



Riverside Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,

As I am looking out my open office window, I am wondering if summer is on the way out! I love fall, I love the colors, the cool brisk mornings and the warm afternoons. When 2020 began, I had no idea that we would be worshipping in such a different way. I thought the year would progress as ones before it, but here we are thinking of new ways to be church. Throughout the announcements, you will see how ministry is continuing at RPC. I invite you take part in as many of the activities as would add to your spiritual development.

If you have not “liked” our church Facebook page, you can do that here:

bit.ly/FacebookRPC

This will assure you get all our updates.

You can also subscribe to our YouTube page. You can do that here:

RPCyoutube. By subscribing, you can make sure that you can quickly access all the videos that are there and you can select to get updated when we add new content.

Dale



- ◆ Prayers for Debra Myers and family
- ◆ Joyce Van Cura
- ◆ Jack Smith
- ◆ Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law
- ◆ Monica Wood

SUNDAY INFORMATION— Join us Sunday as we celebrate communion. Please have bread or crackers & juice or wine ready to celebrate the sacrament.

Sunday morning you may call and listen to the worship service by dialing 1(312)626-6799 and using meeting ID: 973 5627 6934; Password: 960995. Stay on the line after worship and join us for Coffee Fellowship. If you are joining Coffee Fellowship after viewing worship on YouTube follow this link: <https://bit.ly/RPCFellowship>.

STORYTime

Check out the RPC YouTube channel for some great stories read by Pastor Dale & Friends. If you would like to record your favorite book reach out to Pastor Dale!

FAITH FORMATION

Intergenerational Sunday School starts Sunday, Sept. 27. The church will provide packets with complete lesson plans and activity pages for every household that would like one. All ages will enjoy our new curriculum called: *An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation*. The curriculum is designed to draw you into conversations with biblical stories that relate to elements of God's creation. Each lesson highlights



a particular biblical story and provides opportunities to focus on hearing and reflecting on the story with open-ended questions, creating meaningful art, an interactive activity based on the story, and providing an opportunity to share God's love. An accompanying video will be available on our YouTube channel. **If you want to secure a packet please contact the church office.** You can make arrangements to pick up your packet from the church, have it mailed to you, or you can pick it up at the Socially Distanced Fall Fellowship Event.



Throughout the months of August and September during our offering time you have seen the ways your financial gifts to RPC make ministry and mission in this place possible. During these uncertain days we ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021. Your financial gifts secure the future of this community of faith for years to come. Watch for your pledge card in the mail next week.

Socially Distanced Fall Fellowship—Sunday, September 20, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

- ◆ We will gather (6-feet apart) on the church lawn.
- ◆ Masks will be required except when eating some of the yummy provided food (more details to come).
- ◆ Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. A limited number of chairs will be provided.
- ◆ And start decorating your face mask now to participate in the best decorated mask contest!!

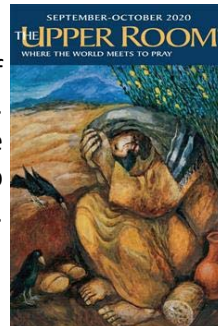
Confirmation



Class

Calling all youth eighth grade or older who would like to join Dale for virtual confirmation. Confirmation is a time for youth to explore their faith, learn about the Christian and Presbyterian traditions, and grow in community with one another.

The September—October edition of The Upper Room is available. Please contact the church office to arrange a time to pick it up or have it mailed to you.



Frank Gangware, 9/1
Cade Friend, 9/2
Jon Jansky, 9/5
Dennis Cobb, 9/6
Marika Floros, 9/6
George Meyer, 9/9
Gwen Heine, 9/10

Charles Zeman, 9/12
Bob Sprunger, 9/14
Ryan Wynn Jackson, 9/19
Robert Kreimes, 9/20
April Notarnicola, 9/21
Greta Schramm, 9/23
Scott Schwarz, 9/23

Chloe Floros, 9/25
Carter Thickens, 9/26
Brooklyn Hastings, 9/27
David Schade, 9/27
Andrew Staubus, 9/27
Bennet Regan, 9/30

Our worship series **“BEGUILED BY BEAUTY: CULTIVATING A LIFE OF CONTEMPLATION & COMPASSION”** is inspired by the book of the same name by Wendy Farley, PhD, which lays out a theology of beauty that can lead us to greater compassion through

spiritual practices of contemplation. Dr. Farley’s work helps us understand that faith in Divine Goodness is held together with suffering in order to make moments like this manageable. She shows us how a more intentional spiritual practice can deepen the well from which we draw in order to survive, and to thrive, during the trying times of our lives.



THEOLOGY ON TAP Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Dale for more information.

Schedule (again please watch the units BEFORE the class):

September 7: No Theology on Tap

September 14: Unit 4 & Gratitude Practice: Prayer Beads & Optional Conversations: Lisa Shannon Harper & Sophronia Scott

September 21: Unit 5 & Gratitude Practice: Digital Community & Optional Conversation: Carrie Newcomber

September 28: Unit 6 & Gratitude Practice: Appreciate & Welcome & Optional Conversation: Anne Lamott

October 5: Conclusion & Optional Conversation: Simran Jeet Singh

Login information to join the ZOOM discussion. <https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXlTc3ozQT09> Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Passcode: [636553](https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXlTc3ozQT09)

2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP			
Elders	2020	2021	2022
	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson
	Lynda Nadkarni	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton
	Dennis Zander	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky	Claire Gangware
	Charlie Juister	Wendy Seifert	Sylvia Schade
	Sally Sloane	Joyce Van Cura	Susanne Vogel
	Jeanne Smith		
Trustees	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken
	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan
	Hank Vogel	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus