



# The Vision

May 2009

## Joys and Concerns

Who do you consider to be your “family?” For many folks today, that’s a complicated question. Families come in all different sizes, shapes, and colors. The 1950s era of Mayberry is largely a thing of the past. Sometimes bitter disputes generate barriers between blood relatives. And sometimes friendship with neighbors is more precious than blood relations.

What’s the definition of a “family member?” Of course there are many possible definitions, but I want to suggest that a family is the collection of people with whom you share your joys and concerns. When something terrific happens to you (job promotion, new baby, major health problem resolved, etc.), with whom do you share the news? And when tragedy strikes (death of a loved one, loss of a job, development of a major health crisis, etc.), from whom do you seek comfort and support? Whatever names come to mind in response to these questions, those folks are your “family.”

Sometimes a family starts to malfunction. People feel isolated. Disputes make sharing and vulnerability difficult. Secrets creep in and drive wedges between persons. How are you doing with your family? Are you doing your part of sharing, of risking, of putting your feelings on display? Families are sustained by such. Hardships rarely drive families apart, though a lack of communication that stems from hardship often does just that. In fact, if communications are kept at intimate levels, hardship will often lead to an even closer family. Most families need some formal channel for encouraging communications. If you’re having troubles with this, start with little things like turning off the TV and declaring that you will eat together with no distractions—make it a priority!

It’s a joy to serve a church where we are able to share our joys and concerns with the church family every Sunday. In larger churches, this is not an option. At RPC, everyone who shares a spot at the Lord’s Table is a member of our church family, and all such family members are invited to share with one another in their joys and concerns. And, as your pastor, I feel privileged to share with you individually when you have some significant news that you would like to discuss.

The Church as a whole also has joys and concerns that are shared amongst all the family. There are many joys: we have a loving family without hostilities, divisions or factions; we have a wonderful set of leaders who give of themselves and their talents, and who are creating new forms of ministry; we have a beautiful building in a good location; we get along peacefully with our neighbors and governing entities (not to be taken for granted in this modern world); we have been blessed by more new members than losses in membership over the past two years; and we have dozens of programs that allow folks to find others with similar interests and values. All together, I’d say the joys that we have are overwhelming—our cup runneth over.

As I listen to the leadership of the church, we have only one concern. It’s the same concern that everyone who lives in 2009 is feeling. Where will we find the money to keep all the great things we have intact? Pledging income is down in spite of increases in membership levels and attendance levels. As membership grows and program leadership becomes more taxing, where will we find the staff and volunteer leadership to keep everyone engaged? It is a difficult struggle, and your leaders are doing all in their power to meet it.

Many things are being done by volunteer labor that would be done by paid staff at most churches. All of the staff are cutting corners in their programs. So, the difficulty is shared by the whole family—as it should be.

All in all, it sure feels good to be a part of the family.

Scott

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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# Worship/Church News

## May Worship Schedule

**May 3** John 10:7-16 “Sheep of the Other Folds” How does our life reflect our respect for the sheep of the other folds that Jesus mentions in this passage? We will celebrate Communion today, as we discuss the question further of how far the flock of Jesus the shepherd extends?

**May 10** Mary Koon will preach on John 15:1-8. The sermon will emphasize the Vine and Branches symbolism, and there will be some recognition of Mothers’ Day.

**May 17** John 15:9-17 “Unconditional/Agape’ Love” What kind of love did Jesus show to us? What sort of love do good parents have for their children? This is also Womack Scholarship Sunday.

**May 24** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 “Making Meaning out of Chaos” How did the disciples use their creativity and imagination to make the best of some of the obstacles they faced? What important symbolism were they pursuing and why?

**May 31** Acts 2:1-21 “Being a Pentecostalist” What does it mean to take seriously the role of the Holy Spirit in one’s Christian life? How do we make ourselves more open to the movements of the Spirit around us?

**June 7** Youth Sunday *Fair Warning*—youth-oriented music, including *Rock and Roll* music, will be played during worship as we focus on the gifts of our youth.

## Financial Update

As of the end of March 2009, we are 25% through the year, at 21.8% of expected income and 27.3% of budgeted expenses. This places us behind in terms of projected income, and too far ahead on expenses—in short, we’re falling behind faster than expected. As a result, we’re asking committees to keep a close watch on variable costs—ones that we can more easily control. We’re asking the congregation to try, as much as possible in these tough economic times, to stay current with pledges. We’ve found a way in prior years, and we’re confident that if we pull together we can make it through these tough times. Comments and feedback to the Committee are most welcomed. We will try each week or each month to provide an update and chart of our fiscal position.

### *Finance Committee*

	2009 Budget	March Balance	% of Budget March
Total Income	\$329,200.00	\$71,756.33	21.80%
Total Expenses	\$365,310.00	\$99,844.21	27.33%
Budget Deficit (Shortfall)	<b>-\$36,110.00</b>	<b>-\$28,087.88</b>	

## Session Highlights

In April, the Session:

- ◆ elected Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak as our fourth commissioner to Presbytery
- ◆ approved a comprehensive new two-year Confirmation process, beginning with 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- ◆ received, with regret, the resignation of Lynda Nadkarni as Director of Christian Education. Lynda has accepted a full-time school teaching position.
- ◆ removed from the membership roll, at their request: Bradley Booton, Alexis Chmell, David Fulton, Susan Fulton, Josh Fulton, Kate Fulton, Bill O'Connor, Kristi O'Connor and Matt O'Connor
- ◆ removed William Fields and Cassandra Smith-Fields from the inactive roll
- ◆ noted with concern the YTD budget deficit of \$28,000. RPC is on budget with expenses, but behind budget with revenue. Statistics on weekly attendance and collections will be included in the *Vision*. (See opposite page.)
- ◆ authorized non-ordained youth to serve communion on Youth Sunday, June 7
- ◆ decided to continue the Human Scene class during the summer, but to discontinue formal Sunday School for children during that time. Instead, a Christian themed activity will be available for children through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older children will be encouraged to attend Human Scene
- ◆ Approved Lindsay Hayes to serve as summer office intern



Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

## Trustees News

Thank you to those who participated in our April "Work" Day! Our next All Church Family Work Day is Sunday, May 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We plan to continue our outdoor clean up. Please bring your gardening gear!

The restoration of the lower level women's restroom has been completed. The water damaged wall and floor were repaired, the walls repainted and the partitions re-installed. Thank you to Jon Jansky, Jim Sit, and Nancy Jensen for your labors!



An ADA grant application has been submitted for monetary support for the handicapped accessible bathrooms. Thank you to Fred Mitchell for getting this submitted by the April 17 deadline!

Four small trees were inspected and pruned in April.

The gym walls will be painted as the temperature in the gym permits. The gym floor will be refinished after the painting is completed.

Please note the locking procedure for the back door. Contact any trustee for clarification of this procedure.

Trustees for the month of May: Andy Hart and Fred Mitchell

## Sharing Our Gifts

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### Share the Harvest

It's planting time again and Share the Harvest will be busy this month getting seedlings into the ground and into the hands of our growers and givers!

Please be sure to sign up to be a grower in 2009 and to receive a free tomato, pepper or cucumber plant. All the vegetables grown on the plants are dedicated to Share the Harvest's ministry of sharing fresh, delicious produce with hungry neighbors. Every gift given, no matter how large or small, is greatly needed and appreciated! The sign-up sheets are on a table in the education hall. If you have further questions, contact Mary Jansen at [marymjansen@msn.com](mailto:marymjansen@msn.com).



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### Calling all God's Green Stewards

We are all familiar with the three "R's" of environmental commitment: Reduce, Recycle, Re-use. The kids learn this in school and we hear it through the media and community events.



But what does it have to do with our church? Everything really. The Bible tells us the promise God established after the flood was not only directed to us humans but to ALL life on earth. God loves all creation. Taking care of God's creation can be a form of worship and praise to the Creator. Incorporating environmental disciplines in daily living can be a form of prayer and thanksgiving that demonstrates to God that we too care for creation. In other words, it's not just about the right thing to do for our community; it's about the right thing to do for our relationship with God.

Consider joining me in our newly formed RPC Green Team where we will further brainstorm how we can worship God through our active demonstration of love and respect for God's creation. Earth Day may be over but environmental mission should continue to be a part of our everyday lives. *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.* (Genesis 1:31) Send me an email or call and I'll register you on the team!

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### Night Ministry

Back by popular demand...5th to 7th grade Sunday School students are making sandwiches in May. Join Mrs. Nadkarni on May 8 right after school to help create 200 PB&J sandwiches! Soup is being coordinated by Ellen Hamilton. If you will be there, please e-mail Lynda Nadkarni at [lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org).

Since 1976, the Night Ministry connects with Chicago's vulnerable youth and adults through street outreach, youth shelter and supportive services, and a mobile health outreach bus. The Night Ministry provides basic resources, free health care, housing and supportive services for youth, referrals to other agencies for specific resources, in a welcoming and non-judgmental environment.

RPC prepares and serves a meal the second Friday of each month for Night Ministry. In winter months, it's soup and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and in warmer months, a hot-dog dinner.

For more information about Night Ministry visit [www.thenightministry.org](http://www.thenightministry.org).



### Deacons Doings



From time to time we get asked: “*What do Deacons do?*” Well, we may point out that at RPC we are involved in ministering to those in need, participating in some of the coffee fellowships, arranging special functions including fundraisers, delivering flowers to the infirm and home-bound, leading monthly worship services at the British Home, and preparing the Lord’s Supper through Communion, as well as other activities. But in the Book of Order, the only specified function is ministering to those in need. Every church in our denomination must provide for Deacons’ ministry, but not every church has a Board of Deacons. Since Deacons serve communion, as well as food in many instances, they were early designated as *Diakonos*, meaning “waiter(s).”

At RPC, Deacons serve many functions and are each assigned a select number of members to look after. They are asked to contact these members by phone, in person, by mail, or even e-mail, at least twice a year. If you, as a member, should have special needs, feel free to contact your assigned Deacon. You can identify your Deacon by the first letter of your last name, which will appear in parentheses after the name of Deacons listed on the back of your RPC Sunday service program.

As pointed out by Mary Morrison, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Berwyn, Deacons and their roles have been designated in the Scriptures, most notably *Acts 6: 1-7*, *Philippians 1: 1*, *1 Timothy 3: 8-15*, and *Romans 16: 1-2*. These address the service of Deacons in the distribution of food, as servants of Christ Jesus, their personal character, and the acceptance of women in this role. We trust that you will find assistance and compassion in the “Doings” of your Deacons.

### BEDS Fundraiser

For many years RPC has joined other churches in supporting the efforts of BEDS. Seven churches, in Western Springs, LaGrange, LaGrange Highlands, and Brookfield offer shelter one night each week with shelter volunteers and food preparation volunteers, mostly from a variety of west Cook Country suburbs. An eighth church in Brookfield offers a daytime program to provide a permanent phone number, mail address, plus counseling and other support services. A ninth church, First Presbyterian of LaGrange, offered the BEDS organization office and supply storage space on the third floor of the church building. In recent years the BEDS Board changed the official name of the organization to BEDS+ to indicate the emphasis on counseling to help the guests to the shelters work toward improving their life skills, health, etc. through case management, with professionals trying to help the guests break the cycle of hunger and homelessness, with quite a pattern of success. On Friday, May 15, BEDS is sponsoring a fundraiser at the Village Club of Western Springs. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at [www.bedsonline.org](http://www.bedsonline.org).



Pentecost Offering  
for Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

Pentecost is an exciting time of year! It’s the time we celebrate the birth of the church. We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who brings new life and hope. The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (May 31, 2009). The Pentecost offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of at-risk children, youth, and young adults. Presbyterian congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. The General Assembly’s portion (60%) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries benefiting younger members of God’s family.

# Children

## It's All About You(th) on June 7

The whole Sunday—beginning to end—music, readings, coffee hour, etc., is being hosted by children and youth of Riverside Presbyterian Church.

You(th) can do one or more of these things:

- ◆ Usher
- ◆ Lead a Responsive reading
- ◆ Share a Scripture Reading
- ◆ Give a mini-sermon (they're written—you'd just need to learn and read them)
- ◆ Perform a piece with an instrument
- ◆ Perform a song by singing
- ◆ Help serve coffee hour
- ◆ Bake for coffee hour
- ◆ Be a character in a play (it's a two-person skit, not requiring memorization)
- ◆ Lead the Lord's Prayer



Rehearsal will be from 9:00 to 9:45 on June 7. The service is from 10:00 to 11:00. You should have received a flyer by mail with more details and a form to RSVP. The form is also available on the church website. Please complete the response form and return it to the church office in person, by snail mail, e-mail, or fax 447-1525 no later than May 8. Contact Lynda Nadkarni at [lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org) or Tara Gregus at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com) with questions or to volunteer.



Our last rotation of the school year, exploring the [Beatitudes](#), continues through May 17. There will be no classes on Memorial Day weekend (May 24). On May 31 we'll celebrate Pentecost with all ages together in the Social Hall.

Based on your responses to the survey, the Christian Education Committee has decided to offer Human Scene class throughout the summer months. Children's Sunday School will take a hiatus.

Because we still want something for kids to do, there will be a Christian activity from 9:00 to 9:50 for children up to 5th grade. It will be stand-alone rather than following the rotation model. Junior high and high school youth are encouraged to give Human Scene a try.

A Summer Human Scene planning meeting is being held after worship on May 3 in the parlor. All are invited—youth especially—to suggest topics of interest for the summer. Contact Lynda Nadkarni at [lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org) for more information.

## CARERS Committee & Kids Unite

This month the CARERS Committee will be collecting cereal of all kinds. Last year we donated a staggering 150 boxes of cereal to First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Let's see if we can top that total this year! Bring your boxes to the social hall each week and watch our collection grow. Warm cereal such as oatmeal is also appreciated. Families come to First Church for breakfast in the summer because the kids are not getting receiving breakfast at their schools, as they do during the school year. Help these kids have enough to eat in the summer months!



**IN MEMORIAM**

Marjorie Carolyn Whitney Prass — September 11, 1918 - April 8, 2009



	Liturgists	Acolytes	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
May 3	Jim Ulrich	Brian Jansen	Paula McCracken/Dorothy Jansky	Heine Family
May 10	Emily Mussio	Annie Mitchell	Will & Susanne Vogel	OPEN
May 17	Matt Lisle	Andie Krug	OPEN	Doris Hayes/Hollie Miezio
May 24	Martha Heine	Hannah Ranft	Hayes Family	OPEN
May 31	Mary Ann Sadilek	Emily Mussio	OPEN	OPEN

**RPC T-Shirts**

The Deacon Board will be offering RPC tee-shirts for sale in the coming weeks. Our very own Lloyd Bradbury created a unique design for our church family to be featured on the front of each tee-shirt. Beginning Sunday, April 26, we'll have samples available. The price will range from \$8 to \$12, depending on the quantity/type of tee-shirts ordered. Each shirt is either pre-shrunk 100% cotton or organic cotton. Colors offered are yellow, bright yellow, and natural (soft beige). Let's show our spirit and buy a tee to wear proudly at events like the Strawberry Social, all church family work day, RPC picnic, Youth Sunday, mission trips, British Home Service and anywhere else we serve our community. Questions? Please contact Doris Hayes at [toothfairy512@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toothfairy512@sbcglobal.net).



**Preschool**



Our Preschool year is rapidly drawing to a close! May promises to be busy with a Mother's Day Garden Tea and our End-of-the-Year Program. We have 36 children going on to kindergarten next year. Every ending is a new beginning, and we wish them and their families the very best!

We're thrilled and excited to welcome Susan Lisle to our staff for the fall! We know she'll be an excellent fit in our Preschool Program!

Gratitude to those of you for your support of our flower sale. We're hoping to update our bathroom sinks with the extra funds. Happy Spring! Happy Summer to all!

## Youth

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### Youth Group News

In April, we did team-building activities and a low ropes challenge course, had a discussion and practice of rules of etiquette, and had a discussion on the issue of abortion. We hope you'll join us for one of the events we have planned for May:

**May 3 SERVICE PROJECT:** The Youth Group will lead the monthly service at the **British Home**. We will depart from the church at 1:15 pm and return at approximately 3 pm. We will also have a **meeting at our regular time** (Junior High 6:00-7:15, Senior High 7:30-8:45) to watch a video about Appalachia (the area we will be visiting on this year's mission trip) and discuss the video.

**May 10** Wish your mother a **Happy Mother's Day** and do something nice for her! (No youth group on this day.)

**May 17** We will visit the brand new **Illinois Holocaust Museum** in Skokie. Depart from church at 1:00 pm. We will need parent chaperones/drivers. Please contact Tara Gregus at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com) if you are interested and available. Cost: \$6 per student.

**May 24 No Youth Group**—Memorial Day Weekend

**May 31 Softball game** at Big Ball Park against the Methodist Church and end-of-year pizza party at the Gregus house! Game time is 2:00. This is the last day of youth group for this school year--look for upcoming events in the summer!

Questions/comments/concerns? Contact Tara Gregus at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com).



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### Mission Trip News

On June 14th, twenty-four teens and six adults will depart Riverside in three vans to make the 700+ mile trip to Copperhill, Tennessee in the southeasternmost part of the state. Thanks to the congregation for supporting our efforts through Rent-A-Youth,

Bake Sale, and Barbeque Fundraiser, our kids have been able to earn a significant portion of the cost of their trip. On **May 23 from 9am to noon, we will hold a car wash**, tentatively scheduled to be in the church parking lot. Cars will cost \$5 and trucks/SUV's \$10. More info to come.



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### Troop 24 & Pack 24



In March, Troop 24 participated in a first aid competition, and although we didn't win, the scouts involved had a lot of fun learning necessary medical skills like CPR, treatment of shock, and how to stabilize broken bones. Our new scouts acted as victims while older scouts treated them. During the weekend of April 24-25, 26 Boy Scouts and 5 leaders from Troop 24 traveled to Camp Crown in Wilmot, Wisconsin. Camp Crown was the first overnight outing for our new 5th grade scouts, and unfortunately it rained the entire weekend. On the same weekend, Pack 24 Cub Scouts and family members worked to remove invasive plants in Riverside. Following lunch at the Scout Cabin, scouts boarded buses for an afternoon on the tall ship *Wendy* on Lake Michigan. Returning to Riverside in the rain they moved their planned overnight campout at the Scout Cabin to a sleepover at

RPC. Thanks to the hospitality of our chartering organization, the weekend was different, but not disappointing.



## Human Scene Adult Sunday School

### May 3 ▪ School on Wheels

Have you ever been curious about the big bus called *School on Wheels*? Debbie Bradt, the Director, tells us the story of how *School on Wheels* was founded and how, since its inception, it has grown into a large army of volunteers (with no teaching or foreign language expertise) helping people from all walks of life learn English as a second language.

### May 10 ▪ Nature vs. Nurture

Are people born evil? Or made evil? Or for that matter, born good or made good? Psychiatrist Nick Nadkarni will lead a discussion to challenge our notions of what we do (or do not) have control over when it comes to personality traits.

### May 17 ▪ 500 Years of John Calvin

Calvin is often called “the Father of the Presbyterian Church.” On his 500<sup>th</sup> birthday, let us explore some of his legacy: why he taught as he did, how those teachings have been modified, and what is the continuing legacy of Calvin for our church. Pastor Scott leads the discussion.

### May 24 ▪ Memorial Day weekend—no classes

### May 31 ▪ Pentecost—the Holy Spirit

Bill Muller is facilitating a session on the Holy Spirit. Have you ever lost the fruits of the spirit in your life? What do you think caused it? Explore God in each of us through a group discussion.

## Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, May 27, 10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to the monthly Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study to be held at the Scottish Home.

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 9 is “The Mighty are Brought Down...The Lord is Lifted Up” Scripture: Luke 18:9-14; 19:1-10. Key idea: Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

For those who would like to stay for the buffet luncheon (\$12) following Bible Study, reservations are required by Sunday, May 17. Please contact Elizabeth Musick to make a reservation.

Our May Bible Study is our last meeting until September 23, when we will begin a series entitled *Joshua, A Journey of Faith*. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Musick at [lizm\\_59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizm_59@sbcglobal.net).



## Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Team Meeting

The Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Team will meet on Thursday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Westminster Room at RPC.

## Mission Trip Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for the "**Southern Comforts**" party to be held on Friday, May 29 at 6:30 pm at the lovely home of Ron and Dodi Krug. This is our annual fundraising party to pay the expenses of the adult leaders on the mission trip. Renowned Riverside (by way of Alabama) chef Tala McCoy will be cookin' up a storm for this party! It is sure to be delicious and fun! Please plan to purchase tickets for this party—you won't want to miss it! You can reserve tickets by contacting Dodi Krug, or calling the church office. Look for more information in the weekly church bulletin.

# Fellowship

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*For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.*

Matthew 18: 19-20

It is a privilege to serve this church as a member of the Fellowship Committee where our sole task is to bring our church family together to enjoy each other's company. When we get together we meet God in each other, and when we're having a good time together, God is happy, too.

The Fellowship Committee has tried several new events this year, and you've made them wonderfully successful just by showing up and sharing your presence with our church family and friends. We hope that as the year marches on, you will continue to grace us with the gift of you and the piece of God that you bring with you.

It is a busy world. Schedules fill up quickly and there is not always time to attend events that we would like to attend. And let's face it...sometimes the prospect of attending a church event doesn't excite us as much as some of the other opportunities we might have. If you are a person who has not participated in a fellowship event at RPC since the new year, we challenge you to make the effort to make an upcoming church fellowship event a priority, put it on your calendar and attend. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Over the last couple of years, for a variety of reasons, our numbers for WNL! had dropped. A couple of regular attendees said, "If we could just get people to come once, I know they'd like it and come back." So, we talked some people into giving it a try. And guess what?! They did really like it, and they did come back. It is not unusual for us to hear, at the conclusion of a dinner or activity, "I wasn't really up for this tonight, but I made myself come, and now I'm so glad I did!"

The weather is warming up, and we're in the midst of making some great plans to get our church family together in the great outdoors. Watch your bulletin and Vision for announcements as plans firm up, and put us on your calendar.

## Camp Saugatuck

One event for which you can register right now is the Family Retreat at Saugatuck to be held the weekend of August 21-23 on the magnificent shores of Lake Michigan. Members of all ages will find camp and our time together awe-inspiring—a special place with special people. Think about it—living at camp for the weekend with our church family—that's got to be the ultimate fellowship experience! Come be a part of it.

If you have questions about any of our fellowship events, if you have suggestions you'd like us to consider, or if you'd like to join the committee, please contact Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak at [aulerich@umich.edu](mailto:aulerich@umich.edu).



## Craft Night

**REMEMBER:** The third Friday of each month is Craft Night at RPC! Anyone with a project (men and women of all ages) is welcome to join us any time between 6 pm and 11 pm. Show up when you can, and enjoy some company

while you work! Pencil us in on the 15th of May.

## Potluck on May 31

Join your church family for a potluck lunch after church on Sunday, May 31, in celebration of Pentecost. Bring a dish to share. RED is the liturgical color for Pentecost, so if you're up for a challenge, bring your favorite red food (or at least wear red to church that day).



**Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!**

## May 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 RPC Women's Retreat 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11a Human Scene Planning Mtg 1:30p British Home Service 6p Jr High Youth Group 7:30p Sr High Youth Group	4 5:15p Volleyball	5 6:30a Men's Forum 9a Companions in Christ 11:15a Staff Mtg 3:30 LE:AH Mtg 7p Personnel Mtg	6 Office Closed 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace 4:15p Ringers 4:45p Singers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	7 6:30a Women's Forum	8 Night Ministry 3p Youth Sandwich making	9
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**“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” — Proverbs 29:18**

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