

## SEPTEMBER 30 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**FIFTH SUNDAY: September 30** — Everyone Invited!! Caring for the Community and being Christian includes caring for our environment and the world that God created! On September 30 we will be doing ecological restoration at Arie Crown Forest Preserve, 6800 LaGrange Road in Countryside, in conjunction with the Des Plaines River Valley Ecological Restoration Project. Obviously, we will be working outdoors, so dress appropriately. Dress for the weather, also closed-toes shoes, long pants, long sleeve shirts, maybe a baseball hat. The site stewards will supply tools and gloves, and give direction/instruction, as well as some history. We will start with brief introductions to each other and to the Arie Crown Forest Preserve. The work may include sawing, lopping, carrying and piling brush, pulling weeds, burning brush piles, maybe collecting or scattering seeds. We have reserved a picnic shelter (Thank you Matt Lisle). There are plenty of tables in the picnic shelter.

**If you are going to work and would like to carpool, please be at the church by 9:30. You can also meet us at 10:00 at the Preserve.**

**If you feel you are unable to join us in the work, please join us whenever you like for fellowship. We have picnic tables and you can bring a lawn chair and enjoy the beautiful fall morning. Bring a good book or the Bible and catch up on your reading.**

**We will eat together between 12:00 and 12:30 please bring some picnic food to share. Before the meal Reverend Jackson will share a brief devotion.**

### **Enriching CommYOUity**

Thursday, October 11,

Lite meal at 6:00 pm,

Programs for all ages at 6:30 pm.

RSVP to Riverside Presbyterian Church, 447-1520

Adult options include:

"The Continuing Refugee Crisis" led by Jim Porter, the Communications and Policy Coordinator for RefugeeOne.

"Blessed are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life," by \* *The Kerygma Program* led by Pastor Dennis Lauritsen.

"Parenting in 2018" Parents this is a discussion support group moderated by Susan Zander

Children elementary through middle school will study the story of the Good Samaritan. Child Care will be provided.

Sponsored by the Riverside/North Riverside Covenant Network of Churches

**OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION UPDATE** — Full of brats, and beer and gemütlichkeit, our 2018 Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction was a rollicking success. All told, from Live and Silent Auctions, generous donations, and free-will offerings for food and drink, we raised a whopping \$15,348, which will go a long way towards helping us with our annual budget. Thanks to all who donated, set up, bought, cleaned up and most of all had fun while supporting RPC!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns on Mondays in October at the Grapevine in La Grange. We begin gathering at 6:30 for dinner, and discussion begins at 7:00. Watch the announcements for our next topic.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** — We need canned chicken and tuna. Canned vegetables, oatmeal, soups, small containers of laundry detergent, small boxes of raisins and trail mix are also useful. **No drink mixes needed at this time. No fresh fruit or vegetables.**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** — Please contact the church office if you would like to host in October.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Sunday school has started and is open to all ages. If you have any questions regarding Sunday school feel free to call, text or email Diante. Email: [diante\\_johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:diante_johnson@yahoo.com) cell: 773-387-3779  
Below are the dates and lessons that will be covered on those dates:

**Fall Sunday School Lessons and Dates**

September 30 and October 7 – No Sunday School

October 14 - Abram's and Sarah's visitors

**YOUTH GROUPS**—The first Sr. High Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, October 7. If your children would like to participate in either Sr. High Youth Group or Jr. High Youth Group, please contact Diante ([diante\\_johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:diante_johnson@yahoo.com) or cell: 773-387-3779) with any questions.

**CHOIR NEWS** — It's going to be an exciting year in the Manse! The Chancel in the Sanctuary is all one level — no more tripping or falling while running up and down stairs, more room for bell tables and visibility. It is all aesthetically beautiful as well.

**Chancel Choir** started September 12 at 7:30 pm

**acaBELLa Ringers** started September 19 at 6:30 pm

**Riverside Ringers & Singers** started September 19, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Please contact Sally Sloane [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net) 708/822-0655 for more information.

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY** — Sunday, October 14, 1:00-3:00 pm

**WORSHIP AT CANTATA**— The Deacons welcome all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata on October 7 at 2:00 pm.

**CARERS CORNER OCTOBER**— This autumn the CARERS trunk will be ready and waiting for donations of nonperishable foods. Remember - NO glass jars or flimsy plastic cups. They're breakable. The contributions will be distributed to local food pantries.

**COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER** is a prison ministry which consists of sending Christmas cards to prisoners. There are packs of 10 cards located on a table by the CARERS trunk. Please take one or more packs and follow the GUIDELINES listed with the cards. Deadline is Sunday, October 28.

**IRUKA AJEMBA MEMORIAL** — Our efforts to raise funds for a grave headstone for Iruka Ajemba, the Nigerian woman who worshipped with us in early 2016 prior to her tragic death, are proceeding well, thanks to a number of generous RPC members and others. As of today, we have raised \$739.49 toward the \$1,300 goal. If you wish to contribute, you may do so online at [www.gofundme.com/iruka-ajemba-memorial](http://www.gofundme.com/iruka-ajemba-memorial) or make a check out to RPC or put cash in an envelope with "Iruka Ajemba Memorial" indicated and place it in the offering. Please include your name, so we know whom to thank. We hope to complete the campaign within the next month, so the headstone can be ordered and installed before winter comes. Thank you!

**SHARE THE HARVEST** – Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, 2017 W. 110<sup>th</sup> Place, Chicago. We've grown and shared and now it's time to give thanks – to God and to all of Grace Seeds Ministry's amazing Share the Harvest partners! Join us to celebrate, network, learn and give thanks! Keynote speaker Jerry Hossli will teach us how to make our gardens grow even better by attracting beneficial insects to our growing spaces! You'll get to build an "insect hotel" you can take home. Jerry is an active University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist, Master Gardner and Master Composter. We'll finish our celebration with a luncheon feast! We invite you to bring a dish to share. PLEASE RSVP by October 6 so we know how many "insect hotels" we need to provide. Call 773-495-7865 or email [graceseedsministry@gmail.com](mailto:graceseedsministry@gmail.com) See you at the celebration!

*Trustees of the Month September:* Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel

*Trustees of the Month October:* Susan Deems-Dluhy and Connie Nestor

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **Sunday, 9/30**

Fifth Sunday

### **Tuesday, 10/2**

6:30 am Men's Forum

### **Wednesday, 10/3**

4:15 pm Riverside Ringers & Singers

6:30 acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, 10/4**

6:30 am Women's Forum

**Friday, 10/5**

Office Closed

**Sunday, 10/7**

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

11:00 Sr. High Youth Group

2:00 pm Cantata

**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday

9:00 am – 3:00 pm