

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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April 15, 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

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**Ellen Hamilton, Treasurer** (treasurer@rpcusa.org)  
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#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

##### Today

10:00 Worship  
11:00 Coffee Fellowship  
2:00 pm Caledonia  
4:00 Oak Park Concert  
Chorale

##### Monday

6:30 pm Theology on  
Tap

##### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

##### Wednesday

10:00 am CARERS  
Meeting  
6:30 acaBELLa Ringers  
7:30 Chancel Choir  
7:30 Session Meeting

##### Thursday

6:30 am Women's  
Forum

##### Friday

Office Closed

##### Saturday

11:00 am Baptism

##### Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 Mission  
Committee Meeting  
1:00 pm All Church  
Family Work Day

##### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



*"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."*  
John Paul II

For the next few weeks worship will focus on the care of the Earth. Several books and articles will inform my sermons. This morning it is the book *Claiming Earth as Common Ground* by Andrea Cohen-Kiener. I also have been influenced by *Creation – Crisis Preaching: Ecology, Theology and the Pulpit* by the Reverend Doctor Leah Schade.

*"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make."*

Jane Goodall



#### ADULT MISSION TRIP FUND RAISER —

Saturday, May 19 6:00 pm at the home of Ellen Hamilton ~ Our Youth are traveling to Detroit this year, so you are invited to come and experience the sounds and flavors of Motown. Motown artists were known for their style and class! Pull out your skinny suits and skinny ties, grab your sequined gowns and join us for an awesome evening. Tickets available for \$30 after worship and in the office.

**“ASK ME ABOUT 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS”** —Our first Mission Sunday is April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are worshipping at Caledonia (formerly Scottish Home). Following worship, we will visit and eat with residents. RPC will fire up the grills for hot dogs and bratwursts. You are invited to bring picnic inspired dishes to share (baked beans, salads, chips, desserts).

We are carpooling from RPC. The first group leaves at 9:30 and will help the staff of Caledonia move residents to the worship space. The second group leaves at 9:50. If you have a van or SUV we hope you will volunteer to be a carpool driver. A Sign-Up Genius and sign-up sheet are available for you to volunteer to drive.

**SONGS OF PEACE** — The Oak Park Concert Chorale directed by Paul Lindblad is holding their concert here at RPC today, 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. You can purchase tickets after worship.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century, composers have been inspired by different aspects of the concept of peace.

**Is there a Bible story that you never understood?**

**A Bible story that makes you angry?**

**A Bible story that confuses you?**

If so the Worship series for May and June is just for you. I am inviting you to share those stories with me, and then some of those stories will become the text that we explore during Worship on Sunday morning. Call, text or email and we will figure them out together! Dale

**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.”

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** — Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Offering envelopes are in the pews, or you may note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

**HUMAN SCENE** — We have begun 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.

April 22 - "Raising the Dead" with Sara Miles

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS** — The challenge is on — can we beat it? Along with the CARERS Committee, we are aiming to donate 100 boxes of cereal in the month of April. As an added incentive, kids get extra stickers for every box they bring in. (And we just added new goodies to the reward box!) Next week in Sunday school we will talk about the ways we can choose to live joyfully in this moment and let go of all worries. If the weather is good, this lesson will take place outside.

**BIBLE PRESENTATION** — 2nd grade Bible Sunday is April 22nd. All kids 2nd grade (or older) who have not received a Bible are invited to be part of this special day. Please email or call Susan Zander for more information.

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

**CARERS COMMITTEE & KIDS UNITE IN APRIL** — This month the CARERS Committee, in conjunction with the Sunday School, will be collecting cereal of all kinds for the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**— Our annual Geranium Sale begins and ends this month. The quality of the geraniums is always top notch. Look for an order form in your bulletin. The flowers will be delivered to RPC on Monday, May 7 in time for Mother’s Day. Thanks for your continued support!

**SAVE THE DATE!!** This year our theme for Summer Camp is “God’s Earth, Our Home” and it will take place 7/11-7/13 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will be learning about the ways we can care for God’s world through a variety of games and activities. Watch this space for more details on how you can register your children (and how you can lend a hand)! In the meantime, email Susan Zander if you have any questions.

**WOMEN’S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — meets **Wednesday, April 25** 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 Eight “In Community with the Household of Faith”. Hebrews 3:1-6; Numbers 12:7; Hebrews 13:1-6; James 2:1-4; Psalms 127:1-2. Kate Chard, Leader.

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY** — The next work day is on April 22 from 1-3 p.m. On that day we expect to replace the fluorescent lights in the social hall with new LED lighting. Compared to fluorescent lighting the new LED lighting will provide brighter consistent lighting and use half the energy. The bulbs last 13x times longer than fluorescent bulbs and are better for the environment.

**HOLY LAND** It’s not too late to sign up for our trip to the Holy Land ~ September 3-12.