

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS — We need canned vegetables, soups, fruit, canned or vacuum-packed sausages, canned or vacuum-packed ready-to-eat meals (beef ravioli, beef-a-roni), peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, small containers of laundry detergent, small boxes of raisins and trail mix. **No drink mixes needed at this time. No dried beans.** Thank you!

THE BOULEVARD HAPPY NEW YEAR — For our last Boulevard service of 2018 – on Sunday, December 30th – we are planning a little New Year’s celebration for the residents. I am hoping that in addition to the chicken they love so much we can provide some homemade side dishes and desserts. We’ll supply some fun party goods and if we can get a nice turnout, we can really celebrate our continuing relationship with The Boulevard and give them our best wishes for 2019. It will take place from approximately 3:30 – 6:00 pm on December 30th – please consider marking your calendars now so you can join the fun!

IRUKA AJEMBA MEMORIAL — Thanks to all those who contributed through RPC and online at GoFundMe.com. We have succeeded in raising the funds we need to place a headstone on Iruka Ajemba’s grave. The headstone has been ordered; but because it would be delivered too late in the season to be installed this fall, it will be delivered by Grassmarkers.com next March, when the Mt. Glenwood Memory Gardens South will resume headstone installation. When the stone is placed, we will take a photo of it and display it in the church. Thanks to everyone who helped provide this memorial for that dear woman!

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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October 14, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 Fellowship
11:00 CE Committee
1:00 pm All Church
Family Work Day

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

4:15 pm Riverside
Ringers & Singers
6:30 acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
7:30 Session Meeting

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s
Forum

Friday

Office Closed

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship – with
Baptism
11:00 Fellowship
11:15 Capital
Campaign Meeting
2:00 pm Caledonia

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



THEOLOGY ON TAP RETURNS – Monday October 15, 2018, dinner at 6:30 with discussion at 7:00. We meet at the Grapevine, 9 W Hillgrove Ave, La Grange, IL 60525. We are studying *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why* by Bart Ehrman. When Ehrman first began to study the texts of the Bible in their original languages he was startled to discover the multitude of mistakes and intentional alterations that had been made by earlier translators. In *Misquoting Jesus*, Ehrman tells the story behind the mistakes and changes that ancient scribes made to the New Testament and shows the great impact they had upon the Bible we use today. The book can be purchased on Amazon (use the church’s Smile button) for \$15.00.

WORSHIP – During October and November we turn our attention to the Capital Campaign and our annual Stewardship Campaign. The theme of the campaigns is the hymn *Let Us Build a House* by Marty Haugen. Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community. *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY TODAY — 1:00-3:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Sunday school has started and is open to all ages. If you have any questions regarding Sunday school feel free to call, text or email Diante. Email: diante_johnson@yahoo.com cell: 773-387-3779

Below are the dates and lessons that will be covered on those dates:

Fall Sunday School Lessons and Dates

October 21- Isaac's Blessings

October 28 – Free from Slavery

YOUTH GROUPS—The first Sr. High Youth Group meeting is today after worship. If your children would like to participate in either Sr. High Youth Group or Jr. High Youth Group, please contact Diante (diante_johnson@yahoo.com or cell: 773-387-3779) with any questions.

DEACONS POTLUCK — Sunday, October 28 — Please bring a dish to share. The theme is “Fall Festival” – foods we turn to when the weather changes. Hosted by Paula McCracken.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP – OCTOBER 26 — Please bring your favorite beverage and appetizer to share and join your fellow party-goers for Friday Night Fellowship at Ellen Hamilton's house on Friday, October 26th. Party starts at 7 pm – 213 Woodside Road. Be there or be square!

CARERS CORNER OCTOBER— This autumn the CARERS trunk will be ready and waiting for donations of nonperishable foods. Remember - NO glass jars or flimsy plastic cups. They're breakable. The contributions will be distributed to local food pantries.

COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER is a prison ministry which consists of sending Christmas cards to prisoners. There are packs of 10 cards located on a table by the CARERS trunk. Please take one or more packs and follow the GUIDELINES listed with the cards. Deadline is Sunday, October 28.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — **Wednesday, October 24** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss “*God's Promise*” by Amy Poling Sutherland. God's promise to be with us allows us to consider the surprising and powerful intimacy of God's willingness to be with us in all our circumstances. Lesson Three “God with Us in Our Discouragement”. Kate Chard, Leader.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE - Today marks the kickoff of our Capital Campaign, which is running concurrently with our Stewardship Campaign that will fund our program and mission budget for 2019. As you look around and see all the wonderful work that has been done, know that we need to raise funds to pay for the improvements and repairs.

To help you learn more about all of this, you are invited to sign up to attend a small group gathering. At the gathering you will receive information about our three-year campaign, a pledge card, and stewardship information for the 2019 general budget. Sign-up sheets are available on Capital Campaign Table in the Social Hall this morning and then they will be to the hall outside of Dale's office. It is important for every member to choose one of these dates and attend a small group gathering.

Small Group Gathering Dates

Sunday, October 21 - 11:15 am in the Parlor,
child care will be provided

Sunday, October 28 – 12:00 pm at Caroline Tecson's home,
299 Bloomingbank Road, Riverside.

Tuesday, October 30 – 7:00 pm at Ellen Hamilton's home,
213 Woodside Drive, Riverside

Choir and Bell Choir members (and their significant others) are encouraged to attend and everyone else is welcome.

Thursday, November 1 - 7:00 pm at The Quincy Street Distillery,
39 E Quincy St, Riverside

This includes a lemon-tea whisky punch and popcorn,
up to 3 (1/4 oz) tastings, and a 10-minute tour of the distillery.

Thursday, November 8 - 7:00 pm at The Quincy Street Distillery,
39 E Quincy St, Riverside

This includes a lemon-tea whisky punch and popcorn,
up to 3 (1/4 oz) tastings, and a 10-minute tour of the distillery.

Saturday, November 10 - 11:00 am at Allan Halline & Patti Perry's home,
257 Bartram Road, Riverside

Sunday, November 11 - 11:15 am in the Parlor,
child care will be provided

Sunday, November 18 – 3:00 pm at Dale Jackson and Dennis Cobb's
home, 2505 Keystone Ave. North Riverside

NEW MEMBER INFORMATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, October 28 at 11:15 in the upstairs Parlor. Anyone interested in joining RPC or more information is invited to attend.