

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

*Liturgist:* Susan Lynch  
*Ushers:* Wendy Seifert and Claire Gangware  
*Andrew Minister:* Connie Kelly  
*Coffee Fellowship* is hosted by the Holy Land travelers.  
*Trustees of the Month:*  
 Brad Staubus and Cyril Friend

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

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**FACEBOOK USERS** — You can easily help RPC promote its activities and mission. First, if you haven't done so already, "Like" RPC's Facebook page. Then when you see something in your news feed that interests you or that you'd like others to see, react to it in some way by either liking or loving the post. Or better yet, especially if it's an event RPC is hosting, "Share" the event to your own Facebook page! That automatically lets your friends know what is happening at RPC and hopefully will encourage them to attend and invite others. Events and other posts that are shared spread exponentially through the community.



### 2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

#### Elders

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	

#### Deacons

2019	2020	2021
Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	

#### Trustees

2019	2020	2021
Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
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January 27, 2019 ~ Announcements



**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Mondays, at the Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange. Join us for dinner from 6:00-7:00 pm. Study begins at 7:00 pm. Please begin reading *Why Religion?: A Personal Story* by Elaine Pagels. *Why is religion still around in the twenty-first century? Why do so many still believe? And how do various traditions still shape the way people experience everything from sexuality to politics, whether they are religious or not?*

*These questions took on a new urgency for Pagels when dealing with unimaginable loss—the death of her young son, followed a year later by the shocking loss of her husband. Here she interweaves a personal story with the work that she loves, illuminating how, for better and worse, religious traditions have shaped how we understand ourselves; how we relate to one another; and, most importantly, how to get through the most difficult challenges we face.*

*Drawing upon the perspectives of neurologists, anthropologists, and historians, as well as her own research, Pagels opens unexpected ways of understanding persistent religious aspects of our culture.*



Series: "A Light to Enlighten the Nations"

**LECTIONARY WORSHIP SERIES** – Epiphany Sunday, January 6, we began a worship series based on the Common Lectionary called: *A Light to Enlighten the Nations*. We follow Jesus in the Gospel of Luke and discover how He shines a light beyond Israel, to the whole world.

### Today

10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Annual Congregational Meeting  
 11:20 am Fellowship  
 11:30 am Mission Meeting  
 3:00 pm The Boulevard

### Monday

6:30 pm Theology on Tap

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

### Wednesday

10:00 am Women's Circle for Fellowship and Study

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

### Sunday

8:45 am Confirmation Class

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Open Gym

11:00 am Fellowship

2:00 pm Cantata

### Mission Statement

We gather as a church to:  
 Celebrate God's presence,  
 Nurture the Spiritual Life,  
 Carry the light of Christ into the world,  
 Serve God by serving others.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — today immediately following worship. The Annual Report is available on our website under the Resources tab. Hard copies are available in the rack outside the office and at the back of the sanctuary for those who need them.

**FREE BOOKS**—Books from the Berwyn Presbyterian Church have been donated and are in the front hallway. Take a look and help yourself if anything is of interest to you. A new shipment just arrived!

**ARMCHAIR VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND**—You won't even need to leave your seat unless you want food or coffee! Come see photos and souvenirs and hear about our travels from some of those who went to Jerusalem and on to Egypt, today after the Annual Congregational Meeting, during coffee time.

**2018 – WHAT A YEAR!** — I am delighted to announce that we closed 2018 with a balanced budget (-0-). This was an extraordinary improvement on our budgeted deficit of (\$13, 854) and required NO CASH INFUSION FROM THE SUPPORT FUND! Thanks to each and every one of you who made and kept a pledge and even gave an extra month if you could. This result, coupled with our Capital Campaign Pledges of \$341,714 (to date), demonstrate the strength and vibrancy of our congregational commitment. Cheers to all – your Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** —Sunday School is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Sunday School semester. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante at 773-387-3779 or [diantejohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:diantejohnson@yahoo.com). **February 3 – Jesus' Baptism**

**CHURCH MAILBOXES** — The church mailboxes have been reorganized. The names are on the top of the mailbox. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself, find your mailbox and regularly check it for important information.

**PRESCHOOL** — Registration for the 2019-2020 preschool year has begun! If you know someone who is interested in our preschool program, please pass this on.

**Enriching CommYOUity** returns Thursday, February 28, 6:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church. In honor of World Day of Prayer (March 1), there will be prayer stations, a topical discussion on Human Trafficking and Evening Prayer.

**DEACONS POTLUCK** — Serina Ranft and the Deacons are hosting a Valentine's potluck on February 10. Please bring foods you LOVE to celebrate Valentine's Day.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** — Thank you for generous contributions — during the month of December. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and canned or individual plastic fruit cups.**



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE** — There are sign-up sheets for all sorts of fun things to do – such as **donating flowers for the church service**, or **hosting coffee fellowship** after Sunday worship, and for **ushering**. We need 2 volunteers to usher for every worship service. It's fun, easy, and very much appreciated!! No previous experience is required. Please stop by the board and sign up.

**2019 PER CAPITA** is \$34.22 per member. Please consider rounding up or paying an extra per capita for those who find it a difficulty.

**CARERS CORNER JANUARY**— In January, CARERS Committee will assist The Boulevard (formerly Interfaith House). Homeless people temporarily live at The Boulevard while recuperating from illness or injury. When these folks are able to be on their own, they will need tools for basic repairs, cooking gear, utensils, towels, small appliances and other essential household items. Thank you for donating these items.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — Please note, the date has been changed due to weather. The new date is Wednesday, January 30 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. Lesson Five "God with Us When We're Powerless". God's promise of presence when we are powerless invites us to lay down our weapons of worry and keep our eyes on God. 2Chronicles 20:1-30; Deuteronomy 20:1-4. Led by Elizabeth Musick.

**CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND TEA**—Fair trade items are offered through the Equal Exchange program. Items are located outside of Dale's office and for sale through the honor system. Proceeds will go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

**SCOUT SUNDAY** — On Sunday, February 3rd, we will host Troop and Pack 24 for Scout Sunday where we recognize and celebrate the longstanding relationship between our church and Scouts. All scouts and leaders (whether BSA or GSA) are invited to wear their uniforms to our worship. Coffee fellowship will be hosted by Troop and Pack 24 on that day - Scout families, please bring a treat to share.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 2nd 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 if purchased in advance – available from scouts and the church office. Thank you for your support of our annual fundraiser!