



# The Vision

March 2011

## Presbyterian Lent

Ash Wednesday is on March 9 this year, and after that we have forty days of Lent. Some traditional Presbyterians may wonder about this, since John Calvin didn't believe in observing Lent. To Calvin, Lent was just a human invention and every day should be the same as every other day.

Of course, Calvin was right about Lent being a human invention. The same was true for Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas. Jesus did not command any of these dates to be kept as annual festival dates. The original apostles did not observe these dates. It was later Christians who decided that we needed to celebrate these events, so they created some traditions to do so.

Calvin wanted us to copy, as nearly as possible, the original apostles. He wanted to throw out all of the human "invention" that had occurred after Jesus (otherwise known as Church Tradition). This resulted in the Reformation slogan "sola scriptura."

In my opinion, this was too extreme. God's Spirit continued to guide faithful Christians long after Jesus died (just as Jesus had promised). Those faithful Christians "invented" new traditions, as they felt inspired by that Spirit. Some were good and some were not so good, but to throw out everything on principle was too simplistic.

Calvin also believed very strongly in humility—humility based on the realization that we are all sinners. He did not want any church to bear his name because of his humility. This is the teaching from Calvin that Presbyterians have taken most dearly to heart.

Because of our humility, we have realized that even Calvin made mistakes. The indiscriminate discarding of Tradition was sometimes an insult to the Spirit.

This all comes together in the season of Lent. Presbyterians now celebrate Lent, in a reversal of our former practice. Why? We were able to recognize our own error, and we also recognized that Lent is a good tradition. It helps us to remember our own sinful nature and to embrace humility. The habit of doing anything we can in order to "not be Catholic" is not a humble position to take.

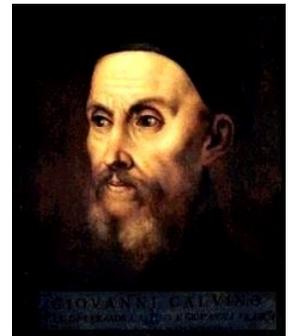
So, we celebrate Ash Wednesday with ashes, oil, candles and lots of traditions invented by the Catholics (as inspired by God's Spirit). The truly humble Presbyterian can say "thanks for your help" rather than saying "I don't need anyone else."

Lent also serves as a partial corrective to our general tendency to be too intellectual. Presbyterians, perhaps more than any others, emphasize preaching. Other Christians have much more physical/sensory connection with God. Lent is a time to do some fasting (experience some hunger), light some candles, smear some ashes, put your knees on the floor, and generally get "in touch" with God in a different way.

Of course we want to use our intellects to examine our lives and identify our sins. But confession can seem somewhat hollow if we do not feel an emotional bond with the Lord to whom we confess. And emotional bonds are built on more than just one's intellect.

So, as Presbyterians who endorse Calvin's slogan "Church Reformed and Always Reforming," let us celebrate a holy and humble Lent.

Your brother in Christ,  
Scott



John Calvin by Titian

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

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### March Worship Schedule

**March 6** *Matthew 17:1-9* “Wicky Wacky Sunday” The main message of the day will be given via a skit performed by the kids. We will also have Communion.

**March 9** Ash Wednesday Family Worship 7:00 p.m. Readings will come from *Psalms 51:1-17* and *Matthew 6:1-6*. This will be an intimate family-type service geared toward helping people understand Ash Wednesday and prepare for Lent. The service will include an interactive Bible Study (no sermon), the imposition of ashes, and communion by intinction.

**March 13** *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7* “Naked Before God” Why did Adam and Eve suddenly realize they were naked? What is the relationship between wisdom and responsibility? Is it true that “ignorance is bliss?”

**March 20** *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17* “Confirmation Sunday” Today’s “sermon” will focus on what issues of faith are most pressing for our confirmation class of 2011. The scripture lesson is about Abraham receiving grace through faith (as opposed to works). They will also be received as new members during worship.

**March 27** *John 4:5-42* “Savior of the World” Why did Jesus ignore all social boundaries between peoples? Why did the Christian message expand so rapidly beyond the Jewish world? What boundary lines exist today between peoples, and how would Jesus deal with such boundaries?

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### Deacons’ Doings

RPC has 18 deacons and one youth deacon. The mission of the Deacons is to bring the compassion of Christ to those in need. Whether they be church members (needing rides to church, visits when sick, or the service of the Lord’s Supper), or non-church members (needing food, clothing, housing, safety, etc.), deacons bring hope and joy to those in need. On March 5, the Deacons will be sending three representatives (Noemi Sanchez, Colleen Muller, and Marilyn Slanec) to the [LEAD training](#) meeting for the Chicago Presbytery.. The Deacons are currently considering various fundraising options to help them fulfill their mission. Also discussed at their February meeting was the possibility of reinstating the “Caring Van” program (a church van used in the past to transport elderly members and those without transportation to church every Sunday). This service was stopped due to high costs and a lack of volunteers.

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### Scout Pancake Breakfast

The annual **Scout Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, March 5, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at RPC. Tickets are \$5 in advance, or \$6 at the door, and can be purchased from any Cub Scout or Boy Scout.



### Happy Birthday!

**A new feature in the Vision:** *Happy Birthday Dear Presbyterians . . . Happy Birthday to you!* If your name is not on this list and you have a March birthday, that means we do not have a completed membership information form on file for you. The form is available through the church office

Mikey LeBeau 3/3  
Marilyn Slanec 3/4  
Mary Crang 3/5  
Scott LeBeau 3/6  
Michelle Roblee 3/6  
Thom De Vries Jr. 3/9  
John Haugland 3/10  
Ken Hayes 3/12  
Lauren Vogel 3/12

Emma Yachnin 3/12  
Carly Andersen 3/14  
Carter Staubus 3/14  
Aaron Booton 3/15  
Remy Hilpp 3/15  
Colleen Cody 3/17  
Luke Staubus 3/19  
Harrison Nolan 3/20  
Evaine Stahrr 3/21

Diane Chaney 3/22  
Karen Doornebos 3/23  
Alyssa Schwarz 3/23  
Anna Tess 3/23  
Joyce Van Cura 3/25  
Ana Benoy 3/26  
Michael Cokins 3/26  
Michael Conroy 3/26  
Alex Freel 3/26

Cameron Garza 3/28  
Randy Womack 3/28  
Joseph Aieta 3/29  
Carrie Schade 3/29  
Sarah Dudak 3/31  
Terrence Jordan 3/31  
Margy Martin 3/31  
Donna Ulrich 3/31

## Session News

In February, the Session:

- ◆ approved new guidelines for funerals/memorial services at RPC, including a schedule of customary fees. RPC members and their immediate family would be exempt from sanctuary and social hall use fees.
- ◆ removed Jon Jansky II from the rolls, at his request.
- ◆ approved the appointment of Daniel Sanchez as assistant RPC treasurer.
- ◆ approved the appointment of Roberta Gates as assistant RPC financial secretary.
- ◆ asked the finance committee to review the non-budgeted special funds to determine if they should be retained, combined, or merged into budgeted items.
- ◆ called a special session meeting for March 19 to examine the confirmands prior to their confirmation.
- ◆ approved the annual church statistical report prepared by the clerk to be submitted to PC(USA).

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

## Trustees

The “Trustees of the Month” for March are Hank Vogel and Paul Sterner.  
The March Family Work Day will be held on March 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at the end of January (8.3% of the way through the year)

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| Receipts      | \$ 33,610 (9.2% of budget) |
| Disbursements | \$ 27,529 (7.8% of budget) |

## Ash Wednesday Potluck

On Wednesday, March 9, at 6:15 p.m., a potluck meal will be held in the social hall prior to the Ash Wednesday Service. Please bring some food to share and join us for a meal and fellowship. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Carrie Staubus at [carriestaubus@earthlink.net](mailto:carriestaubus@earthlink.net).

## March Opportunities



If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Carrie Staubus](#)  
For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC Office](#)  
Potential Acolytes, Liturgists & Ushers, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#)



|          | Liturgists  | Acolytes      | Ushers | Flowers                  | Coffee Fellowship   |
|----------|---|---------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| March 6  | Mia Haugland<br>Adeline Pecis<br>Hannah Smith<br>Margot Carlson | Ellie Carlson | OPEN   | Kohar and George Havelka | Preschool Families  |
| March 13 | Youth   | Youth         | OPEN   | OPEN                     | OPEN                |
| March 20 | Lynda Nadkarni  | Elijah Ourth  | OPEN   | OPEN                     | Mary & Hannah Smith |
| March 27 | Roberta Gates   | OPEN          | OPEN   | OPEN                     | OPEN                |

## Can you Help?

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for one Elder for a 2-year term and one Deacon for a 2-year term. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact Debra Jansky at [newhorizons002@att.net](mailto:newhorizons002@att.net).

## Sharing Our Gifts

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### CARERS' Corner

As cold weather continues, we need warming meals for the food pantry at Chicago's First Presbyterian Church. We are asking for **pasta and rice** to make some nourishing dishes for those in need. As always, we thank you for your continued generosity.



#### What is One Great Hour of Sharing?

Since March 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through *One Great Hour of Sharing* to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development.

#### When is the offering received?

On March 20, children will receive their *One Great Hour of Sharing* banks at Sunday School. Additional banks are available in the information rack outside the church office. With the bank is a calendar suggesting ways to put change in to the bank. The children will have an opportunity to present their gifts on Easter Sunday at either of the services. Of course, banks will be accepted later in April too.

#### What if I don't have children?

Special offering envelopes will be placed in the pews and bulletin inserts will tell about One Great Hour of Sharing. You need not wait to make your donation to the program. You don't even have to wait until a Sunday!

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) provides a secure link for those who like to donate with a credit card, or you may mail a donation directly to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Church Remittance Processing, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

### Share the Harvest

We may be thinking about daffodils and tulips **now** – but in just a few months, we'll have tomatoes and cucumbers and sweet corn on our tables! We invite you to help put healthy, fresh vegetables on our hungry neighbors' tables, too – by participating in *Share the Harvest* in 2011. For those who don't know, *Share the Harvest* provides a way for us to share the gifts from our gardens with our brothers and sisters at local food pantries. How can you participate? Just bring your gifts from the garden (or farmer's market or produce department) and place them in the Share the Harvest basket when the crops begin to come in. And, to help get you started, we'll give you a tomato, pepper or cucumber seedling. All we ask is that you dedicate what grows on the plant to Share the Harvest's ministry. We'll begin taking sign-ups for seedlings in April and you'll receive your plants in mid-May. We hope you'll join us this year, as we share God's love, abundance and hospitality with our neighbors. Have questions? Just ask Mary Jansen or Colleen Muller, Share the Harvest Co-ordinators. Here's to a successful growing season!



### Cheerful Givers

*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9:7 The next project for the Cheerful Givers will be worship candles. Our mission is to inspire and encourage our congregation to be cheerful givers as we address the specific financial needs of our church.

### Blankets +

Envelopes are in the church pews for donations to Blankets +. Although dedication Sunday was February 27, contributions are still being accepted. Please make checks payable to "Riverside Presbyterian Church" marked Blankets +. Thank you for your support of Church World Services.

### From the Membership Committee

Recently, a friend of mine, an associate presbytery executive, made anonymous visits to congregations in his presbytery. He visited churches of all sizes, urban and rural. He says that his experience in most churches was that no one spoke to him beyond a quick morning greeting. No one asked his name, introduced themselves, or invited him to join the congregation for fellowship following worship.

In a time when congregations are growing smaller and smaller and every church wants to know what they can do to attract new members, this is a disturbing report. Unless members greet and welcome the stranger, the guest, on that very first Sunday, chances are he or she is not going to come back for the second try. Welcome is not something you hang on a banner out front; it is something you do.

Editor Amy G. Oden, in her book *And You Welcome Me*, used church documents to identify characteristics of the hospitality that these pilgrimages and monasteries provided. She identified four steps in hospitality practices. Welcome began when the guests arrived and included a warm greeting and words of welcome. Next the host provided for the immediate needs of the guests such as washing road-tired feet and offering food. It could also include the offer of clothes or a blanket and a chance to rest.

In these monasteries, guests were welcomed into full membership of the community. They entered into the worship, work, and meals along with the members of the community. Guests were given all the resources and protection of the monastery; everything that belonged to the community was made available to the guest.

Finally, when it was time for the pilgrims to depart, they were given food and travel supplies, a blessing for the journey, and clear directions to the next stop along their journey.

The ancient practices of hospitality can guide today's churches as they seek to welcome the strangers who come through their doorways. Congregations can begin by understanding that the newcomers are their guests and resurrecting the traditions of welcome. — Nancy Ferguson from *The Presbyterian Leader*

***March's challenge from the Membership Committee—Introduce yourself to one person/family with whom you are not well acquainted. Do this either before or after worship or during coffee hour.***

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Come enjoy this year's **Open Mic Coffeehouse and Youth Cafe** on Sunday, March 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Proceeds from the sale of refreshments will help defray the costs for our youth to participate in this year's mission trips. We have a great line-up of entertainment this year, but there's always room for more. So, if you have a poem, song or other act to contribute, please contact John Haugland at [barryleopold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barryleopold@sbcglobal.net). But you don't have to have an act to come enjoy the food, entertainment and conversation! An added bonus this year is the participation of members of Ascension Lutheran Church. Come enjoy the warmth of fellowship!

***RPC Weekend Connections*** seeks to gather together all ages of RPC and community members for enjoyable and meaningful events. Our aims are community building, cross-generational interaction, fun, fellowship, and education. Anyone interested in an event and needing transportation, please notify the RPC office, so a ride can be arranged.

Thank you to the following youth who have helped run the church dishwasher during coffee fellowship: Lily Lisle, Max Marciniak, Abraham Ourth, Hannah Pecis, and Hannah Ranft. You have made it possible for us to greatly reduce the amount of trash we create. Our church family and the environment appreciate your efforts! To be added to a list of youth dishwashers, contact Carrie Staubus at [carriestaubus@earthlink.net](mailto:carriestaubus@earthlink.net).

## Square Dance

On Saturday, February 12, RPC held a Valentine's Dinner and Square dance, which was attended by about 80 members and friends. We enjoyed a feast that included delicious homemade sloppy joes and an abundance of desserts. After the meal, we danced to the music of the Prairie Shufflers. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially our planners Patti Perry, Deb Jansky, Noemi Sanchez and John Haugland. We hope to make this an annual event!



## Passport to the Promised Land

What better way to break up the cold winter days than with a little bit of wacky fun? This month starts out with kids participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Wicky Wacky Sunday!** The following week kids will gather in the Social Hall for a Celebration Sunday with the focus on giving. Our new Sunday School rotation begins on March 13 with the story of Mary Magdalene as children begin to explore the events of Holy Week.

### March Memory Verse:

But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.”

*Mark 16:6*



*Appearance of Christ to Mary Magdalene*  
by Alexander Ivanov, 1835

|                 | K/1           | 2/3  | 4/5              | Jr. High      |
|-----------------|---------------|--|------------------|---------------|
| <b>March 6</b>  | _____         | <b>Wicky Wacky Sunday Today</b>              |                  | _____         |
| <b>March 13</b> | Gym           | Creation Station                             | Oasis Place      | Manse Kitchen |
| <b>March 20</b> | Manse Kitchen | Gym  | Creation Station | Oasis Place   |
| <b>March 27</b> | _____         | <b>No Sunday School due to Spring Break*</b> |                  |               |

\*Although there will be no Sunday school on March 27, kids are welcome to attend a supervised open gym from 9 to 9:50 a.m. Childcare rooms will be open for younger children as usual.

## March 6<sup>th</sup>: Wicky Wacky Sunday!

There will be **no Sunday School classes on March 6**, but all kids participating in the Wicky Wacky Sunday Worship Service should meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. for rehearsal. There won't be Godly Play on this day either, so children of all ages can enjoy the Wicky Wacky fun! The upstairs childcare room will still be available. **Don't forget to dress for the occasion . . . Wicky Wacky attire is strongly recommended!**

## VBS at RPC

**Mark your calendars . . .** The Riverside Covenant of Churches has started planning Vacation Bible School for **June 26 -30** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for children ages 4 through 5th Grade, to be held at Riverside Presbyterian Church. VBS is a wonderful experience for participants *and* volunteers. Watch for more information in the coming months. Please contact Jenny Kolinski at [kolinski426@comcast.net](mailto:kolinski426@comcast.net) for more information on the MANY volunteer opportunities.



Preschool has endured the cold and snow of the season and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring. We will be getting ready for the season with many of our annual events. Our annual Book Fair and Raffle will kick off on March 5 followed on March 6 with preschool families hosting Coffee Fellowship and our Preschool Open House. If that's not enough to keep us busy, we will participate in two fun-filled Dad's Nights celebrating our Preschool Dads. We'll visit the Riverside Arts Center to make a clay creation just in time for Easter. We have so much to look forward to in March!

We have some openings for the 2011-2012 school year — so tell your friends, family and neighbors. Application forms are in the rack outside the church office. For more information, contact Lisa Manganiello at 447-1520 ext. 2.

# Confirmation Class of 2011

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The 2011 Confirmation Class began in September and will conclude by welcoming the new confirmands into membership of RPC on Sunday, March 20. We're very proud of this year's graduating class of 11 students. Please join us at the 10:00 service and at Coffee Fellowship afterwards to welcome this great group into our church family!



Joseph Aieta



Danielle Andersen



Isabella Cain



Mike Chaney



Grace Cody



Kelly Haugland



Emily Kedzie



Alyssa Lancaster



Lily Lisle



Abraham Ourth



Hannah Pecis

## Girls' Group

The RPC Girls' Group meets Tuesday nights—6th/7th graders from 6:30 to 7:30 and 8th/9th graders from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. We meet in the Oasis Room for fellowship, learning and discussion with one another. We are committed to unity with diversity within our group, and leave each week with prayer partners. We welcome all girls at RPC to join our group and to bring a friend! Please contact Mary Koon with questions at [maryinwi@hotmail.com](mailto:maryinwi@hotmail.com)

**March 1:** No Girls Group

**March 8:** Surviving junior high and high school pressures and complexities. Come enjoy a conversation with older high school girls about how they successfully navigated their way through junior high and high school.

**March 15:** Our own Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak will be our guest to talk about her work with children at Loyola. We will pack craft kits for the children to enjoy when they are in the hospital.

**March 22:** Sarah Dudak returns to work with the girls to create a unique and original quilting project for the church.

**March 29:** No Girls' Group—enjoy spring break!

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## Youth Group News

Here's what's happening in March in Youth Group:

**March 6: Open Mic Night and Youth Café**—Come and perform or watch your friends! The senior high youth group will be selling refreshments as a fundraiser for our summer mission trip. Don't miss it!

**March 13: Regular Meeting at RPC**—Topic TBA

**March 20: Spring Break**—No Youth Group

**March 27: Whirlyball!** Details TBA

As always, feel free to bring a friend to any of our events or meetings. Questions? Contact Tara at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com).

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## Scouts



Cub Scout Pack 24 held its annual Pinewood Derby race on Saturday, January 29, at RPC. Fifth Grader Michael Lynch placed first. Brothers Joe Connelly (5th grade) and Owen Connelly (2nd grade) returned to the winner's circle this year, placing second and fourth respectively. (Owen won first and Joe fourth in 2010.) In third place was 5th grader Max Buffo. All the winning cars exceeded 200 mph and the difference between first and fourth place was only thousandths of a second. With 76 boys in Pack 24, competition was fierce. On February 13, fifty-seven cub scouts and parents attended a winning Chicago Steel hockey game. The scouts performed the opening flag ceremony and also shot goals on the ice with the players after the game. On February 27, thirteen Cub Scouts ended their cub scout experience at the annual Blue & Gold banquet, “crossing over” into Boy Scout Troop 24. Boy Scouts from Troop 24 participated in the annual “Klondike Derby” on February 12, an outdoor competition modeled on the famous Iditarod race, but with boys rather than huskies pulling sleds. Troop 24 placed 3rd. During the weekend of February 26-27, twenty-five scouts and parents skied at Sunburst Ski Resort in Wisconsin and stayed at YMCA Camp Matawa.



### 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.

Plan to join the ladies on Wednesday, March 23 (always the fourth Wednesday), at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Social Hall. Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura rotate the leader position. Sylvia will lead the study for Lesson 6, “Witness to Hope, The Woman, the Dragon, and Earth’s Daring Rescue. Key Idea: With Christ’s victory on the cross, we are given power to defeat the forces of evil through witness.

*A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. **Revelation 12:1***

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## Human Scene

### March 6 and 13 *Exploring Our Presbyterian Roots*

How did Presbyterian worship practices/traditions develop from the early 16<sup>th</sup> century until today? Why do we include the elements of worship that we include? Why does our sanctuary look the way it does? Where might the trends of these developments lead us in the future? Pastor Scott leads this lighthearted look at our past, our present and our future in this two-week series.

### March 20 *Justice Is a Moving Target*

Drawing on his experience of European conflict and also as a lawyer, our own Dennis Sadilek discusses the basis of justice. Everyone wants a just society, but how exactly do we define what constitutes *justice*?

### March 27 *Food Ethics*

Back by popular demand, Mary Jansen is joined by Molly Chaney to explore the world of food production, processing, transporting, and marketing. What ethical decisions are we making, often without realizing it, when we choose what we eat?

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## RPC Women’s Retreat

The 2011 Women’s Retreat will be held April 8-10, at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin. For those of you who have not been there, the Siena Retreat Center is in a beautiful location along the shores of Lake Michigan. Each person will have a private room, with shared bathroom accommodations across the hall. The food is great. More information is available at <http://www.racinedominicans.org/retreats.cfm>

Does your soul need spring cleaning? Please join us!



### *To Know we Have Enough is to be Rich*

**Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. through lunch on Sunday, April 10** (Friday registration begins at 6:00 p.m.)

**Description:** *To know we have enough is to be rich... Tao Te Ching* In this world filled with so much we *think* we need, we will gratefully remember the abundant bounty we have. We will celebrate the treasures within us. In this time of economic crisis and the fragility of our planet, we will reflect on what brings us deep joy, inner peace, and spiritual fulfillment. As Earth begins to burst forth again and we prepare to sing our Easter Alleluia, we will ponder the mystery of God’s extravagant love. The cost is \$190.00 (\$40.00 deposit, balance upon arrival).

Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!



# March 2011

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                | Sat   |
|---|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------|---|
|   |  | 1<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9:30a Staff Mtg<br>7p Personnel Mtg                      | 2<br>Office Closed<br>11:30a Pro Se<br>12p Covenant Prayers for Peace<br>4:15p Singers<br>4:45p Ringers<br>6:30p Handbell Choir<br>7:30p Chancel     | 3<br>6:30a Women's Forum   | 4<br>Men's Retreat                 | 5<br>Men's Retreat<br>7a-1p Scout Pancake Breakfast<br>8a LEAD Training<br>9a Preschool Book Fair  |
| 6<br>Men's Retreat<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship—Wicky Wacky Sunday<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>11a Preschool Open House<br>1:30p Deacons' British Home Service<br>5p Open Mic Night | 7<br>5:15p Volleyball<br>7p Stewardship Mtg                    | 8<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9:30a Staff Mtg<br>6:30p Girls' Group                    | 9<br>Office Closed<br>11:30a Pro Se<br>7p Ash Wednesday  | 10<br>6:30a Women's Forum  | 11<br>Night Ministry               | 12  |
| 13<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>11:15a Endowment Mtg<br>6p Jr. High Youth<br>7:30p Sr. High Youth   | 14<br>5:15p Volleyball<br>7p Finance Mtg<br>7:30p Trustees Mtg | 15<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9:30a Staff Mtg<br>6:30p Girls' Group<br>7p Deacons Mtg | 16<br>Office Closed<br>11:30a Pro Se<br>4:15p Singers<br>4:45p Ringers<br>6:30p Handbell Choir<br>7:30p Chancel Choir<br>7:30p Session Mtg           | 17<br>6:30a Women's Forum<br> | 18<br>10a CARERS<br>6p Craft Night | 19<br>5p Confirmation Banquet<br>7p Session Mtg   |
| 20<br>9a Sunday School<br>10a Worship—Confirmation Sunday<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>2p Scottish Home Worship<br>No Youth Group<br><b>Vision</b> Deadline                                | 21<br>5:15p Volleyball   | 22<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9:30a Staff Mtg<br>6:30p Girls' Group                   | 23<br>Office Closed<br>10a RPC Women's Bible Study<br>11:30a Pro Se<br>4:15p Singers<br>4:45p Ringers<br>6:30p Handbell Choir<br>7:30p Chancel Choir | 24<br>6:30a Women's Forum  | 25                                 | 26  |
| 27<br>9a No children's Sunday School<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>6p Jr. High Youth<br>7:30p Sr. High Youth   | 28<br>5:15p Volleyball   | 29<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9:30a Staff Mtg<br>6:30p Girls' Group                   | 30<br>Office Closed<br>11:30a Pro Se<br>4:15p Singers<br>4:45p Ringers<br>6:30p Handbell Choir<br>7:30p Chancel Choir                                | 31<br>6:30a Women's Forum  |                                    |   |

*Proverbs 11: 28 Trust in your money and down you go! Trust in God and flourish as a tree.*

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

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