

SAVE THE DATE – Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 3rd 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support at our annual fundraiser!

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

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February 18, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship
1:00 pm All Church
Family Work Day
2:00 Caledonia

Monday

Office Closed –
President's Day
6:30 pm Theology on
Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

10:00 am CARERS
Meeting
4:15 pm Riverside
Singers & Ringers
6:30 acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 Chancel Choir
7:30 Session Meeting

Thursday

6:30 am Women's
Forum

Friday

Office Closed

Sunday

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

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Sundays of Lent

Women in the Bible

Everybody has a story. Some are funny and make us glad. Others are depressing and make us sad. Some stories are more interesting than others; some should never be shared. But whether happy or sad, we all have one.

During Lent we will focus on the stories of some of the lesser known women in the Bible. We will seek to understand the context of their stories and the limitation of the context and encourage them to speak for themselves. *When we earnestly study the Bible, we find women in a multitude of roles: mothers – wed and unwed; wives; daughters; military and political leaders; prophets and sages; disciples; deacons and pastors; friends, loyal and religious persons. We find ourselves reflected in their stories, and we celebrate their joys and triumphs, their courage and dedication. We learn from their tragedies and despair, their pains and sorrows. We are blessed when we critique the traditions that hurt women, and we rejoice that God is still in our midst – working to make us whole.* “Bad Girls of the Bible,” by Barbara J. Essex.

We will spend time with Delilah, Rahab, Gomer, Vashti, Jezebel, Lydia, Mary and Martha.

As we enter the Lenten season, the worship committee has adorned the church with purple, the traditional liturgical color of the season. The rustic cross was created several years ago by Jon Jansky and is placed in the center of the sanctuary to help us keep focused on the penitential and reflective nature of Lent. The crowns of thorns that are on the hangings at the front of the church were created by artisans in Bethlehem, cut from the thorny branches of plants in the area around Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday, March 25 Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Communion Service in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Service 6:30 am, Doug Asbury leading the Service. There will be a light breakfast in the manse immediately following the service.

Worship at 10:00 am with Communion

Sunday, April 8, Jazz Sunday

THEOLOGY ON TAP — We gather at 6:30 pm for dinner, and our discussion begins at 7:00 at Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange, IL. 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.

HUMAN SCENE — Yohanan Aharoni began his book, *The Land of the Bible*, with the following: *The history of any land and people is influenced to a considerable degree by their geographical environment. This includes not only the natural features such as climate, soil, topography, etc., but also the geopolitical relationships with neighboring areas. This is especially true for Palestine, a small and relatively poor country, which derives its main importance from its unique centralized location at the juncture of continents and a crossroads for the nations.*

During Lent we will learn about the Holy Land. We will explore the geopolitical history of the region and look at Bible passages which pertain to specific regions. Some of the areas to be discussed are: Jezreel Valley, Galilee, Jordan, Judean Wilderness and Jerusalem. If you are planning to attend the Holy Land Trip in September this will be an excellent Human Scene to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — Next week we will be working in Creation Station. The children will illustrate the affirmation: "I meet life's challenges with inner strength and courage." Please send your children with messy clothes - we will be painting with acrylics.

OUTREACH NEWS — The Holy Spirit is moving us to actualize our 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, and Serve God by Serving Others."*** Mark your calendar for the 5th Sundays of the month in 2018 (April 29th, July 29th, September 30th and December 30th). RPC will be launching a new and innovative way to combine mission, outreach and worship at the same time! We will be interacting with the community and sharing the love and grace of God. RPC will be open, but worship won't take place at 116 Barrypoint Road on these days. More information and education on the 5th Sunday will be forthcoming.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS — Vacuum packaged meats, peanut butter, string cheese, individually wrapped toilet tissue, small packages of powdered laundry detergent. No granola/cereal bars needed at this time.

CARERS NEWS FEBRUARY — The Riverside Township Pantry has seen its needs of food donations increase significantly. Donations from our church family enable them to serve our community families. Please give all kinds of non-perishable foods.

PRESCHOOL NEWS — Registration for the 2018-2019 preschool year has begun. If you know someone who is looking for a fun and educational preschool, please have them contact us.

COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER FOR MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother's Day. Once again, we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother's Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Donations are due by March 4.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — will meet Wednesday, February 28 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 Six "In Community with the Reality of the Present" Hebrews 2:10-18 and 10:34-35; Mark 8:31-38 Ellen Hamilton, Leader.

DEACONS POTLUCK— **Wearing the green and eating the greens on March 18th** In celebration of Saint Patrick's Day, we're asking that you wear something green, and bring your favorite Irish food, or a green dish to pass at the March Pot Luck. Lastly, green M & M's are not in the food pyramid.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to the acaBELLa Ringers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Acolyte: Harriet Juister

Ushers: Fred and Donna Mitchell

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Andrew Ministers: Cyril Friend and Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers today are given for the Glory of God and in memory of our father and grandfather, Louis Edward Silverthorn, by his daughters, Elizabeth Musick and Alice Ann Hand and families.

Coffee fellowship is hosted by Lynda Nadkarni.

Trustees of the Month: Thom DeVries and Brad Staubus