



The Vision

February 2010



Christian Love

February is the month of love. A few months ago I attended a marriage enrichment seminar taught by elder Melinda Yachnin (who is a professional marriage-enricher).

Of course, marriages live or die based on the quality of communication. But Melinda introduced us to the many methods couples have for conveying simple thoughts such as “I love you” or “thank you.” The methods included using words, or writing words, as you might expect, but it also included actions like buying gifts, or doing favors. I learned that women are generally drawn to the use of words, while men are more likely to communicate by doing favors.

And this is very true of me. When I feel a fondness or a thankfulness, my usual response is to work on something I believe would be helpful to such persons. I may incorporate their struggles into a sermon, or a class outline, or I may work to shield them from harm, or I may put in extra time trying to streamline events that surround their ministries so their events run more smoothly. This is the same way I behave within my own family. I very rarely use plain old words to convey my thoughts. I’m more likely to work to try to make someone’s life better than to write out a thank you card.

It was a joy for me to hear that a great many men act exactly as I do—that I am “normal” in this regard. But it was also a challenge to be confronted with just how different the typical woman is (as well as a minority of men). Some people would really rather you use words than that you do them a favor. I’d prefer a favor over a “thank you,” but lots of people do not share that preference.

If I connect Melinda’s lesson about love with the Christian message of the Body of Christ, then two challenges become apparent. As Paul said, we are all one body, some are eyes, some are ears, some are noses, etc. One person’s gifts and strengths are another person’s weaknesses. My strength is in being a hard-worker, and in perceiving what others around me may need to make their lives easier. My weakness is in using words to convey affection or thankfulness.

But, since everyone is not like me, I can’t just “do unto others what I would want them to do unto me.” Rather, I have to push myself to do what does not come naturally. I have to force myself to write thank you cards, and say things like “thank you” or “good job,” etc. That is my challenge.

But since we are one Body, you also have a challenge. Knowing that your pastor has some gifts and some weaknesses, you should try to compensate for my weaknesses by being extra diligent in using your gifts of saying verbal affirmations. Other members of the Church may really need to hear from you, and I may be inadequate to the task.

If we all work together to love God and love our neighbor using whatever gifts of love God has given us, we will always be a blessed church.

Your brother in Christ,
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

February Worship Schedule

February 7 *Isaiah 6:1-8* “A Boy Scout is Brave” How is Isaiah similar to a Boy Scout? In Scouting, kids learn new skills and are asked to try new things, including leadership positions. Isaiah speaks of feeling unsure and under-qualified to become a prophet, yet he follows God’s call anyway. Today we will celebrate communion. It’s also Scout Sunday, and the Youth Group will also take up the Souper Bowl Offering.

February 14 *Song of Solomon 6:1-9* “A Valentine’s Youth Sunday” This service will be wholly led by the Youth Group of RPC, and they will ponder the question, “How is human love for one another dependent on, and derived from, God’s love for humanity?” The usual sermon will be replaced with a skit with three characters.

February 17 Ash Wednesday Family Worship 7:00 p.m. Readings will come from *Jonah 3:4-10*, and *Psalms 51:1-17*. This will be an intimate family-type service geared toward helping people understand what Ash Wednesday is all about. The service will include a children’s sermon, the imposition of ashes, and communion with intinction (no "adult" sermon).

February 21 Guest Preacher Reverend Dan McNerney from Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship will speak about his mission work in Egypt and in many other countries.

February 28 *Deuteronomy 26:1-11* and *Luke 4:1-13* “Lenten Power Plays” What temptations press upon us during this Lenten season, and how are they similar to what the Hebrews experienced in the wilderness? How does Jesus reverse the performance of the Hebrews?

February Opportunities



If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Deb Jansky](#) or [Patti Perry Halline](#)
For flower contributions, please contact the RPC Office
Potential Acolytes & Liturgists, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#)
Potential Ushers, please contact [Steven Teune](#)



	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
February 7	Ben Mitchell/ Karl Jantze	Elijah Ourth	Scouts	Scouts	Scouts
February 14	Youth	OPEN	Claire & Louise Gangware Serina & Hannah Ranft	OPEN	Youth
February 21	Roberta Gates	OPEN	Vogel Families	Fred Kitch	Deacons Global Mission Meal
February 28	Melinda Yachnin	OPEN	Lancaster Family	OPEN	Bell Choir

Global Mission Meal

The Board of Deacons invite the congregation to a **Global Mission Meal** following the Sunday service on February 21. The meal will take the place of the regular Sunday Fellowship in the Social Hall. A simple "Third World Country" meal will be served to give those in attendance a feel for what that would be like. Rev. Dan McNerney will be in attendance to answer our questions about various frontier missions and about the work of the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship.

Trustees News



In January, the Trustees welcomed Wayne Penn as the newest member to the Board of Trustees. Thank you to all those who participated in the All Church Family Work Day on January 24! Look for the date of our February Work Day in the Sunday bulletin. Trustees of the month for February: Susan Deems-Dluhy and Caroline Tecson.

Session News

In January, the Session:

- ◆ authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month, as well as on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday;
- ◆ approved the serving of Communion by intinction on April 1 (Maundy Thursday), July 4, and August 1;
- ◆ re-elected Fred Kitch as RPC Treasurer and Mary Ann Sadilek as Clerk of Session;
- ◆ changed the time of the late Christmas Eve worship service from 11:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.;
- ◆ authorized the purchase of additional electric candles for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve family worship service;
- ◆ decided to request a suggested donation of \$10 for those who attend the Messiah concert in order to defray expenses of this annual event;
- ◆ noted that there are two vacancies on the Board of Trustees and encouraged suggestions for nominees for those positions;
- ◆ approved a new policy concerning allocation of *unrestricted* gifts to RPC through wills and bequests: 60% will go into the Endowment Fund and 40% will be placed in a new fund, "Special Uses" to be used at the discretion of the Session. "Special Uses" could include such things as capital expenditures or reducing a budget deficit at year end;
- ◆ received further information regarding the proposed sale of the Saugatuck Camp properties, which may be brought before Presbytery at the February meeting;
- ◆ noted with gratitude that 145 pledges have been received to date, including 26 new pledgers.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

New Members

RPC welcomed 4 new adult members in November: David Jorgensen, Susan Lynch, and Keith & Rosalyn Pearson. David Jorgensen will be pictured in a future issue of the Vision



Susan Lynch



Rosalyn & Keith Pearson, with daughter Ellie

Coffee Fellowship Hosts Needed

We are currently seeking Coffee Fellowship hosts. 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.

Church Leadership for 2010

Session Members

2010	2011	2012
Patti Perry Halline	Roberta Gates	Michael Aieta
Ellen Hamilton	Elizabeth Musick	George Dluhy
Mike Heine	Lynda Nadkarni	Deb Jansky
Tony Miezio	Mary Ann Sadilek	Matt Lisle
Dennis Sadilek	Steve Teune	Serina Ranft
Melinda Yachnin	Vicky Vogel	Carrie Staubus

Deacons

2010	2011	2012
Lloyd Bradbury	Mary Crang	Marge Abbott
Doris Hayes	Richard Crang	Allan Chard
Mary Jansen	Betsy Gardner	Kate Chard
Kathi Rocanova	Thea Kiwiet	Frank Gangware
Sylvia Schade	Bill Muller	Glenna Linder
Bill Vogel	Colleen Muller	Marilyn Slanec

Trustees

2010	2011	2012
Susan Deems-Dluhy	Lou Heine	Nancy Jensen
Chris Schiller	Jon Jansky	George Meyer
Caroline Tecson	Fred Mitchell	Wayne Penn
	Hank Vogel	

Committee Chairs

Christian Education (Kids)	Carrie Staubus
Christian Education (Youth)	George Dluhy
Christian Education (Adults)	Melinda Yachnin
Fellowship	Deb Jansky, Patti Perry Halline
Finance	Mike Heine, Tony Miezio, Dennis Sadilek
Membership	Roberta Gates
Nominating	Matt Lisle, Vicky Vogel
Personnel	Serina Ranft
Stewardship	Ellen Hamilton, Lynda Nadkarni, Mary Ann Sadilek
Worship & Music	Steve Teune, Elizabeth Musick
Representative to Presbytery Groups	Michael Aieta

In Memoriam 2009

Isabel Matousek ▪ 10-28-1919 to 11-4-2009
Marjorie Whitney Prass ▪ 9-11-1918 to 4-8-2009



Dear Elders,

I believed the only elders I knew lived at Beacon Hill. Then along came a great and beautiful Christmas plate of cookies. Thank you so much. As I ate with profound enjoyment, I remembered an old adage:

Where you are now,
So once was I.
Where I am now
Someday you'll be
Receiving the elders' cookies
So think of me.

Betty Jirsa

Thank you so much for the Christmas cookies and ornaments. When you have no family it's nice to know someone cares. Happy New Year to you all.

Jeanne Heidler & Cindé

Community Events

Blood Drive: The Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches' annual blood drive will be held on Saturday, **February 13**, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Riverside Masonic Lodge at 40 Forest Avenue. Walk-in donors will be welcome, but those with appointments will have priority. To schedule your appointment, please contact LifeSource @ 847-803-7943.

AAUW Chili Supper: The Riverside Branch of the AAUW's Chili Supper will be held on **February 22** at 6:00 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran Church, 400 Nuttall Road. \$8 for Adults & kids over age 12, \$4 for children 4-12, free for children 3 and under. Reservations are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. To make a reservation, e-mail teachbest@aol.com. There will be a special presentation by Melinda Pruett-Jones, Executive Director of Chicago Wilderness entitled *Birds: The Theater of Nature*.

Divorce Care Program: Ascension Lutheran Church is offering an outreach ministry called Divorce Care, for people who are separated or going through a divorce. The program runs for 13 weeks, on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning January 25. The sessions are self-contained, so you can start or stop at any time. For more information, contact the Ascension Church office at 708-447-2600.

Relay for Life: If you, or those you love, have been affected by cancer, the *Relay for Life* is a very positive way to feel like you are fighting against cancer. The Relay is looking for people willing to either captain or be on a team at the Brookfield *Relay for Life*, July 9-10. The Relay is an overnight event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Questions? Contact Juli Spirios at jspirios@yahoo.com for more information.

CARERS Corner



The CARERS Committee invites you to donate hot soups and hot cereals during the month of February, which will be very appreciated during the cold winter months. Thanks for your continued support. Please place your donations in the trunk in the hallway near the office.

Pledge Drive

Thanks for stepping up! The results are in and we are very thankful to all who were able to make a financial pledge for 2010 to support the worship, programs, and fellowship at Riverside Presbyterian Church. We know that these have been very difficult economic times for many of our members and so we doubly appreciate the sacrifices you make to support our church.

Pledges for the 2010 Drive totaled \$285,420. While this was slightly less in total than last year, we are thrilled with the story that the numbers tell:

- 26 NEW pledgers, representing 18% of the total
- 32% of our pledgers INCREASED their pledges in 2010
- 37% of our pledgers MAINTAINED the same pledge
- 14% DECREASED their pledges

The average pledge was \$1,950 annually

Session members, Deacons and Trustees did a magnificent job in assisting with our every member visitation; we are so grateful to you and know that we wouldn't have been as successful without your help.

Thank you again to all. Pledging is a year-round issue, so we will be reporting from time to time on the status of our finances.

MAKE A PLEDGE • KEEP YOUR PLEDGE

2010 Pledge Drive Committee

Stewardship Snippets

Generosity: Generosity is as necessary as any other financial obligation we have. Therefore, do not give from discretionary income. Plan your giving. Invest in your future: "you can't take it with you, but you can send it up ahead." The scriptures say that God is looking for generous people in whom to invest.

- ◆ 2.5% of one's income is not generous. We will not win compassion in our world if we limit our generosity to 2.5%
- ◆ Similarly, do not be secretive with your giving. Discuss your giving with your family. Especially discuss it with your children. As parents, we need to leave a legacy of generosity to our children.

From the September, 1993 **Vision**

Sharing Our Gifts

Need a New Year's Resolution?

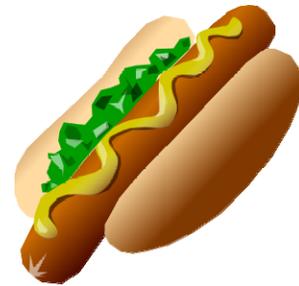
Here's a great way to feed your soul and feed others at the same time. Sign up for one or more dates to prepare food or serve with RPC's Night Ministry. RPC prepares and serves a meal the second Friday of each month for Night Ministry. In winter months, it's soup and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and in warmer months, a hot-dog dinner. The soup recipe is provided for you.

Thanks to our faithful volunteers, we are all set for food for January – March, but here are some future dates for food preparation, as well as openings to “follow the bus” and serve. Servers must be age 14 or older.

Volunteering to SERVE means: We leave the church (in one car) at 5:30 and return around 8:30. Still plenty of Friday nights left:



DATE	MAKE SOUP	SERVE
March 12		X
April 9	X	X
May 7		X
June 12		X
July 9		X
August 13		X
September 10	X	X
October 8	X	X
November 12	X	X
December 10	X	X



Contact Ellen Hamilton at emhamilt@uic.edu to sign up. Thanks for your support!

Blankets +

With Blankets+ you can blanket the world with love—but we do not collect blankets! For more than 60 years, congregations across the U.S. have responded to Jesus' call to be a neighbor to those in need, in partnership with Church World Service. At home and around the world, our congregation is helping impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain themselves and their families.

Blankets+ . . . So people in need can help themselves.

\$25 can provide five warm blankets.

\$100 can enable three women to receive a microcredit loan.

\$200 can provide a struggling farm family with a draft animal.

\$250 can provide a sewing machine to a young mother who needs to support her family.

\$1,000 can equip a village well with a pump and provide hygiene training for the community.



Colorful envelopes will be in the church pews, or you may use your own envelope and return your donation to RPC. Please make checks payable to Riverside Presbyterian Church, marked Blankets+. Dedication Sunday is February 21, but contributions may be made at any time.

Reminder - February 13 Dessert with the Sadileks

If you purchased the dessert party at the service auction last fall, don't forget the Valentine's dessert on Saturday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sadileks' home!



Fellowship Committee Invites Members

Where would we be as a church family without those “family” activities? The Fellowship Committee helps organize those “get together” opportunities.... like Fellowship hour after church services, Strawberry Social on the church lawn in July, dinners before Wednesday Night Live!, Open Mic Coffee House, and so much more. Won't you join the Fellowship Committee and help? Contact Deb Jansky at newhorizons002@att.net or Patti Perry at pmperryil@yahoo.com.



Something for everyone. . . Join us for food, fun, music and inspiration for all ages. The next session of WNL! begins January 27 and runs through March 17. Registration forms can be found in the rack outside the church office. Here's the Wednesday Night line-up:

4:15 – 5:15: *Children's Ringers and Singers*

5:30 – 6:30: *Dinner hour (come for dinner even if you can't stay for class)*

6:30 – 7:30: *Classes for all ages. Adults with Pastor Scott, Middle School Girls with Melissa Gilbert, Open Gym for kindergarten and older, childcare provided for children in preschool and younger.*

6:30 – 8:30 *Bell and Chancel Choirs*

ADULTS: *Islam in Our World*—The first four classes of this series will serve as an introduction and orientation to Islam. What is their root story, what theological principles do they derive from that story, and what practices and ethical principles are derived from that theology? How do “extremists” fit, or not fit, within the world of Islam?

NEW FOR KIDS: **Get out of the house and into the gym! Join us for an awesome hour of open gym, board games and crafts. The choice is yours.**

Registration forms are available in the rack outside the church office. The cost is \$40 per individual for all 8 weeks with a maximum of \$100 per family. You may register for the entire series, or participate as a weekly drop-in. Drop-in cost is \$5 per person per week but please try to contact the church office by noon to let us know if you'll be dropping in.

WNL Dinner Helpers Needed: Many hands make light work! A menu has been drawn up for chili, hearty soups, etc, (and salad, bread, dessert, beverage accompaniment). Shopping will be done by one or two persons. The main course will be prepared in advance by a couple of volunteers on Sunday afternoons or Monday evenings (first three weeks in Patti Perry's kitchen). That dish will be transferred to the church refrigerator, and another team of 2 will do the warming, fix the salad, and set up on Wednesday afternoons. Two to four more people will bring bread and dessert, and will clean up. Please contact Patti Perry at pmperryil@yahoo.com or Deb Jansky at newhorizons002@att.net if you can help with any of these roles, for any of the weeks (January 27 - March 17). Thank you!

Open Mic Night

Save the date for RPC's 2nd annual *Open Mic Night* on April 10. Do you sing? Play an instrument? Write poetry? Dance? Juggle? Tell good jokes? All ages and talent levels are welcome—start thinking about your act!



Craft night

Join us on the third Friday of every month for Craft Night. All are welcome—bring your projects to the RPC Social Hall, 6-11 p.m. and work on those UFOs (UnFinished Objects).

Children

Passport to the Promised Land

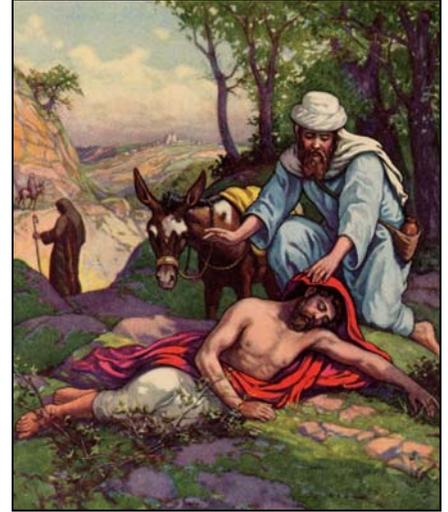
February starts off with Celebration Sunday! Kids will be making packets of soup mix for those less fortunate and for those who need to be reminded that we're thinking of them. This is sure to warm some hearts during this chilly month.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Children will explore the story of the Good Samaritan in many exciting ways. Some of the activities are:

- ◆ Learning how to help others by learning First Aid with Connie Kelly;
- ◆ Exploring who we are when no one is looking while mask-making with Lynda Nadkarni;
- ◆ Working with biblical herbs often used in healing with Susan Lisle; and
- ◆ Contemplating how we could help our society's most needy with the help of Ellen Hamilton.

A detailed class schedule will be available on the bulletin board outside the Social Hall.



Memory Verse for February

Luke 10:29, 37 *Who is my neighbor? The one who showed mercy. Go and do likewise.*

This month, let's all try to be a little bit more like the Good Samaritan and extend a hand to someone in need.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Sunday School teachers are still needed for April and May classes. It requires teaching our wonderful RPC children for a period of four Sundays. In return you'll have a warm feeling in your heart that will last the whole week long. Whether you've taught before or would just like to give it a try, we would love to have you. Please contact Jenny Kolinski at kolinski426@comcast.net.

New for Kids: Open Gym at WNL!

The winter session of **Wednesday Night Live!** has something new for kids ... Open Gym! From 6:30 to 7:30 the gym will be available for supervised activities such as basketball, kickball, etc. and the stage will be set up for board games and crafts. Come join the fun!



Youth Group Happenings

In January, we started off the new year with a "Back-to-School" game night, followed the next week with a discussion about divorce. We helped the trustees with their All-Church Work Day and six kids went on the Presbytery's Junior High Weekend Retreat in Bloomington IL. We hope you will join us for one of our activities or meetings in February:

Sunday February 7: Souper Bowl of Caring/Night Ministry Soup - We will collect money after church for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please let me know if you can be at church that day (service hour available) to collect money or be a part of a short skit. After church, we will make 10 gallons of soup and 200 sandwiches for The Night Ministry. **No evening youth group this day.** Enjoy the Super Bowl!

Friday February 12: Serve food downtown for The Night Ministry - We will need 2 adults and 3 teens to leave RPC at 5:30, drive downtown to serve the soup and sandwiches and return by 8:30. Please let Tara know if you are interested in participating.

Sunday, February 14: YOUTH SUNDAY! We need everyone's participation to make this year's Youth Sunday the best ever! This will be a worship service designed and run by our junior and senior high youth, with the theme of Love. Please contact Tara to learn how you can be a part of this special service. **No evening youth group.** Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

Sunday February 21: Chicago Wolves Hockey Game - All youth group members and their families are invited to attend the Chicago Wolves Hockey game at the Allstate Arena. Cost is \$17 per ticket. I will need parents to drive to this event. We will meet at the church at 1:45 and depart at 2:00. Parking costs are included in the ticket price. Please let Tara know how many tickets you need and get a check to her no later than Sunday, February 14.

Sunday February 28: Meeting in Celestial Cinema - Join us at our regular times (Junior High 6:00-7:15, Senior High 7:30-8:45) for a game and a discussion of "Homosexuality and Christianity."

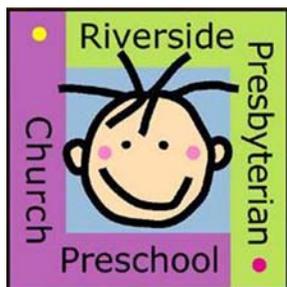
If you have any questions about any of the above, contact [Tara Gregus](#). As always, feel free to bring a friend to any of our events.



Cub Scout Pack 24 and Boy Scout Troop 24

The Scouts began 2010 with 45 active Boy Scouts and 90 Cub Scouts. The big event for the Boy Scouts in January was a 2-night outing to Eagle Cave in Wisconsin. 18 scouts and 7 leaders slept in the cave with opportunities to explore the cave, as well as hike snowy trails outside. During 2009, two Boy Scouts achieved scouting's highest rank: Eagle Scouts Austin McKain and Dennis Potamianos.

Preschool



Things are beginning to heat up for the 40th Year Celebration of the RPC Preschool! Julie DuBois Tribbey, the Preschool's first Director is flying in from Arizona just for this special event! Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 7—It's sure to be a very exciting day! Our Morning Class is full for the 2010-2011 school year but our Afternoon Class still has some openings. February will be a fun month for Preschool: "Pizza Tony" Parente will visit and do a hands-on pizza demonstration and we'll visit the Brookfield Zoo for a class on *Critter Coverings*.

Adults



Bible Study

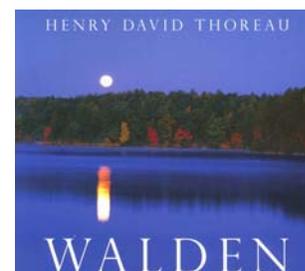
Presbyterian Women's Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, **February 24** at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Social Hall. Mary Mikhael, the author of the study, is a scholar and an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Beirut, Lebanon. She asks herself, "As Christians, what meaning can we find today in the book 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 5, "Can war be holy?" *Joshua 6:1-8:28; 10:16-11:23*. Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura rotate the Bible Study leader position. If possible, it is helpful to read the lesson in advance. For more information, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#). All ladies are invited to attend.

Gathering

Simplify, simplify, simplify This was the mantra of Henry David Thoreau, one of America's most gifted thinkers. His landmark book, *Walden*, though largely ignored in his own lifetime, is now recognized as a classic and has long served as a 'how-to' guide for anyone who has ever asked "How can I live a more meaningful life?"

At our Gathering on Wednesday, **April 14**, Roberta Gates, a member of our congregation and a former English teacher, will share her love for this singular philosopher and describe the richly spiritual world of the Transcendentalists, which included Ralph Waldo Emerson and Bronson Alcott, the father of Louisa May Alcott. Though *Walden* might not be a book you would pick up for bedtime reading, once you have read even a part of it, the book's wisdom and humanity never leave you.



Please join us on April 14, at the Scottish Home, when the Presbyterian Women will host a 12:30 p.m. luncheon (\$14), followed by Roberta's talk on Thoreau. Please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#) to make a luncheon reservation.

Human Scene

Join us for adult "Sunday School" every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

February 7: *Books, Music and Movies* Your Favorite Recommendations—The heart of winter is a perfect time to nestle in with some good books and movies, but sometimes we run out of ideas of what to read or watch next. Bring your favorite book, music, or movie suggestions to share with the class, and we'll compile a list to share with the congregation. These can be all-time favorites or just the best thing you've seen recently. We'll have a CD player so that we can play any music you bring as well.

February 14: *How to Pray* We all know that prayer is part of what we do as Christians, and we pray together every week in worship, so shouldn't that be enough? Perhaps it is, or perhaps you find yourself shooting up arrow prayers to God throughout your day. Perhaps you find yourself yearning for a deeper connection to God and aren't sure how to make that happen. Today Melinda Yachnin will give a brief overview of Christian prayer and its many variations, and teach the group a few ways to integrate prayer into your daily life.

February 21: *Global Mission Sunday* The Deacons will present a program that describes the kinds of global mission that RPC supports. Come find out what they are up to and how you can get involved.

February 28: *Jung and the Shadow*

February 2010



Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	1 5:15p Volleyball	2 6:30a Men's Forum 10:15a Staff Mtg 7p Personnel Cmte	3 Office Closed 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 5:30p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	4 6:30a Women's Forum	5	6
7 9a Sunday School 10a Worship with Communion/Scout Sunday 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30 Deacons British Home Service	8 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Cmte 7:30p Trustees Mtg	9 6:30a Men's Forum 10:15a Staff Mtg	10 Office Closed 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 5:30p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	11* 6:30a Women's Forum	12 Night Ministry	13
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21 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Global Mission Meal 2p Worship at Scottish Home	22* 5:15p Volleyball	23 6:30a Men's Forum 10:15a Staff Mtg	24 Office Closed 10a RPC Women Bible Study 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 5:30p WNL! 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	25 6:30a Women's Forum	26	27
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**Did you know. . .* that George Washington was born on February 11, 1731, at a time when England (and its colonies) used the Julian calendar? In 1752, Britain changed to the newer Gregorian calendar, by skipping 11 days. George Washington updated his own birthday from the old date of February 11 to the Gregorian date of February 22. The majority of early Americans held on to the birthdays they'd always used. The calendar switch of 1752 included another significant change. Under the Julian system, the year began on March 25. A colonist who went to bed on March 24, 1700, woke up on March 25, 1701. The new Gregorian rules set the start of the year to January 1. This created some confusion, since anyone who was born between January 1 and March 25 in the old system would have the wrong birth year in the new one. George Washington's old-style birthday was, in fact, February 11, 1731. Genealogists and some record-keepers of the time used a system called "double dating" for cases like these: Washington's date of birth might have been recorded as 1731/1732. (Today we consider him to have been born in 1732.)

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

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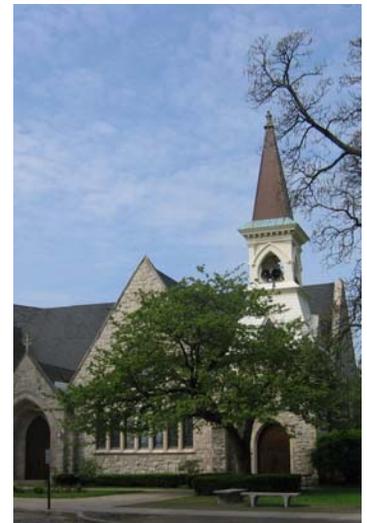
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