



The Vision

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When Times are Tough . . .



The tough get going. Times were certainly tough for Jesus and his followers. Under Roman rule, Christians were not free to acknowledge their faith openly. Many were taxed to within an inch of starvation. And many were taxed several inches beyond starvation. The Romans were brutal in every imaginable way. Yet the Christians found the inspiration to continue to live for others, rather than closing in and protecting themselves.

I can certainly understand folks feeling like times are tough today. Forces that seem almost cosmic in proportion threaten to undo us. When security is lacking, it's only natural to circle the wagons and take care of oneself and one's immediate family. But the way that the early Christian Church survived and thrived was by resisting that very temptation.

Yes, it's time to talk about Stewardship again. We're entering that most dreaded of all seasons. But rather than seeing the Stewardship Committee callers as just another threat to your security, I invite you to see them as offering you an *opportunity* to escape that entire way of thinking. If you rely on 401(k) plans to provide you a luxurious retirement, you will never have enough security. If you rely on buying every supplemental insurance plan to care for your health, you will never have enough security. If you rely on your blood relatives to care for any needs that may arise, you will never have enough security.

Rather than running like rats on a wheel trying to accumulate the mythical "enough security," the early Christians recognized that their only hope in the world rested with God. They knew that their love for one another was stronger than any force that they could manage by themselves, especially since the Roman soldiers could simply confiscate anything that they may have "owned" at any time.

When the Stewardship Committee callers come to your door, remember those early Christians. Your only real security is in God. Will your church family care about you no matter what? Of course we will. Will we offer material assistance to you if you are in need? As much as we are able. But, ultimately, your security is in God, not in the Church. At some point, all of the helps that you have available to you will fail, and you will die. There is no alternative ending to that story. So, when the callers come, they will offer you, not a threat, but an *opportunity* to say thank you—thank you to God for the blessings you have already received, but also thank you to God for the blessings you expect one day to receive.

If you take a glance at <http://www.pcusa.org/tenyeartrends/report/4LLLNV9/> you will find statistics about our congregation that have been standardized by our denomination. If you analyze the data that you find there, you will discover at least two interesting facts. First, our membership has been *growing* over the past few years during a time period in which most congregations' memberships in the denomination have been declining. Secondly, the average contribution per member spread out over all PCUSA churches in the whole nation is \$1201, while the average contribution per member of RPC is \$631. In other words, the members of RPC (on *average*) give about half of what Presbyterians give across the nation.

Are we investing in the kind of security that will pay dividends unto eternity? Might we need to shift some of our priorities? Those are questions for you to ask God in prayer. In any case, I hope you'll give the stewardship callers the warmest greeting you can muster.

Blessings,
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

October Worship Schedule

October 4 Mark 10:2-12 “**Divorce and Peace**”

When is there justification for divorce? Amongst individuals? Amongst Christian churches? Today we celebrate Worldwide Communion, and receive the Peacemaking Offering.

October 11 Mark 10:17-31 “**God’s Miniature Camels**”

What does Jesus think about those who have much wealth and their chances of getting into Heaven?

October 18 Mark 10:35-45 “**The Pursuit of Power**”

What is the optimal amount of power for us to have? Today is Domestic Violence Awareness Day, so we will talk about power issues within the family.

October 25 Mark 10:46-52 “**Sin and Reformation**” What was the main cause of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s? Why do we still have a confession of sin in our worship service in spite of the market research on the subject? Today is Reformation Sunday.

Board of Deacons Mission Outreach: Thank You!

To **Sylvia & Stan Schade** for their foresight/kindness/persistence in bringing Drs. Bernard & Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta to RPC on September 21.

To **Kathi Rocanova, Doris Hayes, and Mary Crang** for chairing the Deacon dinner and community reception for our Indonesian guests.

To the **CARERS team** for the wonderfully organized & uplifting balloon-themed Mission Fair fellowship on September 20.

To **Ellen Hamilton** for getting and keeping RPC involved in the Night Ministry every second Friday each month for the past six years.

To **Matt Lisle** for organizing the unemployed and under-employed RPC members into the LE:AH project.

To **Diane Chaney** for organizing the second annual RPC trip to have our members participate in the Rockford Habitat for Humanity.

To **Mary Jansen and Colleen Muller** for organizing the second summer of *Share the Harvest*.

To **ALL those at RPC** who support these Mission Outreach activities in the past, the present and the future.



October Opportunities



If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak](#).

For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC office](#).

Potential Acolytes & Liturgists, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#).

	Liturgists	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
October 4	Mary Ann Sadilek	Lisle Family	Elizabeth Musick	Jr. High Class
October 11	Youth	Miezio Family	OPEN	Rachel & Nicole Rocconi Alex & Andi Krug
October 18	Matt Lisle	Vogel Families	OPEN	Deacons
October 25	Jim Ulrich	Monica Wood, Carol O’Meara, Gale Teune, Lynn Labotka	OPEN	Rayfield & Hooglander Families

Session News

At the September meeting, the Session did the following:

- ◆ welcomed Melissa Gilbert, our new seminary intern;
- ◆ accepted, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Freel from Session and as Youth CE Chairman;
- ◆ called a Special Congregational Meeting for October 11, following worship, for the purpose of electing church officers to fill current vacancies;
- ◆ voted to temporarily move the "Passing of the Peace" from the beginning of the service to the end, due to the upcoming flu season. It was noted that hand sanitizers are available near the Sanctuary doors;
- ◆ noted that the YTD budget deficit has been slightly reduced, but still is about \$32,000;
- ◆ approved vacation and continuing education leaves for Rev. Jansen 11/26-12/2; 12/3-12/9; and 12/25-12/31;
- ◆ approved the use of the Sanctuary by the Cub Scouts for a ceremony on October 6;
- ◆ noted that arrangements have been made for an audit of RPC's 2008 financial records, at no cost to the church.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

Trustees News

Thank you to Lou Heine and George Meyer for cleaning the grounds on September 2. The next *All Church Family Work Days* are scheduled for Sundays, **October 18 and November 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** We are hoping for great fall weather for outdoor cleanup of the gardens! Please mark your calendars and join us!

Status update on projects

Handicapped accessible bathroom: We have nearly \$14,000 in the project fund. Thank you to Fred Mitchell for completing and submitting the application for the ADA grant; unfortunately, it has been denied due to a limit of available funds from the grant provider. The Trustees are continuing to seek funds before beginning the project; all donations, regardless of size, are welcome!

The gym floor has been refinished and the walls have been painted. Thank you to the Bill Barrett Memorial Fund for the donation to provide the painting of the walls! Sand and dirt, as well as black soled shoes, ruin the surface of the floor. *Please wear only clean, white-soled shoes in the gym.*

If you have any building or maintenance concerns, please fill out a "trouble report" form, available in the information center near the office, or report any issues to the October Trustees of the Month: Chris Schiller or Lou Heine.



Church Officers Needed



The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of recruiting nominees for church officer positions for three-year terms beginning in January 2010, and a new Nominating Committee to serve a one-year term. If you are interested in serving as a church officer, or if you would like to nominate fellow members, please [complete the nominating form](#) and return it to a Nominating Committee member, to the church office, or place it in the offering plate on Sundays. It is the goal of the Nominating Committee to include as many people as possible in the process, and to recruit officers from all constituencies within our congregation. Your input is appreciated, and we encourage you to consider nominating yourself as well as a fellow church member.

Sharing Our Gifts

CARERS Corner

In October the CARERS, in partnership with Cub Scout Pack 24, will be collecting “canned goods”. This is always a good collection as it enables families to stock up their pantries for the coming months. Anything—vegetables, fruits, meat, and fish—is welcome. We are grateful for your generosity.



The CARERS wish to thank everyone involved in the recent Mission Fair: the parishioners of RPC and those Mission representatives who came to explain their work and needs (First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Interfaith House, Stars and Stripes, BEDS Plus, Companions, Riverside Township Food Pantry, Greater Chicago Food Depository and Night Ministry). It was a very educational fair, helping us understand the needs that are met by these people and how they rely on us to continue to support them. Thanks to Tara Gregus and youth group members for their assistance with child care; to the members of the CARERS Committee—Margy, Colleen, Carol, Monica, Wilma, Marilyn, Lynn, Mary Lou; and to Wilma, Marge, Albertia, Marjorie, and Kate for the beautiful posters and bulletin insert. Last, but not least, thanks to Scott with his warm welcome for all.

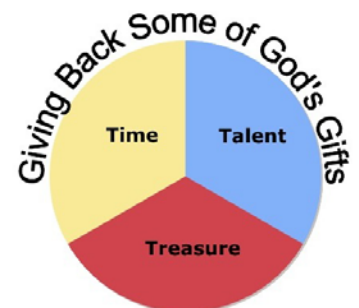
Financial Update



	2009 Total Budget	Year-to-Date As of August 31	% of Budget
Total Income	\$329,200	\$187,088	57%
Total Expenses	\$365,310	\$219,329	60%
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Commitment Sunday

Time flies! The Stewardship Committee is already planning for 2010 and how our members might use their time, talents and resources for the future of Riverside Presbyterian Church. Please mark your calendars for Commitment Sunday, **November 8**. We will begin the day by “gather(ing) as a church family to: *Celebrate God's Presence and Nurture the Spiritual Life of Our Members.*” In the afternoon church officers will make personal visitations to members to explain how their contributions can help our church to “*Carry the Light of Christ into the World and Serve God by Serving Others.*” Each of our members is so important to this effort! Please plan on being a part of Commitment Sunday!



Have a Filing Cabinet?

With growing choirs at RPC we need more storage space for our music library! We are seeking a donation of one full-size or two half-size used filing cabinets. If you can donate a filing cabinet, please contact [Sally Sloane](#).



Pecans ▪ Pecans ▪ Pecans!

For years the RPC women have handled the sale of pecans to benefit the [Erie Neighborhood House](#). The funds raised benefit the Team Tutoring Program for college-bound high school students. Again this year, one-pound bags of freshly harvested pecan halves will be sold for \$8.00. Orders will be taken during the church coffee hour on Sundays, or orders can be placed with Carol Sprunger or the church office.



BEDS Plus

BEDS Plus, whose mission is to provide emergency overnight shelter and to assist homeless people in West Suburban Cook County to become self-sufficient, is starting their fall shelter season on Thursday, October 15. BEDS held three training events in September and will hold three more in early October for new site volunteers. The choice of dates are October 2, 7, or 8. For details visit www.bedsonline.org or call 708-354-0858. Please consider volunteering four hours per month from October 15 to April 29. The four shift choices are: 6:30 - 11:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m., 3:00 to 7:30 a.m., and 5:30 - 7:30 a.m. **Men are especially needed during the second and third shifts.** Other volunteer possibilities: Cook teams, Laundry, Shoppers, Supply Delivery, and Office Support.



Beds Plus Fundraiser ▪ 4th annual **Harvest Moon Night** at The Arabian Knights Farm on October 24 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight, 6526 Clarendon Hills Road, Willowbrook—\$75 for dinner, drinks, live music, silent auction, hayrides, and dancing. Casual attire (cowboy boots & hats optional) - see www.bedsonline.org or call 708-354-0858 for tickets.

Night Ministry

Thank you to the CARERS Committee for hosting such a wonderful Mission Fair on Sunday, September 20. Several new volunteers stopped by the Night Ministry table to add their names to the list of RPC members who help us prepare and serve a meal for 200 homeless persons on the second Friday every month. Since our participation began, RPC has prepared 42 Starlight Soup Suppers and 30 Moonlight Picnics, which we serve in the vicinity of Wilson and Broadway in Chicago. This amounts to: 420 gallons of soup, 8,400 sandwiches, 6,000 hot dogs, and over 1,200 hours of service time.

For more information on how you can serve in this worthy effort, please contact Ellen Hamilton at emhamilt@uic.edu.

September 6, 2009

Mary Jansen arrived at my home with the beautiful flowers from the church service. Oh, they are so lovely and smell so good, and Mary's visit was so welcome. I felt better immediately.

Thank you all for your prayers.

Fondly,
Sue Gross

Special thanks to our volunteers over the years:

5th Grade Sunday School
Beverly Aieta
Mike Aieta
George Armstrong
Boy Scouts
James Brennan
Cadette Girl Scouts
Allan Chard
Kate Chard
Kemp Clarke
Betsy Gardner
Dave Gates
Roberta Gates
Amanda Gregus
Tara Gregus
Grisafe Family
Cindy Gustafson
Allan Halline
Connor Halline
Patti Perry Halline

Ellen Hamilton
Andrew Hart
John Haugland
George Havelka
Kohar Havelka
Doris Hayes
Evan Healy
Allison Heine
Gwen Heine
Leanne Heine
Lew Heine
Mike Heine
Amanda Hejna
Emily Hejna
Katie Hejna
Maggie Hejna
Michelle Hejna
Nancy Hejna
Brian Jansen
Mary Jansen

Scott Jansen
Deb Jansky
Jon Jansky
Cody Kazarian
Tom Kedzie
Connie Kelly
Thea Kiwiet
John Kleek
Bernadette Kolinski
Jenny Kolinski
Andrea Leibrandt
MariAnn Leibrandt
Thomas Leibrandt
Matt Lisle
Susan Lisle
Cathy Louthen
Jim Marciniak
Lisa Marciniak
Max Marciniak
Mitchell Family
Vince Pecis

Bill Muller
Colleen Muller
Elizabeth Musick
Lynda Nadkarni
Nadkarni Family
Jane O'Donnell
Cindy Reynolds Rayfield
Nicole Rocconi
Rocconi Family
RPC Sunday School
RPC Youth Groups
Kathy Salerno
Stephanie Sauer
Stan Schade
Sylvia Schade
Brooke Schwarz
Marilyn Slanec
Sally Sloane
Susanne Vogel
David Wilson

Fellowship

Camp Saugatuck

The weekend of August 21-23 was cool and rainy in Saugatuck, Michigan. But who needs the sun when you're surrounded by the beauty of our camp, 13 fun-loving adults and 6 great kids? It was a wonderfully relaxing, enjoyable, and meaningful weekend. We had the pleasure of getting to know six members of the Yorkfield Presbyterian Church (Elmhurst) who were also up for the weekend and joined us in many of our activities, as well as the new interim director of the camp. Special thanks go out to Steven Teune who coordinated the weekend with the camp and to John Haugland for music around the fire and at worship on Sunday morning. Jim Marciniak and Connie Kelly captured some great photos of our weekend which are available on the [RPC online photo gallery](#). Check them out and plan on joining us for more fun and fellowship next year!



Hiking on October 4

Wear your hiking shoes to church on Sunday, October 4, and join us after the service as we head into the woods to enjoy the splendor of God's creation. We will be leaving immediately after church (gathering outside in the front) to go for a short hike at Swallow Cliff Woods. If there's a large group, we may divide into two - a leisurely stroll group, and a robust hike group. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch, which we will enjoy after the hike.



Craft Night

The third Friday of each month is Craft Night in the Fellowship Hall. Drop in on October 16 anytime between 6 and 11 p.m. with a project and enjoy some company as you work.

Wednesday Night Live!

WNL! is an intergenerational and interdenominational program designed to bring the whole church family and community together in faith and fellowship. The fall semester runs for eight weeks from September 30 through November 16. Dinner is available from 5:30 to 6:30, and you are encouraged to come eat with us to nourish both your body and your soul. Fill out a registration form for the entire fall session, or call the church office by Tuesday at noon if you'd like to drop in. Drop-in dinners cost \$5/person, and you are welcome at dinner whether or not you plan to take part in after-dinner programs.

Look What's Happening in Sunday School

This year in Sunday School we're focusing on covenants. We're starting off by learning about God's covenant with Noah. **Jeanine Buttimer** will be helping kids make contracts with one another to help them better understand the covenant between God and Noah. **Patti Friend** will help kids measure out the ark and play games that teach about trust. **Connie Kelly's** class will be discussing gratitude to God and others, and working on a special "top secret" project for Lynda Nadkarni. With **Susan Lisle** kids will learn the meaning of the rainbow and experiment with crystals and prisms. **Vince Pecis** will discuss the impact of floods then and now, and kids will have a chance to experiment with their own mini-floods and see if their ark will survive. **Kathi Roccanova** will explore the story of Noah's Ark through humor, as kids create their own Noah's Ark comedy routine and Noah's Ark play.

John Cain and Joe Ourth will be working for the next several months preparing our 9th graders for Confirmation.

Our wonderful shepherds:

Children are shepherded by a familiar face each week as they travel to the different classrooms. These dedicated folks have volunteered to guide for the 2009-2010 year:

Serina Ranft with the help of Amanda Gregus – *Kindergarten and First Grade*

Shannon Buhle with the help of Marika Floros – *Second and Third Grade*

Frank Fieiseler and Mack Fieiseler – *Fourth and Fifth Grade*

Tom Kedzie with the help of Bill Vogel – *Junior High*



Students from RPC Sunday School classes enjoy the activities on Kick-Off Sunday, September 13.

Sunday School offerings

Did you know that when kids bring an offering to Sunday School the money is donated to [Heifer International](#)? At the Sunday School Kick-off each child was given 10 pennies to use to vote for the animal of their choice and so far it's a pretty close race between ducks, geese and rabbits. At the end of the year we'll see how much we have received in Sunday School offerings and you never know...we might have a enough for all of them!

Thank you, Lynda Nadkarni!

Looking for a way to say "Thank You!" to Lynda Nadkarni for her years of service to RPC? Please consider making a contribution to the Sunday School Computer Lab that is being created in her honor. Lynda had always hoped to incorporate computers into the Sunday School curriculum and we're trying to make that happen. If you'd like to make a donation in her honor, please be sure to write "computer lab" in the notation area of your check.



Youth

Youth Group News

We had a fun and full September! We started off the new year of youth group with a fun trip to US Cellular Field for a White Sox game against the A's. The Sox won, but not until the 13th inning. We made ice cream sundaes at our first meeting at church and talked about our plans for the upcoming year. At our second meeting, we talked about communicating with God and with others. We also cooked a terrific Italian Dinner for the congregation. Here's what's happening in October:

Sunday, October 4: All-Church Hike. We will depart from church after the morning worship service (about 11:30) and take a hike in the forest preserves of Palos Heights. Everyone should pack a lunch; afterward, we will stop for ice cream. We should return to RPC around 3:00 pm.

Sunday, October 11: Bonfire at the Gregus House We will play some fun campfire games, eat s'mores, burn palms for next year's Ash Wednesday Service and have a discussion. Don't miss the fun! Junior High 6:00 p.m., Senior High 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18: CROP Walk This 3-mile Covenant of Churches event takes place around Riverside during the afternoon. Last year, our youth group raised \$860 to help combat world hunger. This year, we are going to raise that and lots more! Contact [Tara Gregus](#) for the donation form. There will be a prize for the junior high and senior high participants who raise the most money!

Sunday, October 25: Jonamac Orchards We will take a drive out to the country (Malta, Illinois, near DeKalb) to try to find our way through the corn maze, ride a tractor out to the pumpkin fields to pick our own pumpkins, and enjoy caramel apples, apple donuts and other delicious treats. We will need parent volunteers to help drive to this event. Cost: approximately \$15. Approximate time: noon-5:00 pm.

As always, feel free to invite a friend to any of our youth group events. Questions? Contact Tara Gregus at taragregus@yahoo.com.



RPC Youth Groups enjoying a White Sox game.

Cub Scout Pack 24 & Boy Scout Troop 24



The cub scouts kicked off their year with a campout on September 12-13 at YMCA Camp Duncan, with 95 scouts and parents in attendance. The same weekend boy scouts from Troop 24 traveled to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to the [AirVenture Museum](#) where they had the opportunity to earn an aviation merit badge and fly on small aircraft with pilots volunteering their time and aircraft through the [Young Eagles](#) program.

Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, **October 28** at 10:00 a.m. in the **RPC Social Hall**. (The Scottish Home was not available.) The Bible study theme for 2009-2010 is "Joshua, A Journey of Faith." Mary Mikhael, the author of our study, is a scholar and elder in the Presbyterian Church in Beirut, Lebanon. She asks herself "As Christians, what meaning can we find today in the book of Joshua? Can women today still read Joshua as a resource for their faith and their Christian commitment?"

Sylvia Schade will lead the study for Lesson Two, *A Leader is Called*, based on Joshua 1:2-18; 24:1-15. Key idea: When God calls us to a position of leadership, God also gives us the strength and courage to follow God's call. Sylvia Schade, Joyce Van Cura, and Elizabeth Musick rotate the Bible study leader position. All ladies are invited. If possible, it is helpful to read the lesson in advance.

WNL! for Adults: Practicing Our Faith

WNL! is an intergenerational and interdenominational program designed to bring the whole church family and community together in faith and fellowship. The fall semester will begin September 30 and run for eight weeks through November 16. The evening begins with dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 followed by classes for all ages. For adults, aside from going to church on Sunday, how do we manifest the power and love of God in our lives? We will use the book *Practicing Our Faith* to spur questions about concrete practices of hospitality, simplicity, and community gathering that serve to enrich our lives and the lives of others while reinforcing our faith in God. If you'd like to buy the book, a few copies will be available for \$13.00 during coffee hour and at the first WNL! meeting. Even if you don't read the book, please come anyway because Pastor Scott will review what you missed starting at 6:30 sharp.

Marriage Renewal Workshop



Come to a workshop designed to give you a couple check-up and help re-invigorate your relationship. The workshop will be held on **Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 to 11:30** a.m. in the Social Hall, and will include teaching about the key elements of a happy marriage and exercises for you and your spouse to talk about together. The cost is \$30 per couple, and childcare will be provided for \$5 per child. The workshop is led by Melinda Yachnin, LCPC, and Ginger Archer, LCSW and is open to anyone. Sign up by contacting [Melinda Yachnin](#) or the [church office](#).

Human Scene

Human Scene is a wonderful opportunity for adults who want to think critically and learn more about the Christian faith life. Each week the topic changes, and cycles through teaching and discussion about scripture, theology, spirituality, mission, and current events. The format allows you to learn from experts on particular subjects, and to engage in thoughtful discussion with the people with whom you worship.

October 4: **Ecclesiastes**, led by Ron Smith. This week Ron will take a deeper look at this perplexing and popular book in the Bible.

October 11: **What happens when we die?** Come for a wide-ranging discussion/forum led by Pastor Scott on what we think or hope or fear about what comes after death.

October 18 through November 1: **Galatians and the early church**, led by Stan Schade. Stan begins a three-week study of Galatians and what it tells us about the early church.

Did you know ... photos from church events can be viewed on the RPC website at www.rpcusa.org/photogallery.html. Events from 2009 include the Mission Trip, Strawberry Social, Blessing of the Animals. Youth Group trip to Starved Rock, and Camp Saugatuck.

Church & Community News

Womack Scholarship Dinner

On May 5, 1990, Ryan Womack and his Little League teammates were enjoying the first day of the season. The seven and eight-year-olds were in Harrington Park, getting ready for the game, when a Cadillac hurtled off an adjacent street, jumped the curb, and slammed into the children. Three, including Ryan Womack, died. Six other children and three adults were injured. To honor the memory of their son, Randy and Lonnie Womack created the Ryan Womack Scholarship Fund. Since its inception, 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, which is usually held on the Saturday before Ryan's birthday. This year the event will be held on **October 17** at the Riverside Golf Club. Tickets for the dinner are \$100 per person (a portion tax-deductible). [Contact the RPC office](#) to make a reservation. Contributions should be made payable to *Riverside Presbyterian Church for Ryan Womack Scholarship Fund*.



Community Events Featuring RPC Members

In an effort to support our members and encourage some off-site fellowship, Patti Perry Halline and Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak would like to publicize activities in which our members participate. Please send team schedules, concert or show dates, or information on other activities that you or your family members are involved in, to Patti or Lisa for the Vision and the Friday e-mail announcements.

The **Hauser/RB Orchestra Festival** will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 8 at Hauser Jr. High. Among those performing that night will be Hauser students Joseph Aieta, Margaret Miezio, Abraham Ourth, Hannah Pecis, Quinn Riskey, and Erica Sterner. **Jazz Night** in Hauser Auditorium will take place on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m. Always an enjoyable concert, the evening will include performances by jazz bands from Hauser Junior High, Gross Junior High, and RBHS. Stuart Marciniak and Kathryn Nadkarni will be among the performers that evening, and Kathryn has another concert the following evening at Gross at 7:00 p.m. Catch RPC's own Tyler Floros and Austin McKain in the game, Marika Nadkarni cheering, Louise Gangware dancing with the Puppettes, and Ben and Annie Mitchell marching in the band (under the direction of drum major Natalie Benoy) at **RB's home football games** on October 2, 9, and 16. JV starts at 5:00 p.m. and Varsity at 7:00.

Annual Church World Service CROP Walk

Sunday, October 18, is the date for the annual **CROP WALK** through parts of Riverside. Registration for the walk will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church with a short blessing for the walkers, who will head south at 2:00 p.m. past several water stops at St. Mary Park and the United Methodist Church and back north to Ascension. RPC-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 24 is organizing this event for the Covenant this year. There will be a "Golden Mile" walk for those who prefer one mile to the five-mile route. Various members of RPC, including the youth groups, will be walking and some will be asking people to sponsor their walks by pledging money for this event. Some of the money will be retained locally and the balance will go to Church World Service for their good works around the globe. Pledge packets are being distributed, so be prepared to answer the call to walk and/or sponsor a walker. Thank you for your support.



Fall Events at Covenant Churches

October 4 ▪ *St. Mary Church* ▪ Blessing of the Pets at St. Mary Park, 1:00 p.m.
October 17 ▪ *Ascension Lutheran Church* ▪ Oktoberfest dinner for the Riverside Township Food Pantry, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
October 10-31 ▪ *United Methodist Church* ▪ Pumpkin Patch Sale beside the church
November 14 ▪ *United Methodist Church* ▪ Planting of 1000 Trees in Riverside parks - 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. with lunch
Thanksgiving Day Services: ▪ 8:30 a.m. at *St. Mary Church* and 10:00 a.m. at *Ascension Lutheran Church*



Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30a Women's Forum	2	3
4 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:30 Fellowship Hike 1:30 Deacons' British Home Service	5 5:15p Volleyball	6 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Meeting 7p Personnel Committee	7 Office Closed 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 5:30p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	8 6:30a Women's Forum	9 Night Ministry	10
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