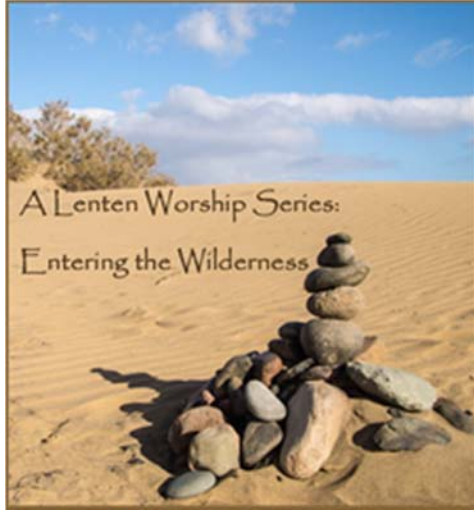




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Our Lenten Worship Series is called: Entering the Wilderness. The Bible is full of stories of people wandering in the wilderness. We begin with the Hebrew people in Exodus and then explore the times that Jesus spent time in or talked about the wilderness. These wilderness wanderings have much to teach us when it seems our world is still spinning out of control.

The Worship Series features music by *The Many*. *The Many* is a Chicago based group who came together around their shared love of music and

commitment to honest expressions of faith, peace-making, economic and racial justice, and LGBTQ+ inclusion.

Drawing on indie pop and gospel influences, *The Many* makes music to help give voice to faith and doubt, questions and fears, laments and longings, music that speaks to a non-violent God, a Jesus who is with us and for us, and to a Spirit that can't be easily defined or controlled. It's music for a movement of resistance to hatred and division, for reconciliation and restoration, and music that always reminds us "we are on this earth to love."

THEOLOGY ON TAP Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a video study of book *America's Unholy Ghosts: The Racists Roots of Our Faith and Politics* by Joel Edward Goza. Martin Luther King Jr. challenged us to investigate the "ideational roots of our hate," and that's what author Joel Edward Goza opens up for us in these films created around some of the themes in his book.



You may join us at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays (there is no need to read the book to join the discussion). Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Passcode: 636553 or

<https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXlTc3ozQT09> Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Passcode: 636553

- ◆ Randy Womack
- ◆ 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



2021 LENTEN DEVOTIONALS -- *The Way to Shalom: A Lenten Journey to Peace and Wholeness* was mailed to members and friends last week. If you do not receive your copy by next week and would like one, please contact the church office.



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — to help with the produce pick up from Aldi in Lyons Mondays and Fridays at 9:00 am. Pick up at Aldi, bring to church and fill the small outdoor refrigerators. Contact Deb Jansky at 708-822-9557 or email newhorizons002@gmail.com



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.

SESSION —will have a Zoom meeting Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm.



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>.



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.

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+ is 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>

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



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.” 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.

ZOOM FRIDAYS WITH TED 7:00—8:00 pm

TED is a global community, welcoming people from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world. RPC will sponsor a weekly viewing of a TED Talk followed by discussion. Please feel free to invite your friends (even non RPC members)!



Feb. 19 - "We need to address the real roots of racial violence" with Megan Ming Francis
 Feb. 26 - "Facebook's role in Brexit - and the threat to democracy" with Carole Cadwalladr

Contact facilitator Doug Asbury dougasbury@gmail.com, for more information.

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