

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH 3, 2019

SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST — Troop 24/Pack 24 Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, March 2, 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!

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE — Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, March 6. On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Jackson will be at the Riverside train station at 6:30 am for the imposition of ashes. Reverend Jackson will also be in the sanctuary from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm and 6:00 pm-7:00 pm for the imposition of ashes.

In Worship throughout the season of Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. We are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service which will conclude with communion.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion. Sunday, April 28, is our annual Jazz Sunday.

CHOCOLATE FOR LENT — Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film Chocolat, our next Theology on Tap series invites us to use Lent and chocolate to gain deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Join us Monday, March 4 at 6:30 in the parlor and we will watch the movie and enjoy pizza together, please RSVP to the office, so we secure enough pizza. Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 15 we will then meet at 7:00 in the parlor for discussion and Chocolate desserts!!

SPRING FORWARD! Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 9 for Daylight Saving Time!

DEACONS POTLUCK — Deb Jansky and the Deacons are hosting a St. Patrick's Day potluck on March 17. Get your green on and join us. Please bring your favorite dish to pass to celebrate the Irish and St Patrick's Day.

LOOSE COIN OFFERING—On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money goes to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

OPEN GYM FOR KIDS SUNDAY—Supervised free time during coffee fellowship Sunday. When dropping your kids off at the gym, please wait with them until the childcare helpers arrive.

STEWARDSHIP AUCTION FUNDRAISER—This year the fall stewardship auction will be held in the spring immediately following worship on Sunday, May 5. A Cinco de Mayo themed meal will be provided. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please contact Ellen Hamilton or the church office. The fall Oktoberfest will be a community-wide event this year.

JUBILATE: Oak Park Concert Chorale at RPC!

Sunday March 31, 2019 @ 4pm, Paul Lindblad, Director

Tickets for sale in the church office: Adults \$18.00; Students & Seniors \$10.00

CARERS TRUNK MARCH is for BEDS Plus in LaGrange. BEDS Plus provides safe overnight shelter and services for the homeless. Supplies needed: Ground Decaf Coffee, No Tea, Drink mixes - Lemonade, Cider, Cocoa.

PRESCHOOL RAFFLE AND BOOK FAIR — The Raffle and Book Fair will run through Wednesday, March 6. We have many fabulous baskets!! The Book Fair will be open, and the raffle baskets will be on display at the Riverside Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, March 3 after church. The Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 6. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The raffle basket list is in the office and on the bulletin board.

URGENT REQUEST: Companions Journeying Together MOTHER'S DAY

PROJECT— Each year we supply packets of pretty writing materials to imprisoned women and juveniles, so they have something nice to send their mother or children on Mother's Day. Once again we ask your help. Materials needed: postage stamps, stationery (not white), note cards: blank, Mother's Day, Thinking of You, gallon zip lock bags, donations to help cover delivery costs. Please make checks payable to: Companions, Journeying Together, Inc. Do not send cards, envelopes or stationery that has anything glued, pasted or taped on it or stickers attached. Donations are due by Sunday, March 10.

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. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **March 3 – Woman at the Well, March 10 – A Storm**

DAILY DEVOTIONALS—Copies of the March-April Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY —Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 am—11:00 am.

TREASURER AWAY—Ellen will be out of the country looking for Bengal tigers March 3-25. Don't worry, she's already paid the light and heat bills!

WORSHIP AT CANTATA SUNDAY — Join us in the worship service for the residents

at 2 pm Sunday.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups**. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

SHARE THE HARVEST — **Oh the weather outside is frightful, but gardening is so delightful!** Yes it's winter, but in less than 408 hours, spring will be here. Take time now to look at your outside and see where you could plant a garden for Share the Harvest.

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak

Ushers: Will and Susanne Vogel

Communion Servers: Gwen Heine, Patti Friend, Sandy Kappmeyer and Charlie Juister.

Andrew Minister: Cyril Friend

Trustees of the Month: Doug Harvin and Fred Mitchell

Flowers are given by Carol O'Meara in memory of her parents, Evelyn and Ed Fetta.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Marilyn Slanec.

Thank you to the Riverside Singers for joining Sunday's Ministry of Music.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 3/3

9:00 am Confirmation Class

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Open Gym

2:00 Caledonia

Tuesday, 3/5

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday—Ash Wednesday, 3/6

6:30 am Disposition of Ashes
12:00 pm Disposition of Ashes
6:00 pm Disposition of Ashes

Thursday, 3/7

6:30 am Women's Forum

Sunday, 3/10

9:00 am Confirmation Class
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Outreach Committee
11:15 am Support and Endowment