

**SAVE THE DATE** – Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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February 4, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Today

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 Open Gym  
2:00 pm Cantata

#### Monday

Office Closed  
6:30 pm Theology on Tap

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

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 Deacons Potluck

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



### **Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday**

Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 am – 8:00 am at the Riverside Train Station  
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
There will be no formal service

### **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.

**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 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** — We will be in the Oasis Place discussing the meaning of "humility" -recognizing an infinite power greater than our little self by taking part in a foot-washing activity. Looking for teachers in March, contact Susan Zander if you can help.

**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 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.

**SUPER BOWL PARTY TODAY**— Come watch the Super Bowl, or maybe just the commercials, in the Social Hall. Doug Harvin and Matt Lisle will be hosting a Super Bowl party, complete with big screen TV. Please bring your own drinks and possibly something for the snack table. All are welcome, including family, friends and the non-sports lovers who just want to socialize. Kick-off is at 5:30 pm, party starts at 5:00.

**PRAY, EAT, LOVE**—Join us on February 11<sup>th</sup> after worship as Deacon Serina Ranft hosts a potluck entitled "Foods We Love." Bring a favorite dish to share - whatever food makes you smile and gives you comfort. Of course, the best part of the potluck is the love we share with each other at RPC, where it's Valentine's Day all year round.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS** — February is all about kindness and love! We'll be celebrating Valentine's Day by completing a kindness checklist, exchanging Valentines, and making heart crafts. We'll have a Wicky Wacky Wednesday and Parent/Teacher conferences.

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.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in 2018 (April 29<sup>th</sup>, July 29<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, December 30). 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be forthcoming.

**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 will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Acolyte:* Luke Staubus

*Ushers:* Troop 24 Boy Scouts

*Liturgist:* Matt Lisle

*Andrew Ministers:* Cyril Friend and Lynda Nadkarni

*Communion Servers:* Patti Friend, Lynda Nadkarni, Ellen Hamilton and Steven Teune

*Flowers* are given by Troop 24 Boy Scouts and Pack 24 Cub Scouts.

*Coffee fellowship* is hosted by Troop and Pack 24.

*Trustees of the Month:* Thom DeVries and Brad Staubus