

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**— Since September 2016 the Confirmation Class led by Reverend Jackson, Patti Friend and Bill and Vicky Vogel have been meeting nearly every Sunday morning. Sunday the Confirmands, Calvin Friend, Olivia Meyer and Danielle Wolff, are welcomed into membership of RPC. Please join us at Coffee Fellowship to welcome this great group into our church family!



**Olivia Meyer**



**Calvin Friend**



**Danielle Wolff**

**BIBLE SUNDAY** — Congratulations to Harriet Juister, Victor Juister, Avery Long, Ellie Pearson and Ella Vacek on receiving your bible Sunday.

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Acolyte:* Harriet Juister

*Ushers:* Matt and Susan Lisle, Mike and Gwen Heine

*Liturgist:* Steve Marcus

*Thank you* to the Riverside Singers for joining Sunday's Ministry of Music.

*Andrew Ministers:* Cyril Friend and Lynda Nadkarni

*Flowers* this morning are given in celebration of Will and Suzanne Vogel's 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Coffee Fellowship* is hosted **by the Christian Education Committee in honor of our Confirmand class and Bible recipients.**

*Trustees of the Month:* Susan Deems-Dluhy and George Meyer

**THE ANTHEM FOR SUNDAY MORNING** — *Easter*, is the first in a set of *Five Mystical Songs* composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1911 using texts by George Herbert (1593-1633). These songs express the mystical relationship between the believer and God in very personal terms.

**The text reads,** "Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise; That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The crosse taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is the best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long; Or since all musick is but three parts vied and multiplied. O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with his sweet art."

**JAZZ SUNDAY IS APRIL 30** — Andrew Tecson and his jazz musicians will be featured at worship on April 30. The annual Jazz Sunday at RPC is a beloved tradition, with the band providing all music for the service. The son of RPC member Caroline Tecson and the late Joseph Tecson, Andy, a lawyer (a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School), grew up in Riverside. Andy began composing music as a student at RB. Some of his compositions are the Jazz Psalms, the Chicago Jazz Mass, and more recently, with his fellow musicians Bobby Schiff and Bobby Lewis, a Jazz Passion. All of these works have been performed in regional churches and beyond. A special opportunity to hear the members of this talented ensemble improvise individually on their instruments: Andy Tecson, saxophone; Bobby Schiff, piano; Stew Miller, bass; Jerry Coleman, drums; Ken Jandes, saxophone; Bobby Lewis, trumpet; and Kecia Waldschmidt, vocalist. You won't want to miss this lively service. Please join us!

**HUMAN SCENE** — Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 am every Sunday as Human Scene features a series of TED Talks on a variety of subjects. We will reflect on these stories through the lens of our Christian faith.

**April 30:** Author and entrepreneur Isaac Lidsky asks "What reality are you creating for yourself?" We will reflect on the questions, "What are some facets of the way you have created your reality? Are you satisfied with the reality you have created for yourself? What, if anything, would you wish to change about the reality you have created?"

**WANT TO HELP OUR NEXT REFUGEE FAMILY? EAT OUT ON APRIL 24TH!** Your support at the Fiesta dinner was marvelous. We are currently \$1,800.00 short of our goal of \$8,000.00. How can you help? Eat out at Culvers in Lyons on April 24th, between the hours of 5-8 pm. All you have to do is eat, and tell the cashier you want to support the refugee project. That is what I call easy breezy. Remember to please tell the cashier "refugee project". Please contact Steve Teune if you have any questions: [scubateune@gmail.com](mailto:scubateune@gmail.com)

**JOIN US FOR THE MISSION TRIP ADULT FUNDRAISER!** — This year's adult fundraiser for the mission trip will be a Cinco de Mayo party at the home of Tara and Dan Gregus (140 Lawton Rd). When? Friday May 5 of course! Time: The fun begins at 6:30 pm. There will be lots of good Mexican food and drink. Cost: \$35 per person. We need to know who is coming. Please let Tara or the RPC office know by Monday, May 1 if you plan to attend. You can give your checks made out to RPC to Tara Gregus or leave them in the office. We hope you can join us!

**GIRLS GROUP TO MEET WEDNESDAY APRIL 26** — All junior and senior high-aged girls are invited to join us for the next Girls Group meeting on Wednesday April 26 from 7-8 pm at RPC. We will play a game and have a discussion about healthy dating relationships. Questions? Contact Tara at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com). Bring a friend and you both earn a prize!

**CARERS COMMITTEE & KIDS UNITE IN APRIL** — This month the CARERS Committee, in conjunction with the Sunday School, will be collecting cereal of all kinds for the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Sunday school is back with a rotation studying the work of Paul. The year is flying by and we are down to our final 2 rotations before summer break. We still need a few helping hands! If you can teach in May please let Susan Zander know.

**RPC SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP** — Summer science camp is filling up quickly! Let us know if you would like your children to attend. We will be recruiting teachers and assistants soon, so keep an eye out for the email with more information.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study will be Wednesday, April 26 at 10 am in the social hall. All women are welcome and coffee is served as we discuss "*Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" by Judy Yates Siker. Lesson Seven: According to The Non-Canonical Gospels. Joyce Van Cura will lead.

**READY, GET SET, GROW!** Spring has sprung, winter's blanket has been removed. Working with Grace Seeds Ministry and other churches, RPC helped grow over 20,000 pounds of fresh vegetables that are given to food pantries around Chicago. The plants are free, they just need your love, water and attention to make a difference in a family's life who cannot afford fresh veggies. A Sign UP Genius has been created for you to pick and choose which vegetable you would want to grow. Our order must be in by May 13<sup>th</sup>, thank you!

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the May-June Upper Room are in the library and Parlor.

**PER CAPITA FOR 2017** — RPC pays \$33.38 per registered member to the Presbytery USA to fund things like leadership training, worldwide mission work, inter-church gatherings, seminary matters and the other resources that are provided to all members of the Presbytery. Please consider paying your portion even if you have already pledged. Payments can be made by using the Per Capita envelope found in your pledge card box, regular check with "Per Capita" in the note section or online.

**RBHS HOSTS NAVY SEA CHANTERS THIS SUNDAY!** Are you looking for a wonderful Sunday afternoon musical activity?! RB is hosting the United States Navy Sea Chanters in concert this Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 PM in the auditorium. The RBHS Madrigal Singers will be doing a pre-concert jazz set beginning at 2:45PM. Tickets are free, but need to be reserved ahead of time. Please contact James Baum ([baumj@rbhs208.net](mailto:baumj@rbhs208.net)) to reserve your tickets! Parking is limited, be prepared to pay for parking in the Brookfield Zoo south gate lot.

**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. Please volunteer for this fun and rewarding job

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** — You can donate chancel flowers in honor of a special occasion or person or in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office. You have the choice of taking the flowers home after the service, or having the deacons deliver them to someone of your choice or the Deacons' choice. The cost is \$50.00 for two arrangements.

**INVITATION TO ATTEND SENIOR FAIR ON MAY 11** — The Village of North Riverside will be hosting the annual Senior Fair on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until Noon. Seniors and caregivers will receive an abundance of information from over 50 organizations. These agencies will include home health agencies, health and medical specialists, insurance companies, legal

agencies, housing options and more! The Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be available for Drivers License and State ID renewals (10 am-2 pm) and a free Rules of the Road Class (11:30 am). Free hearing screenings, cholesterol, and glucose testing will be available for seniors. Spaces may be limited, so please arrive on time to sign up. This event has established itself as essential to the aging community providing access to vital information and resources. Free hot dogs will be offered at 11:45 am! Location: North Riverside Village Commons, 2401 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside, IL 60546 Phone: (708) 442-5515

**RIVERSIDE POLICE ARE TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>** — in the police station lobby.

**THE RPC WEBSITE IS BACK!!!** Please take a look at our newly designed website ([rpcusa.org](http://rpcusa.org)) and let us know if you have any suggested additions.  
Please continue to use the email addresses listed below for the staff.

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