



# The Vision

December 2009

## The Virgin (to Mary)

She told me that virgin really meant a woman unto herself, a whole woman, a soul mother.  
What a shift from thinking that a virgin is what you are until you are made complete by a man.

They still argue, Mary, about whether you were a virgin.

Maybe it's never bothered me because something deep inside me knew the truth:  
that you were whole, that you were a woman unto yourself,  
that you chose freely, that you were a soul mother,  
a spirit catcher, a God bearer even before you consented to open your womb.

And so they can bicker over the question until the second coming,  
but what I really want to know is do we want to be whole?

Do we want to be healed?

Because that is what Advent is asking us: Are we ready to be born?

-Jan L. Richardson, *Night Visions*



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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Last month, my best friend gave birth to her first child. When we last spoke, I mentioned the upcoming holiday season, and she began asking me about Mary. As a new mother, she found herself thinking about Jesus' mother in a new perspective and reconsidering Mary's role.

When I imagine Mary, I often envision her as she appeared in the Christmas pageants of my youth, draped in blue and smiling passively behind a spot-lit manger as crowds of shepherds and wise men jostled their way into the stable. In light of Jesus' miraculous birth, Mary easily fades into the background. She becomes a prop. How easy it is to forget that Mary was a miracle herself.

Mary is miraculous in that she was not the regal, mature Madonna depicted in Renaissance paintings. The King of Kings was not born to royalty, but to an uneducated peasant girl, barely more than a child herself. Mary is the symbol of survival, of a people who overcame years of oppression, doubt and suffering. Mary is the symbol of a God who loves the people of this world enough never to forget them, despite their stubbornness and impatience. Mary is a miracle in that she helped bring about the fulfillment of promise after years of anticipation.

Last week, another McCormick student asked me to explain Advent. She comes from a non-liturgical tradition and had never observed the season before. I explained to her that Advent is a time of waiting and a time of renewed hope. I also described it to her as a time of silence and listening for God.

I once read that our silence is one of the most powerful gifts we can offer to God. In a world so busy and full of constant sound and motion, how can we expect to hear God's voice? A few years ago I had the privilege of visiting the Iona community, located on a small island in Scotland. Each week, the community leads a pilgrimage around the island. Although the journey covers only seven miles, it is long and difficult, crossing swamp land and rocky terrain. Even in July, the temperatures hover just above freezing. During the journey, each person is asked not to speak. For seven long miles of icy winds and rough ground, we walked in silence. I often think of this pilgrimage now during Advent. I think of the people of Israel as they waited for generations, hoping for their long-promised savior. I think of the importance of taking time from my busy schedule to remember the blessings of my life and God's promise of hope. I hope for the fulfillment of God's promises to us. I pray for the child-like faith of Mary, the young girl who chose to answer God's call in spite of the dangers it presented. I pray that I too can say to God, "May it be to me as you have said."

Like Mary, we should be prepared to hear and answer God's call. Like Mary, we should be prepared to be transformed, for God to use what is simple to confound the wise. In this time of waiting, of anticipation, of hope for the inconceivable in a broken world, let us open our hearts to the miraculous, the impossible.

Peace,  
Melissa

# Worship/Church News

## December Worship Schedule

**December 6** *Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6* “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” How do we get ready for Christmas today, and what did “getting ready for Christmas” mean to John the Baptist? We will have communion today. Rev. Mary Morrison is our guest preacher today.

**December 13** *Luke 3:7-18* “The Good News” John proclaimed “the good news” to everyone, but what exactly was “the good news?” Is it still a message that we would consider “good” news today?

**December 20** *Luke 2:1-20* “Starlight” Today we will have a Christmas Play/Skit put on by the kids, and lots of kids’ choirs providing music. How did the various characters in the Bible find hope in the birth of the Messiah?

**December 24** Christmas Eve **Lessons and Carols** at both 4:00 and 11:00 p.m.. The first service will have lots of upbeat traditional music sung by all the various choirs and the “candles” will be electric flashlights. The late service (with real candles) will have lessons and carols with a few brief commentaries on the lessons thrown in and no choired music.

**December 27** We will have an old-fashioned **hymn sing** today. If you enjoy singing Christmas carols, this (the First Sunday of the Christmas Season) is the best time to sing out.

## Financial Update



	2009 Total Budget	Year-to-date Balance October 31, 2009	Year-to-date % of Budget
Total Income	\$329,200	\$245,547	75%
Total Expenses	\$365,310	\$268,868	74%
Deficit (Shortfall)	<b>-\$36,110</b>	<b>-\$23,321</b>	

## December 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
December 6	Ellen Hamilton	Vogel Families	Mary Rob Clarke	Jr. High
December 13	Youth	Aieta Family	Poinsettias	No regular fellowship Wassail Bowl at <i>Messiah</i>
December 20	Youth Christmas Play	Gale Teune, Lynn Shannon-Labotka Dennis Sadilek, Lisa Hastings	Poinsettias	Youth
December 27	Ellen Hamilton	Scuff & Sue Gross Andy Hart, Doug Harvin	Poinsettias	OPEN

## Session News

- ◆ voted *not* to enter into an agreement to lease space at RPC on Saturdays to the Freedom House Ministry.
- ◆ received a preliminary report on the ‘Every Member Canvass’ and learned that follow-up letters and phone calls will be made to members who have not yet pledged. It was noted with concern that although there were five new pledges received, there are still a large number of RPC members who do *not* pledge.
- ◆ voted to include the Personnel Committee in child care staffing decisions.
- ◆ learned that the YTD budget deficit stands at about \$23,000 and is projected at year-end to be between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Options for balancing the budget were discussed and will be considered at the next meeting.
- ◆ reviewed and discussed a preliminary budget for 2010, which will be finalized in December after the pledge drive is completed. It was noted that the Presbytery has asked RPC to increase our Mission giving from \$15,000 to \$16,000.
- ◆ learned that the Covenant of Churches plans a pulpit exchange in January on the *Prayer for Christian Unity Sunday*

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

## Trustees News

We had a wonderful turnout for the November 15 *All Church Family Work Day*. Thank you to Colleen and Bill Muller; Lorel and Olivia Meyer; Eva, Sylvia and Doug Harvin; Jeanine Buttimer; Eric Jensen; and Trustees Lou Heine, George Meyer, Nancy Jensen, Jim Sit, Deb and Jon Jansky, and Susan Deems-Dluhy. There were many workers—apologies to any who were omitted!

What happened to the Paver Fundraiser for the Rose Window restoration? Due to landscaping ordinance restrictions, we have chosen a new location for the engraved pavers, on the north side of the church. We continue to accept paver purchases and plan to “break ground” in the spring of 2010. Please consider the gift of an engraved paver for “the person who has everything” this Christmas. Return the [order form](#) to the church office.

Trustees for the month of December are Jon Jansky and George Meyer.



# Sharing Our Gifts

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## CARERS Corner

In December the CARERS Committee will be collecting **canned meats** of any kind for First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. In addition to their regular collection of a food item, in December the CARERS sponsor the annual **Giving Christmas Tree**. Please stop by the Christmas tree in the Social Hall to find a paper ornament marked with a gift suggestion. Return the designated gift, unwrapped, and place it under the tree by December 21. The gifts will go to the [Interfaith House](#), for use by the residents there, who are individuals recovering from a recent illness or hospitalization who have nowhere else to go to recover. Interfaith House provides a temporary home, for up to 6 weeks, for 60 adults. The staff provides trips to doctors, nourishing food, contact with social services, and counseling. Interfaith House has an 85% success rate in locating suitable work and housing for these formerly homeless individuals who need help and a means to begin again.



## Cheerful Givers Program



As you think about gift giving during the holidays, please don't forget to consider giving a gift through the **Cheerful Givers** program. This program offers you the opportunity to make a donation to RPC for a specific need, and to dedicate it as a gift to a special person you would like to honor.

You can find the **Cheerful Givers** bulletin board in the hall between the Library and the Christian Education Office. Look in each pocket and when you see a church need that moves you to give, take the slip from that pocket, fill it out and seal it in the envelope along with your check, and drop it off at the church office. Your gift will be acknowledged in the monthly Vision. (If you'd prefer to be anonymous, just indicate that on the slip, but please include your name so that the Finance Committee can keep track of your donations for tax purposes.)

*... for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## Caring Christmas

Date: Sunday, December 6

Time: 4-7 p.m.

Place: RPC Social Hall

Who: You and your family!

Come One, come ALL to the RPC annual **Caring Christmas** hosted by your Deacon board. Join us for an afternoon of fun as we gather to decorate cookies and learn how to weave wheat into AWESOME craft creations.



After our work is done, we'll enjoy a meal of hotdogs and chili provided by the Deacons. There is no cost for the food, it's our way of saying "thanks" for your help. The Deacons will be delivering the cookie/craft packages to folks from RPC and the community. Our hope is that these packages and our personal visit will help lift spirits during the Christmas season. We are always looking for additional helpers to deliver the goods, so feel free to volunteer yourself to bring a smile to someone's face by joining us for this event!

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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 Peter Pohlhammer. Please join us for this fabulous holiday tradition.



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## While Scott's away, the music will play!



Giving everyone time to think ahead, Pastor Scott will be on vacation on December 27. Last year the Worship & Music Committee heard lots of positive responses from the lucky people who attended the hymn sing. This year we are planning on doing the same thing, and we are looking for input from you as to what songs we could sing. Since that is two days after Christmas, I personally am looking forward to singing a lot of Christmas Carols; however, we do not have to limit ourselves to those. So start thinking, and the Worship & Music committee will compile your requests. Please send your requests to [scubateune@gmail.com](mailto:scubateune@gmail.com).

Steven Teune

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## Hymns for the Holidays

In the library is a book entitled *Hallelujah, the poetry of classic hymns*. The author-editor, Anna Marlis Burgard, writes "hymns present the work of God through the words of poets; they silence the hectic world, then reverberate within our spirits long after the last notes have faded. They bind us to our religious forebears, ancestors, and future generations at once, embracing Gospel as they once did and as they will."

To sing Hymns, she writes, citing Isaac Watts, "is breathing towards heaven... [and] ...offering our praise to God that gave us life with his own breath. But when we sing hymns in church, surrounded by our families, neighbors, and choir, we overlook the message that their authors struggle to perfect. We become so aware of our voices, in keeping time and staying in key that the ideas and emotions we sing recede into the familiar music... [however].... Once reacquainted with the poetry of hymns... [we] ... sing with understanding" and are then guided "with our spirits bound for glory."

And so, as this holiday season approaches, we sing of the Advent, Christmas and the coming words of Jesus Christ. We sing for the entire season...and beyond. *Joy to the World* – a beloved Christmas carol, but when we hear the words, the poetry of Isaac Watts has no explicit reference to Christmas or even the birth of Christ. Sing this carol viewing the majestic setting of the Grand Canyon or during a glorious walk on a fall afternoon. It works...it is a hymn to celebrate in song "the attitude toward God" or "God's purpose in human life." [Carl F. Price – The Hymn Society of North American and Canada.]

So, what is a hymn, a spiritual, an Advent hymn, a Christmas Carol? Is there distinction, or is there a continuum, a beginning...an affirmation? This year at RPC, we have hymns of Advent and carols of Christmas interspersed and entwined. Such hymns of Advent during the four Sundays before Christmas ... *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, or *Lift Up Your Heads*, *Ye Mighty Gates*, or *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* and others. And our more 'Christmasy' hymns as *Silent Night*, or *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, or *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, and other favorites. And then blended into those hymns as bridge for the seasons...*Angels We Have Heard on High*, or *Break Forth*,.... or *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*, or *O Come, All Ye Faithful* [which some might enjoy almost any Sunday!] These hymns are the songs and poetry of celebration, anticipation and more. They tie us to our past and reach out to our future. They are songs of praise and joy for the entire season.

*Peace and Joy throughout this and the New Year  
From your Music and Worship Committee of Riverside Presbyterian Church*

# Fellowship

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## Wednesday Night Live!

WNL! wrapped up on November 18 with a shared meal and fun, meaningful activities for all ages. We've enjoyed having our new Director of Christian Education, Jenny Kolinski, in charge of children's activities, and our new intern, Melissa Gilbert, working with our girls' group. The adults, as usual, have enjoyed class and/or choir rehearsals. If you didn't participate in WNL! during this session, please think about joining us next time around. Not sure it's for you? Come once and try it out. We think that if we get you there once, you'll wonder why you haven't been attending all along. It truly is a midweek retreat from our hectic lives—a nice meal without time spent in your kitchen, conversation with friends, and discussions or activities that bring you closer to God.

## Wassail Bowl Reception

Ready to help spread some holiday cheer? Jon and Deb Jansky will once again host the traditional Wassail Bowl Celebration after the Messiah concert on Sunday, December 13. The Fellowship Committee will be assisting the Janskys, but we'll need some help. The Messiah performance is a wonderful holiday ministry, not only for our congregation, but for many guests from our community and beyond, most of whom stay for conversation and treats when the music is over. We need lots of bakers. If you are willing to help in this way, please contact [Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak](#). If baking isn't your thing, we could also use help setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Let us know what you'd like to do.

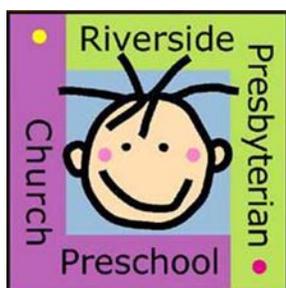


## Coffee Fellowship

Thank you to all who have hosted coffee fellowship this year! The congregation has enjoyed time together, meeting new friends and catching up with old ones, thanks to your efforts. There are a few opportunities left between now and the end of the year to serve the congregation by hosting fellowship. Please sign up to take a turn on the board near the doors to the Fellowship Hall.

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## Preschool News



“JUNGLE bells” not **jingle** bells, will be ringing throughout the Preschool as the children prepare for their “Christmas Safari” Play and visit from Santa and Rudolf this month.

Be sure to stop by to see the RPC Preschool Christmas Tree in Riverside's Centennial Park. It's decorated with our adopted Brookfield Zoo spider monkey, *Jazzy*!



It is important that we find the right person to fill the position of RPC Preschool Director upon my retirement. We hope that our Church family might have some good ideas for candidates! Please send resumes to the Riverside Presbyterian Church—Director, Search Committee. It's been an honor for me to serve for the last 29 years!

*Nancy Dvorak*

Preschoolers had fun visiting the British Home for Halloween! Pictured at left are preschooler and RPC member Olive Sahlas (age 3) with Emma Lusardi (age 103)—100 years difference!

## December 20 Worship Service featuring the kids of RPC

On December 20 we are planning a very special worship service led by our wonderful children. There will be a Christmas play performed and some traditional Christmas music too! It's sure to be a memorable and meaningful worship experience.

Rehearsals for kids in the play will be after church in the gym on December 6 and 13. ***Dress rehearsal for all children participating*** is on Saturday, December 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and on December 20 during Sunday school. (Please help your children practice at home if possible.)

## Passport to the Promised Land

Starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and continuing through December 13, Sunday School will be starting 10 minutes earlier (8:50 a.m.) so that the kids may practice Christmas carols in the Social Hall, in preparation for the December 20 and December 24 worship services.

## Our Journey with Abraham continues...

Date	Kindergarten/1st	2nd/3rd	4th/5th	Jr. High
12/6	Manse Kitchen	Oasis Place	Gym	Celestial Cinema
12/13	Celebration Sunday	Celebration Sunday	Celebration Sunday	Oasis Place
12/20	Pageant Practice-Sanctuary	Pageant Practice-Sanctuary	Pageant Practice-Sanctuary	Pageant Practice-Sanctuary
12/27	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

*There will be no Godly Play on December 20 , and no Godly Play or Sunday School on December 27. All classes will resume on January 3.*

## Sunday School Teachers: a gift to our children

Thanks to all of our wonderful Sunday School teachers who shared their time and talents in November: Susan Deems- Dluhy, Tara Gregus, John Haugland, Matt Lisle, Colleen Muller and Lynda Nadkarni. We're still looking for a few Sunday School teachers for January. If you're interested in working with the wonderful kids of RPC or if you have any questions, please contact Jenny Kolinski at [kolinski426@comcast.net](mailto:kolinski426@comcast.net).



## Youth

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In November, we had a Day of the Dead Party, raked leaves for seniors, and made care packages for college students. The Junior High Youth Group participated in a 24-hour mission trip here in Riverside! We raked leaves, gave manicures to Scottish Home Residents, and went to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, where we re-packaged Rice Krispies. A good time was had by all! Here's what's happening in December:

### **Sunday, December 6 at 5pm Caring Christmas in the Social Hall**

The Junior and Senior High groups will join the Deacons in making a craft and packaging cookies for shut-ins, and deliver the gifts in the community.

### **Sunday, December 13: Junior High 6-7:15, Senior High 7:30-8:45**

Join us in the Celestial Cinema for games and for a discussion about Advent with our Seminary Intern, Melissa Gilbert.

### **Friday, December 18: Senior High Progressive Dinner**

Look for an invitation in the mail to our Senior High Progressive Dinner, starting at the Halline home for appetizers, with dinner at the Gangware house, and ending at the Cody's for dessert and fun and games!

### **Saturday December 19: Junior High Trip Downtown**

Join us for our annual train trip downtown for ice skating, hot chocolate, sightseeing and fun! More details to follow. Bring a friend!

If you have any questions about any of the activities listed above or about the youth program in general, please contact Tara Gregus at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com).



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## Cub Scouts



Pack 24 enjoyed a campout at Riverside's Scout Cabin on November 7. They were joined by a number of Boy Scouts, who assisted the Webelos in completing some of their requirements for the "Arrow of Light" award. This was the first camping trip for the first-grade Tiger cubs. For Veterans Day, RPC member David Hilpp taught the scouts about veterans through a presentation of military memorabilia.

On November 13, RPC hosted the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 24's newest Eagle Scout, Dennis Potamianos. Over the Thanksgiving weekend a number of our boy scouts camped at Apple River Canyon State Park near Galena, Illinois.



## A Holiday Delight

### Featuring Soprano Ingrid Israel and Pianist Mary Ann Sadilek

Please join us on Wednesday, December 9, at The Scottish Home, 2748 DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside, for a holiday concert and buffet luncheon with Soprano Ingrid Israel and Pianist Mary Ann Sadilek.

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.

Mary Ann Sadilek served as Music Director for the Riverside Presbyterian Church for 25 years and was designated Music Director Emerita upon her retirement. She served as Music Director of the Cecilians for nearly 20 years, and served as Chorusmaster for the Oak Park Opera. She is past president of the Oak Park Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity.

Reservations for the 12:30 buffet luncheon (\$14) should be made with [Elizabeth Musick](#) by December 6.

## Coordinating Team

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team meets Thursday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Westminster Room.

## Bible Study

There is no Bible study in December. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 10:00 a.m. for Bible study in the Social Hall at RPC.

## Pecans

Seventy-two 1-lb bags of freshly harvested pecans were gone in one coffee hour. Thanks to the 34 pre-orders, 25 of which were prepaid, it was smooth operation. For each pound sold, \$2.25 goes to Erie House for their Team Tutoring program for college-bound high school students.

## Human Scene

**December 6** Join us for a forum and discussion about economics and charitable giving. During this economic downturn, we want to be generous but we also want to take care of our families. What is a responsible Christian to do?

**December 13** Melissa Gilbert, our seminary intern, will discuss her experiences in mission work and some of the current global mission projects the PC(USA) is sponsoring.

**December 20** Come to the Human Scene for our annual potluck, poetry share, and hymn sing. Bring a treat to share, a favorite hymn request, or a poem to read and celebrate the season.

**December 27** There will be no Human Scene on this day.

## Church & Community Events

### Congratulations, Abby!



Church member Abby Schwarz has been selected to be a U.S. student ambassador next summer. She will be travelling to Europe learning about different cultures. In order to participate in this awesome project, she will be working hard to earn money. Please consider hiring her for miscellaneous jobs; for example, babysitting, pet sitting/walking, cleaning cars—inside and out, raking leaves, garden work, reading and doing homework with young children, shoveling snow, etc. Abby can be contacted by e-mail at [bridgelovesbabys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bridgelovesbabys@sbcglobal.net)

*Left: Abby with Ames School Principal Colleen Lieggi*

### Baptisms

RPC celebrated four baptisms during the month of November.



Charlotte Elizabeth Morrison  
Daughter of Erika Lawson Morrison and Ryan Morrison



Catherine (Kaki) Carey Lynch and Michael Dobson Lynch  
Children of Susan and John Lynch



Ellie Anne Pearson,  
Daughter of Keith and Rosalyn Pearson

### Community Events

#### Featuring RPC Members

#### Upper Elementary/Junior High Holiday Concerts:

5th and 6th Grade Winter Band, Orchestra, and Choir Concert,  
Wednesday, December 2, 7 pm, Hauser Auditorium  
7th and 8th Grade Winter Band, Orchestra, and Choir Concert,  
Wednesday, December 9, 7 pm, Hauser Auditorium

#### Elementary School Holiday Festivals

Blythe Park, Monday, December 14, 7 pm  
Central, Monday December 14, 7 pm  
Ames, Thursday, December 17, (K-2 at 6 pm, 3-5 at 7:15 pm)  
Hollywood, Thursday, December 17, 7 pm

#### Riverside Brookfield Holiday Concert

(Band, Orchestra, and Choir)  
Thursday, December 10, 7 pm in the Main Gym

Many school groups will also be performing  
at the Holiday Strolls  
in Riverside on Friday, December 4,  
and in Brookfield on Saturday, December 5

Another holiday sight to see is the Hauser Food Drive Display  
Check this out in the Hauser Auditorium on  
Wednesday, December 16 at 7 pm  
or on Thursday, December 17, between 7 and 11 am

Dear Members of RPC.

Thank you so much for the beautiful, beautiful arrangement of fall flowers. It is good to be home from the hospital and I so appreciate your prayers and concerns and please know how very much the flowers are appreciated. A big thank you to Paula McCracken for delivering them.

John Lewe

*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.*



# December 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
		1 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg 7p Personnel Committee Mtg	2 OFFICE CLOSED 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	3 6:30a Women's Forum	4	5 10a Messiah Rehearsal
6 8:45a Children SS 9:00a Adult SS 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11a Christmas Play Practice 1:30 Deacons' British Home Service 4p Caring Christmas	7 5:15p Volleyball	8 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg 1p Presbytery Mtg	9 OFFICE CLOSED 12:30p Pres Women Luncheon 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	10 6:30a Women's Forum	11 Night Ministry	12 10a Messiah Rehearsal
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20 Vision Deadline 9a Sunday School 10a Worship- Children's Service 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Worship at Scottish Home	21 5:15p Volleyball 7:30p Longest Night Ecumenical Worship	22 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 6:30a Women's Forum	25 CHRISTMAS 	26
27 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	28 5:15p Volleyball	29 6:30a Men's Forum 10a Staff Mtg	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 6:30a Women's Forum		

**"Where there is no vision, the people perish." — Proverbs 29:18**

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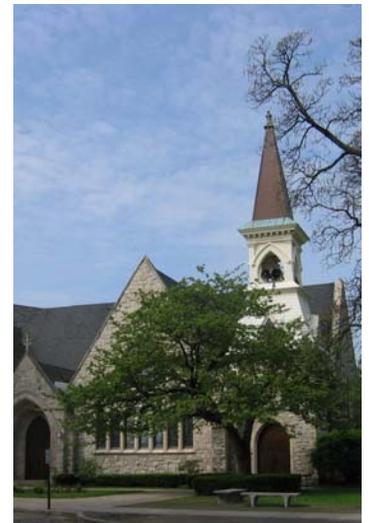
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