

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, both actions take 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*

Total \$101,551**

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

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

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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September 3, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 am Human Scene

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

2:00 Worship Cantata

Monday

Labor Day – Office

Closed

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons

Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 pm Preschool

Parent Orientation

Thursday

6:30 am Women's

Forum

Friday

Office Closed

Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Sunday School

Picnic

11:00 Nominating

Committee Meeting

11:15 Support and

Endowment Meeting



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" ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Come and kick-off Sunday school with us next Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 am. We will also have a "Back to School BBQ" after service. All are welcome to join in the fun. On September 17 we will be launching a brand-new curriculum called *A Joyful Path* (classes start at 9:00.)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Susan Lynch for leading worship today.

Thank you to Doug Asbury, Sandy Kappmeyer, Steve Marcus, Paula McCracken and Steve Teune for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Acolyte: Harriet Juister

Ushers: Megan Foran, Debra and Dessa Myers

Liturgist: Susan Lynch

Andrew Minister: Cyril Friend

Flowers today are given in celebration of 40 years of marriage by Mike and Gwen Heine.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Paula McCracken and Sandra Kappmeyer.

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.

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.**

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

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
- Granola/Cereal bars
- Canned meats with pop top lids
- Canned fruits with pop top or cellophane lids

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. Questions? Contact smozan@icloud.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 10TH 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.

RINGERS AND SINGERS — FIRST REHEARSAL IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13th

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 or 708-822-0655.

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.

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