

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP — Join us at Dale Jackson and Dennis Cobb's home on Friday, August 25, for an evening of fun! Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share and enjoy a lovely summer evening with your church family. Meet us 2505 Keystone Ave. in North Riverside from 7 - 10 pm. Adults only, please. (Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a future Friday Night Fellowship at your home. Contact Karl-Heinz Meyer - kalle1015@aol.com — or the church office.)

COME TO THE TABLE – A New Worship Series begins Sunday, September 10 and ends Sunday, October 1, World Communion Sunday. Our Worship Series will end with a Potluck Dinner following worship in the Social Hall.

In the “Come to the Table” series, we hear the call to dine with Jesus. The table was the place where Jesus not only fed people, but challenged them to acts of hospitality that reflect God’s way.

When we say come to Christ’s table, we accept a way of life that embraces God’s definition of love, peace, grace, and joy.

Each week during the series we will celebrate communion, but with a slight difference. Our communion table will be reminiscent of different tables we encounter in our lives and in our world.

Sunday, Sept. 10 ~ “Come to the Table of Love” ~ Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:20

Sunday, Sept. 17 ~ “Come to the Table of Peace” ~ Romans 14:10-12; Matthew 18:21-22

Sunday, Sept. 24 ~ “Come to the Table of Grace” ~ Philippians 1:25-26; Mathew 20:1-16

Sunday, Oct. 1 ~ “Come to the Table of Joy” ~ Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-27

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

Acolyte: Dessa Myers

Ushers: Paula McCracken, Susan, Kaki and Michael Lynch

Liturgist: Megan Foran

Andrew Minister: Lynda Nadkarni

Trustees of the Month August: Thom DeVries and Jim Sit

Trustees of the Month September: Henry Vogel and Brad Staubus

HUMAN SCENE — Human Scene will continue to follow an illuminating and challenging curriculum provided by The Work of the People entitled "The Ridiculous Journey: Following a Nobody from Nowhere." Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday as we embark on this journey together.

Sept. 3 - The Sage - Our videos feature former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams and the poem "To Rise Above" by Kelly Stewart Hall, along with

commentary by Rich Nelson as we are invited to consider whether and to what extent the wisdom of Jesus is different from the wisdom of the world.

Sept. 10 - The Presence - Helping us become more fully aware of and present to the fullness of the reality that surrounds us and of which we are a part is the focus of Richard Rohr's video meditation on "The Human One" and Kelly Stewart Hall's poem "I am Present." Rich Nelson reflects on his own awakening sparked by moving into his late father-in-law's unlevel house.

Sept. 17 - Following Jesus - Rachel Held Evans' video discusses "Risking It on Jesus", and Kelly Stewart Hall offers her take on Jesus' message, "I AM the Path." Rich Nelson discusses "Why Jesus?" to round out this invitation to a Ridiculous Journey, following a Nobody from Nowhere.

Sept. 24 - To be announced (watch the weekly bulletin inserts)

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED — Please sign up to host an upcoming coffee fellowship—many dates are open! You will receive complete directions from the office and dishwashing helpers, too. We don't want to have to cancel any coffee fellowships—so please volunteer for this fun and rewarding job!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

-Called a Congregational Meeting for September 17, following Worship, for the purpose of voting on Session recommendations to change Rev. Jackson's call from Designated Pastor to Called Pastor and to approve new terms of call,

effective January 1, 2018. *Session recommends approval of these motions.*

-approved advertising for the new position of Christian Educator, who will oversee all aspects of Christian Education at RPC. This will be funded in part by a generous grant from the Sikich Foundation.

-approved serving Communion by intinction on September 10, 17, 24, and Oct. 1, to coincide with a sermon series on Communion.

-approved re-positioning the video monitor in the rear of the church so that it can be better viewed by the choir.

-asked the Facility Review Committee (formerly the Manse Use Committee) to assess all of RPC's property and develop a usage and maintenance plan.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

WORSHIP AT CANTATA AND SCOTTISH HOME — The Deacons welcome any and all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata on September 10 at 2 pm, and at the Scottish Home on September 24 at 2 pm.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The next Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study will be Wednesday, August 30 at 10 am in the social hall. All women are welcome and coffee is served as we discuss "*Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*." Lesson One: "Introduction". Elizabeth Musick will be giving the introduction and Kate Chard will be the leader.

In September, the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will meet Wednesday, September 27 at 10 am in the social hall. All women are welcome to join us for

coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss “*Cloud of Witnesses The Community of Christ in Hebrews*” by Melissa Bane Sevier. Lesson Two: “In Community with the Living God”. Joyce Van Cura, Leader.

CARERS CORNER SEPTEMBER — Fill the Trunk for BEDS-Plus in LaGrange, which provides safe overnight shelter and services to homelessness people.

The following items are utilized at the facility in large quantities: **ground coffee (decaf only), drink mixes (lemonade, cider, cocoa), napkins, paper towels, dish detergent, 13 and 30 gallon garbage bag.**

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP — There are many ways for you to serve the RPC

Community. The Worship and Music Committee needs your help. There are many weeks this fall where we need flowers to adorn our chancel or smiling ushers willing to welcome people to our worship service. Please consider signing up on the signups outside of Dale's office or speaking with Susan Lynch.

LOST AND FOUND — We have established an area in the General Hallway (with benches) to collect various items. These include a newly established bin for Lost and Found, the Pill Bottle bucket and the Lions Glasses collection. If you have (or are missing, in the case of Lost and Found) any items pertinent to these categories, that's the place to LOOK!

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES —We are currently obtaining quotes for 2018 on our weekly offering envelopes with the goal of reducing overall costs. If you do not wish to receive envelopes, or participate in on-line giving, please notify the Church Office so that we do not include you in the order. Should you wish to learn more about the ease of automatic on-line giving, please contact our Church Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton.

OFFICE HOURS — Through September 10, office hours are Monday and Tuesday 9 am—12 pm. Please call the other days before stopping by. Starting September 10, the office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. It will close one hour for lunch and be closed all day Friday.

SAVE THE DATE — Save the following dates for exciting RPC events! More information to follow.

Theology on Tap — September 18

Animal Blessing Service — October 8

Oktoberfest/Service Auction — October 15

Reformation Sunday — October 29

Christkindlmarket — November 11

Messiah — December 10

Christmas Program — December 17

Sunday, December 24 —10 am Worship, 4 pm Christmas Eve Service

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

General Budget snapshot as of July 31st: At 58.33% through the year, Revenues are at 60.59% of budgeted amount and Expenditures are at 57.20% of budgeted amount.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

Emily Cain, 9/1	Frank Gangware, 9/1	Austin McKain 9/1
Joan Shurtleff, 9/1	Cade Friend, 9/2	Ja'Net Deason, 9/3
Allan Chard, 9/4	Jon Jansky, 9/5	Dennis Cobb, 9/6
Marika Floros, 9/6	Tim Gates, 9/7	Robbie LeBeau, 9/8
George Meyer, 9/9	Gwen Heine, 9/10	Bob Sprunger, 9/14
Janet Paarlberg, 9/17	Kate Chard, 9/18	April Pratico-Floros, 9/21
Lowell Morrison, 9/23	Greta Schramm, 9/23	Scott Schwarz, 9/23
Donna Jones, 9/24	Chloe Floros, 9/25	Brooklyn Hastings, 9/27
David Schade, 9/27	Andrew Staubus, 9/27	Michael Aieta, 9/28
Bennett Regan, 9/30		