

THE RPC WEBSITE IS BACK!!! Please take a look at our newly designed website (rpcusa.org) and let us know if you have any suggested additions.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ushers: Jon and Deb Jansky, Megan Foran and Claire Gangware

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek, the Riverside Singers, members of the acaBELLa Ringers and the Chancel Choir for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Andrew Ministers: Cyril Friend and Lynda Nadkarni

Communion Servers: Patti Friend, Susan Lynch, Sandra Kappmeyer, and Serina Ranft

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Steve Marcus.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing for Bill Vogel and Joyce VanCura.

Mission Statement

We gather as a church family to:

Celebrate God's Presence ~ Nurture the Spiritual Life

Carry the Light of Christ into the World ~ Serve God by Serving Others

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April 9, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 am Human Scene

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship-Palm Sunday

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

Monday

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

Office Closed

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Dinner and Service

Friday

Good Friday - Office Closed

Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Easter Service

10:00 Worship-Easter Sunday

11:15 Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at the Scottish
Home

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Worship involves the senses. The light filtering in through the stained-glass windows, the colors of the vestments, and even the words we read in our Bibles fascinate us visually in worship. The sounds of musical instruments and voices raised in song grip us audibly. The feel of the pews and the communion table engage our sense of touch. All of these sensations come together to form our worship experience.

In *Bread for the Journey*, Rolf Svanoe has sought to attract our other senses, enhancing our encounter with God. This Lenten worship series includes sharing the Biblical stories of Bread and the smell and taste of fresh baked bread. Throughout Lent we will celebrate communion every Sunday with fresh baked bread.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13

Scripture - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Maundy Thursday dinner and service will start at 6:00 pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16

Scripture - Isaiah 25:6-8, John 6:25-35

An Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:30 am on the memorial walk on the Scottswood side of the manse, to be led by the Rev. Doug Asbury.

Our Easter Sunday celebration is at 10:00 am and will include trumpet, timpani, choirs and bells.

HUMAN SCENE — Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 am every Sunday.

April 16 (Easter Sunday) - No Human Scene.

After Easter Human Scene will feature a series of TED Talks. Focused on Technology, Education and Design, these talks cover a wide range of subjects from various perspectives that might be unfamiliar to many, presented by people who have a story to tell that is worth hearing. We will reflect on these stories through the lens of our Christian faith, seeking thereby to grow in the love and knowledge of God and our neighbor as we do so. Please join us for some thought-provoking viewing and helpful time of reflection.

April 23 - Israeli historian Yuval Noah Harari discusses "What explains the rise of humans." We will ask, "If we all live by certain "fictions", how do we choose which "fiction" will bring the optimal results? Have we done so in our own lives?"

April 30 - Author and entrepreneur Isaac Lidsky asks "What reality are you creating for yourself?" As we reflect on his personal story lessons he drew from it, we will open up 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?"

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY TODAY, 1-3 PM

CONFIRMATION — Since September 2016 the Confirmation Class led by Reverend Jackson, Patti Friend and Bill and Vicky Vogel have been meeting nearly every Sunday morning. On Sunday, April 23 the Confirmands, Calvin Friend, Olivia Meyer and Danielle Wolff, will be welcomed into membership of RPC, pending the approval of Session. Please join us at the 10:00 service and at Coffee Fellowship afterward to welcome this great group into our church family!

REFUGEE UPDATE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP! — We are in constant communication with RefugeeOne, and things are happening fast. We **are this close to being assigned** a family to work with. Before we are assigned to a family, we need the following: 1) prayer, 2) power strips and or extension cords, 3) we need to raise \$2,000.00 more dollars, and 4) we need mentors to attend a seminar on how to mentor a refugee family. Please ask yourself how you can help. Please contact Steve Tuene if you have any questions: scubateune@gmail.com

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 Tuene if you have any questions: scubateune@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR 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. All profits will go to the mission trip fund. 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 EASTER EGG HUNT — All Junior and Senior High-aged girls are invited to join us at RPC on Saturday April 15 at 10am. We will dye eggs and have an Easter Egg Hunt. We hope you can be there! Let Tara know at taragregus@yahoo.com if you plan to attend so we have enough supplies.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Kids: Don't forget to keep up with your Fish Bank in the coming weeks. Please return your Fish Banks to church between April 9 (Palm Sunday) and April 16 (Easter). Adults: offering envelopes are in the pews, or you may note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

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.

BIBLE PRESENTATION — 2nd grade Bible Sunday is April 23rd. All kids 2nd grade (or older) who have not received a Bible are invited to be part of this special day. Please email or call Susan Zander for more information.

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. Join us!