

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.

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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March 4, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship
11:00 Open Gym
11:15 Policy Review
Committee Meeting
11:15 Worship & Music
Committee Meeting
11:15 Support &
Endowment Committee
2:00 Cantata

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on
Tap

Tuesday

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

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 Coffee Fellowship

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 — This month in Sunday School we will be talking about the choice to fill your heart and mind with goodness. **March 11:** Join us in Oasis Place as we dissect the Lord's Prayer by acting out the words. We will discuss Matthew 6:6 and what Jesus meant about praying in secret.

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 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. March 2-8 is the Preschool's Book Fair and Raffle. It is the preschool's biggest fundraiser. We have some great baskets for our raffle this year.

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.

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

Ushers: Mike and Gwen Heine

Liturgist: Lynda Nadkarni

Andrew Ministers: Cyril Friend and Connie Kelly

Communion Servers: Susan Lynch, Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak, Paula McCracken and Jeanne Smith

Flowers today are given for thankfulness for my 79th birthday and 55th year of RPC membership from Marilyn Slanec, and for the Glory of God and the celebration of my birthday from Jeanne Smith.

Coffee fellowship is hosted by Marilyn Slanec with assistance from Steve Marcus.

Trustees of the Month: Cyril Friend and George Meyer