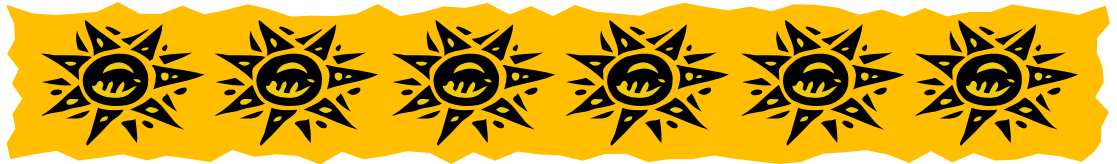




The Vision

June 2010

Vacation from Worship?



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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June is a month of transitions in the Church. Why is that? Of course, many folks' lives are influenced by the academic calendars. If the family can only go on a vacation during the summer months, then, obviously, they will be more likely to be out of town during the summer. But is it that simple? Or is there more to it?

There are many reasons for attending worship, though not all of them are "good" reasons. Which of the following would you consider to be a "good" reason for attending worship? I like to catch up with all my friends; I like to have some quiet reflection time to give myself some perspective; I like to get away from the kids for an hour while they sit in the church nursery; I like to hear the beautiful music; I like to hear someone affirm my beliefs; I like to have some extracurricular activities to list on my application; I like to share my burdens with others; I like to show support for my relatives when they are doing something special in the service; I like to ponder a challenging sermon; I like to have my kids learn some lessons that build up their morality; I like to build up my career network of contacts; I like to sing amongst a large group of people; I like to... (fill in the blank).

Now let's be honest. We go to great lengths to make worship as fun as possible—to produce as much enjoyment as we can. The truth is, we all have impure motives in everything we do. And there certainly isn't anything *wrong* with gaining some form of reward or enjoyment from one's time spent in worship.

However, the Bible only recognizes one legitimate reason for worshipping God, and that reason does not start with the words, "I like to..." Ideally, we worship God because we recognize that God is worthy of our worship. Period. This worthiness does not change if the music shifts to something we don't like, or if the pastor preaches an opinion different from our own, or if the Session makes a ruling with which we disagree, or if the kids are not ringing the bells this week. God is worthy of our worship. Period.

I have heard so many stories of folks who stopped attending worship when: "they changed the Sunday School curriculum," or "they hired the wrong pastor," or "the choir stopped wearing robes," or "the denomination voted the wrong way on immigration policy," etc. Don't all of these excuses boil down to the feeling that "they don't honor ME enough?" Do such events cause the Creator of the Universe to no longer be worthy? What do you think God feels about such excuses for missing worship? Worship is not designed to honor humans, or their opinions or feelings or cultural preferences. Worship honors God.

Summertime comes with tough choices and priorities. Let us face those choices in a humble spirit of prayer.

Your brother in Christ,
Scott

Worship/Church News

June Worship Schedule

June 6 *Galatians 1:11-24* “You Are What You Eat” Today we celebrate graduating seniors from High School and consider their plans going forward. Paul talks about his plans as a very young man, and how those plans changed. Today we will also celebrate Communion.

June 13 *Exodus 20:8-11, Romans 12:6, Luke 2:48-49* “Wicky Wacky Sunday” This worship service will feature the talents of our children, and a tribute to the service that Nancy Dvorak has given to the preschool over these past thirty years. Wear something “wicky wacky” to help set the appropriate mood.

June 20 *1 Kings 19:1-16* “The Sounds of Silence” How do we discover the will of God for our individual lives? When all the coercive/powerful influences are silenced, there is only the voice of God remaining—and that is the voice of purest morality. Today we will have some recognition of Fathers’ Day. It will also be New Members Recognition Sunday.

June 27 *2 Kings 2:1-14* “A Good Retirement Plan” How do we pass on the mantle of authority in our lives: in families, in businesses, in the church? How does Elijah know that it is time for him to retire? How does Elisha carry on without Elijah around anymore?

Financial Update

RPC’s year-to-date financial status, as of the end of April (33% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$ 93,835 (26.2% of budget)
Disbursements	\$117,918 (32.9% of budget)
Deficit	(\$24,083)



June 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
June 6	OPEN	OPEN	Schwarz Family	OPEN	Marciniak Family
June 13	Youth	Ellie Carlson	Alex and Ben Freel Amanda Gruber Kaki and Michael Lynch Steven Staubus	OPEN	All Church Picnic
June 20	OPEN	OPEN	Aieta Family	OPEN	Sanchez Family
June 27	Roberta Gates	Zach Buhle	Miezio Family	OPEN	OPEN

Session News

In May, the Session:

- ◆ approved a letter of transfer for Sera Stack and Nea Elizabeth Stack to first United Methodist Church of Oak Park;
- ◆ removed Stephen Marcus from RPC rolls at his request;
- ◆ noted with sadness the death of Donald Falconer, a member of RPC for 79 years;
- ◆ approved the use of the Sanctuary by the Cub Scouts for a ceremony on October 12;
- ◆ called for a congregational meeting on September 12 to consider an amendment to the RPC bylaws to provide for the election of youth elders, deacons and trustees;
- ◆ called a joint meeting of the Deacons and Elders to be held on September 15;
- ◆ received as adult new members Noemi & Daniel Sanchez and Russel Brown. We also welcome their children: Daniel, Samuel Elijah, and Sofia Sanchez, children of Noemi and Daniel; and Terence Akebe and Liz-Beth Memoh, children of Russel Brown.
- ◆ noted that the YTD deficit amounts to \$24,000; while disbursements are on budget, receipts have been lower than expected;
- ◆ learned that the “Cheerful Givers” board will be updated to highlight a different area of focus each quarter. Emphasis in July-September will be on contributions to enhance and maintain the gardens and grounds;
- ◆ designated July 25 as the outdoor “Blessing of the Animals” worship service, weather permitting; and
- ◆ learned that Presbytery has approved the sale of Camp Saugatuck to Lakeshore Camping Consortium, which will continue to operate the property as a Presbyterian camp and retreat center.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

RPC Needs Ambassadors

You’ve been watching people do it for years.

You’ve always known you could do it.

All you’ve needed was a little encouragement, and very little training.

The list for being an usher in the second half of 2010 will be made during June, and we’re looking for new recruits. Ideally, we would like to have enough volunteers so each team would usher three times during the last six months of the year. To be an usher all you need is a smile, know how to light some candles, make sure the pastor has a fresh glass of water, and be able to pass an offering plate. It doesn’t get much easier than that. What’s in it for you? You get the joy of being the first person someone will see when they visit RPC. What do you say? Any questions, contact Steven Teune at scubateune@gmail.com.

The Trustees of the Month for June are Hank Vogel, Susan Deems-Dluhy, and Lou Heine.

In Memoriam

Donald G. Falconer March 8, 1919—April 22, 2010

God be with you till we meet again . . .

RPC bids a fond farewell to Melissa Gilbert, who has ably served our church as an intern during the past school year. We wish Melissa the best on her continued educational, occupational, and spiritual journeys.



Church Picnic June 13

The fun continues after worship on June 13! Don't forget to bring your picnic lunch and a blanket as we enjoy the company of our church family as well as past and present preschool families. It's a great time to say "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you" to Nancy Dvorak for her 29 years of service to the children of our community. Drinks and desserts will be provided by the preschool.



Mission Trip Fundraiser June 18

You are invited to the home of Jeanine and Jerry Buttmer on Friday, June 18, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. for the annual fundraiser for the adult leaders going on the mission trip. \$35 will get you an evening of good food and good fellowship for a great cause. Watch for more details to come in future bulletins and plan on joining us!



All Church Work Day June 23

Our summer schedule for work days begins in June. To better accommodate busy family summer schedules, we will meet on Wednesday evening, June 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Strawberry Social July 14

On Wednesday, July 14, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., this Riverside tradition of over 80 years will take place on the lawn of RPC. Assistance is needed in the following areas:



1. Ticket sales and PR - are you able to distribute posters? Purchase tickets for your family and ask the neighbors on each side of you? What about friends from school, the PTA, work, and your extended family? The revenue from ticket sales pays for table and chair rental and other expenses of the event.
2. Baking - special cakes for the raffle and cakes to be served. You don't need to be Betty Crocker (or Mary Ann Sadilek) to bake. Box mixes taste good too!
3. Set-up - Did you notice TABLE and CHAIR rental above? No more lugging from the social hall! That will make set-up and clean up easier. Teens can get a jump start on service hours!
4. Serving - Plastic gloves don't flatter many, but the cute aprons do. Don one and help serve our guests for a half hour.
5. Clean-up - It's set-up in reverse.

E-mail Lynda Nadkarni at lmn@floros.org or Deb Jansky at newhorizons002@att.net and let us know what role you can play!

Habitat for Humanity

The Deacon Board invites YOU to join them on Saturday, June 19, for a workday assisting with the Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity (RAHFH). RAHFH is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose purpose is to eliminate poverty housing from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. RAHFH welcomes volunteers ages 16 and up—skilled/nonskilled.

We plan to leave RPC at 7:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Registration/orientation begins at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers work from 8:30 until approximately 4:00. Stay an hour or stay a day. They are flexible! A brown bag lunch and a beverage will be provided for each worker. Habitat provides tools, gloves, safety glasses, and hard hats for everyone. Please dress appropriately for a construction site: good work shoes, comfortable clothes—but not too loose-fitting, and gloves if you have them. Please, absolutely no open-toed shoes of any kind. Questions/sign up: contact Doris Hayes at toothfairy512@sbcglobal.net



Share the Harvest

As part of the Share the Harvest Ministry, the Deacons are offering to come to your house and till a portion of your yard for a vegetable garden. The only proviso is that you share some of the bounty with our Share the Harvest Ministry. One of the problems with a vegetable garden in Riverside or the surrounding communities is that because we have so many older trees, there is too much shade and not enough sun to grow the vegetables; so if you are one of the lucky ones to have a portion of your yard that gets sun for most of the day, then think about *Sharing your Harvest*. Just give your Deacon a call and we will arrange to till your garden. We provide the manpower and the tiller.



CARERS Corner

This month our food collection will focus on that good old stand-by, peanut butter and jelly. We will also be collecting any type of juice. Both are kids' favorites and are a welcome staple. Thanks always for your continued support.



Strength in Teamwork!

For the fourth year, Sunday School has joined forces with the CARERS collecting cereal to be sent to the First Presbyterian Church in Chicago. In the first two weeks of our drive we broke our previous record and exceeded our goal of 125 boxes! This year's drive was such a great success because of the contributions of our generous congregation, Sunday school kids who are always willing to help out when needed, as well as the scouts and preschool families who donated so willingly. Thank you to everyone for making this such a great success.

Children

Wicky Wacky Sunday June 13

Join us for a fun and inspirational worship service on June 13. The whole Sunday—beginning to end—is being hosted by the children of RPC in honor of Nancy Dvorak. It's the first official **Wicky Wacky Sunday**. Don't forget to dress in your Wicky Wacky best!

All participants will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. sharp on June 13 • Worship is at 10:00 a.m. At press time, participants are: the RPC Ringers; members from the 2009/2010 RPC Preschool class; Hannah and Zach Buhle; Elizabeth and Margo Carlson; Ben, Alex, and Abby Freely; Olivia and Catherine Glawe; Amanda Gruber; Mia and Kelly Haugland; Alyssa Lancaster; Natalie and Lily Lisle; Kaki and Michael Lynch; Stuart Marciniak; Laura and Rachel McLean; Olivia Meyer; Kathryn Nadkarni; Adeline and Hannah Pecis; Ethan, Josh, and Hannah Ranft; Carter and Steven Staubus; and Hannah Smith.

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Vacation Bible School

July 18 – 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Travel back in time to a Middle-Eastern market place eating and working as the Jewish people did in Biblical times. That's what you'll do when the Covenant of Churches VBS kicks off at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. Children four years of age through those entering 5th grade are invited to attend with the evening being facilitated by youth and adult volunteers from participating churches. To volunteer, please fill out the registration/volunteer form found on the easel on your way to the Social Hall. It's a wonderful and rewarding experience for all involved. *If you would like to donate any of the following items, please put them in the bin at the entrance of the Social Hall:* potpourri, incense, old white t-shirts, rope, empty oatmeal containers, clean empty milk chug containers, jingle bells, 1-gallon zip-lock bags, large baskets (to borrow), tarps (to borrow).

A registration form is available on page 9 of this issue of the **Vision**.

Cub Scout Pack 24 and Boy Scout Troop 24



In May, a group of sixty-four cub scouts and parents boarded the submarine USS Cobia, docked in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, for an overnight outing. It snowed and the water was choppy, but everyone still slept soundly. Earplugs were made available. On May 11, 62 Cub Scouts "graduated" to the next rank, and 15 Webelos I advanced to Webelos II. At the May 11 graduation we collected about 60 boxes of cereal for the RPC CAREERS, as well as coloring books and crayons for Jens Kids/ Loyola Child Life Center. Pack 24 currently has 77 active scouts in 1st through 4th grades.

Eagle Scout candidates from Troop 24 completed two Eagle projects in Riverside in May. Sam Cox's project was to landscape the area near the mailboxes at the Riverside Post Office. Fitz Robling's project involved installing drainage and rebuilding the benches at the Hauser ball field, as well as repainting and general maintenance of the fence. Dozens of boy scouts, as well as the scout leaders and community volunteers, helped them with their projects. Planning continued in May for the scouts' summer outings. A group of 24 scouts (ages 14 and up) and dads will be traveling to the Florida keys for a week-long sailing adventure at the [BSA Seabase](#). Thirty-eight younger scouts (5th-8th grade) will be attending summer camp in Michigan at [Camp Owasippe](#). The Troop currently has 68 active scouts, in 5th grade through high school.

Celebration For High School Seniors

Graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to attend a breakfast at RPC on Sunday, June 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. At the breakfast and the Worship Service we will be recognizing your graduation from high school and participation in the church. Our 2010 graduates are: Jordan Ballerine, Natalie Benoy, Mark Benya, Chris Halline, Connor Halline, Emily Hejna, Cody Kazarian, Ben Kohler, Alex Krug, Andrea Leibrandt, Mary McCoy, Nicole Rocconi, Stephanie Sauer, Jim Sit, Anna Tess, Morgan Vogel.

Youth Group in June

Join us for fun and games at our End-of-Year Party on Sunday, June 6, at 3:00. We will meet at the church and play kickball and lots of other fun games, and have a pizza party afterward. Don't miss it! More details to follow. After June 6, regular youth group meetings will be in recess for the summer. We are planning a group outing to Great America in July, so watch your e-mail for details. Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone! Hope to see you around town!

Mission Trip Update

Thank you to all who supported our mission trip BBQ fundraiser on Womack Scholarship Sunday. We raised over \$1,000, which will help lower the cost of the trip for our youth. We will travel to Long Island, New York, from July 17 to July 24, to work at the [Timothy Hill Children's Ranch](#), a residential group home for boys. Please keep our youth in your prayers as we continue to prepare for our trip.

Mission Trip Car Wash Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a car wash in the St. Mary parking lot to raise funds for the youth group's mission trip to New York in July. Cars will cost \$5 and SUVs/Vans will cost \$10. You will be able to enter the parking lot from both Burlington and Herrick. Get your car cleaned and support a good cause at the same time. We hope to see you there!



RPC Youth Groups visited Laser Quest in April.

Womack Memorial Scholarship

The Ryan Womack Scholarship keeps the memory of Ryan Womack alive by helping fund local students' college educations. Receiving this scholarship for my fourth and final year, I can easily say that everyone that gets this award is truly in awe of the Womacks' generosity. Coming from a terrible tragedy to create a scholarship that helps students get one step closer to their dreams is nothing short of amazing. Randy and Lonnie Womack will never know how great the effect their selflessness has had on each and every recipient. After the awards have been passed out and people start to leave the church, I head straight home. I hug my mom, I hug my dad, and I tell them that I love them. Because you never know when that last time might be. Thank you, Randy and Lonnie. We will never forget what you've done for us.

Christopher Nelson



Pictured above with Lonnie and Randy Womack and Pastor Scott are 21 of the 34 Ryan Womack scholarship recipients for the 2010-2011 school year: Jordan Ballerine, Phillip Dluhy, Jacob Gregus, Lindsay Hayes, Chris Halline, Conner Halline, Peter Jansen, Seth Kazarian, Alex Krug, Dylan Krug, Andrea Leibrandt, Emily Mussio, Chris Nelson, Katherine Pike, Lisa Roccanova, Nicole Rocconi, Stephanie Sauer, James Sit, Michael Sit, Anna Tess and Sara Wert.



Bible Study

The Riverside Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m., in the Social Hall, for the final lesson in their study of *Joshua*. Joyce Van Cura will lead the study for Lesson 9, "The Challenge of God's Covenant." *Joshua 23:14-24:28*. Key idea: Just as God called Joshua and the Israelites to covenant relationships, we, too, are responsible for cultivating faithful relationships with God and all creation.

Bible Study for 2009-2010 was ably led by our excellent teachers, Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura. The Presbyterian Women invite all ladies to join their congenial group for the 2010-2011 Bible Study "Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara R. Rossing. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Human Scene

The Human Scene continues to meet over the summer, in the same place, at the same time, but with a more informal format. Each week a different church member will facilitate a discussion about a current event. Sometimes the topic will be religious, sometimes it might be political, and it may even come from the popular culture, but it will always be interesting. Join us anytime, except of course on holiday weekends when the Human Scene will take a break. The class meets at 9:00 a.m. Sundays in the upstairs parlor.



Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches

Vacation Bible School

July 18 – 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Hosted at Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church

Travel back in time to a *Market Place of 29 A.D.* eating and working as the Jewish did in Biblical times! We'll cook, do carpentry, weave, make bricks, and much more!

Children Age 4 to those entering 5th grade are invited to attend.

Cost is \$15 per child, \$40 per family that registers by July 12.

An additional \$10 will be added for families registering after July 12.

Youth and adult facilitators needed. We have role for everyone!

There will be a nursery/babysitting available for younger children of volunteers.

Participant Registration:

Name(s), Age(s), Grade in school in fall _____

Address _____

Parent/guardian name(s) _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Allergies? _____

Church affiliation _____

Name/phone of person to contact in emergency _____

Amount enclosed _____

Youth (middle school up) and Adult Volunteer Registration:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/e-mail _____

T-shirt size _____

I would be interested in:

- Storyteller (1 to 4 night commitment)
- Tribal Leader - Work with the same small group of children each day, guiding them through the evening's events (5 night commitment)
- Shopkeeper – help facilitate a marketplace station (1 to 4 night commitment)
- Musician (any amount of time)
- Actor - help bring Bible stories to life through drama (1 to 4 night commitment)
- Kitchen Crew – organize snacks and market place food (1 to 4 nights)
- Preparation Crew – gather and organize materials for activities (1 to 4 nights)
- Nursery- watch small group of children age 0-4 (1 to 4 nights)
- Other _____

Please return registration and fee to Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church,
250 Woodside Road (corner of 31st and Des Plaines), Riverside 60546
ph. 442-5250 - fax 442-5264.

Understanding the Trinity by Rebecca H. Weaver

The doctrine of the Trinity, the claim that the God who is one is also three, emerged over several centuries as Christians struggled to understand and to express their experience of God. It grew out of the church's efforts to speak *truthfully* and *coherently* about the relation of Jesus and the Holy Spirit to the God of Israel.

The task of bearing witness to God in a way that is both truthful and coherent never ends. Each generation of Christians must struggle to learn for itself what it means to say that the God who is one is also three. Only when Christians speak of the triune God out of their own experience can they express the *truth* in ways that *make sense* in their own time and place. A review of the formulation of the doctrine may help us to understand our own task.

The earliest Christian community was almost entirely, if not exclusively, made up of Jews. Although they believed that Jesus was the messiah whom God had promised to Israel, they did not necessarily assume that the messiah was God. Consequently, they could remain monotheists.

Nevertheless, the centrality of Jesus to Christians' experience of God gradually necessitated a new understanding of the meaning of "messiah." The Letters of Paul and the Gospel of John provide evidence of this ever-richer understanding of the relation of Jesus and also of the Holy Spirit to the God of Israel. Increasingly, the Christian experience of God came to be characterized in the language of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The New Testament points to but does not resolve the challenge this language poses for monotheism.

As the church became increasingly Gentile, it faced new obstacles and opportunities in witnessing both truthfully and coherently to its God. To Christian Gentiles the term "messiah" meant little or nothing. These Christians had to think anew about the relation of Jesus and the Spirit to their experience and knowledge of God.

In the mid-second century a Christian teacher named Justin sought to describe Jesus in terms that were faithful to Christian experience and, at the same time, made sense to Gentiles (Christian and non-Christian). Justin spoke of Jesus as the Son or Word or Reason of God who illumines his followers in all truth. Justin presented Jesus as a figure between God the Father and the world, a demigod. (He suggested something similar about the Spirit.) Justin's explanation served the church remarkably well for almost two centuries.

Early in the fourth century a priest named Arius forced the church to think more precisely about the identity of Jesus: Was Jesus as Word or Son a creature (something that God had made) or uncreated (thus God)? Arius believed that the only sure way to safeguard monotheism was to recognize that the Son and the Spirit are creatures. His argument made excellent sense, but after several years of heated debate, it was rejected.

The problem was that Arius had not adequately taken into account Christian experience. In three centuries of preaching and teaching Jesus, worshiping Jesus, praying to Jesus, baptizing in the name of Jesus, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, and accepting martyrdom for the sake of Jesus, Christians were becoming convinced that in Jesus they were encountering God. No creature, no demigod, could confer life in abundance, salvation, as they had experienced it in Jesus.

The results of this insight were monumental. Previously, Jesus and the Spirit could be viewed as agents of God, perhaps somewhat divine, who in their activity revealed and enacted God's compassionate will for the world. To claim, however, that Jesus as Son *is* God was to claim something not merely about *what God wills* but also about *who God is*. The one God is two: Father and Son.

In 325, at what came to be known as the First Ecumenical Council, the assembled bishops declared that the Son was not a creature but was "very God." (The council made no attempt to identify the Spirit in relation to God.) Christian experience had led the church into a deeper understanding of the Christian God.

Nevertheless, the council's declaration failed to explain how the Father and Son were to be distinguished, if both were equally and eternally one God. Over the next half-century Christians struggled, at times bitterly, to make sense of their twofold, even threefold, experience of the one God. In 381, at what was to become known as the Second Ecumenical Council, the assembled bishops produced what we refer to as the Nicene Creed, which declares "We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. . . ."

Christian experience had led to the conviction that the one God is also three. Furthermore, reflection on the relational character of that experience and of the scriptural language used to describe it led the church to claim that the *very being of God is a relationship*. God, who through Jesus and the Spirit seeks relationship with us, is an eternal relationship of equals: the Father is the source from whom the Son is begotten and the Spirit proceeds.

The scriptural terms "begetting," "proceeding," and "Father" and "Son," when used to speak of God, resist definition. The church can say only that this scriptural language has nothing to do with gender or sexual reproduction. Logic has run up against the silence of a mystery.

In the sixteen centuries since the formulation of the Nicene Creed, church teaching, including our own Reformed tradition, has retained and built on this foundation, often by raising questions. What does it mean that human beings are created in the image of the one God who is also three? How might the church and its mission image a God who is eternally a relationship of coequals? If language regarding God is inevitably inadequate, how can Christians speak truthfully and coherently? As the questions indicate, the double challenge that faced the early church continues to be our own: (1) to live into the church's faith so deeply that our experience yields ever-richer, truer knowledge of our God and (2) to communicate that knowledge in ways that are comprehensible in our own day.

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Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!

Calendar

June 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Personnel Com.	2 Office Closed 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace 7:30p Chancel Choir	3 6:30a Women's Forum	4	5
6 9a High School Seniors Breakfast 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p Deacons' British Home Service	7 5:15p Volleyball 7p Preschool Bd Mtg	8 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg	9 Office Closed 10a RPC Women Bible Study	10 6:30a Women's Forum	11 Night Ministry	12
13 9a Human Scene 10a Worship-Wicky Wacky Sunday 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a CARERS Com.	14 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Com. 7:30p Trustees Mtg 7:30p Stewardship Com.	15 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Deacons Mtg	16 Office Closed 7:30p Session Mtg	17 6:30a Women's Forum	18 6p Craft Night	19 9a Habitat for Humanity Project
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"Where there is no vision, the people perish." — Proverbs 29:18

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