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Riverside Presbyterian Church

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January 21, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

2018 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

2018

Diane Chaney
John Haugland
Gwen Heine

Youth Elder: Kaki Lynch

2019

Jeanine Buttimer
Patti Friend
Susan Lynch
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak

2020

Frank Gangware
Martha Heine
Lynda Nadkarni
Dennis Zander

Deacons

2018

David Harper
Steve Marcus
Paula McCracken
Serina Ranft

2019

Ellen Hamilton
Sandy Kappmeyer
Lorraine Meyer
Steve Teune

2020

Lloyd Bradbury
Charlie Juister
Sally Sloane
Jeanne Smith

Trustees

2018

Thom DeVries
Joel Hastings
George Meyer
Connie Nestor

2019

Susan Deems-Dluhy
Cyril Friend
Fred Kitch
Brad Staubus

2020

Patti Perry-Halline
Doug Harvin
Henry Vogel

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

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dale Jackson, Pastor 502-592-1617 (pastor@rpcusa.org)
Linda Hutcheson, Office Manager (rpcoffice@rpcusa.org)
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Ellen Hamilton, Treasurer (treasurer@rpcusa.org)
Susan Lisle, Preschool Director (rpcpreschool@sbcglobal.net)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship
11:15 Holy Land Trip Meeting
2:00 pm Caledonia
5:30 Sunday School

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum
11:15 Staff Meeting

Wednesday

10:00 am Women's Circle for Fellowship & Study
4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Friday

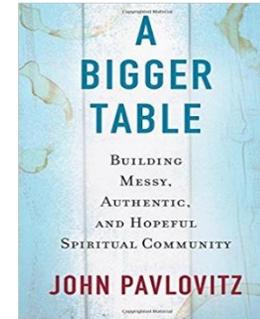
Office Closed

Sunday

8:30 Human Scene
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
11:00 Annual Congregational Meeting
11:15 Coffee Fellowship

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



THEOLOGY ON TAP resumed January 15, 2018. We gather at 6:30 for dinner, and our discussion begins at 7:00. We meet at Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange, IL. If you joined us while we were meeting at Molly's Pub and found the atmosphere too noisy, please give the Grapevine a try.

We are reading *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz. The book asks if organized Christianity can find a new way of faithfully continuing the work Jesus began two thousand years ago, where everyone gets a seat.

Pavlovitz shares moving personal stories and his careful observations as a pastor to set the table for a new, more loving conversation on these and other important matters of faith. He invites us to build the bigger table Jesus imagined, practicing radical hospitality, total authenticity, messy diversity, and agenda-free community. If ordering the book on Amazon remember to use Amazon Smile and the church will receive a contribution.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 28

The Annual Report is available on our website. Hard copies are available in the office and outside the sanctuary for those who need them.

HUMAN SCENE JANUARY — Human Scene will focus our discussion on themes of Epiphany led by Doug Asbury. **January 28** - Answer: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Mark 1.21-28 - What if our every word was meant to be a word from God?

February 4 - God is Speaking: 2 Kings 2.1-12; Mark 9.2-8 - How might listening to Jesus influence our thoughts and actions?

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to the women of the RPC Chancel Choir for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Acolyte: Jaden Zander

Ushers: Matt and Susan Lisle

Liturgist: Connie Kelly

Andrew Ministers: Patti Halline and Susan Lynch

Flowers are given by Joyce Dobrzanski in memory of her husband, Les Dobrzanski.

Trustees of the Month: Henry Vogel and Doug Harvin

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — Join us as we continue down our joyful path in Sunday school. This week we will talk about how learning the joy of service is one of the best ways to keep our hearts open to all. The reason that Jesus suggested that we ought to serve the poor and the downtrodden, the lame and the blind, is really a methodology for breaking down barriers between "them" and "us." When we serve with love and compassion, those whom we serve become brothers and sisters, not the others. We will be playing games and acting out ways to serve those in need.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY— It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

CARERS JANUARY —will assist The Boulevard. Homeless people temporarily live at The Boulevard while recuperating from illness or injury. When these folks can be on their own, they will need tools for basic repairs, cooking gear, utensils, towels and other essential household items. Thank you!

TACO NIGHT — **The only thing Martin Luther liked better than beer were tacos!** Luckily our friends at Ascension Lutheran have found a copy of his favorite recipe for tacos. Come find out how good Marty's recipe is on **January 27** between 5:00 and 8:00 pm at Ascension. This is a fund raiser for RefugeeOne, our partner that we worked with in 2017 to bring our refugee family to Chicago. Tickets can be purchased after church, or by contacting Steven at scubateune@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — will meet Wednesday, January 24 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*" by Melissa Bane Sevier. Lesson Five "In Community with the Tradition of the Past" Hebrews 3:1-6;11 Marilyn Slanec, Leader.

PRESCHOOL — Registration for the 2018-2019 preschool year has begun! If you know someone who is interested in our preschool program, please pass this on.

PER CAPITA FOR 2018 — "*Per Capita is a set amount of apportionment per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church USA to share in the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of our church's government.*" In other words, RPC pays **\$33.61 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. Consider this as a type of "dues" for being a member. 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.

WANTED: LEFTOVER UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS — Consider putting your unused Christmas, holiday cards and envelopes into the CARERS trunk for use next year. The cards are used by the CARERS for their Companions Journeying Together (Prison ministry) project. Thank you for helping this way.

CHURCH MAILBOXES — The church mailboxes have been reorganized. The names are on the top of the mailbox. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself, find your mailbox and regularly check it for important information.

THANKS – IT WAS SOUP-ER! Thank you to all who contributed to our Soup Pot Luck last Sunday – it was delicious! As promised, I put together a cookbook showcasing all the delicious recipes. An electronic copy was attached to the weekly announcements. If you do not have a computer, please let the office know and we will provide you with a paper copy. If you contributed a soup and did not leave a recipe, please drop one off at the office and we will add it to the cookbook. ☺ Ellen

SPREAD JOY WITH ME!— Last year I had the most rewarding and transformative experience of my life when I went to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for a week serving a school by both helping with construction work and spending time with the children. I was sent through JOY, a nonprofit that connects college students with at-risk youth. I was so moved by my experience that this year, I will be a leader for a group of fellow Miami students during JOY's upcoming trip. Each of us must pay for our transportation, travel, food, and lodging expenses as well as project materials and supplies. I truly believe one of the reasons I was called to this mission was the strong foundation for helping others instilled in me by this church. If you are able to financially support me, here is a link to my fundraising page: <https://joy.kindful.com/joy-march-2018-santo-domingo-dominican-republic-2017/kathryn-nadkarni1> (or checks payable to either Kathryn or Lynda Nadkarni in my mom's mailbox!). My team greatly appreciates your thoughts and prayers as we embark on this mission on March 17. Thank you so much, Kathryn Nadkarni