

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 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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Gabriel Swaine for joining today's Ministry of Music. Gabriel is a third grader at Whittier School in Oak Park and a member of our Riverside Ringers and Singers.

Usher: Susan Lynch

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Andrew Ministers: Connie Kelly and David Harper

Coffee fellowship is hosted by the Women's Forum.

Trustees of the Month September: Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel

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

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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OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION — TODAY!

Dinner starts at 5:00 pm and will include brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad and yummy desserts (some baked by Dennis Cobb). Beer and wine available for a free-will donation. The list of items to be auctioned, both live and silent, is awesome! Lots of events to fill up your social calendar — dinner parties, vacation houses, Bears, Bulls and Cubs tickets and all kinds of other goodies. This is the main fundraiser for the church this year, and we hope you will attend **and bring friends and neighbors** to make it a successful event, full of *Gemütlichkeit*! See Ellen for a complete list of auction items and silent auction items.



CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY —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 in the office and sanctuary.

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 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 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 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 708/822-0655 for more information.

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

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 Sutherlun. 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.**

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.

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.

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 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 \$465 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!

LION'S CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR —FRANK GANGWARE —There is a dinner honoring Frank on Thursday, September 27 at the Riverside Golf Club (cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm). Tickets are \$45 and available at the Riverside Bank, Riverside Library and Aunt Diana's.