



Friends,

Here we are, halfway through 2020 and almost half of that has been spent in quarantine due to COVID. I miss all of you! The grapevine reports our members have remained healthy and virus-free – I hope we all stay that way.

I asked Dale if I could use this space to THANK YOU for being Faithful Givers. From the beginning of quarantine, we have lived with the fear - "Out of Sight, Out of Mind" - for the pledges and other contributions on which we rely to pay the operating costs of RPC. (As a reminder, Session voted to continue paying salaries for all staff during quarantine.) We are so grateful that, for the most part, our members have continued to financially support our ministry.

A few highlights that especially warmed my heart:

- 1) Numerous members have contributed to the Little Food Pantry and the new outdoor-rated refrigerators (paid in full!) we had to purchase to satisfy Village requirements. THANK YOU!
- 2) Members continue to honor their pledges to the Capital Campaign: to date, we have paid off \$85,000 of our loan, leaving a remaining balance of \$144,000. THANK YOU! We still have a year and a half to go in our campaign, so keep those contributions coming in!
- 3) Pledge contributions have slowed as summer begins – that's fairly normal, but nothing else about our current situation is normal, so THANK YOU but don't forget us!

I am still hoping that we will be able to have our Service Auction before year end. This fundraiser is critical to balancing our budget. Without it, every dollar of pledged income we receive becomes even more vital. Please consider whether you can contribute all or part of what you may have spent at the auction as an act of faith that someday soon we will once again have dinners and other occasions to celebrate.

Due to the church closure and COVID concerns, our Counters Dennis Cobb and Doug Asbury only meet once towards the end of the month to total and deposit the donations that are sent in. So don't worry if you don't see your check clear right away - or call me if you want to insure we've received it.

Finally, you should have received a donation statement as of May 30. (If you sent in a check very late in May, it will likely be part of the June count and deposit). Should you have any questions, please call, or email me. I am in the office every few days and will respond to you promptly.

Thank you again and remember - God loves a cheerful giver - and so do we!

Your Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton

For information on joining worship on the internet or phone please see the bulletin. Worship is offered on our YouTube channel, and folks can join us on their telephone via Zoom. If you don't have a computer or tablet but do have a "smart" TV, you should be able to go to the YouTube channel on the TV and watch the service. If you would like a DVD of the service please contact me. The entire RPC building is closed. There are no in-person meetings and the only people allowed in the building are those stocking the food pantry and staff on an as-needed basis.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



ZOOM COFFEE TIME—Sunday mornings after the worship service you are invited to join Zoom coffee time. Here is the information you need to join us.

<https://zoom.us/j/198259471?pwd=VFJuSDJmOE5uK2N0SWtKY2hlYmxKZz09> or to dial in 1(312)626-6799

Meeting ID: 198 259 471, Password: 928313

JOYS & CONCERNS – Healing for Monica Wood and Jack Smith. Healing for Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law. Prayers for Ruth and Frank Svestka, while Ruth awaits her upcoming surgery. Continued prayers for Olivia, a friend of the Nadkarni family, as she undergoes treatment in the hospital for cancer.

TITHES & OFFERINGS—The Session is committed to paying all staff during these difficult days. The ministry and mission of the congregation not only continues but is more important than ever. Please mail your tithes and offerings to the church at 116 Barrypoint Road, Riverside, IL 60546. You can also give online.



YOU CAN BE A PART OF WORSHIP – If you would like to serve as Liturgist, please email Reverend Jackson, pastor@rpcusa.org

THEOLOGY ON TAP– Monday June 29 at 7:00 on Zoom. We are reading *Soulwork of Clay: A Hands-On Approach to Spirituality* which is a companion study to the worship series.

Here is the login information for Zoom for Theology on Tap each week:

<https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXITc3ozQT09>

Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Password: 636553

EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE ITEMS —We have many organic fair-trade items for sale (tea, coffee, baking cocoa and hot cocoa, chocolate chips and chocolate bars). If you'd like more detailed information on products or to place an order, contact the church office to arrange contact-free pick up.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS —Fresh produce will always be available Monday and Friday. If you are interested in volunteering to pick up produce once a month, please contact Tara Gregus at 708-447-9551. Canned food and monetary donations are always needed and welcome. Thank you!

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL – has been tentatively rescheduled from July 15 to **September 16**.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS – copies of the July-August Upper Room are available. Contact the office if you'd like to arrange contact-free pick up.

JULY CALENDAR - Due to covid-19 and the fact that all committees take the month of July off, we are not printing a July calendar. Please watch the weekly announcements for upcoming news.



Stephanie Messner, 7/1

Deb Pike, 7/3

Jim Marciniak, 7/11

Lorraine Meyer, 7/16

Cody Kazarian, 7/20

Cyril Friend III, 7/25

Sally Sloane, 7/27

Kirsten Jantze, 7/30

Elowyn Scheetz, 7/1

Natalie Lisle, 7/6

Avery Long, 7/13

Cooper Sahlas, 7/17

Margaret Vacek, 7/20

Fred Mitchell, 7/25

Kendall Hastings, 7/29

Susan Zander, 7/30

Jim Ulrich, 7/1

Patti Perry, 7/6

Murphy Regan, 7/15

Lynda Nadkarni, 7/18

Allie Burke, 7/25

John Lynch, 7/26

Dale Jackson, 7/30

Justin Kreimes, 7/31