



Riverside Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Socially Distanced Fall Fellowship

Sunday, September 20, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

- ◆ We will gather (6-feet apart) on the church lawn.
- ◆ Masks will be required.
- ◆ A selection of treats and canned water will be provided. You are invited to bring your own “nibbles”.
- ◆ Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. A limited number of chairs will be provided.
- ◆ Start decorating your face mask now to participate in the best decorated mask contest!!
- ◆ Faith Formation Packets & Stewardship information will be available!

RAIN DATE INFORMATION—in case of inclement weather our event will be postponed to Sunday, September 27. Watch your email & Facebook for postponement announcements, or reach out to Reverend Jackson via his cell phone.



- ◆ Lora Jackson and family, Dale's sister, who has been diagnosed with Covid-19
- ◆ Dr. Giancarlo Piano, friend of Sally Sloane
- ◆ Prayers for Debra Myers and family
- ◆ Joyce Van Cura
- ◆ Jack Smith
- ◆ Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law
- ◆ Monica Wood

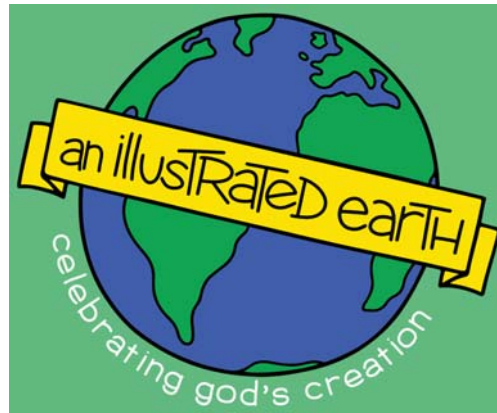
ZOOM SUNDAY INFORMATION—Sunday morning you may call and listen to the worship service by dialing 1(312)626-6799 and using meeting ID: 973 5627 6934; Password: 960995. Stay on the line after worship and join us for Coffee Fellowship. If you are joining Coffee Fellowship after viewing worship on YouTube 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.

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.



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Consider subscribing to the church’s YouTube page. You can easily stay informed of our newest content. All you need to do is tap the subscribe icon. RPCyoutube.

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.



September 20 & 27 We turn our attention to stewardship. What does it mean to be grateful? Does gratefulness impact the ways in which we support the church? Our theme verse is Jeremiah 17:8 *They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water. They won’t fear drought when it comes; their leaves will*

remain green. They won’t be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit.

Reverend Jackson will also be using the poetry of Mary Oliver who said *Instruction for living a life. Pay attention, Be astonished. Tell about it.*

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. Next week watch the announcements for international recipes to bake your own communion bread. The service will celebrate the fact that Christians all over the world share one table.

October 11—November 14 *A Way Out of No Way*. The title comes from the African-American expression that grew out of contexts of oppression and the trust that God and a tenacious people make a way in spite of the situation. We will enter the biblical narrative of God’s action in human history “already in progress” and right out of the gate we are plopped down in the middle of major crisis: Noah and the flood. We will spend six weeks witnessing other Hebrew Bible stories of God urging the people forward in times when it seems there’s no way out. We will recall our own narratives and affirm the strength God gives us to find a way through. After all, our percentage of actually living through a crisis at this point is 100%!

November 22—Virtual Pet Blessing. More information to come but start emailing Pastor Dale pictures of your furry or scaly or feathery loved ones now!!

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.

**Children's Message Series:
Beguiled By Beauty**

This Sunday I'll be shouting with joy! Make a paper megaphone and join me!

<https://cmany.org/blog/view/say-loud-megaphones/>

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 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