



The Vision

September 2010

Christian Unity

I am so excited about September 19. In conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Covenant of Churches, we will be proclaiming Christian unity in a way that, to my knowledge, has never been done before. We're calling it "A Taste of Churches" (and, yes, there will be food involved).

The Covenant of Churches consists of representatives from each of the six churches in Riverside plus both of the churches in North Riverside. The board meets around five times a year. Earlier this year, the board proposed a "Hospitality Sunday," whereby the leaders of each church would remain to preside over a "normal" worship service, while the rest of the parishioners would be strongly encouraged to visit another Covenant church. This proposal was taken to the leadership of each of the eight churches, and they all agreed. Every church member in Riverside or North Riverside (other than worship/fellowship leaders), of every denomination, has been encouraged to visit a different church on September 19.

Wow. One day in twenty-five years—what's so "exciting" about that? Some will be most excited by the different types of food that will be served in the fellowship hours, but I am mostly excited about the message behind the event. What does it mean that all of these eight churches have agreed to this "pew exchange?"

Well, let me begin with what it does NOT mean. We are not asking people to go beyond their comfort zones. If you are not comfortable saying certain words, or receiving Communion in a certain fashion, then just don't participate in those parts. If you are only physically capable of walking to the church that is closest to you, don't go broke hiring a taxi. Nor should anyone alter one's pledge to one's home church because of this. One-time visitors rarely give financial donations—though such donations are always welcome. This is also not an effort for mass conversions.

Rather, this is an exercise in education and affirmation. Visit a church to learn more about it. Put your preconceptions to the test. And poke around. Perhaps you will find a good idea that can be adapted to your own church. In biology, they call this "cross-pollination," though Christians use the word "cross" in a different way.

It is also an affirmation of one another. We say to our sister churches that they are fellow children within God's family, even though they do things differently. It is good to have so many people affirm you as a fellow worker in Christ.

Lastly, this is a message to those who do not attend any church. The media has often portrayed Christians as exclusivist, esoteric, closed-minded and judgmental. This event counters that popular image. It also provides an opportunity for those who are on the edge, who have long considered visiting a church, but have been too shy to give it a try. You can tell such persons, "go on September 19—nearly everyone there will be a confused visitor just like you."

And if you stay at RPC on that day, please try to help the visitors to find their way. Obviously, some folks will need to attend their home churches in order to present a "normal" worship experience—as nearly as possible.

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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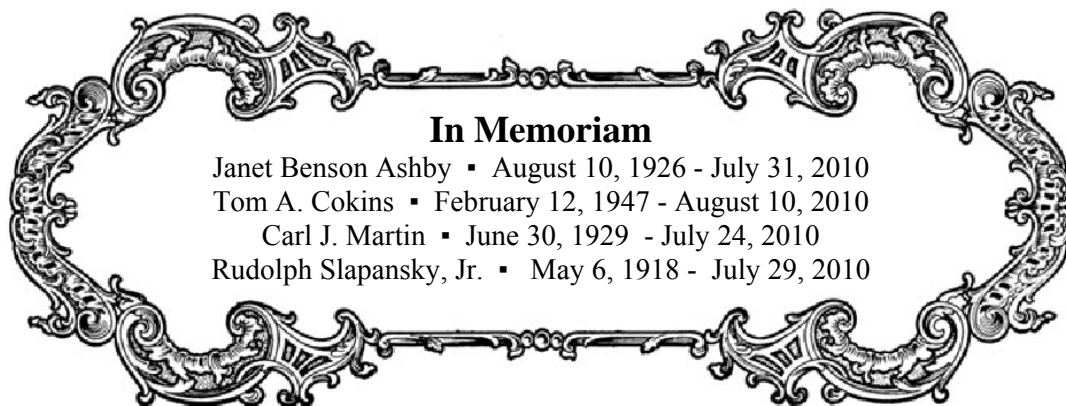
September Worship Schedule

September 5 *Luke 14:25-33* "You Have to Earn It" Just like with any other relationship, the value of your relationship with God will depend on how much effort you are willing to invest in it. If you receive something (cheap grace) without any effort, you will instinctively not value that. We will celebrate Communion today, possibly by intinction.

September 12 *Luke 15:1-10* "Who Is Going to Sunday School?" Every church has its faithful members who are committed to God. But on kickoff Sunday, there are always lots of people who haven't been to church in awhile. How do the teachers feel about such students? How does God feel? Today is Sunday School Kickoff day. Jenny will call up all the Sunday School leaders for a commissioning prayer.

September 19 *Luke 16:1-13* "God and/or Wealth" How does Jesus expect us to show that we are truly committed to God? Past generations of Jews struggled by serving other gods, but more modern monotheists have a different struggle in the area of faithfulness. Today we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Covenant of Churches by encouraging folks who are not helping with anything in Church this day to go and visit another Covenant Church.

September 26 *Luke 16:19-31* "Convincing Arguments" What kinds of arguments actually change peoples' minds? Are we more swayed by logic that is clear and irrefutable, or more swayed by love that is giving and caring? What does this passage suggest for Christian evangelism? Do we argue people into a new way of life, or love them and let God do the rest? What sort of mission work should we pursue?



September 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
Sept. 5	Steve Teune	OPEN	OPEN	Ethel and Christine Brakas	OPEN
Sept. 12	Youth	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Sept. 19	Ellen Hamilton	OPEN	OPEN	Paula McCracken	Covenant of Churches Sunday
Sept. 26	Michael Aieta	Dima Aieta	OPEN	OPEN	RPC Bake-Off

Session News

At the August meeting, the Session:

- ♦ approved the baptism on August 22 of Nuala Macree Lubeck, daughter of Marty and Debbie Kane Lubeck;
- ♦ noted with sadness the deaths of Janet Benson Ashby, Tom Cokins, Carl Martin, and Rudolph Slapansky;
- ♦ learned that the proposed sale of Presbytery's Saugatuck camp properties to the Lakeshore Camping Consortium did not close due to lack of adequate financing. LCC hopes to secure pledges for additional funds and begin negotiations again;
- ♦ noted that the YTD budget deficit has grown to about \$38,000, due mainly to a shortage of expected income, not an increase in budgeted expenditures;
- ♦ approved a suggestion that instructions for liturgists, coffee hour hosts, communion servers, etc. be sent via e-mail to reduce postage expense;
- ♦ reviewed and discussed procedures and curriculum for the confirmation class. The session voted that all mentors should be adult members of RPC; any exception would need Session approval. All elders expressed their willingness to serve as mentors if asked. Additional suggestions to the process were made to help confirmands better understand the meaning of membership and the basic tenets of our faith;
- ♦ discussed two upcoming fundraisers to address the deficit: a garage sale on September 18 and a spaghetti dinner on October 3;
- ♦ encouraged participation in the Covenant of Churches "congregation exchange" on September 19, where members will be invited to worship in a church other than their own;
- ♦ noted that Wednesday Night Live! is being reviewed and may re-appear in a different format this year; and
- ♦ noted volunteers are being sought to teach basic computer skills to adults in RPC's new computer lab

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

Proposed Amendments to RPC Bylaws

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 12, 2010, following morning worship, to consider the following amendments to the RPC Bylaws:

To insert a new article:

ARTICLE V – YOUTH OFFICERS

1. Confirmed members under the age of 25 may be elected to serve as youth deacons, elders, and trustees.
2. Terms for such youth officers shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, considering the availability of qualified individuals and the needs of the church.
3. No board shall contain more than three youth officers at any one time.

Explanation: Provides for the election of youth officers, when available and qualified, and allows for flexibility in their terms. Meaningful participation by our youth is important to the growth and health of RPC and will be strengthened by this amendment.

To re-number the remaining Articles as follows:

Current Article V – JOINT MEETING OF THE ELDERS AND DEACONS, will become Article VI

Current Article VI – FINANCES, will become Article VII

Current Article VII – USE OF CHURCH PROPERTIES, will become Article VIII

Current Article VIII – RULES OF ORDER, will become Article IX

Current Article IX – AMENDMENTS, will become Article X

Deacons

Deacon Doings

Deacons are gearing up for a fall Bake-Off, back by popular demand. Last year, we held the Bake-Off in February, with a Valentine's theme. This year we're changing to a Fall theme and holding it on Sunday, September 26, during Coffee Fellowship. For more details, see page 14.

Share the Harvest is going strong. We have two baskets on the benches across from the office. If you have any extra produce you'd like to share, please drop it off in one of the baskets. The produce can come from your own garden, a Farmers' Market or even a local grocery store.

Deacons are donating money currently in our Local Peacemaking Fund, as well as money collected during the 2010 Peacemaking Offering held in October, to the [Austin Polytech Academy](#). The Austin Polytech Academy helps open doors for underprivileged students in the Austin community to find exciting, rewarding careers in manufacturing. Deacon Bill Vogel volunteers many hours at the Academy serving as the Industrial Coordinator.

As always, if you ever have a need to contact the Deacon assigned to you, check the back page of the Sunday bulletin, to see who has been assigned to the first letter of your last name. We are here to offer help whenever needed.

RPC Connections

Last spring the Board of Deacons organized a letter-writing campaign, asking church members to write to our college students. We received such positive feedback from both students and church family that we'd like to continue this worthwhile ministry this year.



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." In the next few weeks the Deacons will be gathering names and addresses for each of our students. We hope that individuals or families will be willing to "adopt" a student. It could be someone you already know or someone you would like to get 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. Contact Doris Hayes at toothfairy512@sbcglobal.net to sign up. Watch for additional information regarding this project in future bulletins or in the Vision. Thanks in advance for your support of this ministry!

Items Needed

Deacons are in need of glass or heavy weight plastic vases for flower delivery. We are also looking for 2 or 3 cassette players and any blank tapes. These items will be used for a senior citizen project that is being developed. Donations may be dropped off in the church office.



What Happened to WNL?

Wednesday Night Live! is taking a break for the rest of this year as we try out some new fellowship options that will begin in October. Due to people's busy mid-week schedules, we're planning some new, fun, fellowship events that will be held once per month on weekends, instead of on Wednesday nights. Look for more information coming soon.

Craft Nights—3rd Fridays

Mark your calendars for the third Friday of each month and join us for Craft Night. We meet in the Social Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to craft, chat, and sometimes munch on snacks. Come for part or all of the evening. All ages are welcome but no babysitting is available. Activities have included scrap booking, knitting, organizing recipes, and making fairy dolls! Please join us. Contact Connie Kelly at consueloak@sbcglobal.net with any questions.



Scouts



Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 24 invites boys in grades 1 through 4, who are interested in learning more about scouting, to attend the first Pack meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the RPC Social Hall.



Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 24 kicks off the year with a meeting at the Scout Cabin on Friday, September 10, starting at 7:00 p.m. The Troop welcomes new scouts in grades six through high school.



Pictured above is Nancy Dvorak in the newly decorated children's section of the Church Library, dedicated in her honor as *Nancy's Book Nook*. The murals were painted by another talented Nancy—Nancy Hejna.

Trustees

Trustees for the month of September are Chris Schiller and Lou Heine. The Trustees will hold a family work day on September 12 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Sharing Our Gifts

Cheerful Givers

RPC's Prayer Garden is growing beautifully with Cheerful Giver Gifts! Thank you for your support during these months as we focus on the needs of the Prayer Garden. September is the last month to give a gift to the garden. Contributions for ground cover plants, shrubs, benches, and deer-proof iron gates are still needed. Please be sure to stop by and take a look at the Cheerful Giver Board and see what catches your eye. The names of the givers and the people being honored will be listed in October's **Vision**.

Stewardship: A Way of Life and a Witness to the World

A Spiritual Exercise

by Charles Spencer

Although frequently misunderstood as a matter of church administration and finance, stewardship is an act of spiritual exercise and formation. Sometimes stewardship is regarded primarily from the church's need to receive gifts of time, talent, and treasure to sustain its programs and facilities. Sometimes stewardship is relegated to a limited season, as if there were other seasons in which the fullness and riches of life did not come from God and merit a joyous response. Properly understood, stewardship is a year-round, all-season, spiritual endeavor primarily concerned with our need to give in joyous gratitude to God's gifts and in faithful response to Christ's call.

Scripture affirms that our giving is an issue of spiritual development and maturity: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Our hearts follow our investment of money, time, and energy. We may support a variety of charities, but our passion and commitment are with those in which we are invested as donors and volunteers. The newspaper's business section is of most concern to those who are invested in the market. Members who are invested with time, talent, and treasure in the mission and ministry of Christ's church find their hearts drawn into deeper commitment and maturity of faith and practice.

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Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at end of July
(58% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$154,329 (43.0% of budget)
Disbursements	\$192,981 (53.8% of budget)
Deficit	(\$ 38,652)



Pledge Sunday

On Sunday, October 31, between noon and 3:00 p.m., please welcome a RPC Deacon and Elder to your home for a brief conversation about the financial future of RPC and your giving journey.

CARERS Corner

"Operation Stars and Stripes" is a project supported by the CARERS Committee. It is administered from Lyons, Illinois, with 100% volunteers. Its mission is to show support for our Troops by sending them care packages. **"We felt it important for them to know that besides family members and their friends that . . . there are people back home who cared about them."** A list of items needed is attached to the red, white, and blue barrel in the hallway near the office. Letters to a serviceman or woman would also be appreciated (please leave the envelope unsealed). Visit www.operationstars.com for more information and a list of items needed. Thank you for your generous donations.



Pro Se Bread Giveaway

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Therefore, the RPC Session recently agreed to allow Pro Se Services to use our sanctuary for the purpose of feeding the hungry. Pro Se volunteers go to local food producers, primarily Panera Bread, collect donations (what the business believes it will be unable to sell), and give the food to anyone who has a need. This ministry used to be based at the Riverside Public Library, but now those same folks will be receiving bread from our own Communion Table. What a wonderful way to use the Communion Table—to provide bread to the world. The giveaway will be each Wednesday at noon, and all who have a need are welcome. To learn more about Pro Se Services, visit them at www.proseservices.org.

Sunday School Rally Day is September 12

We're kicking off the new year of Sunday school with a Welcome Back Party! Please join us on Sunday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. on the church lawn as we celebrate with old friends and make some new ones. It's sure to be a super fun start to an awesome Sunday school year. Parents: all children must be registered before the first week they attend. Registration forms were sent out at the end of August but the information is also available [on our church website](#). Please mail in your registration forms to the church office or drop them in Jenny Kolinski's church mailbox. It's going to be a great school year at RPC! Plan to be part of the fun!



Identity Quest

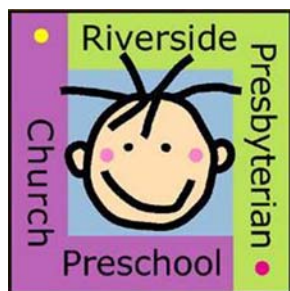
This year's Sunday school theme is IDENTITY QUEST! Our first rotation starts with the story of Joseph, who dreams of power, and his brothers who live in his shadow. During this rotation, kids will learn about Joseph's quest in a variety of ways. They'll have a chance to work in the new computer lab, make tie-dye t-shirts, create a coat that expresses their individual identity, and play charades while acting out Joseph's dreams.

Calling all Volunteers for Children and Youth

Volunteers are still needed for our Sunday school program. Can you think about ways you might be able to help? What talent can you share with our children and youth? Teachers are scheduled for only a 4-5 week block. Substitute teachers are also needed. If you know now that you'll be happy to help again—or for the first time—please send me a quick e-mail with your desired role(s). Thank you for being stewards of your time and talents through the support of the children of our church family! *Jenny Kolinski* kolinski426@comcast.net

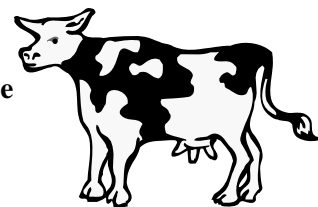
A Sunday School Computer Lab

Starting this month we're incorporating computers into our Sunday school rotation. Now, kids will have a chance to explore their faith in an exciting new way using a Computer Lab created in honor of Lynda Nadkarni, and in loving memory of John Lew. The *Living Waters* classroom has been transformed with TEN computer work stations ready for action. If you're a computer whiz and would like to teach a 4-week Sunday school rotation in the new computer lab please contact Jenny Kolinski at kolinski426@comcast.net



Another new beginning at the Riverside Presbyterian Preschool . . . With our adopted animal, Emma (a cow) from the Brookfield Zoo, our theme this year is **Preschoolers on the 'Moo've!** We are sure to have a 'moo've'ulous year together!

September will find us meeting new friends and catching up with the old. Please take a look at our "WANTED" board outside the Preschool rooms to see who is with us this year!



Buddy's Place Fall Session

Buddy's Place offers a children's grief support program for families with children ages 4-18 who have experienced the death of a parent or significant adult caregiver. An 8-week fall session begins September 14 and meets for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Buddy's Place also offers a monthly family support group that meets on the second Monday of every month, and a Peer Support Group on the third Wednesday for children and their parent/caregiver. There is no cost to participate in Buddy's Place, but registration is required. To register, or for more information, contact buddysplace@pillarscommunity.org.

Mission Trip

Timothy Hill Children's Ranch

Riverside Presbyterian Church sent a contingent of twenty-two senior high kids and four adult chaperones to the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch in Riverhead, New York for a week in July for our annual senior high mission trip. After a series of fundraisers this spring (Youth Cafe, Barbeque, and Car Wash) and fulfilling the required attendance at youth group events and service hours, our group of teens boarded a flight at Midway Airport on Saturday, July 17 and flew to Long Island, New York, accompanied by Lisa Marciniak, Fred Mitchell, George Dluhy and Youth Advisor Tara Gregus. The group spent the week at the ranch painting fences and chicken coops, weeding flower gardens, working in the Ranch's resale store (*Barbara's Barn*), and interacting with the resident boys and staff in games and during evening devotions. The founders of the ranch, Fern and Jerry Hill, opened their hearts and their home to us from the moment we arrived. They told us that everyone needs 7 hugs a day and gave out as many as they could. Fern and Jerry are the parents of Timothy Hill, the namesake of the Ranch. All of the girls stayed in the "guest house," which was actually Fern and Jerry's home. The boys' accommodations were not as deluxe--they slept in the basement of the administration building—but they didn't complain about it (too much)!

Our church should be very proud of our teens. They immediately started to make connections with the residents and by week's end, we were told by the staff that we had really made an impact and they very much wanted us to return in future years. In fact, we got so much accomplished that they ran out of work for us to do and so they arranged a trip to the beach with the boys and our group on our last day, which they said they had NEVER done before. They felt comfortable doing it with our group since we got along so well with the boys and had worked so hard and behaved so well all week. We also got to spend one day sightseeing in Manhattan. Led by Tara, we traversed the streets of New York City and covered an amazing amount of ground in one day! All in all, it was a very memorable trip and a wonderful group of teens and adults who shared an unforgettable week. We hope everyone who is eligible will consider joining us for **next year's mission trip!**





**Timothy Hill Children's Ranch
Riverhead, New York
July 17-24, 2010**



Youth

Youth Group News for September

Here's what's happening in September with Youth Group:

Wednesday, September 15: White Sox v. Minnesota (ticket requests due by August 30, payment due by September 3)

Saturday, September 18: Fundraiser coffee and donut sale at the RPC garage sale (*Need a parent to coordinate*)

Sunday, September 19: Regular Meeting at RPC (Junior High 6:00-7:15, Senior High 7:30-8:45)*

Sunday, September 26: Regular Meeting at Ascension (Junior High 6:00-7:15, Senior High 7:30-8:45)*

Coming up in October: Italian Dinner Fundraiser (Youth Group is cooking and serving!), High Ropes Course(?), CROP Walk, Bonfire at Gregus house, and Halloween Party! Don't miss the fun!

*One parent volunteer is needed for each Youth Group meeting. Please [contact Tara Gregus](#) to volunteer.

Confirmation Class Begins September 12

Sunday School kick-off on September 12 signals the beginning of a new phase in the spiritual life of many of our youth. High School students, particularly freshman, are invited to participate in the congregation's Confirmation process. An 8-month course is designed to challenge our confirmands intellectually and spiritually to explore the Presbyterian faith and their own personal faith development. Students completing the class can choose to affirm their faith and seek Session approval to become full members of RPC. John Cain and Joe Ourth will again be responsible for this year's Confirmation class, together with instruction from Pastor Scott. George Dluhy takes over this year as the Elder overseeing the confirmation process (welcome George, thanks Lynda Nadkarni for all your years of work on behalf of confirmands). All high school freshman, and other interested high school students, should meet September 12, ***together with their parents***, for the beginning of what should be a challenging and rewarding year.

RPC Girls' Group

I am delighted to announce that we will kick off our third year of the RPC Girls Group in late September! Our Tuesday evening sessions this fall will include games, discussions, crafts, special guests, a cooking lesson and enjoying being together. The goal of our group is to foster a healthy sense of ourselves as God's beloved children -- through caring community, education, skill-building and service to others. Our group is ecumenical and faith-based, meaning that the values we teach and live are grounded in the compassionate, creative, inclusive love of Christ. The group, for girls in 6th through 9th grade, is open to both members of RPC and the surrounding community. Please watch this space for more details as the time gets closer! If you have questions, would like to join us or know someone who would, please contact me at maryinwi@hotmail.com. I look forward to a wonderful year together!

Mary Koon

Youth Triennium

If you've ever wondered about the **biggest** Presbyterian Youth event (that happens right down the road from us), check out this link www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is an event sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches (CPC and CPCA) for the purpose of gathering Presbyterian and Reformed young people from all over the United States and the world together for worship, prayer, play and community. The next Youth Triennium will be held July 16-20, 2013 at Purdue University.



Twenty kids from the youth group and adult chaperones visited Great America on August 11. The day was hot, the lines were not long, and a good time was had by all. Everyone who attended is pictured in the photo to the left, except those who got stuck for about 20 minutes on their last ride of the day—*The Whizzer*!

Human Scene

September 5: NO Class

September 12: Who Should I Believe?

In today's culture, there are many loud voices telling us what to believe. Should we believe the loudest voice, the one that looks most like ourselves, the one that makes us most happy? How do we decide which source of information is most credible? Pastor Scott leads the class in an exploration of media and source criticism.

September 19: Covenant Church Buffet

This is the day we have the opportunity to worship at another church in the Covenant of Churches in our neighborhood. Come to the Human Scene if you would like to find out a little bit more about the other churches in our covenant, and if you would like to travel with other church members to their worship service.

September 26: The Presbyterian Church in Latin America: Who are our Partners?

We are honored to have Gary Cozette, Co-Moderator of the Chicago Presbytery's Congregations in Solidarity with Latin America Mission Team (CSLA), and Program Director of the Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America (CRLN), join us to tell us a lot more about how RPC is involved in supporting the good work of the Presbyterian Church in Latin America. Find out what the CSLA and CRLN are, how they help the people of Latin America, and how these missions are funded and maintained. Gary Cozette has been involved with human rights work in Latin America for decades, and over the years has organized over 38 delegations of religious and community leaders to Latin America. In 2008 he was given the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship 2008 "Peace Seeker Award" at the 218th General Assembly of PC-USA. We are exceedingly fortunate to have him come to RPC to share his insights and experiences, and see our connection to Presbyterian mission.

2010-2011 Bible Study

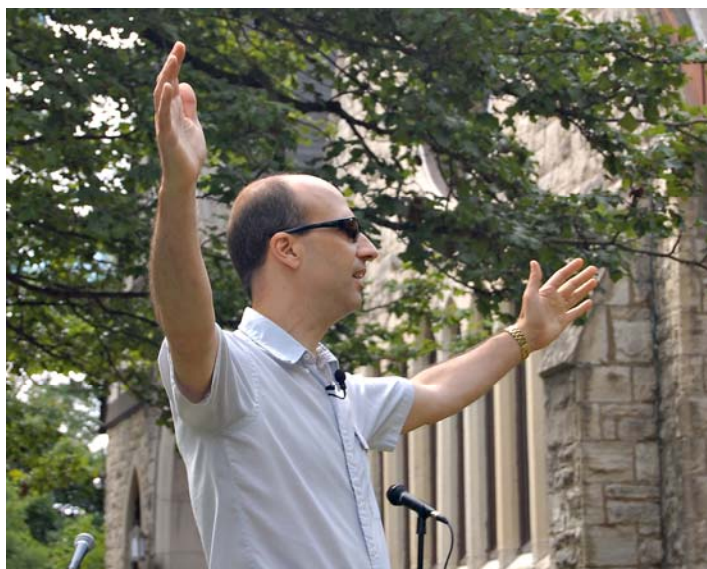
The [topic](#) for the 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study is "Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara R. Rossing. Many people's impressions are that the book of Revelation is violent and fearsome: four horsemen unleash destruction and calamity upon the earth; mysterious numbers like "666" spell destruction; mutant locusts and multi-headed beasts terrify; a scarlet whore of Babylon seduces nations with her cup of fornications; an end-times battle of Armageddon leaves millions slaughtered. As every pastor knows, this is the book of the Bible that provokes the most curiosity.

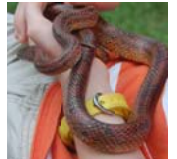
Plan to join the ladies on Wednesday, September 22, at 10:00 a.m., in the RPC Social Hall, as we begin this course of study. Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura rotate the leader position. Elizabeth, along with Edie Wakely, will lead the study for Lesson One, "An Apocalypse, an Author, and a Witness." *I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet.* Revelation 1:10. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Musick.



Animal Blessing

On July 25, RPC held the third annual *Blessing of the Animals* on the church lawn. In addition to the usual assortment of dogs and cats, two horses attended the service, as well as a snake, a turtle, and several other types of small mammals and crustaceans. Music was provided by the Sit brothers—Andrew, Michael, and Jimmy—and John Haugland, Frank Gangware, and Beverly Aieta. Thanks to all who participated, from whatever species, for making this a fun and memorable worship experience. Additional photos from the Animal Blessing are available on the online [RPC Photo Gallery](#). Thanks to Connie Kelly for taking photographs.





Garage Sale on September 18



RPC will hold a Garage Sale on Saturday, September 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The proceeds will go toward church operating expenses. Clean out your attic, basement, and garage, get rid of the clutter that has been sitting in your house too long, *and* get a deduction!

Items can be dropped off at the church on September 12 (8:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.) or September 17 (9:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.) Smaller items will go to the Social Hall and furniture to the Manse porch. Please contact Wayne Penn at wayne.penn17@gmail.com with any questions.

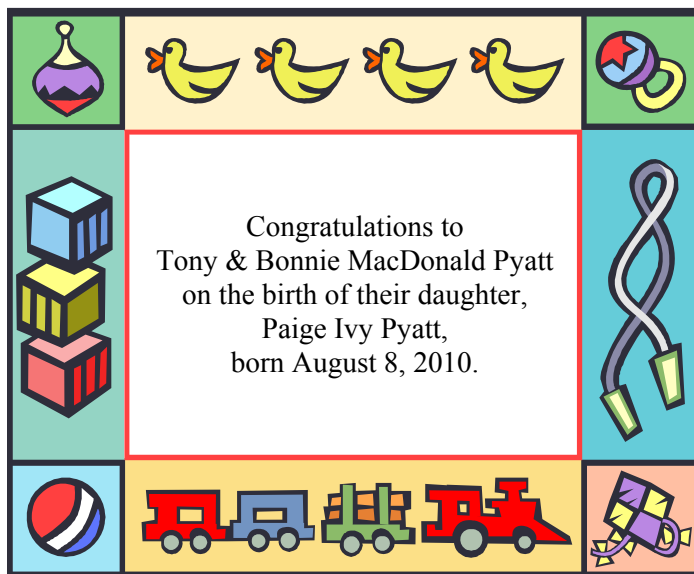
Bake-Off on September 26

The Deacons are planning an **All Church Fall Family Bakeoff/Auction on Sunday, September 26**, to take place in the Social Hall after the worship service (in place of the regular coffee fellowship). We're calling on all bakers and tasters—YES, taste testers—kids, teens, singles, moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, friends and neighbors to join in the FUN. We invite you to bring some of your favorite home-baked goods. Then we'll ask everyone to participate in the taste testing and vote for favorite items by placing some spare change—or up to a \$1 bill—into a container designated for the goodie you select. You can vote as often as you like by adding a bit of money each time you taste. The money from each container will be totaled to find out which goodie received the most “votes.” The top three vote getters will win a prize. Bakers are asked to bring an extra cake or plate of cookies for a silent auction conducted during “testing.” Please bring a copy of your recipe to share. All money collected will be used for future Deacon ministries. So mark your calendars...more details to follow in our upcoming church bulletins.



Womack Scholarship Dinner October 23

The Ryan Womack Scholarship was created by RPC members Randy and Lonnie Womack, in memory of their son, Ryan, who was tragically killed in the Riverside Little League accident in 1990. Since the inception of this scholarship fund, 152 recipients have received scholarships totaling \$492,000. One of the sources of endowment funds for this scholarship is the annual Womack Scholarship dinner/dance. This year the event will be held on **October 23** at the Riverside Golf Club. Mark your calendars for this fun and worthwhile event.



Please check the
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most recent
calendar
updates!

Calendar

September 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed 11:30a Pro Se 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace	2 6:30a Women's Forum	3	4
5 9a + Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p British Home Worship	6 5:15p Volleyball	7 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg 7p Personnel Comm Mtg	8 Office Closed 11:30a Pro Se	9 6:30a Women's Forum	10 Night Ministry	11
12 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a CARERS Comm Mtg 11:15a Endowment Comm Mtg	13 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm 7:30p Trustees Mtg	14 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg	15 Office Closed 11:30a Pro Se 7:30p Session Mtg	16 6:30a Women's Forum	17 6p Craft Night	18 RPC Garage Sale
19 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship Vision Deadline 2p Scottish Home Worship	20 5:15p Volleyball 7:30p Stewardship Comm Mtg	21 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg 7p Deacons Mtg	22 Office Closed 10a RPC Women's Bible Study 11:30a Pro Se	23 6:30a Women's Forum	24	25
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