



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

July 2009

## Now What?

Our exceptional intern, Mary Koon, has left our employment to start her final years of seminary in preparation for her ordination. Although this day was fully anticipated last September when she began here; nevertheless, we will miss her greatly. We will miss her charm in worship, her love on the Deacons, and her leadership with the Girls' Group. And we will miss her warm personality in all the fellowship times of the church. In my next Vision column, I will introduce our new intern—Melissa Gilbert from McCormick Seminary, who will be starting this Labor Day.

This same summer, we are also losing our beloved Director of Christian Education—Lynda Nadkarni, who has served the church for years in that capacity. Lynda has been blessed during this difficult job market to find a full-time teaching job in art. Accepting that position meant that she had to relinquish her position here. We will all miss her extraordinary organizational skills, her attention to detail, and her love for all our children. Of course, Lynda is not leaving our membership, just our employment. We will still be blessed to have her talents among us as a member of the church, but we do need to find someone to replace her responsibilities as Director of Christian Education.

Usually a DCE is a member of the church where the DCE serves because the DCE is almost forced, by virtue of the job, to worship at the church of employment, and because a great deal of a DCE's time is spent in soliciting volunteers to work with kids—a job that is much easier if you actually know some of the people who are reasonable targets for your solicitation.

Who will step up and become our next DCE? And how will we survive without all the gifts that Mary Koon brought to us? These are questions that the Christian Church has faced thousands of times in its history. God raises up some exceptional leaders. The Church comes to rely on those leaders. And because of the inspiration that God imparts to them, it can sometimes seem that they are the only ones who could possibly do what they do. But God has always found a way to impart new gifts upon new leaders. And the Church has always found a way to move forward under different direction.

I have no idea who will step into which roles, or how this major talent-drain will be overcome. I do not have an ace up my sleeve for resolving the needs. But I have faith in the abundant Lord to lavish gifts upon whoever steps into those roles. You may not feel that you are fully qualified to do some task at church, just as Moses or Isaiah or Peter did not feel qualified. But God will empower us to journey on, and it will somehow work out in a new way that will exceed all of our expectations. Such is the grace of God.

See ya' at church,  
Scott

"Let the little children come to me..." Luke 18:16.



## Worship/Church News

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### July Worship Schedule

July 5 ▪ 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 “A Christian Parade” What blessings are received by those most loyal to God in this life? How does Paul use awe-inspiring power to persuade people to take his message more seriously? We will also celebrate Communion.

July 12 ▪ Guest Preacher Dr. Deborah Mullins from McCormick Seminary. Scott is away at Chautauqua for Continuing Education week.

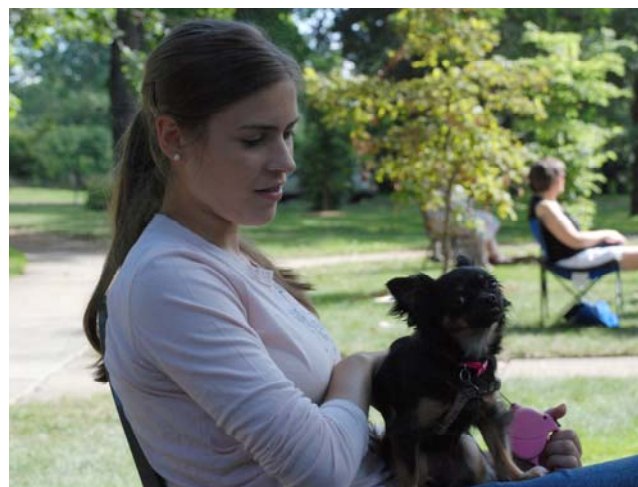
July 19 ▪ Ephesians 2:11-22 “Church Growth 101” How does the Christian Church incorporate new members? Through force of homogenization or through attraction?

July 26 ▪ Ephesians 3:14-21 “Blessing of the Animals” Dress for an outdoor worship service as our animal companions receive a special blessing.

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### Blessing of the Animals

Join us on July 26 for our second annual *Blessing of the Animals*. This will be an OUTDOOR worship service in which we will ask, “What is the height and depth and breadth and length of God’s love, and does it reach out even to animals?” We ask all church members to bring their well-behaved pets to worship (on a leash or in a cage) to receive a special individual blessing. Also, please dress for a “picnic” type of atmosphere.



### Prospective New Members Class

The next class for persons interested in joining Riverside Presbyterian Church will be Sunday, July 5, at 11:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Please let Pastor Scott know if you are interested in attending.

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### Gifted Leader Needed

Are you creative and organized? Do you enjoy children? Can you inspire others? If so, please consider becoming our next Director of Christian Education. Lynda Nadkarni, our current director, will be leaving at the end of the summer to accept a full-time teaching position, so we need a talented leader from our congregation (male or female, parent or not) to come forward to take her place. If interested, please contact Roberta Gates, Chair, Personnel Committee, at [gates366@yahoo.com](mailto:gates366@yahoo.com).



### Session Highlights

In June the Session:

- ♦ approved the baptism on June 28 of Izabella Marie Hooglander, daughter of Frank and Courtney Hooglander.
- ♦ discussed the various options for filling the position of Director of Christian Education and asked the personnel committee to seek a part-time paid lay person for this opening.
- ♦ noted that the theme for the fall pledge drive will be “Pledge to Build a Dream On”, culminating in Stewardship Sunday on November 15.
- ♦ learned that the budget deficit YTD is \$27,000. Payment of the per capita tax of \$28.29 by each RPC member would help to reduce this amount significantly.
- ♦ heard a report presented by Emily Mussio and Tara Gregus on the Youth Mission Trip to Copperhill, TN, which was attended by 24 youth and 6 adults and was a great success.
- ♦ learned of plans for an RPC booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities which will feature games and strawberry-shaped cookies to promote the Strawberry Social.

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

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### Trustees News

The gym painting has been completed, as well as several small areas in the sanctuary. Thank you to the Bill Barrett Memorial Fund for funding the painting project! The gym floor will soon be scheduled for refinishing. Please note posted times for closure during the refinishing. Thank you, also, to Henry Sitkiewicz for painting the Fellowship Hall vestibule and coat rack area.



Many workers came to trim and weed our gardens on Wednesday evening, June 17. Thank you to all of the workers: Colleen and Bill Muller, Carol O'Meara, and Trustees Hank Vogel, Lou Heine, Chris Schiller, Deb and Jon Jansky, George Meyer and Susan Deems-Dluhy. Our July All Church Family Work Day will be on Wednesday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m.

July Trustees: Fred Mitchell and Jim Sit.

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### Rose Window Brick Paver Fundraiser Update



RPC's Rose Window was dedicated in 1897 in memory of Kate V. Harrington, wife of Mr. S. H. Harrington. The window depicts a popular late 19th century allegorical angel holding a crown signifying Christ, and lilies signifying death. The wooden and metal frames holding the glass were badly damaged by condensation and heat trapped by the unventilated cover glass, which had been installed in the 1960s. The cost of the restoration will be approximately \$70,000. RPC Trustees proposed partial funding of this project through the sale of engraved bricks. In March, the Riverside Village Board tabled our application for the proposed installation on the Barrypoint Road side of the church, because that location was on public property (who knew!). Consequently, the Village would not allow the fundraiser bricks to be installed. Since then, church trustees have been evaluating alternative locations on the Scottswood Road side of the building, where more of the property is church-owned. We have put further paver sales on hold until a suitable alternate location is agreed upon. At that time, we will contact previous purchasers, and start advertising paver sales again. We hope to “re-activate” again by September, and we apologize for the delay.

### What is Per Capita? Why Should We Pay It?

**Background:** The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which is the official name for our church/denomination, is composed of over 11,000 congregations in the U.S. (several call themselves Riverside, by the way). Each congregation is organized into one of 117 presbyteries (ours is the Presbytery of Chicago, where RPC is the only congregation referred to as Riverside), and these presbyteries are organized into 16 synods (the eight Indiana and Illinois presbyteries make up the Synod of Lincoln Trails). Annually, each presbytery is responsible for the timely payment of its “Per Capita” for the current year.



Per Capita cost per adult member

**Per Capita - officially:** “Per Capita” is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church, working through these governing bodies, to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians. “Per Capita” dollars support our denomination’s General Assembly as well as the work of the presbyteries and synods. The Presbytery of Chicago was extremely helpful to RPC during its pastoral search that brought Pastor Scott to Riverside. Our presbytery also sponsors workshops and an annual officer training workshop that many of us have attended.

**Per Capita - unofficially:** “Per Capita” is like a utility bill. Just as we pay for heat, light, water, phone, internet, TV, etc. to stay connected to these services, we also pay “Per Capita” so the Presbyterian system can function on behalf of all of us. It is the necessary linkage in our connectional system.

**Reminder:** RPC strongly urges you to link up and make your “Per Capita” payment in January of each year. If you haven’t connected yet this year, please do so next week. The amount for this year is \$28.29 per communicant member. Thank you for your support and encouragement to our congregation.

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### Financial Update

As of the end of May 2009, we are 42% through the year, at 36% of expected income, and 40% of budgeted expenses.



As of May 31	2009 Total Budget	Year-to-Date	% of Budget
Total Income	\$ 329,200	\$ 119,489	36%
Total Expenses	\$ 365,310	\$ 146,654	40%
Deficit	-\$ 36,110	-\$ 27,165	

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### Fiscal Review

The Finance Committee is looking for someone to help us with RPC’s annual fiscal review. This is not an official audit, but more of a review to help us check our fiscal operations and selected ledgers. We’re looking for someone with experience in accounting such as a CPA, or someone with a corporate finance background. If you might qualify and would be interested, or know of someone who might help us, please contact Tony Miezio at [anthony.miezio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anthony.miezio@sbcglobal.net).



### **Italian Dinner and Auction . . . *Make me an offer I can't refuse***

Back by popular demand, the Stewardship Committee will be hosting the 2nd Annual "Make Me an Offer I Can't Refuse" Italian Dinner & Auction on **Sunday, September 27**, at 5:00 p.m. Last year we earned \$10,000 at this event, and all the proceeds were used to offset our budget deficit.

The committee is now searching for items to be auctioned the night of the dinner.

If you would like to donate an item or service, please e-mail Lauren Cody at [haycody@sbcglobal.net](mailto:haycody@sbcglobal.net). Any items will be greatly appreciated.

Here are some ideas to consider:

- Host a breakfast, luncheon, or dinner
- Provide a tutoring service: computers, electronics, academics
- Provide physical labor: snow removal, raking, cleaning
- Donate sports or theater tickets
- Soup, salad or pie of the month
- Babysitting
- Rides to the Airport
- Musical entertainment
- Original artwork
- New household items



The possibilities are endless!

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### **Womack Scholarship Dinner**

The Ryan Womack Scholarship was created by RPC members Randy and Lonnie Womack, in memory of their son, Ryan, who was tragically killed in the Riverside Little League accident in 1990. Since the inception of this scholarship fund, 167 recipients have received scholarships totaling \$468,000. One of the sources of endowment funds for this scholarship is the annual Womack Scholarship dinner/dance. This year the event will be held on October 17 at the Riverside Country Club. Mark your calendars for this fun and worthwhile event.

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### **Share the Harvest**

As an act of thanksgiving, please consider donating a portion of your fresh produce to the Share the Harvest Program. Every week, in the foyer of the education building, we will have a basket set out to collect garden produce that you have harvested from your garden. The produce will be distributed to local food pantries and given to those who do not have the resources to grow or buy healthy, fresh vegetables. All produce is welcome in this, literally, down-to-earth ministry!



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*Did you know . . . that July 10 marks the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth? Calvin, an influential French theologian during the Protestant Reformation, was instrumental in the development of the Presbyterian and other Reformed Church beliefs.*

# Stewardship

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## Stewardship for Children ... and Adults!

It's not just a parental responsibility, or a role of the Sunday School, but a commitment we all make when witnessing a child's baptism and promising to nurture their spiritual growth. Following is why and how we can all participate in nurturing stewardship in ourselves and others at RPC. (*Adapted from Stewardship Seeds by Susan M. Erschen.*)

### Why should we teach Stewardship?

Stewardship encourages an attitude of gratitude. Stewardship teaches us all the difference between needs and wants.

### How can we teach Stewardship?

See that God **has given us many blessings**.

Create a listing of all God's gifts.

- ◆ Complement people on special gifts – simple things like nice handwriting, pretty smile, etc. Remind them that this special gift is a blessing from God and offer an idea on how they can be grateful or share that gift with someone else.

### Be grateful to God for the blessings He has given us.

*(This also teaches an overall sense of gratitude and a positive outlook on life. It helps us see that the cup is half full rather than half empty.)*

- ◆ Write prayers of thanksgiving.
- ◆ Write thank-you letters to God, telling Him why His gifts are so special and what you will do with those gifts.
- ◆ Help see that God has given these blessings to share. Discuss the poor and needy. Talk about how God has trusted us to use our gifts to help those who have less.
- ◆ **Show how stewardship has built our Church.**  
Learn the history of the church and the role stewardship played in building it as it is today.
- ◆ Tour the building looking for signs of stewardship.

**Recognize that stewardship is something we do all the time.** It is how we live our lives. Every decision we make about how we use our time or treasure is a stewardship decision.

- ◆ Keep a time sheet. How much time do you give to God in prayer? How much time do you spend learning – developing knowledge and talents that may be used later for God? How much time do you spend helping others? How much time do you spend taking care of yourself so you are strong and healthy for God's work?
- ◆ Talk about shopping decisions and about how we can waste money when others need it. Discuss the difference between something we want and something we need. We may need soccer shoes to be part of the team—but having the most expensive or popular brand is only a “want,” not a “need.”

### Recognize the joy that comes from stewardship.

- ◆ How do you feel when you help someone else?
- ◆ Share your own experiences of helping or invite a young volunteer to come and witness to the joys of helping.

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## What happens to our Sunday School collections?

Children and youth have offering envelopes and contribute via collection plates in Sunday School each week. In past years, we've raised money for Heifer International. This year, we decided to use the funds locally. Where did the money go? So far we . . . purchased supplies for the mini-first aid kits made in Sunday School, which were distributed via the Saturday Meal Program serving persons without homes in the Brookfield area . . . purchased supplies for the soup mixes that were made in Sunday School, which were distributed by the youth group on the Mission trip . . . purchased supplies to make blankets in Sunday School, which were distributed via Project Linus. The balance is waiting for our next project coming up when we kick off the Sunday School year on September 13.



## Sunday School: Passport to the Promised Land '09-'10

Summer has hardly begun and yet here I am thinking about Sunday School in the fall. As you know, I'm retiring from the position of Director of Christian Education. It is important to me, and to our church, to have the strong children and youth programs continue uninterrupted as we transition leadership. This is why I'm already thinking about fall!



Can you think too? What talent can you share with our children and youth? Can it be a short-term teaching assignment? Teachers are scheduled for 4-6 week blocks, leading the same lesson each week to a different age group of children. Can it be a long-term shepherding position? Shepherds travel with the same group of children each week, building a team/flock, supporting their learning, and assisting the teacher as needed.

Are you able to provide single-time project assistance? Administrative duties include tracking attendance, mailing postcards, greeting, and replenishing supplies each week. Substitute teachers and occasionally shepherds are also needed. If you know now that you'll be happy to help again—or for the first time—in the upcoming school year, please send me a quick e-mail with a yes and desired role(s).

Thank you for being stewards of your time and talents through the support of our children and youth!

Lynda Nadkarni  
[lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org)

*Need more offering envelopes for the child(ren) in your family? They're available from Lynda Nadkarni. Our children's offering envelopes not only hold money, but also recognize being stewards of time and talents.*

## Vacation Bible School—Register Today!

We'll make bricks, grind spices, weave, tool tin, whittle wood, and bake bread. We'll eat olives, hummus and dates. Travel back in time to a Middle-Eastern marketplace, eating and working as the Jewish people did in Biblical times. That's what you'll do at VBS at Ascension Lutheran Church, July 19 – 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. The registration form is available on the [RPC website](#). Volunteers, adults and youth, are needed for Vacation Bible School:

- ♦ **Tribal leaders** will work with a small group of children each night and will attend a short training session one evening the week before.
- ♦ **Shop keepers** for the market place will host a “booth” for one or two nights. Arrive at 5:45 to get directions for the marketplace.
- ♦ **Actors** for the market place will help tell stories and bring the market to life for the participants. You can volunteer for 1 to 5 of the evenings.
- ♦ **Kitchen Crew** to help prepare and organize food and bread for each tribe. Can volunteer for 1 to 5 of the evenings.
- ♦ **Musicians** to accompany our participants and teach children songs. Can volunteer for 1 to 5 evenings.
- ♦ **Tent Crew** to gather, set up, and take down tents for VBS at Ascension Lutheran Church.

There will be an orientation meeting for all volunteers on July 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Ascension. If you can volunteer any of your time to this fabulous ministry it would be appreciated. Please contact Lynda Nadkarni at [lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org) with any questions or to offer your time and talents.



# Mission Trip 2009



At 5:00 a.m. on the morning of June 14, twenty-four teens and six adults set off in three vans to drive to Copperhill, Tennessee. It was a 13 and a half hour drive, which ended with a trip through the scenic and mountainous Cherokee National Forest. Copperhill is in southeastern Tennessee, at the crossroads of North Carolina and Georgia, so named for the copper that is mined from its hills. The group stayed at a traditional summer camp in un-air-conditioned log cabins with bunk beds three high. We worked for four days at two different work sites, close to the camp. The first site was a home of a woman named Daisy. She had a large screened-in wraparound porch. We emptied the contents of the porch onto the lawn and began work restoring the porch, leveling the porch roof, building a sewing room with windows in one corner of the porch, painting the house, and building window boxes. We painted some of the porch furniture as well. The other work site built 44 trusses for a trailer and dug 16 post holes and filled them with cement. We laid the groundwork for the next group to construct a "canopy" to keep the rain from coming into the trailer. A lot of hard work was accomplished by our industrious group.





On our last day, we participated in adventure activities. A highlight of the trip was whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River. Paintball was also a popular activity. Each night, we took part in a chapel service and had our own group devotions and time of sharing around the campfire. All in all, it was another wonderful mission trip!



## Copperhill, Tennessee June 14-20, 2009

The adult leaders on the trip were Tara Gregus, Joe Ballerine, Ron Krug, Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak,, Beth Piersialla, and Frank Gangware. Please thank them for their hard work and patience!

# Mission

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## CARERS Corner

In March 2003, General Motors, along with other groups, began a program, **Operation Stars & Stripes**, to support our troops. John Kelly, who served as a helicopter medic in Vietnam and worked for GM for 38 years, became the chairman and, along with his wife, Meredith (who became a leader in the program), continues to collect and mail packages to our troops. Meredith's father, Gordon Hay, was a World War II B-17 pilot, and Meredith continues to honor her father by continuing this program. Did you know that Lauren Cody of RPC is Meredith's sister?



CARERS is asking for items for "**Operation Stars and Stripes**" in July. Some of the most needed articles are: snacks and cereal bars, shower and shaving gel (no aerosol cans, please), hard candy (but no peppermint or spearmint), dental floss, foot powder, and regular body powder. No chocolate, as it melts in the heat. Jerky is a favorite. (A complete list is available on the decorated barrel in the preschool foyer.) Notes are very welcome, but don't seal the envelopes.

On June 16, Harry Porterfield, of ABC-TV, [interviewed Meredith Kelly](#), as well as mothers of soldiers, who said how very much their sons and daughters look forward to these packages.

In September the CARERS will sponsor a **Mission Fair** during coffee fellowship. We have invited some of the recipients of our collections each month—First Presbyterian Church, BEDS, Interfaith House, and Chicago Food Depository—to allow us to meet those we assist throughout the year.

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## International Missions

**Did you know?** One member of our congregation is looking forward to joining other Presbyterians from Churches in Solidarity with Latin America (CSLA) in traveling to three cities in Colombia, South America, in the summer of 2010. CSLA is looking for other interested persons. Information on the goals and cost of the trip is available from the Deacons' Mission Committee, or contact Sylvia Schade at [szschade@comcast.net](mailto:szschade@comcast.net).

### What can you do?

**Attend a BBQ to meet former and prospective delegates:** CSLA-Colombia team invites anyone with interest in mission work to join them for a potluck BBQ at the Western Springs Presbyterian Church. Find out what last year's delegation to Colombia did and saw. (Contact the church for the date—either July 26 or August 2)

**Hear missionary Rev. Dr. Alice Winters preach:** Rev. Dr. Alice Winters, the amazing and inspiring PC(USA) missionary in Colombia, who has worked as a professor of Old Testament at the Reformed University in Barranquilla for the last 30 years, will be in the U.S. for six months beginning in July, and in the Chicago area from Nov. 28 to Dec. 9, 2009. The Western Springs Presbyterian Church has invited us to hear her give a sermon at their church on Sunday, November 29, as well as an adult education session.

**Read a book (or two):** Booklets entitled *Colombia*, published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, will be available in our church library in July. Another selection: *Colombia: Building Peace in a Time of War* by Virginia M. Bouvier will be released in July from USIP Press.

**Do you also know . . .** that Rev. Mamie Broadhurst and her husband, of First United Church of Oak Park, are going as companions to the Presbyterian Church of Baranquilla, Colombia? They will be starting this August for a three-year commitment. We hope to keep in touch with them there.

**In another direction:** Middle East Traveling Seminar to Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel/Palestine – led by Pauline Coffman, elder at First United Church of Oak Park and Peg Griffiths of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, November 2–20, 2009, \$4,295. For more information, contact Pauline Coffman at [p.coffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p.coffman@sbcglobal.net).



### 4th of July

Summer is busy at RPC!

Stop by the RPC Booth at the celebration in the park after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We'll be there to sell strawberry shaped cookies and discounted advance tickets to the Strawberry Social. Would you like to help promote RPC? If you have some time to spare on the 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact Lisa Marciniak at [aulerich@umich.edu](mailto:aulerich@umich.edu) to let her know you'd like to work a shift at the booth. We can use volunteers of all ages, and would love to have a few volunteers small enough to fit into our strawberry costumes!



### Strawberry Social



The annual Strawberry Social will be held on Sunday, July 12, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on the lawn of RPC (or in the Fellowship Hall if the weather isn't cooperating). Come for the strawberries, the ice cream, the homemade baked goods. Besides the food, there will be volleyball and other games on the lawn, an appearance by Dr. Jay Van Cura's vocal group, and plenty of opportunity to simply visit with our church family, friends, and neighbors. This event is a wonderful outreach to the community that also helps to support the ministries of the church. We hope you will attend.

Ticket prices at the event will be \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-10 and free for those under 3. Buy your tickets in advance and save \$1 on each ticket purchased. Tickets will be available after worship, in the church office during the week, or from Fellowship Committee members. To sign up to help, [visit our website](http://visitourwebsite) or contact Lisa Marciniak at [aulerich@umich.edu](mailto:aulerich@umich.edu).

### Camp Saugatuck

Don't forget to register for our family retreat in Saugatuck, Michigan. [Registration forms](#) are available on the church website. Space is limited for this popular weekend and registrations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Spend August 21-23 on the beautiful shore of Lake Michigan with your church family.





## Youth

On Sunday, June 7, our entire worship service was led by, dedicated to, and featured the talents of, the children and youth of RPC. *Thank you children and youth, and the band, **One Foot In**. We hope you heard as many compliments about Youth Sunday as we did. You were terrific worship leaders, musicians, bakers, and hosts. We're looking forward to the next service dedicated to and led by youth!* Love, Tara Gregus and Lynda Nadkarni



Pictured above are some of the recipients of the Ryan Womack scholarship, who were honored at the May 17 worship service.

## A Catchy Tune

One Sunday morning, our Dr. Sally rushed into our regular Sunday morning RPC choir rehearsal declaring “We got to sing this NOW! It’s been running through my head for DAYS...!!!” The ‘this’ was “Cante Domino” [Latin for “Sing to the Lord”] and with what I call a ‘catchy tune.’ Georg Solti of the Chicago Symphony noted that ‘music’ frequently got stuck in his head as well; he would do crossword puzzles in the evenings to dislodge the ‘tunes’ that tumbled about his magnificent musical mind. But for other catchy tunes, especially a spiritual ‘tune,’ we should probably let them rumble about within us...for a while at least. There’s power in that combo of the ‘tune’ plus lyrics AND words.



Some tunes get lost unless matched with the right words. For example, the “Star Spangled Banner” was a long forgotten English drinking [likely raunchy] pub song, until imprinted with the lyrical words of Sir Francis Scott Key. Try the lyrics of “My Country tis of thee” - “America” here, aka “God Save Our Queen” in England – you can hardly say the words without singing, or at least giving up a bit of humming. Or visa versa for the Christmas carol “Away in a Manger” - sung to two different lilting tunes. And then, there’s the youthful magic of folk, rock, or rap entwined with some catchy rhythmic beat! If there’s a musical match, you’re always caught.

So with a spiritual or religious “catchy tune,” we should maybe let it rumble and roll about in our heads. I do...is it a prayer of sound and music? Words that soothe and comfort, or give a spiritual “sparkle” in times of doubt? Singing, humming, chanting, even bouncing a bit...it all helps keep the thought and the blessings in our hearts wherever we may be.

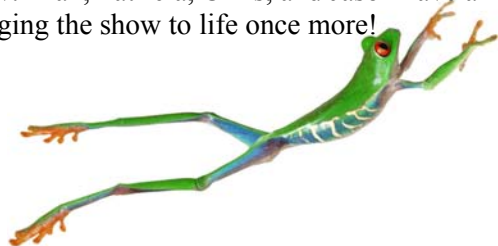
*Virginia Yang Shuppara*

## Frogs to Invade Riverside

Just as Egypt once experienced “raining frogs,” so will Riverside be filled with frogs for the week of July 27-31 (9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Young singers from all congregations of the Riverside Area Churches will have an opportunity to participate in a week-long camp rehearsing and presenting the children’s musical *F.R.O.G., The Musical*. Celebrating core life values from the viewpoint of a frog, one is encouraged to “take a leap of faith,” “bloom where you are planted,” “sing a song,” and “fully rely on God.” Following a busy week of rehearsals the young musicians will present the musical on Friday evening.

Supported by the Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches, Ascension Lutheran Church will be hosting the camp. The program is intended for children in grades 3-8. The registration fee is \$75.00. For more information, call Ascension Lutheran Church at 708-447-2600.

Director of Music Ministries at Ascension, Dan McDaniel, will head the staff and conduct the vocal rehearsals and the final performance. Accompanist for the show will be Patricia Spencer. Patricia is director of music and organist at the Union Church of Hyde Park. An outstanding musician, she also enjoys singing with the Chicago Chorale. Christopher Moan will be the stage and activities director; in the fall, Chris will assume the position of Choral Director at Victor J. Andrew High School in Orland Hills, Illinois. With a Master’s Degree in Music and Theatre Education, Chris sings with the Chicago Symphony Chorus and has been in the Chicago production of “Forever Plaid.” Jason Horton, a member of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, provided the motions and movement for the first productions of “F.R.O.G. The Musical.” He will be on hand to see that his concepts are in place for the Ascension show. Dan, Patricia, Chris, and Jason have all been on staff for past productions of the musical and look forward to bringing the show to life once more!





## Church News

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### Presbyterian Women

"Gatherings" and Bible Study are on vacation until fall, but mark your calendars for our next Gathering on Wednesday, September 9, at the Scottish Home, for lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by a program presented by Marjorie Lewie, *The Gift of Years*. The December gathering will be held on December 9 Gathering with a 12:30 lunch and program to follow.

The 2009-2010 Bible Study course, *Joshua, Journey of Faith*, begins on Wednesday, September 23. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Musick at [lizm59@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:lizm59@sbcbglobal.net).

All ladies are invited to both the Gatherings and Bible Study.



### Human Scene

Human Scene continues to meet weekly (except for the fourth of July weekend) to discuss various topics and current events. Discussion leaders in July include Stan Schade and Melinda Yachnin.

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### Thank You

Dear, Dear Church Family,  
Gratitude for all the great cards and the wonderful floral arrangement, which was fit for a hotel lobby! WOW! How I enjoyed its beauty! My hip is healing and I received some great physical therapy--YES! I'm shouting: "Hip! Hip! Hooray!" and am so glad to be on the mend! Always good to know that my Church family is there supporting me!!

Gratefully,  
Nancy Dvorak

### Booton-Henry Wedding

Nicole Henry and Aaron Booton were married at RPC on June 12. The groom's parents are Al and Judy Booton of Riverside. The bride's parents are John and Hanni Henry of Troy, Illinois. Aaron is an Agriculture Specialist at O'Hare Airport and Nicki is a Dolphin and Pinniped trainer at the Brookfield Zoo. Congratulations Nicole and Aaron!



### I Want YOU in July

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
July 5	Jim Marciniak	Stuart Marciniak	Kohar Havelka	OPEN
July 12	Samantha Miezio	Margaret Miezio	Elizabeth Musick	Strawberry Social (no regular Coffee Fellowship)
July 19	Matt Lisle	Hannah Ranft	OPEN	Deacons
July 26	Jim McLean	Adeline Pecis	Anonymous	OPEN



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

## July 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please note: Summer Office hours are M-Tu-Th-Fri 9-12						
			1 Office Closed 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace	2 6:30a Women's Forum	3	4
5 9a Sunday School in Recess 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:30a New Member Class 1:30p Deacons British Home Service	6 5:15 Volleyball	7 6:30a Men's Forum 3:30 LE:AH 7p Personnel Comm	8 Office Closed	9 6:30a Women's Forum	10 Night Ministry	11
12 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11:15a CARERS Comm 11:15a Adult Ed Comm 12p Strawberry Social Set-Up 4p Strawberry Social	13 5:15 Volleyball 7p Finance Comm 7:30p Trustees Mtg	14 6:30a Men's Forum 3:30 LE:AH	15 Office Closed	16 6:30a Women's Forum	17 6p Craft Night	18
19 VBS 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship Vision Deadline 2p Scottish Home Worship	20 VBS 5:15 Volleyball	21 VBS 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg 3:30 LE:AH 7p Deacons Mtg	22 VBS Office Closed	23 VBS 6:30a Women's Forum	24	25
26 9a Sunday School 10a Blessing of the Animals-Outdoor Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	27 5:15 Volleyball	28 6:30a Men's Forum 3:30 LE:AH	29 Office Closed	30 6:30a Women's Forum	31	

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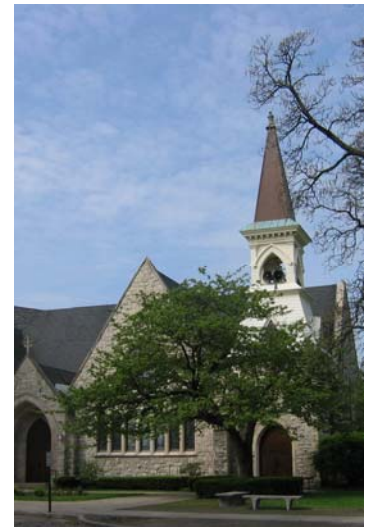
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