

Riverside Presbyterian Church

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March 11, 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)

Dr. Sally Sloane, Minister of Music (musikhse@comcast.net)

Susan Zander, Director of Children's Education (smozan@icloud.com)

Ellen Hamilton, Treasurer (treasurer@rpcusa.org)

Susan Lisle, Preschool Director (rpcpreschool@sbcglobal.net)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on

Tap

7:00 Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

4:15 pm Riverside

Singers & Ringers

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

1:00 pm All Church

Family Work Day

2:00 Caledonia

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER & MEDITATION VIGIL —

Our Sanctuary will be open from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm for prayer and meditation. The south doors will be unlocked. You are invited to sign up for a minimum of a 30-minute time slot; you may also share your time with a friend or a loved one. This will be a time for you to contemplate God's love, pray for our world, call to mind friends and family who need God's care.

Devotional materials and a list of prayer concerns will be provided for your use.

Lenten Worship Series - Women in the Bible

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

During 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 Monday for dinner, and our discussion begins at 7:00 at Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange, IL. We are reading *Unbelievable* by Bible scholar and Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong who contends that “there is mounting pressure among Christians for a radically new kind of Christianity—a faith deeply connected to the human experience instead of outdated dogma. In *Unbelievable*, Spong outlines twelve “theses” to help today’s believers more deeply contemplate and reshape their faith. As an educator, clergyman, and writer who has devoted his life to his faith, Spong has enlightened Christians and challenged them to explore their beliefs in new and meaningful ways. In this, his final book, he continues that rigorous tradition, once again offering a revisionist approach that strengthens Christianity and secures its relevance for generations to come.” Amazon \$18.29

HUMAN SCENE — 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 the children will play games in the gym and practice feeling for inner guidance in all decisions before reacting. Kids - keep filling those fish banks! We will be collecting them on Palm Sunday and again on Easter!

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

CARERS CORNER MARCH — Fill the CARERS Trunk for BEDS Plus in LaGrange. BEDS Plus provides a safe overnight shelter and services needed to help people escape homelessness. Beverages are needed. Please give ground Decaf Coffee and drink mixes such as Lemonade, Cider and Cocoa. Individual serving packets are not preferred. No Tea, they have plenty.

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS! The Second Annual RPC Team Trivia Night will be hosted by the RPC Youth Group on Saturday, April 7. Trivia will start at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will support the Youth Mission Trip to Detroit as well as RPC's mission and ministry to the community and beyond. This second-year event will be bigger and better with new categories of trivia, cash prizes, a gift package raffle, a 50/50 raffle, games, and fair ways to "cheat" by purchasing mulligans!

Invite your family and friends (bring everyone!) to fill a table. The entry fee is \$160 per table (\$20 per person) for teams of 8 people. To reserve a table, there's a sign-up sheet outside the church office, or contact Dennis Cobb at dlc0906@gmail.com. If you can't fill a table on your own, let Dennis know and we'll have a running list from which teams will be created. You're invited to bring snacks for your table (dinner if you want!) and popcorn, soda, beer, and wine will be available for a donation.

Everyone had a great time last year, and this year promises to be even better, so bring your friends and test your trivia knowledge!

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.

DEACONS POTLUCK is next Sunday the 18th — Knock, Knock. Who's there? Irish! Irish Who? Irish you join us for the Potluck dinner next Sunday! Seriously, who creates things like this? For real fun, come to the next Potluck, and bring your favorite green food or something that will make your Irish eyes smile.

ENVELOPE CLARIFICATIONS—Those of you who use envelopes may have noted that there are a couple of envelopes marked for “Mission” or “Special Offering” as part of your set. These are intended for any contributions you may wish to make for specific purposes outside of the general fund – such as the Little Food Pantry, the Boulevard, the Good Shepherd Window, a Capital Campaign, etc. They are not to be confused with envelopes supplied by the Presbytery for the 4 Stated Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness and Christmas Joy.

Additionally, if a liturgical holiday, such as Easter, falls on a Sunday, you will have two envelopes for that date – that is because some churches have a separate collection for that liturgical holiday, although we do not. Use either envelope; in that case, it's all the same.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Ushers: Jon and Deb Jansky

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Andrew Ministers: Susan Lynch and Patti Perry-Halline

Flowers today are donated in loving memory of Jim Montgomery, father of Susan Zander, on his birthday.

Coffee fellowship is hosted by Steven and Gale Teune.

Trustees of the Month: Cyril Friend and George Meyer