

Riverside Presbyterian Church

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March 25, 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 Worship-Palm Sunday

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

11:15 Mission

Committee Meeting

11:15 Policy Review

Committee Meeting

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

10:00 am Women's Circle for Fellowship and Study

6:30 acaBELLa Ringers and Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday

Prayer Vigil

Office Closed

Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Easter Service

10:00 Worship – Easter

2:00 pm Cantata

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Soup Supper

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

Good Friday, March 30, Prayer Vigil

12:00 pm – 7:00 pm 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

Sunday, April 15, Songs of Peace Concert

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.

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.”

SONGS OF PEACE – The Oak Park Concert Chorale directed by Paul Lindblad is holding their concert here at RPC on Sunday, April 15 at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Seniors are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

The Prayer of the Children (in a time of war) by Kurt Bestor provides a unique emotional context to *Songs of Peace* presented by the OPCC. From the Renaissance to the 21st century, composers have been inspired by different aspects of the concept of peace.

HUMAN SCENE — No Human Scene on Easter Sunday. On Sunday, April 8 we will begin a study of life lived on this side of the resurrection using a video-based series from The Work of the People titled, “To Stand Again: Practices of Resurrected Life. The series will be of interest to everyone, but especially to those who have been studying John Shelby Spong’s book “Unbelievable” with Pastor Dale on Monday evenings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS — We will be collecting fish banks on Easter. Sunday school will be on break for Easter Sunday, 4/1 and will return 4/8. When we return, we will be collecting cereal boxes along with the CARERS Committee.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS —Vacuum packaged meats, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, small boxes of raisins and trail mix, granola/cereal bars and small packages of powdered laundry detergent. **No drink mixes needed at this time.**

“ASK ME ABOUT 5TH SUNDAYS” —The inaugural 5th Sunday is happening soon....Sunday, April 29th at Caledonia (formerly Scottish Home). On this Sunday, we will have worship with acts of service and fellowship onsite at Caledonia. RPC will be firing up the grills and hosting a cook out for the residents after worship. We will car pool to Caledonia from RPC and are asking everyone to join us and bring a dish to pass.

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.

WOMEN’S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — meets **Wednesday, March 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 Seven “In Community with the Hope of the Future”. Hebrews 11:1-3; 3:1-19; Psalm 95; Hebrews 4:1-11 and 6:9-12. Sandy Kappmeyer, Leader.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR —At the Session meeting Wednesday evening, Session unanimously concurred with the Personnel Committee’s recommendation to hire Diante Johnson as our new Christian Educator. Diante’s first day with us will be Easter Sunday. For the first couple of months, he will shadow Susan Zander during Sunday School to better learn the names of our children and learn more about our program. Next week you can read Diante’s bio.

ECO-JUSTICE TASK FORCE—Peace and justice is God’s plan for all creation. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day. The Sundays of April, after Easter, we will focus on what it means to be a congregation that cares about the world we live in. As part of our worship the Session has tasked me with forming an Eco-Justice task force. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to me. — Dale

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

Thank you to the Riverside Singers and the RPC Chancel Choir for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

Acolyte: Sofia Mott

Ushers: Cyril and Patti Friend

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Andrew Ministers: David Harper, Connie Kelly and Lynda Nadkarni

Coffee fellowship is hosted by the Henry Vogel family.

Trustees of the Month: Cyril Friend and George Meyer