-off, kids played *Heifer Project Penny Toss* to see which animal would receive our offerings this year. The results are in . . . this year's offerings will go toward donating a **COW** to Heifer International. Other fun games played: *Buckets of Blessings*, *Lucky Ducks Come to Sunday School*, *Parable of the Treasure* and more!



### For Parents of Babies and Toddlers

An additional childcare room will be available exclusively for **infants and young toddlers** during the worship hour *in the month of October*. If you've ever wanted to try out childcare for your little one, October is a great time to do so. If we find that the additional childcare room is being well-attended, we will work on continuing to make it available on a regular basis.

Also, the church library is a great resource for parents of very young children. Did you know that the cabinet that's just inside the library door holds a TV on which you could watch the worship service **live**? Please feel free to take advantage of this whenever you feel that your little one needs a break from the Worship service.



# Youth

## Youth Group News

We got off to a great start in September! We had 33 kids and adults from RPC and Ascension attend the White Sox Outing on September 15 and we met at both RPC and Ascension for our first two meetings of the combined group. Here's what's coming up in October:

**Sunday, October 3: Spaghetti Dinner at RPC** The Youth Group will cook and serve a spaghetti dinner in the Social Hall at RPC. This event is a fundraiser for RPC. All are invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased in advance and are \$5 for children ages 3-11 and \$10 for anyone 12 and older. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come!

**Sunday, October 10: Bike Hike at Waterfall Glen** All Youth Group members and their families are invited to drive to Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Darien (I-55 at Cass Ave.) for a 9.5 mile bike ride. We will need lots of drivers to transport bikes! It should be a beautiful time for fall colors!

**Saturday, October 16: Share the Hope Clinic in Aurora Service Opportunity** This is an opportunity to work at a very large event where disadvantaged families can come to a large church in Aurora, receive clothing, food from a food pantry, a hot meal, and see medical professionals such as dentists, eye doctors, and other specialists. More details to follow as to how we can serve.

**Sunday, October 17: CROP Walk** Our Youth Group will participate in the CROP Walk for the third year in a row. The goal of the CROP Walk is to wipe out hunger worldwide. Our goal as a youth group this year is to raise over \$1,000! I know we can do it!

**Sunday, October 24: Bonfire, S'mores, Games and S'more fun!** We will have an old-fashioned bonfire, old-fashioned campfire games and make s'mores. An annual fun fall event. Bring a friend!

**Sunday, October 31: HALLOWEEN PARTY!** Wear your best Halloween costume and come to the Haunted Manse for a frightfully good time! We will have a scary Halloween party in the attic of the Manse at RPC--don't miss it!

As always, if you have any questions about any of the above events, please contact Tara Gregus at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com). Tara sends an e-mail each week with details about that week's events. If you are not on the e-mail list, or know someone who would like to be added to the list, [let Tara know](#). All are welcome at Youth Group!



## Scouts

In September, the Cub Scouts held their annual kick-off meeting, with 12 new scouts joining. They camped at YMCA Camp Duncan on September 11 & 12, attended Team Demolition Derby on September 18 at the Route 66 Speedway, sold lemonade at the Riverside Car Show on September 26, and sold *lots* of popcorn, which is the Pack's largest fundraiser. The Boy Scouts also had a busy month with a campout at the Scout Cabin on September 10, a trip downtown to *Scoutfest* on September 18, work on Ben Mitchell's Eagle project on September 19, and an outing to a program about the Kennedy-Nixon debate on September 26.

## Girls' Group

The Girls' Group will meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:15 in the Oasis Station on the 2nd floor. The group is designed for girls ages 6th - 9th grades. Here are some of our upcoming events:

**October 5: Tie Dye Night** Create your own unique article of clothing. Mary will provide shirts and dye, but if you have a shirt (or shorts, etc.) you prefer to create, feel free to bring it along.

**October 12: Pastor Debra Williams** will visit us from Davis Memorial AME Church in La Grange. Pastor Debra will talk about the experience of being African American in a white community. During her time in La Grange, Pastor Williams has created programs at the Park Junior High and LT in La Grange. She is a dynamic speaker with a loving presence.

**October 19: Yoga** Come learn about the mind/body connection.

**October 26: IYRKM (If You Really Knew Me)** Marcy Dunne will lead us in this unique experience of being our true selves.

We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Mary Koon if you have questions: [maryinwi@hotmail.com](mailto:maryinwi@hotmail.com)



## 2010-2011 Bible Study

The [topic](#) for the 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study is "Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara R. Rossing. Many people's impressions are that the book of Revelation is violent and fearsome: four horsemen unleash destruction and calamity upon the earth; mysterious numbers like "666" spell destruction; mutant locusts and multi-headed beasts terrify; a scarlet whore of Babylon seduces nations with her cup of fornications; an end-times battle of Armageddon leaves millions slaughtered.

Plan to join the ladies on Wednesday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m., in the RPC Social Hall, as they study this interesting book. Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura rotate the leader position. Sylvia will lead the study for Lesson 2, "Seven Letters to Seven Churches." Scripture: Revelation 2-3. Key idea: Through the letters to the seven churches, John encourages his readers to remain faithful to Christ, and Christ alone.

*These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. . . . Revelation 2:1.*

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Musick at [lizm\\_59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizm_59@sbcglobal.net).

## Human Scene

**October 3 • RPC in Colombia:** In July of 2010, RPC church member Richard Crang traveled with CSLA to Colombia on a mission trip, and is back now to tell us what happened. In recent years, RPC has decided to focus some of its world-wide mission efforts (and money) to the Presbyterian Church in Colombia, and Richard Crang has volunteered to be our representative. Find out how you have supported, and can continue to support, this important mission.

**October 10 • Stress Management 101:** Work, family, church: how do you maintain a thriving and full life without becoming so stressed you find yourself either irritable with your loved ones, or anxious about fitting it all in? Come for a crash course on stress, its purpose in your life, and what to do when it gets out of hand. Led by Melinda Yachnin, LCPC.

**October 17 • Joseph and His Brothers:** Pastor Scott leads a contextual analysis of Genesis 41-50 for anyone who enjoys a good Bible Study, but especially for anyone who plans to teach the kids soon. How do these power struggles reflect on our modern power struggles?

## Events & News

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### RPC Spaghetti Dinner ▪ October 3

RPC will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, cooked and served by our church's youth group, on Sunday, October 3, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will include spaghetti, meatballs, sauce, salad, garlic bread and beverage. Tickets are available in the RPC office and online, and cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 3-9, and free for children under 3. You may dine in or choose our new FREE DELIVERY option (available in Riverside only). Profits will benefit the general budget. Questions? Contact Cindy Reynolds Rayfield at [cindy@cindyrrayfield.com](mailto:cindy@cindyrrayfield.com).

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### RPC Weekend Connections ▪ October 15

How do we balance it all—the busy schedules with the desire to get together with other folks for an enjoyable and meaningful evening out once in awhile? We have the answer: *Weekend Connections* is a new endeavor for RPC this year, a chance to gather once a month at the church for a variety of programs, open to church members and anyone in the community who would like to attend. Programs planned for the year ahead include films, a square dance, book discussions, a hike and Open Mic Night.

RPC *Weekend Connections*' first event, on Saturday, October 15, is a showing of the documentary, [\*The Power of Forgiveness\*](#) with discussion to follow. The film includes events such as 9/11, the Amish whose school was attacked, peace efforts with children in Northern Ireland, and interviews with Elie Wiesel, religious leaders, writers and scientists who study physiologic and psychological effects of forgiveness in people. It explores forgiveness in various faiths and how the scientific community is now measuring the benefits of letting go of grief and resentment. Viewing and discussion will begin in the Social Hall, at 6:30 pm. Beverages will be provided (bring a dessert to share if you wish). Child care will be provided (\$5/child/night) but advance notice of need for childcare is necessary, to allow for arrangement for sitters.

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### CROP Walk ▪ October 17

The CROP Walk is a program of Church World Service, supported by the Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches, to raise funds to combat world hunger. Registration for the 5-mile walk will be held at 1:30 p.m. on October 17 at Riverside Presbyterian Church. (There will be a "Golden Mile" walk for those who prefer one mile to the five-mile route.) The walkers will check in and turn in their pledge envelopes and monetary donations, receive a map of the route, a bottle of water, CROP Walk stickers or badges, and a community gift from the Riverside Bank. Various members of RPC, including the youth groups, will be walking and some will be asking people to sponsor their walks by pledging money for this event. 3/4 of the money pledged goes world-wide; 1/4 goes to local hunger programs. Pledge packets are being distributed, so be prepared to answer the call to walk and/or sponsor a walker. The circular walk will wind up back at RPC at approximately 3:30-4:00 p.m.

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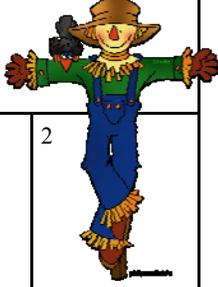
### Womack Scholarship Dinner ▪ October 23

On May 5, 1990, Ryan Womack and his Little League teammates were enjoying the first day of the season. The seven and eight-year-olds were in Harrington Park, getting ready for the game, when a Cadillac hurtled off an adjacent street, jumped the curb, and slammed into the children. Three, including Ryan Womack, died. Six other children and three adults were injured. To honor the memory of their son, Randy and Lonnie Womack created the Ryan Womack Scholarship Fund. Since its inception, 152 recipients have received scholarships totaling \$492,000. One of the sources of endowment funds for this scholarship is the annual Womack Scholarship dinner/dance, which is usually held on the Saturday before Ryan's birthday. This year the event will be held on **October 23** at the Riverside Golf Club. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person (a portion tax-deductible). [Contact the RPC office](#) to make a reservation. Contributions should be made payable to *Riverside Presbyterian Church for Ryan Womack Scholarship Fund*.



Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!

# October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p Deacons' British Home Service	4 5:15p Volleyball 7p Stewardship Comm Mtg	5 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg 7p Personnel Comm Mtg 7p Girls Group	6 Office Closed 11:30a Pro Se 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	7 6:30a Women's Forum	8 Night Ministry	9 
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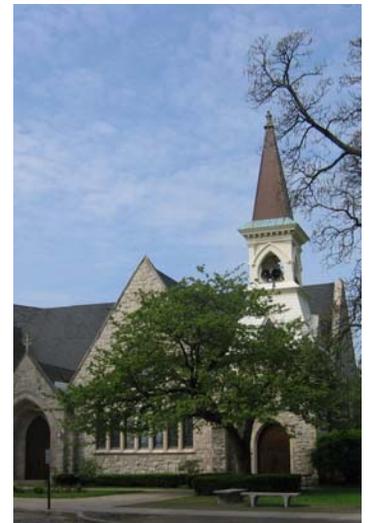
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