

OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION UPDATE — Full of brats, and beer and gemütlichkeit, our 2018 Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction was a rollicking success. All told, from Live and Silent Auctions, generous donations, and free-will offerings for food and drink, we raised a whopping \$15,348, which will go a long way towards helping us with our annual budget. Thanks to all who donated, set up, bought, cleaned up and most of all had fun while supporting RPC!



PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ushers: The Staubus Family
Liturgist: Dennis Cobb
Andrew Ministers: Cyril Friend and Connie Kelly
Communion Servers: Patti Friend, Gwen Heine, Charlie Juister and Steve Marcus
Flowers today are given in memory of my beloved nephew Myles Robert Hamilton from Ellen Hamilton; and for the Glory of God and in honor of my daughter, Alice McLean's birthday, by Elizabeth Musick.
Coffee Fellowship today is hosted by the Outreach Committee.
Trustees of the Month: Susan Deems-Dluhy and Connie Nestor

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 7, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am Worship
 11:00 Fellowship
 11:00 Sr. High Group
 11:20 Worship and Music Meeting
 2:00 pm Cantata

Monday

7:00 pm Capital Campaign Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum
 7:00 pm Deacons
 7:30 Trustees Meeting

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum
 10:00 CARERS Meeting

Friday

Office Closed

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
 9:00 Sunday School
 10:00 Worship
 11:00 Coffee Fellowship
 11:00 CE Committee
 1:00 pm All Church Family Work Day

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Enriching CommYOUity

Thursday, October 11, Lite meal at 6:00 pm, Programs for all ages at 6:30 pm.

RSVP to Riverside Presbyterian Church, 447-1520
 Adult options include:

"The Continuing Refugee Crisis" led by Jim Porter, the Communications and Policy Coordinator for RefugeeOne.

"Blessed are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life," by *The Kerygma Program led by Pastor Dennis Lauritsen.

"Parenting in 2018" Parents this is a discussion support group moderated by Susan Zander

Children elementary through middle school will study the story of the Good Samaritan. Child Care will be provided. Sponsored by the Riverside/North Riverside Covenant Network of Churches.

COMMUNION SET — The new communion pieces were given by Ellen Hamilton, who purchased them in Bethlehem from Palestinian Christians. They are Phoenician Style hand blown pieces made of Hebron Glass which is named for its location in the historic West Bank city of Hebron, well-known for its traditional glass-blowing. Hebron glass was traditionally produced using sand from the village of Bani Na'im, east of Hebron, and sodium carbonate taken from the Dead Sea. The Olive Wood Tray was given by Dennis Cobb and Dale Jackson, also purchased in Bethlehem and handcrafted by Palestinian Christians.

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 worshipping 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.*

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.

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 14 - Abram's and Sarah's visitors

October 21- Isaac's Blessings

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.

WORSHIP AT CANTATA— The Deacons welcome all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata today at 2:00 pm.



ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY —Sunday, October 14, 1:00-3:00 pm

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 goes to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

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.

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!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2018

- noted with sadness the death of member Tyler Pratico-Floros and former member Jason Heilenbach.
- approved, with regret, the request from Kate and Allan Chard to be removed from the roll.
- approved the revised Memorial Donation Policy as presented.
- approved revisions to the Session Resolution Establishing a Special Funds Plan (Support and Endowment Policy).
- approved revisions to the Financial Operations Policies and Procedures document.
- accepted a donation to install a chairlift to the second level of the Community House (Parlor and Preschool area).
- reviewed and updated all capital projects and costs.
- appointed the Capital Campaign Committee to serve as the Stewardship Committee.

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session