



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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The Vision

June 2014

Joys and Concerns

Since the day of Pentecost, one of the most important things that has happened at the Church has been the sharing of joys and concerns. When we become Christians, we are making a fundamental choice in our identity. We are leaving behind the identity of being an isolated individual, concerned only for one's own welfare and agenda. We take up a higher purpose and a higher meaning in life. We live as a part of the Body of Christ. We live to serve God's purposes, and, thereby, we become a part of God's family.

As family, it is important that we support one another. Just as you might do around a dinner table, we share our joys and concerns during our fellowship events. This is entirely appropriate Christian behavior.

Prayer is a necessary offshoot of sharing joys and concerns. When I was a child, if my younger brother complained about some concern at the dinner table, it would be natural for me to add my voice to his and to plead for his concern with my parents. Likewise, if he was telling the family about some award he had won, or some task he had accomplished, I would naturally congratulate him and share in his joy.

As the family of God, it is right for us to lift up each other's concerns to God, and it is right for us to celebrate our joys together, and to give thanks to God for those joys. So, we do this in a somewhat formal way in our worship setting.

One of the biggest concerns that I encounter rather frequently is that the prayers of joys and concerns are difficult to hear. This is a problem because sharing a prayer during joys and concerns is not the same as sharing a private prayer with God. The intention is not simply to talk with God about what is on your mind. The intention is to share that with everyone in your family. If you have a prayer that you want to lift up to God, but that you do not want to share with your church family, that is fine—but then the joys and concerns is not the proper venue for that particular prayer.

Part of the issue is a lack of understanding regarding our microphone. It is a wonderful microphone that has a feature called “vectoring.” This just means that it matters very much what direction the sound is traveling, because sound traveling in the wrong direction is “canceled” by the microphone. Thus, sound is not amplified unless it is intended to be amplified.

Basically this means you must hold the microphone like a rock star (like a lollipop), so that the microphone is just one inch from your mouth and its tail is pointing horizontally away from your mouth, and not toward the ground.

Every week we have a different person passing the microphone around, so it is best if all of us help each other remember how to hold the microphone. Liturgists can help others hold the microphone properly. But if the liturgist forgets, don't be shy about helping your neighbor in the pew.

Let us do all we can to draw closer to God and to one another.

Your brother in Christ,
Scott



Worship

June Worship Schedule

June 1 *Acts 1:6-14* “Leading by Leaving” Would the disciples have pursued their ministries if Jesus had stayed around with them? Why do parents give their children space to fail sometimes? Does God protect us from all mistakes and all harm, or does God give us space to fail (or succeed)? How does God encourage us to become mature, responsible disciples? We will also celebrate Holy Communion.

June 8 *Numbers 11:24-30* “Spreading Out Power” Today is Pentecost Sunday—the birthday of the Church. But is it the birthday of God’s Spirit? Or did God desire to spread the Spirit out to all God’s children before Pentecost Sunday? Why would Joshua be “jealous” for Moses? Why do Presbyterians emphasize the “priesthood of all believers?”

June 15 *Matthew 28:16-20* “Father’s Authority” Jesus claims that all authority has been given to him. What does this authority mean? How do fathers use authority well? How do they use it not so well? What do we believe about the way that God uses authority? We will mention Fathers’ Day today.

June 22 Today RPC welcomes guest preacher Rev. Allison Lundein while Scott is away.

June 29 Today RPC welcomes guest preacher Rev. Amy Snedeker while Scott is away.

June Opportunities

If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak](#)
For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC Office](#)
Potential Acolytes and Liturgists, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#)

Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
June 1	Michael Aieta	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
June 8	Youth	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN Diane Chaney
June 15	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN Roz Pearson and Paige Rambeaux	OPEN
June 22	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
June 29	Joyce Van Cura	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN Lynda Nadkarni

Session Highlights

In May, the Session:

- ◆ Approved a letter of transfer for Callie Schexnayder to Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, where she is now the professional soprano soloist;
- ◆ Learned that the re-installation of the restored Rose Window is scheduled for the week of June 23;
- ◆ Discussed the need for more people to sign up to host Coffee Fellowship and stressed that the refreshments should be kept very simple;
- ◆ Discussed continuing efforts to reach out to members who have not yet pledged for 2014;
- ◆ Asked the Stewardship and Finance Committees to develop a plan for financing the required installation of fire doors in the church building

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session



Bonnie Carlson	6/1	Tricia Willinger	6/6	Amanda Gregus	6/22
Ryan Cermak	6/2	Tony Miezio	6/7	Max Marciniak	6/22
Will Gangware	6/2	Alan Booton	6/8	Abigail Schwarz	6/22
Sylvia Schade	6/2	Sandra Kappmeyer	6/8	Jeff Willinger	6/22
Jake Strand	6/2	Tom Radigan	6/11	Bailey Hastings	6/23
Susanne Vogel	6/2	Dennis Zander	6/13	Maria Bradbury	6/25
Marge Abbott	6/3	Russel Brown	6/14	Scuff Gross	6/25
Judy Booton	6/3	Olive Sahlas	6/14	Patti Friend	6/26
Kathleen Feary	6/3	Ellie Pearson	6/15	Mark Jantze	6/26
Lily Henderson	6/3	Sophie Rambeaux-Olson	6/15	Tara Gregus	6/27
Phyllis Sit	6/4	Karon Nettles	6/16	Hailey Jurgens	6/27
Cyril Friend IV	6/5	Thom DeVries	6/18	Peytan Tamlyn	6/27
Ella Hooglander	6/5	Mia Haugland	6/18	Eva Harvin	6/29
George Kazarian	6/5	Riley Schexnayder	6/19	Drake Sahlas	6/29
William Paarlberg	6/6	Donna Ballerine	6/21	Brad Staubus	6/29
Jill Vacek	6/6	Kelsey Buttiner	6/21	Peter Tess	6/29
		Robin Jensen	6/21		

Home Communion

If you are unable to attend church and would like to have communion brought to you at home, please notify your Deacon or the church office.

Trustees for June are David Schade and Henry Vogel.

Church News

Meet Matt Gauen

Riverside Presbyterian Church welcomes Matt Gauen to the position of Director of Youth Ministries. Matt is a recent graduate of Ball State University, where he majored in Theatrical Studies and Psychology. He grew up in Naperville, Illinois, before moving to Westerville, Ohio in 1997. He has two sisters, Kaitlin and Lizzie, who live in Champaign, Illinois, while his parents, Mark and Kathy, live in Westerville. Matt has spent the last two years serving as a corps member with City Year Chicago, an education-based non-profit organization that aims to end the high school dropout crisis. Prior to City Year, Matt spent four summers working at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan, as a counselor and team leader. Matt has always had an interest in youth development, and empowering youth to strengthen their relationships with Christ. Having grown up with a very loving and supportive church family, Matt understands the importance of creating a fun and nurturing space for youth to challenge themselves and grow in their faith. Matt enjoys running, writing, playing his guitar and talking sports, and is very excited for this new opportunity!

Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at end of April (33% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$ 97,645	(30.4% of budget)
Disbursements	\$ 116,398	(36.2% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 18,753	



Summer Camp Opportunities

In February, the Chicago Presbytery voted to sell the Presbyterian Camps property in Saugatuck, Michigan. The sale price was \$10 million. After paying off outstanding debts, the net proceeds were \$288,541.79. The funds will be segregated from other investments and the Presbytery's operating budget. The use of these funds will be determined in the future. Alternative youth and family camp opportunities will be available at the Geneva Center in Rochester, Indiana, and the Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center in Oregon, Illinois. For more information about summer camp, please see <http://www.chicagopresbytery.org/2014-camping/>



Scouts

Memorial Day weekend, more than 50 campers from Pack 24 went to Starved Rock State Park for an overnight camping trip. 22 scouts and their family members spent the day hiking the trails and canyons and taking in the sites at this geological gem. Thanks to Gian Ricco and Tim Ozga for organizing this fun event.

During May, Troop 24 held the spring Court of Honor recognizing our scouts' advancements. Our boy scouts participated in Riverside's Memorial Day ceremony in Guthrie Park on May 26.

CARERS Corner

The CARERS wish to thank Jenny Kolinski and all the school children who helped make the May collection for cereal such a rousing success. It was so appreciated!

In June we turn our thoughts and concerns to Constance Morris Home and the needs of babies. We are asking for baby food, formula, small blankets and perhaps a rattle or two. Thank you.



Deacon Doings

We do mission work in partnerships!

Deacons serve to reinforce the church's personal connection with its members. Your deacons are easily identified by the letter(s) behind their names, which corresponds to the first letter of your last name. Be sure to let your Deacon know if you have any special needs, such as rides to church, home communion, illness in the family, etc.

Kathy Feary (A-Bo)

Jeanine Buttiner (Hi-Ka)

Nancy Dvorak (Pf-R)

Dave Harper (Bp-Ce)

Ellen Hamilton (Kb-Li)

Frank Gangware (Sa-Se)

Andrew Kiwiet (Cf-Cy)

John Haugland (Lj-Me)

Sandra Kappmeyer (Sf-Sm)

Donna Mitchell (D-Fl)

Gwen Heine (Mf-Ne)

Susan Lisle (Sn-T)

Marilyn Slanec (Fm-G)

Stephen Marcus (Nf-Pe)

Deb Pike (U-Wa)

Sally Sloane (Ha-Hh)

Steve Teune (Wb-Z)

Youth Deacons: Keri Burke and Hannah Pecis

Worship at Cantata and Scottish Home

Won't you volunteer to attend one of the monthly worship services that RPC provides for seniors in assisted living? Each service lasts about an hour, and includes scripture, a message, music and fellowship.

Children are especially welcome.

Contact Steve Marcus for further information.

Cantata - 1:30 p.m. on June 1

Scottish Home - 2:00 p.m. on June 15



Some of our Deacons pictured at a recent Cantata service:
David Harper, Elizabeth Musick, Lloyd Bradbury, Gwen Heine,
Nancy Dvorak, Steve Marcus

Children

On May 18, we spent the morning outside celebrating God's amazing creation, painting clay pots and planting flowers as a reminder of our "growing faith." Just because it's summer and we're not at Sunday school, we have to remember to keep God in our lives! What a great way to end another awesome year of Sunday School.



Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 18, was Youth Sunday at RPC, with all parts of the service performed by our Youth—liturgist, musicians, ushers, and speakers. Pictured are some of those who participated. On Youth Sunday, Randy and Lonnie Womack presented 22 youth with scholarships given in memory of their son, Ryan, age 9, who died in an accident while playing baseball. Since the inception of the Womack Scholarship in 1990, over \$600,000 in scholarships have been awarded.



Youth



Car Wash

On May 24, the Youth Group held a car wash to raise funds for the Mission Trip to Washington, Illinois. Members of our youth group will be traveling to Washington, to assist with tornado-related projects.



Womack Scholarship Recipients 2014



Back row (left to right): Ben Mitchell, Hannah Pecis, Amanda Gregus, Randy Womack, Brian Jansen, Joseph Aieta, Max Marciniak
Middle row: Louise Gangware, Lonnie Womack, Marika Floros, Abraham Ourth

Front row: Emily Kedzie, Molly Chaney, Robin Jensen, Lily Lisle, Kelly Haugland (Some recipients were not able to attend due to finals.)



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Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

2013-2014 Horizons Bible Study topic is *An Abiding Hope - The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy* by Janice Catron. The next meeting is **June 11** at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall, followed by a planned potluck luncheon.

Lesson 9: God's Abiding Presence

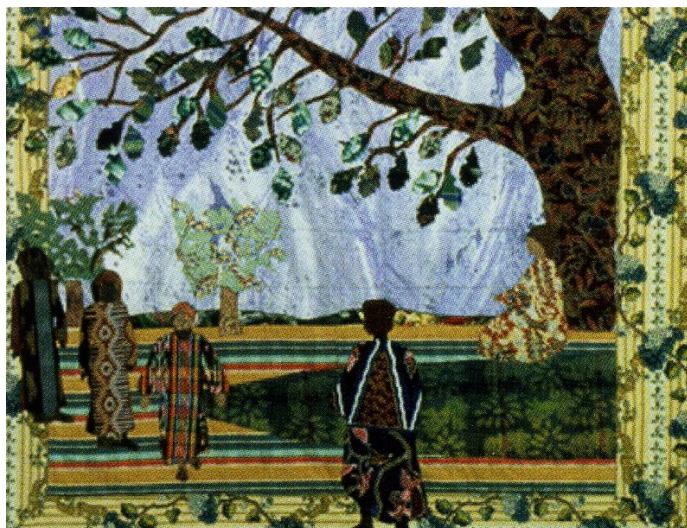
Background Scripture: *Exodus 25:31; 33:7-11; 34:11-40:38; Deuteronomy 30:11-20*

Key Scripture: *Exodus 25:1-9; 33:7-11; 40:34-38; Deuteronomy 30:11-20*

Key Idea: The tabernacle represented God's ongoing presence among the people in the wilderness, just as Jesus and the Holy Spirit represent God's eternal presence among us now.

God's Abiding Presence—When we know that God has been with us all along and try to live in ways that show that we believe it.

Lesson Leaders are Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade and Joyce Van Cura. Joyce will lead lesson 9.



Welcoming the Strangers
by Lee Porter

The artist states, "I became fascinated with the multi-dimensional theme of biblical hospitality and decided to do a series of quilts, which were shown at Wesley Seminary in 2004—my first major one-person exhibition."

The topic for the [2014-2015 Horizons Bible Study](#) will be *Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, with suggestions for leaders by Irene Pak. Lucille Christensen is accepting orders for the study book, which costs \$8. Please make checks payable to Riverside Presbyterian Women.

Human Scene

The Human Scene will be on summer recess from June 2 through mid-August. Please check the weekly announcements and the Bulletin for information on the fall agenda.

Fellowship and More

Lots of Fellowship Opportunities This Summer!

Sunday, **June 1**, the Fellowship Committee will meet after church to plan in detail our participation in the 4th of July festivities as well as the Strawberry Social (to be held Wednesday, **July 16**). Anyone interested in helping is invited to attend.

On Wednesday, **June 4**, bring a side dish and we'll grill hot dogs and hamburgers at 6:00 p.m. Those who want to stay after dinner can help with float design planning and/or play games. If it's nice, we'll spend some time outside! Sign up by letting the office know you are coming by Monday, June 2, so we know how much food to prepare (a free will offering will be taken at dinner to help with expenses).

Wednesday, **June 25**, we'll get together again for float building. Watch your e-mail for details.

We are in need of hosts for coffee hour. Grab a friend or two and sign up. The office will send you easy to follow directions for this enjoyable way to minister to your church family. Sign-up sheets are located near the Social Hall doors. If you need a youth to help you with set-up or clean-up, Contact Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak or Susan Lynch to schedule a youth helper.

Check your e-mail and the bulletin often. We think there might be some fun, spontaneous fellowship this summer, and we wouldn't want to miss a chance to get together with you!

With Sincere Gratitude

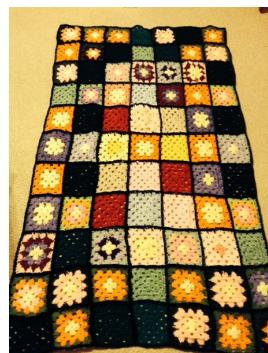
Dear Wonderful members of the RPC Family:

I wanted to thank each and every one of you for supporting me, and the Christian Education program at RPC. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Director for the past 5 years. As I've said many times before, it has truly been my honor and an incredible blessing in my life. In addition, thank you for the beautiful Higgins bowl (which I LOVE!) and for the lovely coffee fellowship and going away party. Thank you for all of the kind works and good wishes. And thanks too for making one of my wishes for RPC come true . . . an AED! It's something I hope never has to be used but I'm awfully glad will be there just in case. But above all else, I thank our Loving God for all of the beautiful moments that have made up my time at RPC. *"Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever."* Psalm 100:4-5

Jenny Kolinski

Project Linus

Project Linus provides homemade blankets, quilts and afghans, lovingly made by volunteers, to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Members of RPC continue to knit or crochet squares for these afghans. Please contact Colleen Muller for more information at bileen81@yahoo.com. To learn more about Project Linus, visit www.projectlinusoakpark.homestead.com.



Please check the
Website for the
most recent
calendar
updates!

June 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
1 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11a Fellowship Comm Mtg 1:30p Cantata Worship	2 5:15p Volleyball 7p Stewardship Comm Mtg	3 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Personnel Comm Mtg	4 Office Closed	5 6:30a Women's Forum	6	7
8 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a Endowment Comm Mtg	9 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm Mtg 7:30p Trustees Mtg	10 6:30a Men's Forum 4p Presbytery Assembly	11 Office Closed 10a Pres. Women Bible Study	12 6:30a Women's Forum	13	14
15 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Scottish Home Worship Vision deadline	16 Mission Trip 5:15p Volleyball	17 Mission Trip 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Deacons Mtg	18 Mission Trip Office Closed 7p Session Mtg	19 Mission Trip 6:30a Women's Forum	20 Mission Trip 10a CARERS Comm Mtg	21 Mission Trip
22 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	23 5:15p Volleyball	24 6:30a Men's Forum	25 Office Closed	26 6:30a Women's Forum	27	28
29 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	30 5:15p Volleyball					

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

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