



# The Vision

November 2009

## Thank You RPC

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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It is the month for giving thanks. The early pilgrims were thankful that their harvest gave them hope to survive the winter, and that their neighbors (the natives) were helpful and supportive. Compared with them, we have less chance of starvation or frostbite this winter, and our neighbors are even friendlier. Thus, we certainly exceed the pilgrims in reasons for being thankful.

The pilgrims focused their thanks towards God. Giving thanks to God is one of the earliest practices of our religion, going back at least as far as Abraham and Sarah. But, it may not always feel natural for you to take some time, stop what you're doing, and give thanks to God. This is often because we are no longer so certain of where and how God is active.

In the Bible you'll find songs of thanksgiving (e.g., Exodus 15) that celebrate how God vanquished a foe. Or sometimes you will see a modern professional athlete giving thanks to God for vanquishing a foe. Sensitive Christians have questioned whether it is always appropriate to thank God, because "God works in mysterious ways." So how do we know exactly when we should be thanking God?

I think it is better to give thanks to God that is sometimes based on a wrong assumption, than to refrain from thanking God entirely. It is possible to misjudge anyone, including God. You may think your best friend is really caring, only to discover she had ulterior motives. Thanking God is the beginning of a relationship with God—it means that we recognize that God is active in our lives. If God is not active in our lives, then we have no relationship. So, sure, it involves faith rather than certainty, but we all need to make an effort to find where God is active in ways that touch us.

I am thankful for this church, for the spirit of cooperation that helps us to find compromises, for the spirit of volunteerism that allows us to move forward, for the spirit of stewardship that allows us to make use of God's talents among us, for the spirit of curiosity that leads us to explore new ideas, and for the spirit of love that binds us together in joyful fellowship. Is this what God's Spirit is doing among us? I think so.

Allow me to be even more specific. I am thankful for Lynda Nadkarni's years of ministry among us, for the love that she put into her work, and for the servant's heart that she has in being willing to continue to help the church in other ways. I am thankful for Jim Sit and Jon Jansky, along with all the trustees, for the many ways that they keep the church going smoothly without anyone knowing what they are doing. I am thankful for the elders who take initiative and execute their duties as servant leaders who receive very little recognition. I am thankful for the deacons who care for others, share in their burdens, and bring light into dark places. I am thankful for the staff here—including Fred and Cindy and those who have accepted larger responsibilities without pay. It has not always been obvious how we were going to fill a staff position, but it has certainly turned out well! We have the best staff we could hope for. Each of them goes beyond the limits of the job to excel in their areas of ministry. I am thankful that the Spirit moves people to continue coming to worship, to sing with gusto, to pray sincerely, to listen carefully to God's Word, and to put what is learned in worship into practice beyond the church.

Does all of this happen by mere coincidence? I suppose that is possible, but by faith, I believe it is God's Spirit who is blessing this church in these and many other ways.

Thanks be to God,  
Scott

# Worship/Church News

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## November Worship Schedule

**November 1** John 11:32-44 *All Saints Day*

How can we find hope for resurrection and eternal meaning symbolized in the fact that Jesus was greatly disturbed by the death of Lazarus? Today we will celebrate both a baptism and Communion.

**November 8** Mark 12:38-44 *Give It Your All*

Today the Stewardship Committee will act out a live drama with four voices instead of a sermon. Jesus praises the woman who gives out of a trust in God. We will have the elders and deacons bring forward their pledge cards, and then after worship they will go calling on all parishioners to collect their pledge cards.

**November 15** 1 Samuel 1:1-20 *Consecration Sunday*

What did consecrating Samuel as a Nazirite mean to his mother Hannah? Today is Consecration Sunday. We will also celebrate baptisms this day.

**November 22** 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and John 18:33-37 *What Is Christ's Kingdom?*

When Jesus says that the "Kingdom" is near, what does that mean? Today is "Christ the King" Sunday. But we'll also have a bit of Thanksgiving theme.

**November 29** Luke 21:25-36 *Guard Your Hearts*

As we begin the season of Advent, we remember the sense of urgency and anticipation that surrounded the time preceding Jesus' birth. In our similarly uncertain world, how can we keep our hearts attuned to the promise of hope in Jesus' ministry?



## Church Officers Needed

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of recruiting nominees for church officer positions for three-year terms beginning in January of 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.



## November 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            |
|-------------|------------------|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
| November 1  | Melinda Yachnin  | Schwarz Family<br>Dennis Sadilek, Lisa Hastings | OPEN            | RPC Bell & Chancel<br>Choirs |
| November 8  | OPEN             | Scuff & Sue Gross<br>Sanlee & Tom Radigan       | Ourth Family    | OPEN                         |
| November 15 | OPEN             | Pecis-Kolinski Family                           | OPEN            | OPEN                         |
| November 22 | Elizabeth Musick | Lisle Family                                    | Mitchell Family | OPEN                         |
| November 29 | OPEN             | Miezio Family                                   | Shelley Reichle | OPEN                         |

### Session News

- ♦ approved plans for the fall Stewardship Drive, which will culminate on Commitment Sunday, November 8, with an every-member canvass.
- ♦ tabled until Spring a request from the trustees to approve replacing broken sidewalk sections near the Manse.
- ♦ discussed a request from Freedom House Ministry to lease space at RPC on Saturdays and deferred a decision pending receipt of additional information.
- ♦ approved scheduling two worship services on Easter Sunday: at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.
- ♦ called a special congregational meeting on Sunday, November 22, for the purpose of electing church officers for 2010.
- ♦ learned that the September service auction raised \$9,000, which was applied to the budget deficit, reducing that figure to \$26,000.
- ♦ noted that statements of giving for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be mailed early in November. Any questions about the statements, or any need to revise the amounts pledged should be referred to the Financial Secretary.
- ♦ congratulated Rev. Jansen on the publication of his book *Why You Experience Evil: The Eight Best Explanations*. Written primarily for theologians, it is available through [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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### RPC Connections



The Deacon Board would like to propose that RPC family and friends take time to reconnect with our college students. As most of us know “keeping in touch” used to be writing a letter, sending a card, or making a phone call. Today everything seems to be done electronically (e-mail, Facebook, texting and Twitter). While technology has its place, we think the time is right for staying in touch the old-fashioned way. Amidst all the junk mail one gets, there isn’t anyone who doesn’t like receiving “snail mail.” A card/ letter from a friend or relative

can bring a smile to one’s face and make a world of difference in our day. In the next few weeks we will be gathering names and addresses for our college students. We hope that individuals, as well as families, will be willing to “adopt” a student—it could be someone you already know or someone you would like to know. The goal is for each college student to have a connection with someone from the RPC family. Our job will be to pray for these individuals, to drop them a line or two (let them know what’s going on at RPC, invite them to join us for worship when they’re in town, inform them of any special events or activities that are happening, etc.), to send a birthday greeting, or even to give them a phone call. Who knows—you may be surprised and receive a note or call back from your student! With your help we can make **RPC Connections** a reality. Watch for additional information regarding this project in the weekly bulletins or in the **Vision**. THANKS in advance for your support of this ministry!

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### Stewardship Snippets

A Special Prayer (from an RPC member) . . . I am writing a check. But the check I’m writing is to the church and I don’t know what to put in the lower left-hand “what for” space. I can’t put “tithe,” for this isn’t a tenth; and it seems a singularly inappropriate thing to lie about. I won’t put “gift” for that seems presumptuous as though I were Lady Bountiful, graciously offering a small token of my plenty. It is as validly a “debt” as a “gift,” maybe more so. What it is for is partial payment (and I shall never be able to make payment in full) for what the church has done in helping me raise my family; in helping me keep my own priorities sorted out; in helping me grow in my relationship with God through Christ. So, I shall simply put . . . “On account!” Amen.

## Sharing Our Gifts

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### CARERS Corner

The CARERS Committee will be collecting peanut butter, jelly, and juices in November, to be sent to the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Please place your donations in the collection tubs provided, and we thank you again for your generosity.



### CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk



On October 18, RPC members joined their neighbors to raise awareness and funding for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting agencies. 2,000 communities across the country take part in the CROP walk each year.

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel, and to take their goods to market. In the last 20 years, CROP walks have raised over \$264 million.

How much money did the RPC walkers raise this year? \$1,454— with a huge chunk of that by the RPC youth group and choir members! **Thank You** to those who walked and to those who supported the walkers with their pledges. As a result of your efforts, we raised \$364 for the west suburban sheltering organization, BEDS PLUS, and \$1,090 for Church World Service.

### Financial Update

As of the end of September 2009 we are 75% through the year, at 66.8% of expected income and 67.5% of budgeted expenses.



|                | 2009 Total Budget | Year-to-Date<br>As of September 30 | % of Budget |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Income   | \$329,200         | * \$220,062                        | 66.8%       |
| Total Expenses | \$365,310         | \$246,500                          | 67.5%       |
| Deficit        | -\$36,110         | -\$26,438                          |             |

\*Includes \$8,306 from the service auction. Thank you to all who supported this activity.

### Commitment Sunday



Commitment Sunday is coming up on November 8. Pledge cards and additional information about this year's Stewardship Drive should be arriving in your mailboxes soon, if they haven't already. Please plan to join us at worship as we dedicate ourselves to supporting the work and financial needs of Riverside Presbyterian Church in 2010. On the afternoon of November 8, church officers will call on members personally to thank them for their past pledging and to discuss the importance of pledging to RPC's mission. Please open your doors and your hearts to God's message. Thank you!

-The Stewardship Committee



### Food Depository: Help Wanted

The Mission Committee of the Deacons is looking for volunteers for a three-hour work session at the [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#) on Saturday, November 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants will go together in car pools from church. There is a sign-up sheet on the cork board in the foyer of the education building. Please Contact [Marilyn Grace Slanec](#) for details.



### Service Auction raises over \$8,000

On September 27, RPC members and friends gathered for the “Make Us an Offer We Can’t Refuse” auction. A delicious Italian dinner was cooked and served by our youth groups. With money still coming in, we can report that we raised about \$8900, auctioned over 100 items, had about 80 people in attendance. Proceeds from the auction go to reduce our budget deficit. A great time was had by all!



Visit our [web photo gallery](#) for more pictures from the service auction.

***Couldn't make it to the auction?*** We still have a couple of items available:

- ♦ Large set of hand-painted Japanese china, in a pink and gray floral pattern on white background with gold trim, with place settings for 12, as well as numerous serving pieces.
- ♦ Hand-crafted wooden furniture containing a single rollaway bed, with three shelves on each side and two doors that swing open for access to the bed. Great for occasional guests—without taking much floor space.

Please contact [Marilyn Slanec](#) regarding either of these items.



## Fellowship

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It's not too late to join us for **Wednesday Night Live!** This session of WNL! runs until November 18. Dinner is served between 5:30 and 6:30. Just call the office by Tuesday at noon if you would like to drop in for a satisfying, home-cooked meal and some great fellowship. Real meals on real plates served buffet style – at \$5 per person, you can't beat this deal anywhere else in town! And when you add getting to spend time with friends while you eat, it's a treat for both your body and your soul.

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### Coffee Fellowship Hosts Needed

We are currently seeking Coffee Fellowship hosts for November, December, and January. Coffee Fellowship is a wonderful chance to catch up with church family and friends every week following the service and to meet visitors and those new to our congregation. This can't happen without hosts. Easy to follow directions will be provided, and a Fellowship Committee member will be happy to provide training for anyone who feels they need it. To make hosting even easier, sign up with your family or with friends. The sign-up poster is located outside the Fellowship Hall, or you can contact [the church office](#) to see which Sundays are open.



Martha Heine and Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak, the Fellowship Committee co-chairs, will be wrapping up their terms on the Session at the end of December. Are you interested in leading this wonderful committee? It's not only a great group of creative and hard-working people, but the Fellowship Committee gets to be in charge of much of the FUN stuff that happens at church. Providing opportunities for our church family to get together in fellowship is a truly rewarding ministry at RPC. If this is something you'd be interested in doing, talk to Pastor Scott about how Session chair assignments are made and then consider submitting your name to the nominating committee.

HIKING & ICE CREAM!



It was a glorious fall day on October 4 when, following the worship service, we headed to the **Swallow Cliff Forest Preserve** for a picnic lunch and a hike through the woods. What a joy it was to visit with our friends while taking in the wonders of God's creation! A stop at the Plush Horse Ice Cream Parlor on the way home didn't hurt the joy factor, either. The Fellowship Committee would like to thank John Haugland for coordinating our activities that day.

## Passport to the Promised Land – Moving Day Again?

Our exploration of the Covenants continues with the life and journeys of Abraham. In a world of fast food menus and high speed internet connections, the story of Abraham is a reminder of the value of trust and patience, knowing that God's steadfast love endures forever.

In the **Oasis Place** kids will have a chance to hear the story of Abraham as told by Abraham himself! They'll experiment with grains of sand as they reflect on the meaning of God's promise to Abraham. In the **Celestial Cinema** kids will view a brief movie on Abraham, then work on a benevolent sewing project for kids in need. In the **Gym**, kids will pretend to be part of Abraham's entourage as they're asked to move time and time again to many "exotic places" at God's request. Visit an Oasis in the desert (a.k.a. the **Manse Kitchen**) where you'll hear the story of the three strangers and create elements of a meal that may have actually been served by Abraham and Sarah. In the **Creation Station** kids will be making a decoupage project they can keep as a constant reminder of our relationship to Abraham.



Many thanks to all of our wonderful Sunday School volunteers who so generously contribute their time and talents to the children of RPC. Teaching in November are . . . Susan Dluhy, Tara Gregus, John Haugland, Matt Lisle and Colleen Muller.

| Date  | Grade K-1        | Grades 2-3       | Grades 4-5       | Jr. High         |
|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 11-8  | Celestial Cinema | Gym              | Oasis Place      | Creation Station |
| 11-15 | Gym              | Creation Station | Manse Kitchen    | Oasis Place      |
| 11-22 | Oasis Place      | Celestial Cinema | Creation Station | Manse Kitchen    |
| 11-29 | Creation Station | Manse Kitchen    | Celestial Cinema | Gym              |
| 12-6  | Manse Kitchen    | Oasis Place      | Gym              | Celestial Cinema |

## Preschool News



Riverside Presbyterian Church Preschool is beginning an open search for a new Director. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is proposing a requirement that directors hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree. If you are interested in this position, please submit a resume to [Riverside Presbyterian Church](mailto:DirectorSearch@riversidepresbyterian.org), ATTN: Director Search Committee, 116 Barrypoint Road, Riverside, IL 60546

We're excited to announce the Preschool's 40th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 7! Stay tuned for details.

Preschool students visited the British & Scottish Homes and presented each resident with a specially painted leaf door decoration with the phrase "HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!" on each one. We wish our Church family a happy fall and Thanksgiving as well!



## Youth

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### Youth Group News

In October, we took a hike in the forest preserve, had a bonfire and s'mores, raised \$831 for the CROP Walk, and visited Jonamac Orchards for fall fun! Come join us for youth group in November. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend! Questions? Contact [Tara Gregus](#).

**November 1:** *Day of the Dead Party* (Halloween costumes optional) Jr High 6:00-7:15, Sr High 7:30-8:45

**November 6-8:** *Junior High Mission Trip to Grand Rapids* (No senior high youth group)

**November 15: 1:00** *Leaf Raking for Seniors* (Jr and Sr High)

**November 22:** *Join us as we make care packages for our college students* Jr High 6:00-7:15, Sr High 7:30-8:45

**November 29:** Thanksgiving Weekend—no youth group

### Save the Dates!

**Friday, December 18:** *Progressive Dinner* for Senior High Youth Group

**Saturday, December 19:** *Junior High Trip* Downtown Chicago

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### College Addresses Needed

Each year, the youth group prepares care packages for our college students. If you have not yet supplied the office or [Tara Gregus](#) with the school address of your college student, please do so as soon as possible.



### Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts



Pack 24 welcomed 25 new cub scouts at their Bobcat Ceremony held at RPC on October 6. As a first outing for the new scouts (16 of them first-graders) the Pack will camp overnight on the grounds of Riverside's Scout Cabin on November 7. October was also a busy month for boy scouts from Troop 24. Three events occurred the weekend of October 17-18. On Saturday, scouts attended an orienteering outing at [Waterfall Glen](#) in the DuPage Forest Preserve, using compasses and maps to find their way in the woods. Other scouts assisted Eagle Scout candidate Elliot Louthen with his Eagle project, running an art event for area elementary students to decorate the Riverside business district with Halloween paintings. On Sunday,

scouts constructed a corn maze for the Girl Scout-sponsored Riverfest held in downtown Riverside. On October 24, Troop 24 participated in a BSA Council-sponsored event at Illinois Beach State Park.



## Presbyterian Women Bible Study



Join us for Bible Study on Wednesday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. 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, "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?" Joyce Van Cura will lead the study for Lesson 3, *Entry into the Land*, Joshua 3-5. Key idea: The Israelites' entry into the land of Canaan reveals that through worship and liturgical acts we may remember and celebrate the deliverance of God. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Musick at [lizm\\_59@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizm_59@sbcglobal.net).

## Holiday Program featuring Ingrid Israel

Please mark your calendars for December 9, when we will be joined by Soprano Ingrid Israel. Ms. Israel has performed principal and chorus roles in 23 different operas and operettas. A frequent recitalist, Ms. Israel presents diverse repertoire ranging from baroque arias and Strauss lieder to contemporary American songs. Ms. Israel currently studies with Maria Lagios and maintains a private voice studio in Chicago. She is the granddaughter of former RPC members Harlan and Janet Bane, the daughter of Richard and Ellen (Bane) Israel, and was baptized at Riverside Presbyterian Church. Ms. Ingrid Israel is delighted to share a Christmas program with pianist Mary Ann Sadilek. The program will include excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*, Bach-Gounod *Ave Maria*, Pietro Yon's *Gesu Bambino*, and other traditional holiday favorites. Reservations for the 12:30 buffet luncheon (\$14) should be made with [Elizabeth Musick](mailto:Elizabeth.Musick@sbpc.org).



## Pecans

Don't forget to order your pecans—great for baking and snacking—sold by the Presbyterian Women to benefit the Team Tutoring Program for college-bound students at Erie Neighborhood House. A 1-pound bag is \$8, with delivery in early November. Checks should be made payable to the Erie House Women's Auxiliary. The pecans will be sold during coffee hour after church, or orders can be left with the church office.

## Human Scene

The Sunday school for adults continues its eclectic programming this month with more interesting topics. Even if you've never attended a Human Scene class, you are always welcome to drop in and see what is going on. Come for a lively discussion, for the chance to get to know other folks in the congregation, for intellectual and spiritual nourishment.

**November 1** *Galatians and the Early Church* Stan Schade concludes his study of Galatians, and the look at what it tells us about Paul and the early church.

**November 8** *Christian Mindfulness* We hear a lot these days about neuroplasticity, and the power of mindfulness and meditation to help our brains re-wire. Melinda Yachnin will present a Christian perspective on practicing mindfulness and keeping your brain healthy in the process.

**November 15** *Abortion: What Do Both Sides Say?* Rev. Scott Jansen will lead a forum to explore both sides of the abortion debate.

**November 22** *Introduction to Presbyterianism* What do Presbyterians believe anyway? What sets the Presbyterian practices and perspectives apart from other denominations? Marilyn Slanec and Sylvia Schade will lead a class that explains some of the basics of our faith.

**November 29** *Discernment* We all wonder from time to time what it is God wants us to do. How can we tell? Without a neon sign spelling it out, it can be difficult to know for sure how God is calling us to live out our lives. Lorraine Meyer and Melinda Yachnin will lead a class exploring what discernment means and how to go about it.

## Community & Church Events

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### Fall Events at Area Churches

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*  
10:00 a.m. at *Ascension Lutheran Church*

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### Messiah

RPC's annual performance of Handel's Messiah will be held on Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. Dress rehearsal for orchestra and singers is at 1:30 p.m. Choral rehearsals are Saturdays, December 5 and December 12, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This year's soloists are: Theresa Ludden-Wold, Erika Morrison, Wayne Parham and Pete Pohlhammer.



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### Marriage Renewal Workshop

**Saturday November 7, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall**—Come to a workshop designed to give you a couple check-up and help re-invigorate your relationship. Too often we think that our relationships ought to work without a lot of our attention or effort; indeed, if we have to work at it, doesn't that mean it's not right somehow? Or, that I'll be blamed for everything that's wrong? Not exactly. Your marriage needs the kind of attention you might give your car or your kitchen: spend a little time each day giving it what it needs (cleaning, repair, compliments!) and it lasts a lot longer and runs a lot more smoothly. The good news is that you can learn how to have a great marriage. There is a lot of research out there these days to show you what actually works.

The workshop will be led by Melinda Yachnin, LCPC. She is a pastoral counselor in private practice, counseling adult individuals and couples for over 10 years, and has led numerous premarital preparation and marriage enrichment workshops over the years. Register by November 5 by calling the church (447-1520) or contacting Melinda Yachnin at [myachnin@hotmail.com](mailto:myachnin@hotmail.com)). The cost is \$25 to cover the cost of materials, and childcare will be provided for a small fee if you register by November 5.

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### Hauser Jr. High Presents *The Music Man*

Hauser Jr. High will present *The Music Man* at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19. RPC is well-represented, with Abraham Ourth, Abby Schwarz, Keri Burke, and Margaret Miezio in the cast; and Grace Cody, Michael Gruber, Kelly & Mia Haugland, Chris McCoy, Ellen Mitchell, Hannah Ranft, and Erika Sterner in the crew.

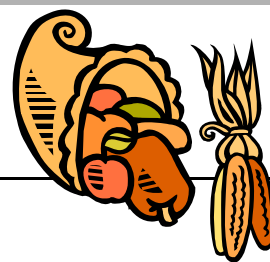



*In an effort to support our members and encourage some off-site fellowship, please send team schedules, concert or show dates, or information on other activities in which you or your family members are involved, to [Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak](mailto:Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak) for the **Vision** and the Friday e-mail announcements.*

Craft Night in November will be on Friday, November 20. It's the perfect opportunity to work on those Christmas Craft Projects (or that last-minute Thanksgiving centerpiece?). Bring a project, feel free to bring a friend, and let's spend some time together as we work. Drop in to the Social Hall any time between 6:00 and 11:00 pm.

Please check the  
Website for the  
most recent  
calendar  
updates!

## November 2009



| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  |  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1<br>ALL SAINTS DAY<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship with<br>Communion & Baptism<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>1:30 Deacons' British<br>Home Service<br>6p Jr. High Youth Group<br>7:30p Sr High Youth | 2<br>5:15p Volleyball   | 3<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9a Companions in<br>Christ<br>7p Personnel Mtg | 4<br>Office Closed<br>12p Covenant<br>Prayer for Peace<br>4:15p Singers<br>4:45p Ringers<br>5:30p WNL!<br>6:30p Bell Choir<br>7:30p Chancel<br>Choir | 5<br>6:30a Women's Forum  | 6<br><i>Jr High Mission<br/>Trip to Grand<br/>Rapids, MI</i> | 7<br><i>Jr High Mission<br/>Trip to Grand<br/>Rapids, MI</i> |
| 8<br>COMMITMENT SUNDAY<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br><i>Jr High Mission Trip to<br/>Grand Rapids, MI</i>  | 9<br>5:15p Volleyball<br>7p Finance Mtg<br>7:30p Trustees Mtg | 10<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9a Companions in<br>Christ                    | 11<br>Office Closed<br>10a RPC Women's<br>Bible Study<br>4:15p Singers<br>4:45p Ringers<br>5:30p WNL!<br>6:30p Bell Choir<br>7:30p Chancel<br>Choir  | 12<br>6:30a Women's Forum   | 13<br>Night Ministry   | 14   |
| 15<br>CONSECRATION SUNDAY<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship with Baptism<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>1p Jr & Sr High Leaf Raking<br>2p Scottish Home Worship<br><i>Vision Deadline</i>                | 16<br>5:15p Volleyball  | 17<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9a Companions in<br>Christ<br>7p Deacons Mtg  | 18<br>Office Closed<br>4:15p Singers<br>4:45p Ringers<br>5:30p WNL!<br>6:30p Bell Choir<br>7:30p Chancel<br>Choir<br>7:30p Session Mtg               | 19<br>6:30a Women's Forum   | 20<br>6p Craft Night   | 21   |
| 22<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>6p Jr High Youth Group<br>7:30p Sr High Youth Group  | 23<br>5:15p Volleyball  | 24<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9a Companions in<br>Christ                    | 25<br>Office Closed  | 26<br>THANKSGIVING<br>6:30a Women's Forum<br> | 27   | 28   |
| 29<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br><i>NO Youth Groups</i>   | 30<br>5:15p Volleyball  |  |  |   |  |  |



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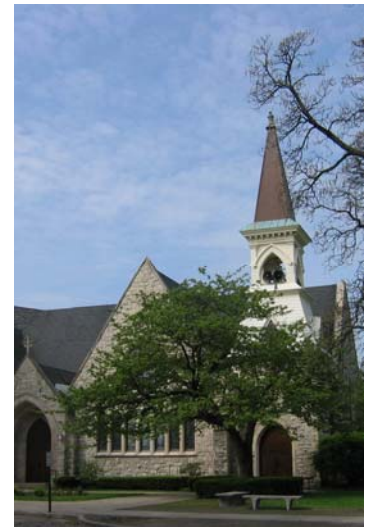
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