

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 31, 2021

MEET REV. MARY JO DEAN—“I believe that God continues to call us all into reality, relationship, and relevance. The community that I want to serve engages that trinity in ways that are practical, visible, and open to refinement or change.” Those words, among others, led the IPNC to select the Reverend Mary Jo Dean to be RPC’s new Interim Pastor.

Rev. Dean earned her Master of Divinity/Master of Christian Education from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. Most recently, she was Pastor of Light Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sidney, NE.

Rev. Dean will start at the end of November. Stay tuned for more information on Pastor Dean and how we will welcome her to RPC!



OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN THEMED FUN FOR ALL!

Don't forget, instead of coming to worship at 10:00 am Sunday, join us for 5th Sunday.

1:30 pm – cooks needed to make chili, macaroni and cheese and cornbread muffins.

3:00 – 6:00 pm – the community will be invited to Trick-or-Treat by the manse door. Food will be distributed along with a small toy for kids. The community will also be invited to bring us a treat in the form of a canned good for the Little Food Pantry. Members and friends will take 30-minute shifts to answer the door.

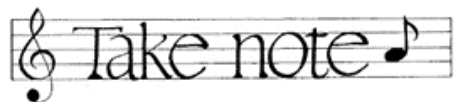
All RPC members and friends are encouraged to spread the word and to have a meal during the volunteer shift.

Contact Lynda Nadkarni for more information or to choose a shift at 708-288-0899 (cell) or missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org

TIME CHANGE—Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 7 or before you go to sleep Saturday, November 6.



WELCOME SARA! We are pleased that Sara Vacek is our tech manager. Sara started Sunday and recorded the service which is available on our YouTube channel <http://bit.ly/RPCyoutube>. She is working with a consultant from Presbytery to move us to live streaming as soon as possible. In the mean time, you will be able to view each service on YouTube.



CHOIR NEWS—It's been a very long time, but I can't imagine another Advent/Christmas season at RPC without music. Covid seems to be dying down and it feels like it's time to dip our toe in the water for a subtle comeback. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 pm. We have much to clean out of our folders and Advent/Christmas music to pass out. The bell choir is playing on Sunday November 21, so our first Sunday singing will be the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th. It just seems right. Looking forward to times of fellowship and music-making once again! - Sally

SUNDAYS WITH TED meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=dnNnbHF6cE43TXo3Q3NqSjZUHRFdz09> Meeting ID: 856 8518 2676, Passcode: 744144, Phone 312-626-6799. Email Doug Asbury with questions at dougasbury@gmail.com.

*Programs are subject to change.

Oct. 31 —Linda Hill - How to manage collective creativity

RPC IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

The Matthew 25 churches, more than 1,000 strong, are churches in the PCUSA who are committed to one or more of these actions: **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color. **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

To learn more about how other churches are responding to the call, join the [Matthew 25 Facebook Page](#). Share your ideas about how we might respond with Matt Lisle or Lynda Nadkarni.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the November-December Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—Fresh produce from Aldi's in Lyons will again become available once the store remodeling and parking lot paving are completed. Until then, bread from Jimmy John's will be available, and various local gardeners have been sharing their abundance with us from time to time, for which we are grateful! Canned food (especially meat products) and monetary donations are always needed and welcome. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica Wood
Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus



GOOD NEWS! Carrie has completed her treatment and received good news! She is doing great and in remission. She would like to thank the church for their support over the last 6 months.

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