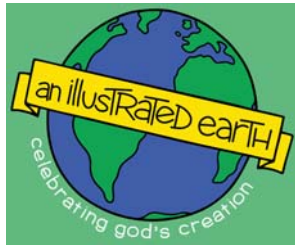




## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**



**SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS**—You are invited to a Zoom conversation from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. as we discuss the intergenerational study “An Illustrated Earth: Animal Stories.” Study and activity packets are available from the office. In each session, we will read the stories together before discussing them and engaging in whatever activities might enhance our understanding and need for expression.

All ages are welcome. Doug Asbury will facilitate the sessions. The same Zoom link will be used for all the morning activities – study, worship, and fellowship. We hope to see many of you there! Contact Doug with any questions at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com).

**FRIDAYS WITH TED**—TED is a global community, welcoming people from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world. They believe passionately in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives and, ultimately, the world.



Beginning on Friday, January 29, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom, RPC will sponsor a weekly viewing of a TED Talk followed by discussion. Please feel free to invite your friends (even non RPC members)! The first three talks will be as follows:

Jan. 29: “Your brain hallucinates your conscious reality” with Anil Seth;  
Feb. 5: “Can democracy exist without trust?” with Ivan Krastev; and  
Feb. 12: “A prosecutor’s vision for a better justice system” with Adam Foss.

Contact facilitator Doug Asbury [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com), for more information.

<https://zoom.us/j/99491619038?pwd=QWRmandlcWtkdTJiRFZPaHhSL3pDZz09>

Meeting ID: 994 9161 9038 Passcode: 899034

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**FEBRUARY 7 11:15 AM— ZOOM with Mentors**—We will cover Sessions 1 and 2. Use the Zoom Coffee Fellowship login.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Our study is called *A New Family: Throwing Open the Doors of the Sanctuary*. Through her writing and speaking, Rachel Held Evans' work opened a space for people to become involved with the evolution of their faith by example. She strived to be grace-full while admitting her imperfection. Her advocacy was for

the heart of God which is for the people of God. All people, a diverse bunch of clumsy-yet-beautiful people of different races, cultures, beliefs, faiths, genders, and sexual orientations just doing our best to be human. She was a person who reached for the outsider and brought their voice and perspective into the fold. She inspired change and sometimes provoked resistance. But as she says in this series, her hope was to start more conversations than end them.

<https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXlTc3ozQT09600> Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Passcode: 636553



Tax statements for 2020 have been mailed/emailed. If you have not received your statement, contact the Treasurer.

**PER CAPITA** —It's 2021 but per capita stays the same—\$36.00/member annually. Please remember to include this in your offerings.

- ◆ Randy Womack
- ◆ Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Del Harris, Jeanine Buttimer's father, who died last week.
- ◆ Don James and Marcia, Joyce Dobrzanski's brother and sister-in-law. Don has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.
- ◆ John Hiehle, Carol O'Meara's son-in-law, who has cancer.
- ◆ Joyce Van Cura
- ◆ Jack Smith
- ◆ Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law
- ◆ Monica Wood



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** —will have a Zoom meeting Monday, February 8 at 7:30 pm.  
**MEETING**

**COMMUNION SUNDAYS 2021** --Session approved a change to our communion dates for 2021. This year we have scheduled communion to coincide with church holidays. Those months without a church holiday will default to communion on the first Sunday of the month. We hope that celebrating communion on church holidays will help us be more mindful of the church year.

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| February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday | July 4                               |
| March 7                              | August 1                             |
| April 1 – Maundy Thursday            | September 5                          |
| April 4 – Easter Sunday              | October 31 – Reformation Sunday      |
| May 23 Pentecost Sunday              | November 21 – Reign of Christ Sunday |
| June 6                               | December 5                           |
|                                      | January 2, 2022 - Epiphany           |



**MISSION GIVING**—BEDS+ in need of help. "BEDS helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness, but we've found that the best way to end

homelessness is to stop it from ever happening. We safely shelter people and help them return to housing on the fair market or in units that we have built or leased. These approaches work well, but they demand significant investments from staff; volunteers; communities; and clients' time, energy, and patience during a harrowing period in their lives. For the first half of this fiscal year from July 1, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2020, BEDS has spent about \$220,000 in rental assistance to help about 127 households."

The Mission Committee used \$500 from the Local Peace and Global Witness Offering and the Local Pentecost Offering to make a donation on behalf of RPC. If you would like to donate please use this link: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E349514&id=11>

**PRESCHOOL NEWS** --We are now optimistically accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications are on our website for both the morning and enrichment classes.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS—HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nancy Jensen, 2/03     | Danielle Wolff, 2/18          |
| Nancy Dvorak, 2/03     | Anna Woodham, 2/19            |
| Dan Gregus, 2/06       | Brian Wolff, 2/20             |
| Karla Engel, 2/08      | Eric Wolff, 2/20              |
| Kathryn Nadkarni, 2/09 | Ben Dickerson, 2/20           |
| Devin Zander, 2/11     | Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak, 2/22 |
| Jaden Zander, 2/11     | Ruth Svestka, 2/23            |
| Richard George, 2/17   | Claire Staubus, 2/24          |



**WORSHIP SERIES** “God Is Holding our Lives” - Life is a series of exclamations from “O No!” to “Help!” to “Oh Yeah!” We can swing between disappointment, helplessness, and gratitude on a daily basis. There are also seasons of our lives when we feel inundated with more of one than the others. As we enter the new year, we had hoped we would be past the “O No!” of the last several months.

Instead we find ourselves with ongoing prayers for “Help!” The Book of Psalms knows all about this. Written over a span of time from exile and isolation to the rebuilding of the community, the poetry of the Psalms will accompany us in this series, reminding us that through it all, we can trust and even give our thankful “Oh Yeah!” because God is, indeed, holding our lives.

**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>.



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](https://bit.ly/RPCyoutube).

| <b>2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP</b> |                 |                         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Elders</b>                 |                 |                         |
| <b>2021</b>                   | <b>2022</b>     | <b>2023</b>             |
| Gwen Heine                    | Ben Dickerson   | Lisa Aulerich Marciniak |
| Allan Halline                 | Ellen Hamilton  | Sandra Kappmeyer        |
| Matt Lisle                    | Serina Ranft    | Lynda Nadkarni          |
| Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk       |                 |                         |
| <b>Deacons</b>                |                 |                         |
| Deb Jansky                    | Claire Gangware | Jeanine Buttimer        |
| Wendy Seifert                 | Sylvia Schade   | Bridget Juister         |
| Joyce Van Cura                | Susanne Vogel   | Susan Lynch             |
| <b>Trustees</b>               |                 |                         |
| Thom DeVries                  | Paula McCracken | Frank Gangware          |
| Fred Mitchell                 | Tom Radigan     | Doug Harvin             |
| Mike Heine                    | Brad Staubus    | Henry Vogel             |