



# The Vision

September 2011

## My Favorite Cure for Depression

I just read another article in a long string of articles arguing that conditions such as depression (or addiction, or ADD, or bipolar disease, etc.) are simply a matter of “bad” chemicals in the brain. And my reaction is that the article only tells half the truth.

I certainly agree that bad chemicals in one’s brain can result in mental illness. But I want to discuss two other (seldom mentioned) portions of the truth. First, bad chemicals in the brain are produced by the brain itself (not by some alien being). The most important determiner of which chemicals are produced by one’s brain is... one’s own willful choices.

Secondly, if the *only* problem were bad chemicals in the brain, then just adding some good chemicals to neutralize those chemicals should always “cure” a person. However, experience shows that such people are rarely cured by chemicals, and that there seems to be some other force (volition) that “resists” the good chemicals.

The church has traditionally taught that we are responsible agents—that we reap what we sow, that the choices of good and evil are laid before us, that we can follow the wide path or the narrow path. Modern theologians have recognized that volition is only a portion of the truth—that there are also chemicals and genetics involved. But, I for one do not want to entirely abandon the traditional church teachings. I think there is a balance. Yes, chemicals play a role. But so does free will. We are products of our environment AND we are products of our own choices.

The problem is that the pharmaceutical companies and those who make their living by providing prescriptions have a strong interest in telling only half the story. However, there really isn’t any big money available to tell the other half of the story. Who pushes back against these multi-billion dollar ad campaigns (besides little old me)?

My favorite cure for depression is to prevent it from happening in the first place. And the best way to prevent it is to remain actively engaged in a meaningful community. When you use the talents God has given you in the midst of other people, the endorphins start flowing. God gave you those talents for a reason—to use them for the good of God’s people.

Yes, I know that sometimes we can volunteer for a task at church and discover that perhaps our talents lie elsewhere. Not every effort will be heartily affirmed. But the church is brimming with forgiveness. If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. I’m sure you will discover your gifts if you persist.

But, when we quit the church committee, stop attending worship, walk away from our church family, etc., the statistical likelihood of mental illness skyrockets. We were made to function in meaningful community, and with the disintegration of the extended family, the church provides the best guaranteed stability for meaningful community.

The officers of the church are *always* recruiting volunteers. Consider calling one and saying, “I want to prevent mental illness—find me something to do at church.” You may save yourself thousands of dollars in drug costs.

Your brother in Christ,  
Scott



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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# Worship

## September Worship Schedule

### September 4 *Exodus 12:1-14* “Why Celebrate Communion?”

Why do we celebrate the Lord’s Supper? What do the symbols mean? How did this practice get started? When Jesus celebrated the Passover (Last Supper) with his disciples, what kinds of symbols and rituals were they expecting? How/why did Jesus change things? We will celebrate Communion by intinction today.

### September 11 *Romans 14:1-14* “Judging Sinners”

What should we do about sinners in our midst? Paul talks about the issues of his day (eating meat sacrificed to idols, circumcision, Sabbath day worship) and generalizes some Christian principles for how to act when other members of the church are behaving in a way that some consider to be sinful. How should we address those in an analogous position amongst us today? Jenny will call up all the Sunday School leaders for a commissioning prayer to kick off the Sunday School year.

### September 18 *Matthew 20:1-16* “God’s Justice”

Why should we take up an offering to feed the hungry? What if they are hungry because they haven’t worked very much? Should we give away free food to those who are simply lazy? How does God establish justice among us? We will also dedicate the cents-ability hunger offerings in worship this week.

### September 25 *Matthew 21:23-32* “Walk Your Talk”

Is God more interested that we say all the right things, or that we do all the right deeds? Is being a Christian more about saying “I love Jesus” or is it more about following the way of life that Jesus exemplified for us? Today we will also ordain Laura Vanags to serve as a new elder and we will also celebrate a baptism.



## September Opportunities



If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Carrie Staubus](#)  
For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC Office](#)  
Potential Acolytes, Liturgists & Ushers, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#)

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
September 4	Roberta Gates	OPEN	John & Thea Kiwiet Elizabeth Musick, Evaine Stahr	Sanchez Family	Aieta Family
September 11	Youth	OPEN	Lisle Family	Chard Family	Church Picnic
September 18	OPEN	OPEN	Lancaster Family	Paula McCracken	Lynch Family
September 25	OPEN	OPEN	Will & Susanne Vogel Ourth Family	OPEN	Pastor Appreciation Potluck

*If any usher has a conflict on the date assigned, please find a substitute from the Usher List, or trade with another usher for a different date.*

## RPC Connections

Parents of College Students: The Board of Deacons asks that you provide us with your student’s current school address. You can send the information to the office at [rpcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpcoffice@sbcglobal.net). We will be asking for volunteers from the congregation (individuals, as well as families) to “adopt” a student by praying for the student, sending a card or note a couple of times during the year (to let them know what's going on at RPC, to invite them to join us for worship when they're home, etc.) Our goal is for EVERY student to have a "connection" with someone from the RPC family. Thanks in advance for your help with this outreach ministry!



## Session News

In August, the elders and deacons met jointly to discuss items of mutual concern and to share their hope for the church:

- ◆ concern for the YTD budget deficit, which is nearing \$50,000
- ◆ concern that fewer than half of RPC members make financial pledges
- ◆ concern that average giving per member is approximately half of the national average
- ◆ hope that non-participating members would re-engage with their church family
- ◆ hope that there would be more outreach to college/post-college members
- ◆ hope that there would be more outreach to the community
- ◆ hope that members would feel a deeper commitment to the work of RPC
- ◆ hope that there would be more participation by members in worship services

At the regular August meeting, the Session reviewed portions of the new Form of Government for the Presbyterian Church (USA), which went into effect on July 10 after approval by more than one half of the 173 presbyteries. Some of the highlights that affect RPC:

- ◆ each congregation must set the quorum for congregational meetings. *RPC bylaws provide for our quorum as the moderator, a secretary, and not less than one-tenth of the members*
- ◆ each congregation can choose its parliamentary authority for congregational meetings. *RPC bylaws already does this, specifying Robert's Rules of Order.*
- ◆ each congregation must provide adequate public notice for congregational meetings. *RPC bylaws require public notice to be given on two successive Sundays.*
- ◆ public profession of faith during worship is now optional. *RPC session voted that "all new members shall be asked to make a public profession of faith during a worship service after their profession/acceptance by session".*
- ◆ details on how to prepare for membership is no longer specified. *The session voted to continue the current procedure of attending an information seminar led by the pastor, presentation to and acceptance by the session, and presentation in worship.*
- ◆ an annual review of membership rolls is no longer required. *The session decided to continue the annual review.*
- ◆ a roll of inactive members is no longer required and each session is to decide how to maintain contact with members who have moved or drifted away from the church. *The Session approved a procedure for contacting members who have intentionally not participated in the work and worship of the church for one year, in an effort to restore them to full fellowship and to explain the requirements of active membership. After two years of inactivity, the Session, at their discretion, may remove a member from the roll.*

The session also authorized the Trustees to borrow an additional \$10,000 from the Endowment Fund, which will complete the funding needed for the construction of the handicapped-accessible bathrooms.

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

## September Birthdays

Emily Cain	9/1	Marika Floros	9/6	Nuala Lubeck	9/14	Brooklyn Hastings	9/27
Nancy Hopkins	9/1	Debbie Lubeck	9/6	Bob Sprunger	9/14	David Schade	9/27
Austin McKain	9/1	Tim Gates	9/7	Kate Chard	9/18	Michael Aieta	9/28
Joan Shurtleff	9/1	Robbie LeBeau	9/8	April Pratico-Floros	9/21	Jacques Doornebos	9/28
Cade Friend	9/2	George Meyer	9/9	Kris Carlson	9/23	Jeff Cermak	9/30
Ja'Net Deason	9/3	Gwen Heine	9/10	Greta Schramm	9/23	Michael MacDonald	9/30
Allan Chard	9/4	Donna Cermak	9/11	Scott Schwarz	9/23		
Scott Jansen	9/5	John Franzo	9/12	Roy Thorsen	9/23		
Jonathan Jansky	9/5	Peter Jansen	9/12	Chloe Floros	9/25		



Trustees for September are Diane Chaney and George Meyer

## Sharing Our Gifts

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### CARERS Corner

During the month of September we are collecting the always favorite peanut butter, jelly and any flavor of juices for the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. In addition, we are asking for cans of soup, fruit, pastas etc., and--as a treat for the kids--some snacks. These are standards that are a welcome supply in the pantry. The CARERS thank you for your constant generosity.



### Cents-Ability

The **Cents-Ability** project is ongoing this summer. For the past couple of months we've asked you to collect coins to assist in the Lord's work of combating hunger in our own area. On Sunday, September 18, we'll bring the cans to church to dedicate the funds. Of course you may count the coins yourself, and then write a check payable to Riverside Presbyterian Church, with Cents-Ability noted on the memo line. Together we can make a difference.



### Share the Harvest

Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, zucchini . . . Do you have any of these to share with local food banks through the *Share the Harvest* program? Every Sunday we collect fresh produce in a basket on the bench in the Education Hall near the offices. We thank you for your contributions!

### RPC Matters ... to the Community

Did you know... RPC is home to more than just our immediate church family. We sponsor multiple organizations including scouting, sporting activities, men's and women's social groups, a preschool, youth activities and a food bank, to name a few. If you ever have the opportunity to be in the church outside of normal Sunday worship and fellowship hours, chances are you won't be alone. It is a great gift that we have to share with our community but it takes resources to keep God's house open. As we prepare for a new season, take time to reflect on how **RPC Matters** to you and what you can do to help us maintain this wonderful church that is our spiritual, and sometimes physical, home.



### Cindy Gustafson Riverside's *Person of the Year*

RPC member Cindy Gustafson was recently honored for sharing her time and talents with the community, when she was named Riverside's *Person of the Year* by the Riverside Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club. Read more about Cindy's accomplishments in the [Suburban Life](#).

### Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at end of July (58% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$ 155,198 (42.7% of budget)
Disbursements	\$ 199,721 (54.9% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 44,523

Luke 6:38 . . . for if you give, you will get. Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure pressed down shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use to give - large or small will be used to measure what is given.

## Sunday School Starts September 11

**We're kicking off the new year of Sunday school with a Splash!** Please join us on Sunday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m. on the church lawn as we celebrate with old friends and make some new ones. It's sure to be a super fun start to an awesome Sunday school year.

**Parents:** all children must be registered before the first week they attend. Registration forms were sent out at the end of August but the information is also [available online](#). Please mail in your registration forms to the church office or drop them in Jenny Kolinski's church mailbox. It's going to be a great school year at RPC! Plan to be part of the fun!



## Test of Faith: Ruth



This year's Sunday school theme is **Test of Faith**. Our first rotation starts on September 18 with the story of Ruth. Told in only four chapters, it chronicles how a Moabite woman adopted the faith of her Israelite mother-in-law and became the great-grandmother of King David. During this rotation, kids will hear Ruth's story in a variety of ways. They'll have a chance to work in the computer lab, act out important scenes from the story, create clay hearts and play a variety of games to better understand the long walk from Moab to Bethlehem.

## Calling all Volunteers for Children and Youth

Volunteers are needed for our Sunday school program. Can you think about ways you might be able to help? What talent can you share with our children and youth? Teachers are scheduled for only a 4-5 week block. You will be provided with an exciting lesson plan for each age group. If you know that you'll be happy to help again—or for the first time—please send me a quick e-mail with your availability. Thank you for being stewards of your time and talents through the support of the children of our church family! *Jenny Kolinski* [kolinski426@comcast.net](mailto:kolinski426@comcast.net)



We are so happy it's that time again. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer, but we can't wait to start our new theme for the year: *High or Low . . . Watch Me Grow!* The preschool children will be very busy this month making new friends and greeting old friends, decorating bulletin boards (please check out the one outside the preschool doors) and learning about our new friend Albert, a Great Horned Owl, that we adopted from the Brookfield Zoo. 'Whoo'ray for Preschool!

We still have a few openings for the coming school year. If you know anyone who is interested please tell them to call the school at 447-1520. We love to make new friends!



Pack 24 was well represented at Des Plaines Valley Council sponsored campouts at both Shin-Go-Beek in northern Wisconsin and the Weekend in Illinois near Rochelle. In June, nearly 20 scouts went on a Bike Hike on the I&M Canal Trail in Willow Springs. When the cub scouts were in Riverside, we were also active, with over 20 scouts serving as the color guard for the Fourth of July parade. Most of these same scouts, plus plenty of parent volunteers, also stayed to serve hand-squeezed fresh lemonade at the Guthrie Park festivities that followed the parade.

At the end of July, over 50 scouts and family members enjoyed a great time at our annual summer picnic at the National Grove Forest Preserve. In addition to excellent food, the scouts enjoyed a bounce house, bottle rockets, and an epic water balloon and squirt gun battle.

In August a dozen scouts went to the Paradise Bay waterpark in Lombard for an afternoon of fun in the sun.

# Youth

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## Girls' Group

We give a warm welcome to our new Girls' Group Advisor, Sarah Stukas. Sarah is a professional licensed clinical psychologist with vast experience in counseling teenage girls. The Girls' Group first meeting of the year will be Tuesday, September 6, in the Oasis Room. 5th-7th graders meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and 8th-10th graders meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The group promotes healthy relationships between girls. We meet weekly, play games, and discuss topics. Please stay tuned to the church bulletin and e-mail updates with details of our time together. If your daughter is interested in joining the group, or if you have any questions, please contact Evaine Stahrr at [estahrr5555@yahoo.com](mailto:estahrr5555@yahoo.com).

Assistant Advisor Needed: Evaine Stahrr, who had planned to be the Girls' Group Assistant, has resigned to accept another job—leaving us needing to fill this paid position quickly. The Assistant works with the Girls Group Advisor and attends a weekly gathering of teenage girls for the purpose of building Christian self-esteem and friendships. The position will consist of 4 hours per week starting immediately and ending in June. Applicants should indicate interest or direct questions to Serina Ranft at [ranft@hotmail.com](mailto:ranft@hotmail.com) or the church office at (708) 447-1520.

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## Youth Group News

Welcome back to Youth Group--and a special welcome to our newest members of youth group--those starting 6th grade. Our typical meeting times will be from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at Riverside Presbyterian Church for Junior High and from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. for Senior High. Once a month or so, we will meet at Ascension Lutheran Church. Here's what's happening in September:

**September 11:** Kickoff Meeting! Come to RPC and hear what we have planned for the upcoming year. We will make ice cream sundaes and play games in the gym!

**September 18:** Regular Meeting at RPC - Games and discussion topic to be announced

**September 25:** Regular Meeting at Ascension - Games and discussion topic to be announced

In **October**, we will cook a spaghetti dinner for a fundraiser at RPC, visit Jonamac orchards, participate in the CROP Walk, and have our annual bonfire. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tara Gregus at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com).



**Youth Group  
Summer Fun**

## For TEENS on Sunday Mornings

If you have a child in high school who is trying to figure out where they fit in on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour, this might be just the thing. Starting on September 11 we're kicking off a new group for teens. All Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors at various places on their faith journey are welcome to attend. This will be a teen-led group facilitated by Lynda Nadkarni. The first meeting will be on September 18 in the church library at 9:00 a.m. Of course, donuts will be served!

Freshmen students are invited to join the Confirmation Class, with the first meeting for both students and parents in the Westminster Room at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 11.

## Saugatuck

The August Family Retreat at Camp Saugatuck in Michigan was fantastic! We had a wonderful, relaxing weekend marveling at the beauty of God's creation. We will work on getting a date earlier in the summer for 2012 so that even more of our church family can attend and enjoy this amazing and spiritually inspirational place.



## Troop 24

44 scouts and 10 leaders from Troop 24 attended our traditional summer camp at Mach-Kin-O-Siew in northern Wisconsin. Despite voracious mosquitoes, 16 hours of solid rain, a power outage and resulting lack of water for the pump, the scouts had a great time. It was truly a memorable experience.





### Horizons Bible Study

The Beatitudes are some of the most loved teachings of Jesus, yet they may well be some of the most pointed. In this study, consider the Beatitudes as they might have been heard when Jesus spoke them--and consider them in context. Become involved with the stimulating 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study, [\*Confessing the Beatitudes\*](#) by Margaret Aymer. The Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women, as a Bible Study Committee, selected the topic of the Beatitudes in *Matthew* and *Luke* for the 2011-2012 study. Specifically, they requested that the study focus on connecting faith with daily life, and that it address directly some of the most difficult issues facing the world today: the economy, hunger, poverty, Christian community, water issues, a woman's role in society, faith and the public life, and justice and peace.

Lesson leaders of this active group are Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura. Plan to attend on Wednesday, September 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Social Hall. Elizabeth will lead Lesson 1, *Greatly Honored are the Poor*. Scripture: *Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20, 24*. Key idea: Jesus calls his disciples to honor the destitute while he calls the wealthy to account. Study books are available from Lucille Christensen and are \$8.00. Contact Elizabeth Musick for other Bible Study information.

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### Human Scene

**September 9** *North Korean experience* - Dr. Richard Crang has recently returned from teaching in North Korea this summer, a sojourn partly funded by the Deacons. Richard, always an interesting speaker, will share his experiences and observations of North Korea.

**September 18** *It's God's Fault* - Join us as Bill Muller shares with us his unique perspective on the universe.

**September 25** *Presbyterian Attitudes towards Public Education* - Lisa Marciniak has an extensive background as an educator. She will share her thoughts on the Presbyterian perspective on public education.

**October 2** - Thomas Montgomery Fate will talk about his new book, *Cabin Fever*. The book is available at most standard book distribution outlets as well as through the Riverside Library Inter-Library book loan program. You can find many helpful reviews and a readers guide at the publisher's website: <http://www.beacon.org/productdetails.cfm?SKU=0096> and further information from a recent interview of Mr. Fate by Phil Ponce on Chicago Tonight (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fqgRQABeEA&NR=1>).

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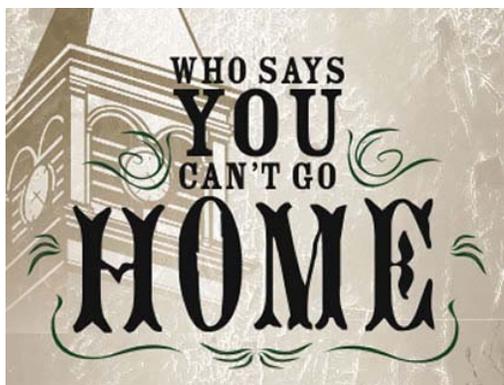
### RPC Choirs

It's back to making music for the four RPC Choirs! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14. The Riverside Singers rehearse from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and the Riverside Ringers from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m.. The Singers & Ringers groups are open to children ages 5 - 12. Children do not have to be affiliated with RPC to join. The RPC Bell Choir rehearses from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the Chancel Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. These groups are also open to non-members. For the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir, we welcome students from 4th grade and up and adults of all ages. Please contact Sally Sloane for more information at [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net).



### Bell Choir Recordings

Ring - a Ding - Ding! If you have heard the RPC Bell Tower lately, you may be listening to recordings of our own RPC Bell Choir playing some of their favorite anthems. RPC's super-technician, Jim Sit, recorded the Bell Choir last spring and devised a system to play the recordings over the Bell Tower. When we contacted the music publishers to get permission to do this, they said that they had never heard of this being done before. They all thought it was a terrific idea. The Bell Choir will be in recording session again this fall working on pieces for Advent and Christmas.



### Homecoming Sunday

October 16 is "Homecoming Sunday" and we will be celebrating our members in worship.

Whether you worship every week, or haven't been around for years, we hope you come home on Sunday, October 16! Come to 10:00 a.m. worship to connect or re-connect with your church home and celebrate the fact that **people** are why *RPC Matters*.



### Members Matter

As Christians, we are members of God's household ([Ephesians. 2:19](#)) called to function, participate, and minister in a particular place within the body of Christ. A healthy body requires that each member do its part well. A healthy church requires the same: members who are sacrificially committed and well-equipped to do the works of service that God has prepared in advance for us to do ([Ephesians. 2:10; 4:12](#)).

Many see membership in the church as similar to membership in other community organizations...the Swim Club, Lions, or Chamber of Commerce. The Bible speaks of the church as a family, or the household of God. Church membership is not like joining a country club; it is about joining an organic family. Being a member of Riverside Presbyterian Church really *is* about being part of a family. Members are the people who celebrate with you, grieve with you, have differences and yet look past them.

The church is called the "Body of Christ" in the New Testament, and you don't just casually amputate a thumb. In fact, if the thumb is hurting the whole body goes to its aid. This metaphor shows the commitment, the accountability, and the interdependence of the church. At RPC, as in every church, *Members Matter*.

Just over 50% of our members are doing the work of the Body of Christ. Nearly 50% are not. That means we're missing not only a thumb, but perhaps an entire hand, some hearing, mobility, capacity to breathe and to think. The Book of Order defines active members as those who have been "received into membership of the church and who are active in the church's work and worship." The Membership Committee has a goal for this school year. It is to have 100% of members meet this definition. This will most certainly vary from person to person as each member provides some aspect of **time, talent, and treasure**.

**Time:** One's responsibility for time commitment in the church should be whatever is necessary to develop the relationships required to minister to others in the church according to one's calling by God. We do not all have the same gifts, roles, or callings, so the time required to be faithful to these varies from person to person. **What one way can you minister to others in the church?**

**Talent:** Support of the church is to be exercised in part by ministering to others in what amounts to a body; we all have responsibility to minister to and serve one another in terms of distinct and varying gifts with which the Holy Spirit has endowed each individual (*Romans 12:3-8; I Corinthians 12:4-31; I Peter 4:8-11*). **Are you able to sing, bake, recycle, teach, clean...?**

**Treasure:** Obviously, financial and other resources are needed to carry on the ministry of the Church. *Will you start to pledge, fulfill your pledge, pay your per capita, donate to a special project?*

**Imagine what RPC would look like if 100% of our members participated in the church family. That image shows that *Members Matter*.**

## Events

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### Church Picnic September 11

On Sunday School Kick -Off Day, September 11, the Fellowship Committee will grill burgers and hot dogs. Plan to stay following worship to enjoy a picnic on the lawn (weather permitting--in case of rain we will eat in the Social Hall). Please bring a picnic blanket and a side dish or dessert to share.



### Fall Nature Hike September 18

Meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 18, to carpool to the Bemis Woods for a naturalist-led Hike. Afterwards we will stop by a local ice cream shop to reward ourselves with a treat. Contact John Haugland at [barryleopold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barryleopold@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

### Garage Sale September 24

Please round up any used "treasures" for the Super RPC Garage Sale on Saturday, September 24, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are now receiving donations of furniture, antiques, tools, books, clothes, toys, jewelry, appliances, etc. Please suggest a price for your items and leave them on the manse porch. Help with hauling is available if needed. Questions? Contact Wayne Penn or the church office. Let's make this the best sale ever.



### Pastor Appreciation Potluck September 25

In lieu of coffee fellowship on September 25, we will have a potluck featuring the Jansens' favorite foods to let them know how much they mean to us. Please bring a dish you think they will enjoy, or contact Carrie Staubus for a suggestion from a list of their favorites. Please plan to stay and play their favorite board games after the meal.

### Taste of Riverside Churches September 25

On Sunday, September 25, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., plan to join Riverside and North Riverside residents in a Trolley Car tour of four of our community's churches: Ascension Lutheran Church, Christ Community Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church of Riverside, and St. Mary Catholic Church. (RPC and the other three churches will be included in a similar tour next year.) Leaders from the four churches will be on hand to talk about their churches and to answer questions. Tickets for the Trolley will be \$10.00 and should be reserved ahead of time. Please contact Marjorie Lewe to purchase tickets or for further information. This event is sponsored by the Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches.

### Crop Walk October 16

If you like walking for a purpose, you may be interested in joining RPC in the Annual Crop Walk, on Sunday October 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. If you are unable to walk, a donation would be greatly appreciated. Help take part in making a difference. Local proceeds will benefit BEDS' food support, and a portion will go to Church World Service projects around the world. Sign up by contacting Evaine Stahrr in person, by e-mail: [estahrr5555@yahoo.com](mailto:estahrr5555@yahoo.com), or leave a note in her mailbox at the church.



I want to thank the congregation for your prayers, calls and notes after I broke my wrist in July. I was touched by your love and concern. I now sport a four-inch titanium plate in my arm that the doctor assures me will cause no problem in the security lines at the airport! My recovery became a spiritual exercise in mindfulness and grace, as I was forced to slow down and let others do for me those things I was used to doing for myself. May you all be blessed in the same measure that you have blessed me.

With love and affection,  
Mary Koon

Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!



# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30a Women's Forum	2	3
4 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p Deacons' British Home Worship	5 5:15p Volleyball 7p Stewardship Comm Mtg	6 6:30a Mens' Forum 9:30 Staff Mtg 7p Personnel Comm Mtg	7 Office Closed 11:30a Pro Se 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace	8 6:30a Women's Forum	9 Night Ministry	10
11 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Church Picnic 11:15a Endowment Comm Mtg	12 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm Mtg 7:30p Trustees Mtg	13 6:30a Mens' Forum 9:30 Staff Mtg	14 Office Closed 11:30a Pro Se	15 6:30a Women's Forum	16 10a CARERS Comm Mtg 6p Craft Night	17
18 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Scottish Home Worship 2p Nature Hike <b>Vision</b> deadline	19 5:15p Volleyball	20 6:30a Mens' Forum 9:30 Staff Mtg 7p Deacons Mtg	21 Office Closed 11:30a Pro Se 7:30p Session Mtg	22 6:30a Women's Forum	23 Set up for Garage Sale	24 Garage Sale 8a-3p
25 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Potluck 1p Taste of Riverside Churches	26 5:15p Volleyball	27 6:30a Mens' Forum 9:30 Staff Mtg	28 Office Closed 10a Presbyterian Women Bible Study 11:30a Pro Se	29 6:30a Women's Forum	30	

Dear RPC Family,

George and I thank you for all the prayers and concerns, comforting visits, and beautiful flowers we've received. We are truly blessed.

George and Judy Armstrong

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

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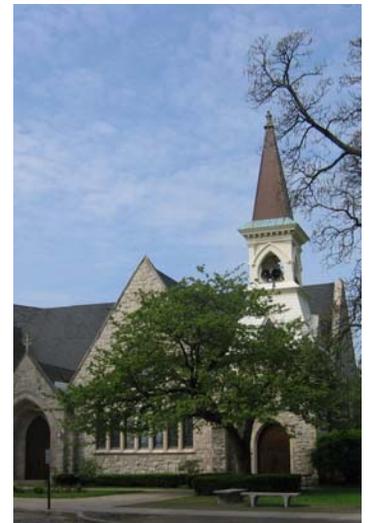
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