



We are called to  
celebrate God's  
presence; Nurture  
the spiritual life of  
each individual;  
Carry the light of  
Jesus Christ to the  
world; and Serve  
God by serving  
others.

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# The Vision

April 2009

## Contemporary Worship

Easter is a time for spring growth, resurrection and new life. So, it's a good time to talk about "contemporary worship." The phrase "contemporary worship" can be interpreted in many ways. If one considers only the music, the difficulty in coming to a definition is immediately apparent. Using Biblical forms of music as a reference point, *everything* that we do in church, and everything that has been done in church over the past *thousand* years, qualifies as "contemporary worship." The music that has been played most frequently in Christian churches has changed every century since Jesus appreciated the tambourine and the lyre.

On the other hand, there are radio stations today for which "contemporary" means that nothing more than two years old is played. So, the phrase can mean almost whatever you want. To be clear, what I mean by the phrase "contemporary worship" is any form of worship that is deliberately intended to appeal *culturally* to younger persons.

I have begun dabbling in contemporary worship over the past year, and I wanted you to know that I will step up my efforts in the coming year. Some of those efforts have included: skits for announcements, question/answer sermons for confirmation, a few full-blown dramas to replace sermons, some interactive (shout out) prayers, and most recently a powerpoint sermon.



Why are these "contemporary?" They reflect a preference for visual over auditory, for dialogue over monologue, and for questioning over answering. All of these have been identified as statistically preferred by younger people.

To say that there is a difference in preferences among age groups means that not everyone will get one's own preference. Of course, it may feel that something is being *lost* if your preference is no longer the sole form of worship. But consider this. Your feeling of loss may be precisely the same as the feeling of loss that others experience whenever your cultural preference predominates.

Likewise, you have probably noticed that Dr. Sally has been moving the congregation toward some musically "contemporary" worship, such as: bongos, flutes, kids' choirs, as well as some of her snappy anthem selections and bell choir numbers. In conjunction with my efforts regarding the message, we will also seek to continue with more and more of such efforts regarding the music.

Of course, all change in the church happens gradually—that's been true for 2000 years. We will continue to re-evaluate, re-balance the mixture, and make adjustments as seems appropriate. If you have opinions or ideas on these matters, or if you would like to offer to help with any of these processes, please [contact me](#) or [Dr. Sally](#) or any member of the Worship and Music Committee (co-chairs—[Steve Teune](#) and [Liz Musick](#)).

See ya at church,  
Scott

## April Worship Schedule

**April 5** (Palm Sunday at 10:00 a.m.) Mark 11:1-11 “An Elected King” The Riverside Singers, Chancel Choir, and flutist Robin Jensen will lead our music. Is Jesus the type of king who worries about getting the rented colt back on time so as not to upset anyone? Today there will be children waving palms, and we will introduce the Christ Candle in worship. We also have Communion today and Ellen Hamilton will be making palms into crosses during fellowship hour.

**April 9** (Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.) A Tenebrae service of lessons and music with brief congregational discussion of each lesson. No kids’ sermon today. The Chancel Choir will sing Ave Verum Corpus from Mozart’s Requiem. We will celebrate Communion by intinction in the round, and the service will get darker and darker as we proceed—literally.

**April 10** (Good Friday at noon) There will be one Ecumenical Worship Service at the United Methodist Church featuring the Seven Last Words of Christ interpreted by seven area preachers. To join the Ecumenical music efforts for the day (instrumental or vocal), please contact [Pastor Bromleigh McCleneghan](#) for further instructions.

**April 12** (Easter Sunday Worship Services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.—no Sunday School today.) Mark 16:1-8 “What Will Heaven Be Like?” Solo trumpeter Jessica Musgrave, pianist Mary Ann Sadilek, Chancel Choir, and RPC Handbell choir will provide both traditional music from Handel’s Messiah as well as a new work by River Forest resident Joel Raney. We’ll talk about resurrection and the ways that Jesus continued to live in the disciples, and the ways that they believed they would continue to live after they had died.

**April 19** (Jazz Sunday at 10:00 a.m.) Andy Tecson leads the jazz band for all the music today. John 20:19-31 “Healthy Skepticism” Does God despise our natural human skepticism?

**April 26** 1 John 3:1-10 “Who Goes to Heaven?” How do we distinguish the children of God from those who are not children of God?

## Jazz Sunday – April 19

Riverside native Andy Tecson and company will provide liturgical jazz at the 10:00 a.m. service. Andy's interest in composition first took flight while studying with Ken Jandes at the American Conservatory in Chicago while Andy was in high school. While studying as an exchange student at the University of Munich, Andy Tecson performed on tenor and soprano sax with several bands that toured throughout Germany. Upon returning to Chicago, he was a member of Steve Goodman's band, Howard Levy's band and the Jump in the Saddle Band.

His interest in jazz, composition, and worship soon led him to devote his musical interests solely to composing, arranging, and leading jazz worship services. His other profession, practicing law with Chuhak & Tecson, P.C. in Chicago, helps him to serve boards committed to providing services to families and individuals, including Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois and the Cornerstone Foundation of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. His commitment to contemporary sacred music is also reflected in service on the board of Soli Deo Gloria.

In a Christian Century column, famed theologian Dr. Martin E. Marty has written that “When Tecson and company bring Jazz into the sanctuary, they induce awe.”



### Session Highlights

In March, the Session:

- ♦ authorized a Jazz Worship Service on April 19, which will feature special music by Andy Tecson and friends.
- ♦ approved beginning Sunday worship with the lighting by an acolyte of a Christ candle which will be on the Communion Table, signifying Christ's presence among us.
- ♦ emphasized the need for creating an atmosphere more conducive to meditation prior to Sunday worship services and for considering the prelude as a vital part of the beginning of worship
- ♦ approved vacation leave for Rev. Jansen from May 4-10 and June 15-21.
- ♦ approved study leave for Rev. Jansen from July 11-17.
- ♦ received, with joy, seven new members (Courtney & Frank Hooglander, James Marciniak, Chuck Niedrich, Judy Nowak, Michelle Roblee, and Amy Sahles) and nine confirmands (Molly Chaney, Colleen Cody, Marika Floros, Tyler Floros, Amanda Hejna, Jack Kemper, Taylor Vogel, Samantha Wilcox, and Abby Willinger).
- ♦ accepted with regret the resignation from session of Joyce Van Cura.
- ♦ noted with concern a significant decrease in offerings during February.
- ♦ expressed gratitude for the excellent leadership of Joe Ourth and John Cain in preparing the confirmands for church membership.
- ♦ approved allowing Riverside Garden Club to hang a banner outside of the church promoting their June 28 Garden Faire, which will take place on church grounds.



Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

### Trustees News

Status update on projects:

- ♦ Continuing progress in the ladies' restroom on the lower level! New tile has been laid, and painting completed... the partitions may even be installed by the time you read this!
- ♦ Handicap accessible bathroom—we have nearly \$14,000 in the project fund and are working on completion of an ADA grant proposal by the April 11 deadline. All donations are welcome!

Several safety items have been brought to the trustees' attention:

- ♦ The back door off the parking lot has often been found unlocked when the church is not in use. Please follow the posted instructions and contact a trustee with questions. **Remember, if you unlock the door for an event, you are also responsible to see that it is locked after everyone has left....**
- ♦ Please be sure to turn off the oven or stove after use. The oven was recently left on overnight...not only does this waste energy, but is a fire safety hazard.
- ♦ Children and teens using the gym are to be supervised by an adult at all times.

## Deacon Doings

On Saturday, March 7, the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago sponsored the 2009 Leadership, Education and Development (L.E.A.D.) conference for the whole church. A number of RPC members attended, including some of the deacons. Following a worship hour, a series of two-hour workshops were presented during the morning and afternoon, including such topics as *New Deacon Training*, *Becoming a Multicultural Church in a Multicultural World*, *Do It Yourself Mission Trip*, *Dual Citizenship – United States and the Realm of God*, and *Witnessing for Peace with Justice in the Americas*. Many of the topics covered have been useful and served as a basis for follow-up discussion in subsequent meetings.

For example, *Peace and Justice in the Americas* focused primarily on the cultural, political, and military problems in Colombia, South America, as related by Dr. Luis Rivera and a team of pastors and students from McCormick who were recently on mission efforts in that country. The deacons have had an ongoing interest in the human rights problems in Colombia for considerable time, in particular the displacement of indigenous native populations, ending aerial fumigation for coca that often kills needed agricultural crops, and providing aid to strengthen health care, education and nutrition among the displaced. With these goals in mind, the deacons at their March 17 meeting approved the disbursement of \$1,000 towards program E047871 of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which directly seeks to provide income generation and nutritional support to displaced communities in Colombia. Due to internal violence in Colombia, over 4 million indigenous people, Afro-Colombians, and campesinos (peasant farm workers) have been displaced. The deacons continue to maintain an active concern for the humanitarian problems in Indonesia, Latin America, Africa and Colombia in particular. As such, they support the efforts of the PC(USA) and the United Nations for their work with internal refugees, displaced women, and threatened indigenous communities.

In other business, the deacons voted to allocate \$500 for two students toward the summer Mission Trip to Tennessee to work in the Appalachian community. They also authorized the production of RPC T-shirts for members doing mission / community service work as well as making them available at minimal cost to the congregation. Deacon Lloyd Bradbury developed the design for the shirts. It was also determined that the RPC youth group will provide assistance by giving the service at the British Retirement Home in the month of May.

April Sign-Up		
Ushers	Coffee Fellowship	Flowers
April 5            Miezio Family	April 5            Lisle Family	April 5            Ourth Family
April 9            Buttimer Family	April 12          Marilyn Slanec	April 12          Easter Lilies
Dennis Sadilek	April 19          OPEN	April 19          OPEN
April 12 9:00 Vogel Families	April 26          Mission Trip BBQ	April 26          Staubus Family
April 12 10:30 Andy Hart,		
Doug Harvin,		
John & Marjorie Lewe		
April 19           Aieta Family		
April 26           Scuff and Sue Gross		
Martha & Lou Heine		

## Update our Records

We are converting records to a new computer database for churches, and want to update our information. Please pick up your family data pages at church, or watch for them in the mail. Please complete and return them to the church office as soon as possible. Thanks so much!





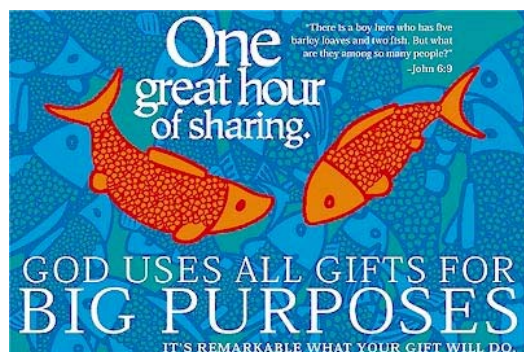
# Welcome



Above: Although not a brand-new member, Erika Lawson Morrison evaded photographers for months. Welcome, Erika!



Right: Baptized on March 8 was John Daniel Luethje, with parents Daniel and Michelle Luethje and sister Lilly Luethje, and godparents, Anna Tess (also aunt), and Brian Maher



## One Great Hour of Sharing

**Kids:** remember to bring your fish banks on April 5 or 12.

**Adults:** offering envelopes are in the pews, or you may note *One Great Hour of Sharing* in the memo line of your check.

### What is One Great Hour of Sharing?

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through *One Great Hour of Sharing* to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response,

refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

### Where does the money go?

The [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) receives 36 percent of *One Great Hour of Sharing* gifts, while the [Self-Development of People](#) and [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) each receive 32 percent.

## CARERS Corner

**Pasta and Rice** are the requested offerings for the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago for the month of April. These staples are so necessary when other more expensive food is not part of the budget. As always we rely on your generosity and are thankful for your continued kindnesses.



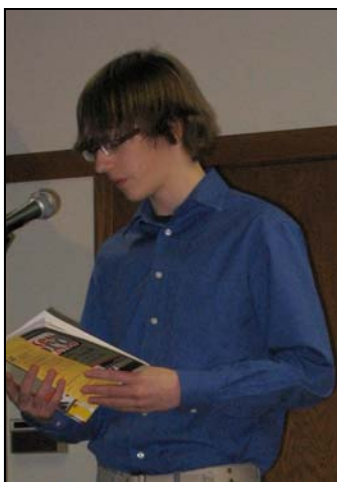
### RPC Coffee House Open Mic Night

Did you hear the funky folksy foursome of Frank Gangware, John Haugland, Bev Aieta, and Jim Marciniak? If you missed our first Open Mic Night on March 8, you'll have to plan on attending next year because you missed something special!

The Fellowship Hall was transformed by Connie Kelly into a warm and intimate Coffee House venue for our twenty homegrown acts coordinated by John Haugland.

We knew there was talent in our congregation, and this was confirmed as we enjoyed musical performances featuring violin, piano, drum, cello, banjo, guitar, saxophone, and violin. But who knew that Jim McLean was a poet? that Pastor Scott could summarize scripture by standing on his head? or that the hit performance of the evening would be Brian and Pete Jansen doing a swashbuckling swordplay demonstration involving a feathered cap, a cape AND chainmail?!

Special thanks to all of our performers, to Jim Sit for lights and sound, and to our junior high girls for emceeing this wonderfully fun evening.





### Save the Date! Mission Trip Fundraiser

On **Sunday, April 26**, you and your family are invited to join us in the Social Hall immediately following worship for a delicious barbeque! We will have burgers and hot dogs and delicious salads and desserts. This will be the first major fundraiser for our youth who will be going to Copperhill, Tennessee for this year's mission trip. Tickets will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Youth will be selling these tickets after church each week in April, so we hope you will support this worthy cause! Please contact [Tara Gregus](#) if you would like to purchase tickets or have any questions.

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### Legion of Extraordinary: Available to Help (LE:AH)

Recent economic events have precipitated the formation of a new ecumenical, nondenominational group for un- and under-employed people that meets weekly at Riverside Presbyterian Church. Called the *Legion of Extraordinary: Available to Help* (LE:AH), the group is currently inviting un- and under-employed members of the community to come and join their discussions. The group wants to be present and active for people who have involuntarily found themselves in the midst of the current crisis. This "present and active" aspect involves facilitating discussion among members about their current unemployed status. Another important focus of the group is to harness the collective energy of its members to tackle work projects for the benefit of local charitable groups. LE:AH meets weekly on Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at RPC. All are welcome. Questions about the group can be directed to Pastor Jansen ([scott.jansen@comcast.net](mailto:scott.jansen@comcast.net)) or to Matt Lisle ([matt.lisle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:matt.lisle@sbcglobal.net)).

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### Fellowship Committee Reminders

The Fellowship Committee respectfully reminds all groups using the church kitchen of the following procedures:

- ◆ Make us aware of any supplies you will be needing that you are not purchasing yourself, and let us know if things are running low after you are finished. Contact [Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak](#) about supplies.
- ◆ Do not leave food unless it is something that can be used for coffee fellowship or WNL!, or if you have specific plans for its use in the near future, and then please label it appropriately. Anything not labeled will be considered fair game for serving by any groups using the kitchen.
- ◆ Read and follow the posted directions for the dishwasher if you are using it for your event. (Note: the dishwasher does not work well with the sinks running simultaneously.)
- ◆ Put all church dishes, utensils, and staples back where you found them, and take home anything you brought with you. It is also helpful if someone from your group takes home any towels, etc, that need to be laundered, and returns them as soon as possible.
- ◆ Before you leave, make sure ovens are off, dishwasher wall switch is off, coffee makers are unplugged, etc.
- ◆ Take all garbage out to the dumpster.
- ◆ Check the back door before you leave. Lock the door from the OUTSIDE if it is unlocked at the end of your event.



# Camp Saugatuck

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## RPC Family Retreat

The combination of shady woods and sunny shoreline inspires reverence. It is hard to think of a more perfect place to revel in the beauty of this world God has given us than Camp Saugatuck. And we can't think of a better group of people to enjoy this amazing gift with than our church family. RPC has reserved our favorite group of cabins again for the **weekend of August 21-23**. (R/B doesn't start until after Labor Day this year, so bring those high school kids with you!) There's something for everyone at camp, whether you're inclined to canoe, kayak, put those archery skills to use, hike the woods or the beach, play volleyball, sit and visit at the dinner table, on the sand, or around the campfire, or enjoy the peace and quiet with meditation or a good book. A picture is worth a thousand words, so visit our website and [view photos](#) from past retreats. The camp is popular, and we have a limited number of spaces to fill on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your spot, return the form found on page 10 of the Vision or [download it](#) from our website. Questions? Please contact [Steve Teune](#) or [Lisa Aulerich-](#)



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## Camp Saugatuck to be Sold

Representatives from the Lakeshore Camping Consortium made a presentation to the Human Scene class on March 22, related to the Presbytery of Chicago's plans to sell Camp Saugatuck. The Presbytery of Chicago was forced to borrow money to settle a lawsuit, and the only assets owned by the Presbytery that could settle this debt are the Presbytery's headquarters, reportedly valued at \$4.1 million, and Presbyterian Camps at Saugatuck. The Presbytery has had the camp appraised (at up to \$14 million for residential development), with the very real possibility of selling the camp for residential development. It is not known whether there is a developer/buyer presently interested in this 130-acre property.

The Lakeshore Camping Consortium (LCC) is a 501(c)(3) corporation, whose Board of Directors are members of constituent congregations in the Chicago Presbytery. The LCC has presented an offer of \$7 million to purchase the Presbyterian Camps in order to maintain and preserve the ministry of the Camp, which has operated as a church camp since 1899. According to LCC, they have a commitment for financing that would include funds for the purchase, as well as for capital improvements to the camp facilities, thereby allowing for year-round use of the camp by Presbytery members, other churches, scout groups, etc. Income from year-round use would, under the LCC plan, provide sufficient funds for debt service. Should the LCC, at some time in the future, determine that continued operation of the camp is no longer economically feasible, the proceeds from the sale of the camp would revert to the Presbytery of Chicago.

There is no question that the Camp will be sold. The issue is whether it will be sold at a lower price to maintain its ministry as a camp, or whether it will be sold for a higher price for development. A vote by the Presbytery may take place as early as April. For more information, contact the LCC at [info@prescampsforever.org](mailto:info@prescampsforever.org) or visit their website at [www.prescampsforever.org](http://www.prescampsforever.org).





## Camp Saugatuck

Scenes from the 2007 and 2008 Family Retreats at Camp Saugatuck.  
To view more photos, please visit our website at [www.rpcusa.org](http://www.rpcusa.org).



# RPC Family Retreat at Camp Saugatuck

## August 21 – 23, 2009

Dear Church Family,

You are invited to join us for a weekend of fun and relaxation on the beautiful grounds of the Presbytery's camp in Saugatuck, Michigan. Once again, Bill and Vicki Vogel have graciously invited those attending to stop at their beach house Friday afternoon for a late lunch/early dinner and some beach time on the way to camp. Traditionally, those who accept this invitation will coordinate some dishes to share. More information on this will be forthcoming to those who wish to take part.

Your fee for the weekend includes overnight accommodations for Friday and Saturday night as well as breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Activities such as canoeing and kayaking are also included, should you choose to participate. A list of things to bring to camp will be distributed to all who reserve space with payment. Space is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. If we fill our allotted spaces, we will start a wait list. If we are unable to grant you space, your fee will be returned to you.

Looking forward to retreating with you!  
The Fellowship Committee

### Retreat Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults (18 years and up) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$128 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of youth (ages 12-17) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$107.50 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (ages 3-11) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of infants (ages 0-2) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16 =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Riverside Presbyterian Church**

**Write "Saugatuck Retreat" in the memo line.**

**Checks may be turned in to the church office or mailed to:**

**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

**116 Barrypoint Road**

**Riverside, Illinois 60546**



## Passport to the Promised Land

On April 5 we'll conclude our comparison of the Gospel Easter Stories. There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday. On April 19 we'll begin our final Sunday School unit exploring [the Beatitudes](#). What are the Beatitudes? For a sneak preview, check out Matthew 5. Leading our learning will be Miss Cain, Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Koon, Mrs. Gregus, Mrs. Staubus and Mrs. Ranft.



## Vacation Bible School

Seems too early to think about July...doesn't it?! But if you don't, you may miss out on the "most awesome activities" of VBS.

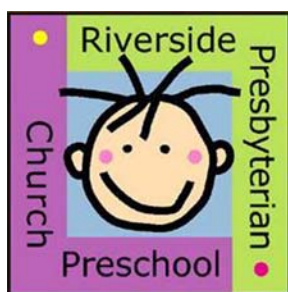
Back by popular demand—an early AD Marketplace complete with family tents and daily activities such as bread making, gathering water at the well, metal work, carpentry, spice and sweets shop, weaving, and pottery will spring up at Ascension Lutheran.

Sponsored by the Covenant of Churches, July 19 – 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm, this grand effort needs both participants and volunteers. If you know already that you'd be interested in attending or assisting, please see Lynda Nadkarni – [lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org). And put it on your calendar!

## Youth Sunday

Mark your calendar! Youth Sunday is Sunday June 7. Tara Gregus and Lynda Nadkarni are already looking for youth willing to be liturgists, read scripture, offer a children's sermon or other sermon, act as ushers, coffee hour bakers and servers, and to perform musically. In late April, parents and children will receive an invitation in the mail on which you should indicate your participation. We hope you'll plan to take part in this worship opportunity!

## Preschool News



In April our preschoolers will be busy designing centerpieces filled with candy for the Christian Industrial League's Easter Dinner. Our field trips will include a continuation of our bird study at the Lakeview Nature Center, Operation Lifesaver on railroad safety from Metra, and a big retirement luncheon/celebration for one of our teachers, Cynthia Kos.

Our last fundraiser is our geranium/flower sale. As many of you know, these flowers are healthy, beautiful plants, and are delivered before Mother's Day. Plants are available as singles, flats and combinations of colors and baskets. If you are in Riverside they can even be delivered to your door! An order form is included in this Vision and the deadline is April 7. Endless gratitude to each of you who support our Preschool!



## Boy Scout Troop 24 & Cub Scout Pack 24

On March 7 Troop 24 and Pack 24 held their annual Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast was a huge success, with a record 926 meals served. The money raised will support the scouts' many activities. Thanks for your support.



## Youth

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### Youth Group News

**Sunday April 5** All Junior and Senior High kids are welcome to join us to observe (and participate in) the monthly service at **The British Home** at 1:30 p.m. (The Youth Group will be leading the service on **Sunday May 3** so we are going to get ideas for the May service.) Both Junior and Senior High groups will meet afterward at RPC at 2:30 and depart for **The Corporate Learning Institute's Ropes Course** at the Lisle Marriott Hotel. We will participate in a low ropes course and teambuilding exercises, led by Susan Cain, John Cain's sister. We will return to RPC at approximately 6:30 p.m. (Cost \$5 per person.)

**Sunday April 12** Easter Sunday--no Youth Group. Happy Easter!

**Sunday April 19** Games/Discussion (meet in the Celestial Cinema at regular times: Junior High 6:00-7:15, Senior High 7:30-8:45)

**Sunday April 26** Mission Trip Barbecue Fundraiser

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### Girls' Group

A huge thank you to all the girls who participated in the winter session of our Girls' Group. The group had a wonderful time learning the ins and outs of animal care from Hannah Pecis' cousin, Liz Rosiello; thought critically about the lyrics in popular music; created a beautiful quilt with Sarah Dudak; and learned about eating disorders with Diane Dean, LCSW. We plan to meet a couple more times this spring! The girls will finish their quilt on Wednesday, April 1, and we'll be traveling to La Grange to visit the aviary in the home of Marcy and Marty Dunne—details to follow. Thanks to the parents of the girls in the group for their on-going support and help.



## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.

All ladies are invited to the monthly Presbyterian Women's Bible Study to be held in the *RPC Social Hall*.

The Bible Study theme for this year is "JUBILEE! Luke's Gospel for the Poor," which highlights some of the unique aspects of Jesus' life and teaching found in the Gospel of Luke. Lesson 8 is "All are Invited" Scripture: Luke 14:7-24; 16:19-31. Key idea: Jesus taught that the only ones who will not eat at his table are the ones who turn down his invitation. Elizabeth Musick is the lesson leader. If possible, please read the lesson in advance.



## Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Meeting

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team will meet on Thursday, April 2, at 10:00 p.m. in the Westminster Room at RPC.

## Human Scene

**April 5 ▪ Crucifixion**—The cross is the universal symbol for Christianity. In exploring this symbol, Dr. Patricia Perry-Halline and Joe Ourth will explore the medical and political issues surrounding crucifixion at the time of Christ.

**April 12 ▪ No Human Scene**—Easter Sunday worship at 9:00 and 10:30

**April 19 ▪** Have you ever wanted to find out what your theological perspective might be? On Sunday 4/19 Melinda Yachnin will discuss the *Theological Worlds Inventory* and what it can tell us about our own theological filters. To get the most out of this class, we recommend taking the Inventory yourself ahead of time; it will be available in the church office and during Human Scene classes starting Sunday April 5.

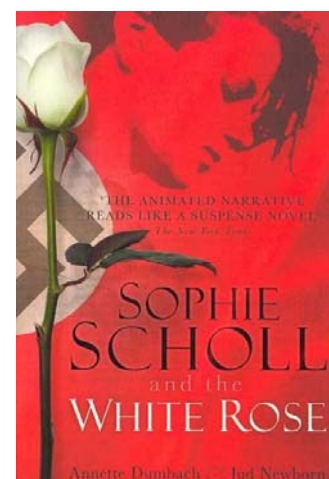
**April 26 ▪ Christian Financial Planning** - Expert Financial Planner Mike McGillicuddy will lead an exploration of how to manage one's finances using Christian principles. Mike will talk about debt management, spending principles, lifestyle choices, investing morally, etc., and answer your individual questions.



## Book Review: *Sophie Scholl and the White Rose* by Annette Dumbach and Jud Newborn

The time was 1942. The place was Munich, Germany. And the heroine was a young girl, a university student, who, with her brother and other friends, dared to challenge the Third Reich, one of the most oppressive regimes in history. The White Rose group Sophie Scholl and her fellow students formed was born out of a deep Christian faith that would not permit them to stand on the sidelines and do nothing. "We will not be silent! We are your bad conscience!" their pamphlets exhorted as they attempted to prod students and professors into active resistance. And months before news about the death camps reached the outside world, these deeply religious young people dared to tell their fellow Germans what "resettlement in the East" really meant.

This book is the basis for the critically acclaimed film "Sophie Scholl: The Last Days," winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film in 2006. It is also testimony that, no matter how cruel the police state, courage and a determination to do "what is right" can still surface, no matter the costs.



A special invitation is extended to all church members, families, and friends to join presenter Roberta Gates and the Presbyterian Women for a review of a fascinating book, on Wednesday, April 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Scottish Home. Reservations for the buffet luncheon (\$12), with the program to follow, can be made by contacting [Elizabeth Musick](#).

## Community & Fellowship Events

### Share your Achievements & Events!

Often our church family members participate in projects and programs outside RPC for which they are understandably proud. We want to share those accomplishments and invite others to those activities by including them in the Vision. Submit your “outside RPC” items to the office.

Questions? Contact [the office](#) or [Lynda Nadkarni](#).

### Join RPC Lions Club Members At the “All You Can Eat” Chicken Dinner

Jim Andersen	John Lewe
Allen Ashby	John Kiwiet
Cyril Friend	Scott Jansen
Scuff Gross	Jon Jansky
Lou Heine	Shirley Misare
Patricia Hoglund	Dennis Sadilek
	Jay Van Cura

This event will be held at the Riverside Township Hall on Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 to 5:30. Join us for a day of fried chicken, cole slaw, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls & butter along with coffee or punch and cake. Carry-outs are available and tickets can be purchased at the door. To purchase tickets in advance or for more information contact Scuff Gross.

First Presbyterian Church of Chicago recognized **Margy Martin** of RPC for her many years of work on behalf of First Church.

*“Your dedication and contributions to our efforts are amazing and we want you to know we appreciate you.”*

### Who was General E.N Bates?

According to the RPC Church History booklet, General E.N Bates, elected an elder in 1886, was a member of Abraham Lincoln’s cabinet, serving as Attorney General. This could not have been possible, as Attorney General Bates died in Missouri in 1869! Then who was *our* General Bates? The following obituary from the *Chicago Tribune* of May 30, 1898, highlights some of the accomplishments of this distinguished gentleman who served RPC for a brief time.

#### GENERAL E.N. BATES IS DEAD

STATE SENATOR IN MINNESOTA AND FORMER  
TREASURER OF ILLINOIS DIES AT  
MINNEAPOLIS

**Minneapolis, Minn., May 29, 1898** — General Erastus Newton Bates died in this city this evening, aged 70 years. Deceased was an early resident of Minneapolis, though for many years since residing in Illinois. The remains will be taken to Springfield, Ill. for burial.

Erastus Newton Bates was born at Plainfield, Mass., in 1828. While still a young man he removed to Ohio, whence he came to Minneapolis in 1855. He was connected with many of the initial industries of the city, was one of the founders of Plymouth Church, one

of framers of the State constitution, and one of the first State Senators under that constitution. He removed to Illinois before the war, and there enlisted in the Eightieth Illinois Volunteers. In the war he rose to Brigadier General. His entire command was captured and he became prisoner at Andersonville and Libby. At Libby he was one of the promoters of the tunnel by which many of the prisoners escaped, but he was too ill to escape himself. He was afterwards exchanged.

Returning to Illinois he was twice elected State Treasurer, and later declined the nomination for Governor on the Democratic ticket on account of poor health. He was married twice, and his second wife died last August. His home was at Riverside, Ill. He leaves two sons, both of whom reside in Illinois.





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## April 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
			1 OFFICE CLOSED 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	2 6:30a Women's Forum 10a RPC Women's Coord. Team	3	4
5 PALM SUNDAY 9a Sunday School 10a Worship/Communion 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p British Home Worship 6p Jr High Youth Group 7:30p Sr High Youth Group	6 5:15p Volleyball 7p Preschool Bd Mtg	7 6:30a Men's Forum 9a Companions in Christ 11:15a Staff Mtg 3:30p Underemployed Support Group 7p Personnel Comm	8 OFFICE CLOSED 7a Spring Sing 12:30p Women's Gathering/Book Review 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	9 6:30a Women's Forum 7a Spring Sing 7p Maundy Thursday Service	10 Night Ministry 12noon Good Friday Service-United Methodist	11
12 EASTER NO Sunday School 9a Worship 10a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Worship 11:15a CARERS Comm 11:30a Coffee Fellowship	13 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm. 7:30p Trustees Mtg	14 6:30a Men's Forum 9a Companions in Christ 11:15a Staff Mtg 3:30p Underemployed Support Group	15 OFFICE CLOSED 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir 7:30p Session Mtg	16 6:30a Women's Forum	17 6p Craft Night	18
19 JAZZ SUNDAY VISION DEADLINE 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1p Womack Scholarship Interviews 2p Scottish Home Worship 6p Jr High Youth Group 7:30p Sr High Youth Group	20 5:15p Volleyball	21 6:30a Men's Forum 9a Companions in Christ 11:15a Staff Mtg 1p Presbytery Mtg 3:30p Underemployed Support Group 7p Deacons Mtg	22 OFFICE CLOSED 10a RPC Women's Bible Study 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir 7:30p Session Mtg	23 6:30a Women's Forum 9a Teachers Appreciation Lunch	24	25
26 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Mission Trip BBQ 6p Jr High Youth Group 7:30p Sr High Youth Group	27 5:15p Volleyball	28 6:30a Men's Forum 9a Companions in Christ 11:15a Staff Mtg 3:30p Underemployed Support Group	29 OFFICE CLOSED 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	30 6:30a Women's Forum		

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