

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC ON SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP** celebrating the opening of Sunday School. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided – please bring lawn chairs, a side dish or a dessert to share.

**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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER 11**— There will be a potluck dinner at 6 pm followed by the committee meetings at 7 pm.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Acolyte:* Devin Zander

*Ushers:* Mike and Gwen Heine, Lou and Martha Heine

*Liturgist:* Megan Foran

*Andrew Minister:* Lynda Nadkarni

*Communion Servers:* Susan Lynch, Marilyn Slanec and David Harper

*Flowers today* are given by Mike Heine in celebration of Gwen’s birthday. Happy Birthday, Gwen!

*Please join us* for the Sunday School picnic following worship today.

*Trustees of the Month:* 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. 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.

**HOLY LAND 2018**—Plans are underway for our trip to the Holy Land on September 3, 2018. For more information please speak to Dale or pick up an informational flyer from the office. There are also flyers in the information rack outside Dale's office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Sunday School kick off at Riverside Presbyterian Church is just 2 days away! We are starting off the year with a party on the lawn, where we will do painted handprints, learn a bit about our friends and enjoy lots of fun games and activities. We will also have a "Back to School BBQ" after service. All are welcome to join in the fun. On September 17th we will be launching a brand-new curriculum called A Joyful Path (classes start at 9:00.)

**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 bags.**

**GODLY PLAY** will return September 17, and take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Children PreK-1st grade are invited to attend Godly Play immediately following the Children's Message in service

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Sunday school classes start September 17th at 9 a.m. The first lesson presents just a few ways to open discussion with children and help them explore both the concept of an infinite, omnipresent God and also the concept of a deeply personal, divine presence. We will go on a nature hike, so make sure the kids are dressed appropriately.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** — Needed Items include:

- Travel size/hotel size shampoo, body wash, soaps, lotions and conditioners
- Small boxes of laundry detergent
- Individually wrapped toilet tissue
- Small boxes of feminine hygiene products
- Jars of baby food and granola/cereal bars
- Canned meats and canned fruits with pop top or cellophane lids

**CIVIL DISCOURSE: Achieving Tolerance and Understanding in an Increasingly Polarized Society**

- Is there a "culture war" in America and, if so, how does it affect you?
- What steps can be taken to better understand one another and develop common goals?

Join us for the kick-off of our Monday Night Discussion Series, September 18 and 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 pm. Mike McGillicuddy (friend of RPC) and Ellen Hamilton will lead a discussion of these questions and others that might help us to love one another as Jesus commanded despite differing points of view. Coffee and Dessert will be provided

**RINGERS AND SINGERS — FIRST REHEARSAL IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children's choirs: The Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. These groups are led by Sandra Kappmeyer, Sally Sloane and Donna Ulrich

on a volunteer basis. We meet each Wednesday during the school year from 4:15 – 5:15. Children from ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join our group. No RPC affiliation is necessary and there are no fees! We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Much of our music follows the liturgical church year and we include brief lessons on scripture. Many children from this group have gone on to ring with our pre-professional handbell ensemble, The acaBELLa Ringers. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net) or 708-822-0655.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** — Join us at Doug Harvin's home on Friday, September 29, for an evening of fun! Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share and enjoy a fun evening with your church family. Meet at 398 Repton Road, 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](mailto:kalle1015@aol.com) — or the church office.)

**OFFICE HOURS** —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.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the September-October Upper Room are available in the rack outside the church office.

#### **CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

In April, 2016, RPC called the Reverend Jackson as a Designated Pastor with a 2-year contract. Pursuant to the Presbytery of Chicago's Committee on Ministry requirement, the RPC Personnel Committee solicited formal written reviews for Pastor Jackson from 7 members of the congregation, representing a cross section of RPC members by age, sex and length of involvement in church activities. A report of these reviews was presented to the Session at its August meeting.

In response to this review and the Personnel Committee's report, the Session calls a Congregational Meeting for September 17, 2017 immediately following Worship, for the purpose of acting on its unanimous recommendation to change Rev. Jackson's call from Designated Pastor to Called Pastor and approve his new terms of call, listed below. If approved, the action takes effect January 1, 2018.

Terms of Call (includes a 2% increase in cash and housing allowance):

Cash & Housing	\$ 67,067
SECA	\$ 5,131
Professional Expenses	\$2,000
Continuing Education	\$1,000 (unused carries over for up to 3 years) 2 weeks, accumulated for up to 3 years
Vacation (4 weeks)	
Board of Pensions & Major Medical	\$26,353*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,551**</b>

\*The mandatory Board of Pensions and Major Medical dues may increase for 2018

\*\*For comparison purposes, the budgeted amount for 2017 is \$99,587