

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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April 8, 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)

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**Susan Lisle, Preschool Director** (rpcpreschool@rpcusa.org)

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Today

10:00 Worship-Jazz

Sunday

11:00 Deacon Potluck

#### Monday

6:30 pm Theology on

Tap

7:00 Trustees Meeting

#### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Finance

Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday

4:15 pm Riverside

Singers and Ringers

6:30 acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 Chancel Choir

#### Thursday

6:30 am Women's

Forum

#### Friday

Office Closed

#### Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

11:15 Worship & Music

Committee Meeting

2:00 pm Caledonia

4:00 pm Oak Park

Concert Chorale

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm



#### **SERIES ON EARTH DAY —**

*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

Following Easter Sunday, our Worship will focus on the care of the earth. Earth Day is Sunday, April 22. Part of my sermons will be informed by the book *Creation-Crisis Preaching: Ecology, Theology, and the Pulpit* by the Reverend Doctor Leah Schade.

In her book Dr. Schade asks: "How can we proclaim justice for God's Creation in the face of global warming? How does fracking fit with the earth and its fullness are the Lord's?" Dr. Schade works with the "premise that all of Creation, including humankind, needs to hear the Good News of Jesus' resurrection in this age in which humanity is "crucifying" Creation." Dr. Schade is informed by years of experience as an environmental activist and minister; she encourages us to learn to interpret the Bible through a "green" lens and become rooted in environmental theology.

As part of our worship, the Session has tasked me with forming an **Eco-Justice Task Force**, that will help us as a congregation think of ways that we can touch the earth lightly. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to me. — Dale

*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

### **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.

**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. You can purchase tickets after worship or at the church office during the week.

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.

**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 15 - "Life Wins" with Maggie Barankise

April 22 - "Raising the Dead" with Sara Miles

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS** — Along with the CARERS Committee, we are collecting cereal boxes this month with a goal of raising 100 boxes. The children will get additional stickers for each cereal box they bring in. Join us next week for Sunday school, as we discuss how noticing the ways things or people are the same will gradually expand our awareness to help us feel a part of a larger reality.

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

**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, 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 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS”** —The inaugural 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is happening soon....Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 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 cookout 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 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!

**WORSHIP AT CALEDONIA** — Join us in the worship service for the residents of Caledonia on April 15 at 2 pm.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR, DIANTE JOHNSON**— Diante Johnson is a Chicago public school Educator who earned his BA from Columbia college of Chicago and his Masters from North Central University. His entire life has been spent and devoted to the church. In his early years he traveled the world as a gospel musician. He’s also played on several gospel records and is a well-known Chicago musician. He has three beautiful children who are 15,10, and 9. He’s a student of the gospel and is always willing to serve at any capacity.

**CARDS AND WELL-WISHES APPRECIATED**— We have been praying for good health for Lucille Christensen for several weeks. She is still in rehab and her son Dan asked us to help him boost her spirits. Please let her know you care by sending a card or letter to her at: 378 Bimini Cay Circle, Vero Beach FL 32966