



**FIFTH SUNDAY: September 30** — Caring for the Community and being Christian includes caring for our environment and the world that God created! On September 30<sup>th</sup> 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. The work will be physically demanding (but oh, so rewarding), so dress appropriately. Dress for the weather, also closed-toes shoes, (NO open shoes or sandals), 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. We will plan to share a meal together after the workday. More specific schedule details will be provided, but as usual, we will meet at the church at 9:30 AM and carpool to the site.

**IRUKA AJEMBA MEMORIAL** - A GoFundMe campaign has been launched 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. 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 with "Iruka Ajemba Memorial" in the note section and place it in the offering; or put cash in an envelope on which you may write the same thing and place that in the offering, including your name, if you wish. We have raised \$390 toward the \$1,300 goal so far and hope to complete the campaign within the next month, so the headstone can be ordered and installed before winter comes. Many thanks to those who have contributed so far!

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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September 16, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Today

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 Coffee  
Fellowship  
1:00 pm All Church  
Family Work Day  
2:00 Caledonia

#### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

#### Wednesday

4:15 pm Riverside  
Ringers & Singers  
6:30 acaBELLa Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday

6:30 am Women's  
Forum

#### Friday

Office Closed

#### Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship -  
Blessing of the  
Animals  
11:00 Coffee  
Fellowship  
11:15 Mission  
Committee Meeting  
5:00 pm Oktoberfest  
Dinner and Auction

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



**OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION** — Sunday, September 23. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm and will include brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad and yummy desserts. This is the main fundraiser for the church this year, and we hope you will all join in (**and bring friends and neighbors**) to make it a successful event, full of *Gemütlichkeit!*

#### **LIVE AUCTION ITEMS**

- Homemade soups, dinners and desserts
- Getaway in the Big Easy
- Farm fresh eggs once a month
- Oil Painting by Char Kunkel
- Brunch at the Yacht Club October 21 at noon
- Cooking lessons for adults and kids
- Tequila Tasting & Margarita Making Class November 10 at the home of Tara Gregus
- Vacation at a Michigan home
- BEARS and BULLS tickets
- Dinner Parties
  - Jackson/Cobb – Based on the movie *Chocolat*
  - Hamilton – supper and storytelling
  - Jansky – a surprise!
  - Zander/Kappmeyer – Yuletide treats
- Autographed and Authenticated Photo of Devin Hester (Superbowl XLI)
- Beach party at the Dunes

***And lots of silent auction opportunities as well!***

**BLESSING THE ANIMALS** is Sunday, September 23. Please bring your animal friend, or a picture of your animal friend to be blessed. Worship will be held outside so please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 23** —The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship for the purpose of approving an amendment to the RPC Bylaws which recommends a reduction in the number of elected Elders and Trustees. The changes were emailed. Copies are available September 16 - 23 in the office and sanctuary.

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY TODAY** —1-3 pm

**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.**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns Monday, October 1 at the Grapevine in LaGrange. We begin gathering at 6:30 for dinner, and discussion begins at 7:00 pm. Watch the announcements for our next topic.

**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 23- Abram's call

October 14 - Abram's and Sarah's visitors

**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. The rehearsal start dates are as follows:

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

**acaBELLa Ringers** will start September 19 at 6:30 pm

**Riverside Ringers & Singers** will start Wednesday September 19 4:15 – 5:15 pm

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

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

**YOUTH GROUPS**—The first youth group meetings will be Sunday, October 7. If your children would like to participate in Youth Group and Jr. Youth Group, please sign them up. Contact Diante ([diante\\_johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:diante_johnson@yahoo.com) or cell: 773-387-3779) with any questions.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**—The Trustees want to thank everyone for their patience through the Capital Improvement Project! There are two remaining items to be completed -- the exterior painting and the Good Shepherd Window. The exterior painting should start soon but shouldn't be too much of an inconvenience for church activities. The restoration of the Good Shepherd Window is continuing. The exterior storm windows are almost complete, and the exterior scaffolding should then be removed. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a trustee.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — meets **Wednesday, September 26** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*God's Promise*" by Amy Poling Sutherland. God's promise to be with us allows us to consider the surprising and powerful intimacy of God's willingness to be with us in all our circumstances. Lesson Two "God with Us in Our Uncertainty". Elizabeth Musick, Leader.

**CARERS CORNER SEPTEMBER** — Fill the trunk for BEDS-Plus in LaGrange, which provides safe overnight shelter and services to homeless people. The following items are utilized at the facility in large quantities: **ground coffee (decaf only), drink mixes (lemonade, cider, cocoa), napkins, paper towels, dish detergent, 13 and 30-gallon garbage bags.**

**WORSHIP AT CALEDONIA** — The Deacons welcome all members to join us today at 2 pm in the worship service for the residents of Caledonia.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Thank you* to Pastor Doug Asbury, our preacher today.

*Ushers:* Mike and Gwen Heine

*Liturgist:* Jeanne Smith

*Andrew Minister:* Cyril Friend

*Flowers today* are given in celebration of her sister, Linda's, birthday from Paula McCracken; and also given in loving memory of her mother, Eula Thomason Silverthorn, from Elizabeth S. Musick, with thanksgiving to God. *Coffee Fellowship* today is hosted by the Schade family.

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