



Friends,

One of the many things I have discovered during this time is the number of rumors that circulate about what is safe and not safe when we can meet, are churches somehow exempt – etc. What I know is that through May, we are not having in person worship and I expect that will continue to be the case for at least part of June. While I cannot wait to

see all of you on Sunday morning, I also want us all to be able to gather as safely as possible. At its regularly scheduled Session meeting the Session will begin to put plans in place for what worship will look like when it is safe for all of us to be together again. Until then we continue to offer worship services on our YouTube channel, and folks can join us on their telephone via Zoom. And remember that 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. Both Men's and Women's Forum meet via Zoom as well as Theology on Tap. 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.

Pentecost is May 31. We will be celebrating virtual communion again and in the next couple of weeks I will provide details for how we will conduct worship on that Sunday which I hope will be a big birthday party for the church!

As always, if you are ill or unable to leave your house and need anything, please call me at the church office and leave a message on my voicemail, call my cellphone, or email me at pastor@rpcusa.org. You can also call your Deacon. Know that I am keeping all of you in my thoughts.

If you would like to stop receiving the weekly packet delivered by the post office please contact Linda in the church office.

Peace, Dale

For information on joining worship on the internet or phone please see the bulletin.

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=VFJuSDJmOE5uK2N0SWtKY2hYmxKZz09> or to dial in 1(312)626-6799 Meeting ID: 198 259 471, Password: 928313

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.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS—If you would like to donate canned goods (especially meat), please contact Dale and arrange for drop off. Please DO NOT place items directly in the pantry. All items are being wiped with a disinfectant and then pre-bagged. You can also make a monetary contribution. We have also had to suspend our offerings of fresh produce for the time being.



THEOLOGY ON TAP Join us Mondays at 7:00 on Zoom for a movie study. For Monday, May 11, please watch Mudbound on Netflix. Mudbound explores two Mississippi families -- one black, one white -- as they confront the brutal realities of prejudice, farming and friendship in a divided World War II era.

On Monday, May 18 we will discuss an episode in the series The Story of God. Here is the login information for Zoom for Theology on Tap each

week: <https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXlTc3ozQT09>

Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Password: 636553

GRACE SEEDS MINISTRY—Grace Seed Ministries and _____ to the Rescue! The blank space is where you insert your name in case you were wondering. We need to grow fresh produce for those in need and are looking for people to grow veggies this year. Traditionally we have pepper plants, cucumbers and tomatoes. The need has never been greater, and the Mission Committee is hoping you can help. Once you decide what you can grow, contact Steven Teune at scubateune@gmail.com, or call 636-579-1475. Once the plants arrive, Steven will deliver them to your house.



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. Here is a list of what is for sale:

Tea \$6.00 for a box of 20 bags

Green and Black Teas: Chai, Jasmine Green, Earl Grey, Green, Darjeeling
Herbal: Peppermint, Chamomile, Ginger

Decaf Black: English Breakfast

Coffee \$8.00 for a 10 oz bag

Caffeinated: Breakfast Blend (ground), French Roast (whole bean), Mind, Body & Soul (ground) and Decaf (ground)

Hot Chocolate \$6.50 for 12 oz, Dark Chocolate or Spicy (chili & cinnamon)

Baking Cocoa \$6.50 for 8 oz

Chocolate Chips \$4.00 for 10 oz

Chocolate Bars \$3.50 for a 2.8 oz bar (dark chocolate with caramel, dark chocolate with coconut milk)