

A NOTE FROM DONNA JONES

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to let you know that I am leaving my position at RPC effective August 17th. I have enjoyed my work here and I appreciate having had the opportunity to work with all of you. Thank you for all the support you have provided me. I have made so many friends and I can truthfully say that my decision to leave was very difficult. So, while I look forward to this new challenge that has come my way, I will miss all of you very much.

Sincerely, Donna Jones

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.

SOCIAL HALL — The social hall has been rearranged to accommodate some upcoming events and changes. There are many diagrams posted in the social hall to help keep the space organized in this way.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Amelia and Colin Good for joining today's Ministry of Music. Amelia will be a 1st grader at West Suburban Montessori School in Oak Park. Colin will be a 3rd grader there.

Acolyte: Devin Zander

Ushers: Thom DeVries, Nancy DeVries, Claire Gangware, and Ellen Hamilton

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Andrew Minister: David Harper

Flowers this morning are given with extra special birthday wishes to Elizabeth Musick from her family.

Communion Servers: Frank Gangware, Matt Lisle, Susan Lisle, and Lorraine Meyer.

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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August 6, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

8:30 am Human Scene

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at

Cantata

Monday

6:00 pm Committee

Potluck

7:00 Christian

Education, Fellowship,

and Outreach

committee meetings.

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Thursday

6:30 am Women's

Forum

Friday

Office Closed

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8:30 am Human Scene

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2018 Riverside Presbyterian Church Trip

Plans are underway for an RPC international trip next year using the services of Educational Opportunities Tours (EO). EO has been dedicated to providing quality Christian travel programs at an affordable price since 1974. EO incorporates elements of Christian learning whenever possible. Lectures, study books, and specialized guiding are part of the program.

Traveling together to learn more about our history as reformed Presbyterians or about Biblical history is a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives.

Once a location is determined, all of the details will be made available. Trip prices are **all** inclusive and include airfare from Chicago. Extension trip information will also be available for individuals who want to spend extra time in the region. If you have friends or family members who are not RPC members, they will be welcome to travel with us.

Informal conversations with some of the potential participants have led to narrowing the focus to two options and each option has both spring and fall departure dates:

Choice One:

The Journeys of Paul in Greece ~ 8 Days ~ Approximately \$3,000

Stops include: Amphipolis, Thessaloniki, Deplhi, Corinth, Athens

Choice Two:

The Holy Land ~ 10 days ~ Approximately \$3,750

Stops include: Galilee, Nazareth, Mount of Olives, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem

Two informational meetings will be held to provide further information and select a location and a date. Attendance is not mandatory nor does attending commit you to the trip.

Sunday, August 20 following worship in the sanctuary

OR

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm in the upstairs parlor
Any questions please speak to Pastor Dale.

HUMAN SCENE — Over the coming weeks, Human Scene will go back to the basics of the faith, though looking at them through some unusual lenses. We will follow a 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.

August 6 — The Ridiculous Journey - Two brief videos will help us enter into our discussion of what it means to follow Jesus: The Jesus Strategy with Greg Boyle, and The Merton Prayer, with commentary by Rich Nelson.

August 13 — The Revolutionary - A brief interview with pastor and author Nadia Bolz-Weber on the subject of A Personal Relationship with Jesus, and A Humble Call by Ann Voscamp, along with commentary by Rich Nelson, serve as our guides on this part of the journey.

August 20 — The Reconciler - Along with further commentary by Rich Nelson, our video guides are A Glimpse at Communion by Emmanuel Katongole and I Am Sorry by Kelly Stewart Hall.

August 27 — The Lover features Brene Brown's ideas on Love Made Flesh and Everything Is New by Travis Reed. Rich Nelson's reflection focuses on Loving with a Broken Heart.

CARERS CORNER AUGUST — The Boulevard provides housing and professional medical services for the homeless. When residents complete their recovery, they are assisted in obtaining full independence. Fill the trunk to get them started. Personal items: Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Chap Stick, Deodorant, Sanitary wipes (flushable), Shampoo, Shower shoes, Towels (prefer white) Wearable items: (Adult sizes SM, MD, LRG) Socks, T-Shirts, Pajamas, Jeans (men's size 34 to 40 or women's size 8 to 20)

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.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED — Please sign up to host a 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!

UPDATED INFO — The information boards outside both the church office and the sanctuary have been updated. Stop by for copies of weekly bulletins, newsletters, calendars, mission information, and more!

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 — 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

NEW MISSION INITIATIVE — The Mission Committee, with Session's approval, has installed a Little Food Pantry. You will find the Little Food Pantry outside the church office entrance. 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

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am. Plan to have your children join us as we launch a brand-new curriculum called *A Joyful Path*.

The new curriculum encourages children to:

- Ask questions and be curious
- Go within and find their own inner guidance and wisdom
- Stay focused and calm when needed and to discover and harness divine energy
- Be creative, share their gifts and continue learning about their passions
- To take action toward their own successes and happiness
- Find compassion for all beings, to be inclusive and tolerant, to find the divine in All
- Honor, protect, serve, and be in awe of Mother Nature
- To know the history and mythology of our world religions and spiritual paths
- To be heroes and heroines— to be brave, courageous, and to stand for peace and justice...
- And much more!