



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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The Vision

April 2011

Lilies and Dirt

This is the time of year, every year, when I am reminded that I love dirt. When I get my hands in the dirt for the first time in awhile, something comes alive within my spirit. Jesus said, "you are the salt of the earth," meaning the basic nutrient that preserves everything else—a little like dirt. Dirt is like a mother to all living things. It is not fancy, flashy, or trendy, but it is deep and spiritual.

Some Christians are more like dirt than others. These are the Christians who do not call attention to themselves, are not concerned with honors, but who make all of what happens in the church possible. The "earthy" Christians are the ones who come each Sunday, offer prayers up to God, sing the hymns as well as they are able—even when they are unfamiliar, and think long and hard about how the scripture lesson touches their daily lives.

In April, we will also see a vast explosion of Easter lilies. I love lilies also. Lilies are the fruit of all that dirt. They are creative and colorful, bold and exuberant. Some Christians are more like lilies. They revel in the special days, in trumpet blasts, and in mountaintop experiences.

Easter is a wonderful day to be at church. It is the climax of the Christian story—to hear the good news of resurrection hope that God has made known to us through Jesus the Christ.

But the Easter lilies should never forget the dirt that gave them life. Without the nourishing dirt, the lily bulbs would turn to rotten mush. And without the faithful work of Christians who support all the church's committees and ministries throughout the year, there would be no Easter Sunday celebration.

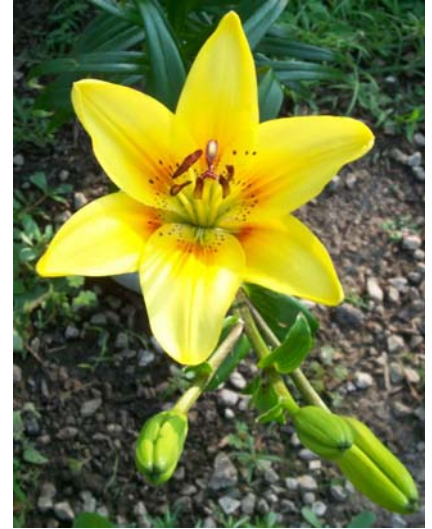
On the other hand, the dirt should not be content to simply remain dirt. The purpose of dirt is to nurture life, to give rise to something glorious. We must never be content with continuing life as usual *ad infinitum*. We have an extraordinary story to tell, and it is everyone's job to tell it. Those who have been absent from the church for a while are most likely to return if they are invited specifically by those whom they consider friends. An invitation from someone paid to be welcoming has little effect. All of the dirt must put forth the effort to give rise to the beautiful lilies.

As I write this, I am looking at an ad from another church that wants to honor its own members. The ad says if you want your own musical culture honored and your own generation to be affirmed, then come to this church. Some lilies will find this attractive.

But the church is built on dirt—on those who attend even when their own favorite music is not being honored, even when their own kids are not performing, even when their own pet project is not being discussed, even when the best part of the Christian story is not being featured. Without the Christians who worship for no other reason than to praise their Lord and Savior, everything else turns to rotten mush.

This is the time of year when I am reminded that I love dirt.

Your brother in Christ,
Scott



Worship

April Worship Schedule

April 3 *Ephesians 5:8-14* “Children of Light” Why is light better than darkness? Why is order better than chaos, or community better than individualism, or cooperation better than oppression? Why, during Lent, do we attempt to shine light on things that are ordinarily kept secret? We will also celebrate Communion.

April 10 *John 11:1-45* “Mary Wept First” Scott and Mary Koon will explore, in a dialogue sermon, the meaning of the resurrection and the hope that it brings us in the face of evil. Was the death of Lazarus an “evil?” We will also have a minute for mission on Colombia and receive new members.

April 17 Palm/Passion Sunday. *Matthew 27:11-54* “The Passion of the Christ” We will read long sections of scripture, including the Palm Sunday story and the Passion story, with just a few interpretive words interspersed. What motivated Jesus’ behavior in the final days of his life? What motivated God?

April 21 Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. A Tenebrae service—a somber service of lessons and music with brief congregational discussion of each lesson and extinguishing candles. No sermon. We will celebrate Communion by intinction in the round, but the service will get darker and darker as we proceed.

April 22 Good Friday at noon. The Covenant of Churches will sponsor one Ecumenical Worship Service at RPC at noon, featuring preachers from each of the churches. To join the ecumenical music efforts for the day (instrumental or vocal), please contact Sally Sloane.

April 24 Easter Sunday. Worship Services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. *Matthew 28:1-10* “After the Sabbath” Why do Christians worship God on Sundays rather than Saturdays? We worship a “living” God who sometimes acts in surprising ways. We should always be open to the new movements of the Spirit among us today.

Easter Memorials

Easter Sunday is April 24, and you will soon see these Easter Memorial forms appear in our Sunday worship bulletins. (They are also [available on our website](#).) Printed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin, memorials are an opportunity for us to express our love for family and friends.

Have you ever wondered how memorial donations are used? The memorials for the Easter lilies that adorn our sanctuary are also sometimes delivered to members of our church family who are unable to attend worship. The other options for memorial donations, like the Endowment, Memorial, and Music funds are a great benefit to these programs.

Our Endowment Fund supports our church legacy and provides for church programs, such as music, education and mission outreach, as well as our church building’s maintenance and improvements. Donations for the Memorial Fund are used for special memorial projects such as the benches in the Prayer Garden, and the many new trees planted on our church grounds. Our Music Fund supports our worship and music experience all year long through the purchase of new music and instruments and the hiring of special musicians, such as trumpeters for our Easter Sunday worship and the orchestra that accompanies our December presentation of Handel’s Messiah. Please consider making a memorial donation to one of these special funds in honor and memory of your loved ones.

Riverside Presbyterian Church

2011 Easter Memorials

Express your love in memory of family and friends through an Easter memorial. All memorials will be printed in the Sunday worship bulletins, and the plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We offer two options:

☐ Option A: **WHITE EASTER LILY**

_____ (#) at \$15 each

Option A subtotal: \$_____

☐ Deacons deliver -or- ☐ I will pick up

☐ Option B: **CHURCH PROGRAMS**

☐ Endowment Fund \$_____

☐ Memorial Fund \$_____

☐ Music Fund \$_____

Option B subtotal: \$_____

Grand Total \$_____

☐ In Memory ☐ Honor of:


Name: _____

From: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please make your checks payable to Riverside Presbyterian Church and submit your form to the church office by Sunday April 17.



Session News

In March, the Session:

- ♦ approved an agreement with Pro Se Services to continue its food distribution at RPC for one year;
- ♦ received Susan & Brian Zander, Ja'Net Deason and Laura Vanags as new members;
- ♦ received the following confirmands by profession of faith: Joseph Aieta, Mike Chaney, Kelly Haugland, Emily Kedzie, Alyssa Lancaster, Lily Lisle, Abraham Ourth and Hannah Pecis;
- ♦ Removed Jessie Chmell-Coleman; Allison & John Moran; and Dina, Pierre and Justin Glardon from the inactive roll;
- ♦ granted permission to members of the Girls' Group to assist in serving Communion by intinction during worship on May 1;
- ♦ discussed the possibility of renting RPC facilities to for-profit groups on a limited basis.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session



Jazz Sunday on May 1

On May 1, Mary Koon will lead our worship service, with assistance from the Girls' Group. Music for the service will be provided by Riverside native Andy Tecson and the Jazz Ensemble. We will also serve Communion by intinction.



April 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
April 3	Michael Aieta	Dima Aieta	Patti Perry-Halline Elizabeth Musick Haugland/Kelly Family	Ourth Family	OPEN
April 10	Youth	Youth	Aieta Family	Virginia Yang and Fred Shuppara	Schwarz Family
April 17	Matt Lisle	OPEN	Meyer Family, Edith Wakely, Marjorie Lewe	OPEN	Youth Group BBQ Fundraiser
April 24 9:00 a.m.	Lynda Nadkarni	OPEN	OPEN	Easter Lily Memorials	Kolinski/Pecis and Lisle Families
April 24 10:30 a.m.	OPEN	OPEN	Lisle Family	Easter Lily Memorials	Kolinski/Pecis and Lisle Families

Church News

Deacons' Doings

The Deacons have established a sub-committee within the Board to raise funds so we can continue to bless our community near and far.

Every Sunday two Deacons write down all the *Joys & Concerns* expressed during the worship service. We e-mail those prayer requests to all the Deacons so we can continue to pray throughout the week.

There have been a number of people in need of transportation to and from church, so we have been supplying that need with our personal cars. If you or someone you know has a transportation need, please let the church know.

Three members of the Board participated in L.E.A.D. workshops, an annual presbytery-wide training for the whole church, including new Elders, Deacons and Clerks of Session. We can't wait to share those tools learned and use them to expand the Kingdom of God.

We are sending sweet reminders to our college students that we continue to pray for them and that we wish them luck in their spring finals!

We continue to visit the British Home the first Sunday of every month. You do not need to be a Deacon to join us. The Board of Deacons have been encouraged with love to be examples of Christ and to attend church services on a consistent basis. We invite you to join us.

*In the March **Vision**, we incorrectly stated that RPC has one youth deacon. We actually have TWO youth deacons: Amanda Gregus and Molly Chaney.*

Engraved Brick Pavers For Sale

Make your mark in RPC history with the purchase of an engraved brick paver. Pavers can be purchased as gifts or memorials to honor friends and family and are available in two sizes. The personalized pavers will be installed in early June in an area adjacent to the front door of the Manse. This area will be enjoyed during the Strawberry Social and other outdoor church activities. All funds raised will go toward restoration of the Rose Window.

Order forms are available online and in the church office. Questions? Contact Nancy Jensen at nwjensen1@comcast.net.

A special note to those of you who purchased pavers during our initial offering in 2009. Thank you for your patience as we developed an alternate location. Bricks will be engraved and installed as ordered.



Trustees for April are David Schade and Nancy Jensen.



Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at the end of February (16.7% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$ 58,473 (16.1% of budget)
Disbursements	\$ 70,164 (19.3% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 11,691

CARERS Corner

In April, the CARERS will be collecting canned meats, along with other nourishing meals including pasta, rice, and ethnic foods for the needy at the First Presbyterian Church in Chicago. As always, we thank you for your continued generosity.

We are no longer able to accept clothing. There is a place close by in Brookfield, *The Helping Hand Thrift Shop*, at 3726 Grand Blvd., that will be happy to take your donations. The CARERS Committee has a list of other locations to which you may donate clothing.



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 received 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 April 17. 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 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.

Share the Harvest

It's time to sharpen that hoe and don those gardening gloves!
To get you started, *Share the Harvest* has these suggestions:

Spring Celebration Event - April 16, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago. Two workshops on garden preparation and ending hunger and homelessness within our communities will be presented, and a light lunch will be provided.

Free vegetable plant sign-ups on April 14, April 24, and May 8. Help stock food banks this season with fresh produce from your *Share the Harvest* seedlings. Produce from these plants can be donated to the basket located on the bench in the Education Hall during the summer months.

Free tilling! Bill Muller has again graciously offered free tilling services for anyone committed to participating in the *Share the Harvest* growing program. Thank you, Bill! For questions and tilling sign-ups contact our RPC Share the Harvest Coordinators: [Mary Jansen](#) or [Colleen Muller](#).



Proverbs 30:8-9 . . . give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs!

Children

Passport to the Promised Land

This month we'll continue exploring the events of Holy Week from the perspective of Mary Magdalene. Mrs. Aieta will share her story as Mary Magdalene herself. Evaine Stahrr will help kids understand the events of Holy Week while playing a huge board game in the gym. Patti Friend will amaze kids with a delicious cake with a special surprise while discussing the experiences of the women at the tomb. And Susan Lynch will help kids make their own tomb models to take home as a reminder of the events of Holy

April 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



Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld's (1794-1872) depiction of Jesus revealing himself to Mary Magdalene.

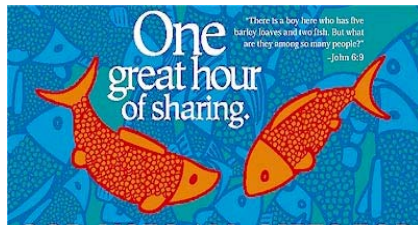
	K/1	2/3	4/5	Jr. High
April 3	Oasis Place	Manse Kitchen	Gym	Creation Station
April 10	Creation Station	Oasis Place	Manse Kitchen	Gym
April 17	<i>All ages: CELEBRATION SUNDAY in the Social Hall. Fish Banks are due!</i>			
April 24	<i>EASTER SUNDAY: No Sunday school. We're still accepting fish banks today.</i>			

Easter Sunday

There will be no Sunday school or Godly Play on Easter Sunday, but *childcare will be available at both services.*

Keep Filling Those Fish Banks

Don't forget to keep up with your *One Great Hour of Sharing* Fish Bank calendars. All of those coins add up to make a BIG difference to those in need. Banks can be returned the week of April 17 (Palm Sunday) and April 24 (Easter Sunday).



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This summer VBS is scheduled for **Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30**. This grand effort needs both participants and volunteers. Since RPC is hosting this year, we'll need lots of help from our church family in making this wonderful event a success. If you already know that you're interested in volunteering, please contact Jenny Kolinski at kolinski426@comcast.net. And don't forget to mark your calendars!



Spring has arrived at the Preschool and everywhere else: Hooray! Please check out our new bulletin board which embraces the season and everything it welcomes.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Book Fair and Raffle. It was a huge success again because of the generosity and support of the Riverside Presbyterian Church members. We could not have done it without you—many, many thanks.

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. Any Questions? Contact Lisa Manganiello at 447-1520.

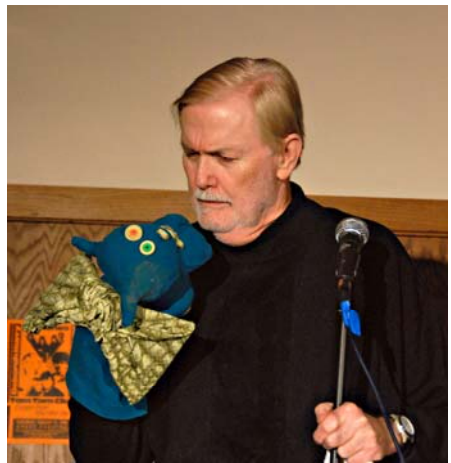


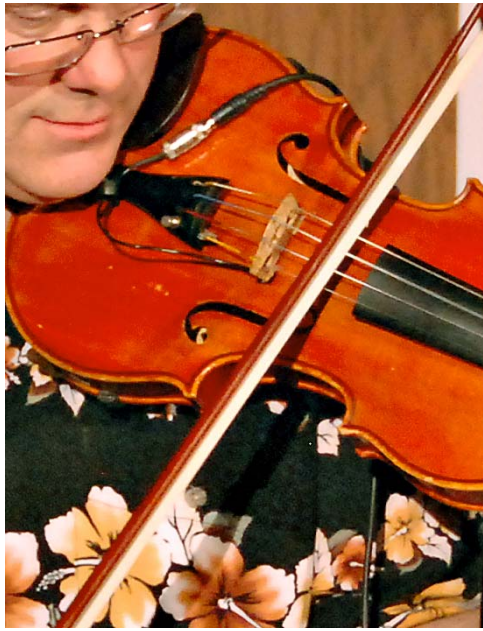
Wacky Wacky Sunday



Open Mic Night

In March, over 100 members and friends gathered for the third annual Open Mic Night. We enjoyed great musical and comedy acts performed by the youth and adults of RPC and Ascension Lutheran Church. The variety of talent and creativity amazed and entertained us the entire evening! The Youth Café raised funds for the Youth Mission Trip with their many choices of delicious food and fabulous friendly service. Open Mic Night was a fun, memorable time and we are looking forward to continuing this annual event in future years.





Youth

Girls' Group

This April our Girls' Group will be "showered" in guest speakers. We look forward to a great month!

April 5: Melinda Yachnin, LCSW, will be our guest to have conversation around challenges girls have in handling criticism and conflict.

April 12: Hannah and Adeline Pecis' cousin, Liz Rosiello, will visit to talk about her job as a Veterinary Assistant. Many of our girls have a special love of animals, and Liz will talk to us about how animals are cared for in her practice.

April 19: Sarah Dudak will join us again to finish our banners for the sanctuary.

April 26: We will have a special speaker from ANAD, The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders. Additionally, a person who has recovered from an eating disorder will be present to share her experience. (This will be a combined group, starting at 7:00 p.m.)

Each week we meet in the Oasis Room, 6th/7th at 6:30 p.m. and 8th/9th at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted in emails and the church bulletin. All members and friends of RPC in grades 6-9 are invited to attend any or all of our sessions. Girls are encouraged to bring a friend. Please contact Mary with questions: maryinwi@hotmail.com



RPC Confirmation Class—March 20, 2011



Youth Group News

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

April 3: Regular meeting at Ascension. Games and discussion topic to be announced.

April 10: Whirlyball!

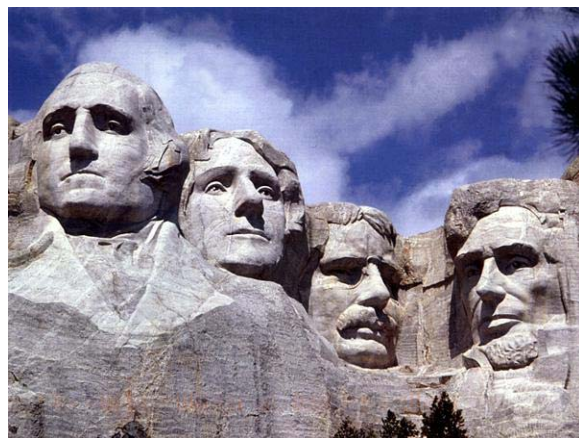
April 15-Saturday April 16: AWOL (*A Work of Love*—24-hour mission blitz). See e-mail for more details.

April 17: Mission Trip BBQ fundraiser after church—NO YOUTH GROUP in the evening.

April 24: Happy Easter—NO YOUTH GROUP

Mission Trip 2010

Plans are well underway for our 2010 Mission Trip! A group of approximately 20 teens and 6 adult leaders will depart from Riverside to drive to Camp Rimrock in Rapid City, South Dakota on June 10. We will work at the camp getting it ready for the summer campers, by building bunkbeds, painting cabins, blazing trails, and repairing the low ropes course. We are hoping to take in some of our country's magnificent sights in our free time, such as Mount Rushmore and the Badlands. We will return on Friday, June 17. Our returning adult leaders will be Lisa Marciniak, Fred Mitchell, and George Dluhy; newly recruited leaders include Connie Kelly and Vince Pecis. Our first fundraiser was the Youth Café (at the Open Mic Night), which netted approximately \$750. Our next fundraiser will be Sunday, April 17, a BBQ luncheon, in lieu of Coffee Fellowship. We hope you will join us after church on that day to support our high school youth on their mission trip.



On Saturday, May 7, the youth group will be participating in a day of service called **1 By Youth**. We are inviting anyone in the congregation who would like to join us to participate. There is a cost of \$29 if you register by April 25 and \$35 if you register after April 25. We will be working with other churches and community groups on the west side of Chicago "greening and cleaning" in the Garfield Park and Austin neighborhoods. The day's events begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude by

approximately 5:30 p.m.. You can visit the website www.1byyouth.com for more information, or contact Tara Gregus if you have questions. We hope you will consider joining us for this local mission project! Ages 6th grade and up are welcome!

Scouts



The Scouts held their annual Pancake Breakfast at RPC on Saturday, March 5, serving 905 meals. The following day, the Boy Scouts honored four Eagle Scouts at an Eagle Court of Honor held at the Township Hall. Those Eagle Scouts were: Sam Cox, Christian Flaszka, Ben Mitchell, and Fitz Robling. Later in the month, the Boy Scouts held a regular Court of Honor at RPC on March 17. Twenty-three scouts—including many of our new 5th grade scouts—attended a campout at Cantigny on March 19. Scouts preparing for Philmont, as well as a few others, hiked at Waterfall Glen on March 26.



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, April 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Social Hall. Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura rotate the leader position. Elizabeth will lead the study for Lesson 7, *Rapture, Violence, and Exodus*. Scripture: Revelation 13, 15-16, 19. Key Idea: Despite the violent imagery throughout Revelation, it is God’s vulnerable, nonviolent love that ultimately changes the world.

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. Revelation 15:2

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Musick.

Human Scene

April 3: North Korea: People, Places and Ideology—We are incredibly fortunate to have Dr. Richard Crang offer a two-part class on North Korea. This week, Dr. Crang will summarize some of the experiences and observations that he and his wife Mary have had in two recent trips to that country. In addition to their experiences as sole Americans in North Korea this year, input on Christian humanitarian efforts will be briefly described by Rev. Dr. Harry Lucenay, who shares his insights and work with Dr. Crang.

April 10: The Passion of the Christ. Pastor Scott will walk us through a detailed Bible Study of the “passion story” in Matthew’s gospel (26:14-27:66). If you want to know all the crucial details that never can be fit into our standard worship services, here is your opportunity.

April 17: North Korea: Military, Rural Life and Agriculture—This week Dr. Crang will present part two of his class on contemporary North Korea. Today he will summarize some observations, international reports, and the current military status in the DPRK, based in part on his two recent trips to that country.

April 24: No class on Easter Sunday

April RPC Birthdays

Lonnie Womack 4/1
Elijah Ourth 4/2
Quinn Van Nice 4/2
Chris Allen 4/4
Joe Tecson 4/4
Michele Krefft 4/5
Steven Teune 4/5
Stuart Marciniak 4/6
Karl Vacek 4/6
Tom Franzo 4/7
Vaughn Hilpp 4/7

Margaret McCoy 4/8
Henry Pecis 4/10
Lucille Christensen 4/12
Michael Sit 4/11
Hannah Pecis 4/13
Zachary Buhle 4/14
Lily Luethje 4/16
Emily Hastings 4/17
Courtney Hooglander 4/17
Samuel Sanchez 4/17
Katie Hejna 4/19

Tim LeBeau 4/19
Daniel Christensen 4/20
Elizabeth Franzo 4/20
Jeffrey Burke 4/21
Doug Harvin 4/23
Marjory Thompson 4/24
Phillip Dluhy 4/25
Ruby Henderson 4/27
Kyle McKain 4/27
Jeanne Heidler 4/28
Art Canavera 4/30
Liz-Beth Memoh 4/30



Earth Day Movies and Discussion

Saturday, April 6, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. — Please join us to view and discuss several short inspirational films about individuals working to care for the environment.

Please bring a snack or dessert to share.



Nature Hike

Sunday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m. — We will be meeting in the Swallow Cliffs in the Palos Forest Preserve for a hike to be followed by a visit to the Plush Horse Ice Cream Parlour.

Strawberry Social

Save the Date: Our *Strawberry Social* will be on Wednesday, July 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



News from Camp Saugatuck

Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan is the year-round Christian Camp and Retreat Center owned and operated by the Presbytery of Chicago...with its pristine woods and meadows, well-traveled trails, sun-soaked shores of Lake Michigan, Presbyterian Camps is uniquely blessed with unmatched beauty – especially when the camp is filled with the joyful noise of children playing, campers singing and families praying together.
(from the summer 2011 camp brochure)

Registration has begun for the camp's summer 2011 programs. Camp sessions include Family Camp weekends, week-long youth camps for ages 7 to 18, and specialty camps such as horseback riding and leadership camp. Pick up a brochure outside the church office or check out their website at www.prescamps.org.

Riverside Presbyterian Church will have a family retreat at Camp Saugatuck August 19-21, 2011. We mean “church family” so please join us whether you are a single, couple, or family group. We are looking forward to fun and fellowship, including campfires, great meals, hiking, swimming, archery, canoeing, and sunsets on the beach. The cost will be \$129 per adult; \$107 for youth (12-17); \$62 per child (3-11); and \$14 for infants (0-2). This cost includes lodging, 4 meals and all the activities. Check out our online photo albums of the last three Camp Saugatuck retreats at www.rpcusa.org/photogallery.html. Then save the dates on your calendar and look for sign-up information at the beginning of the summer.



Check Out the RPC Library

Our very own church library is an often overlooked treasure right here at RPC. If you haven't paid a visit to the RPC library lately, why not check it out? Literary treasures await you!



Notes

Dear Deacon Board,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers! It was lovely to receive them and such a nice surprise. We had a pleasant visit with Paula McCracken as well. Fred Kitch made many people happy with his generosity. Thank you, again, for making us a part of this thoughtful church tradition.

Sincerely,
Alan Ashby & Family



Thank you to all our RPC friends who called, sent cards and messages during the recent passing of my mother, Marie Bennett. They were a great comfort to Jay and me during this difficult time.

Joyce Van Cura

Gregus Academic All-Big 10



Jacob Gregus was named "Academic All-Big Ten" for the Fall 2010 football season. Jacob is a defensive end for the Northwestern Wildcats football team. *To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten selection, student-athletes must be letter-winners who are in at least their second academic year at their institution and carry a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.* Jacob is the son of Tara and Dan Gregus.



This summer, thousands of Presbyterians will gather from across the country to celebrate the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Three days of Presbyterian celebration (June 30—July 2) are planned for the Big Tent, including:

- Worship, led by Mark Labberton and J. Herbert Nelson
- Keynote speaker: [Serene Jones](#)
- Your choice of [nine partner conferences](#)
- An exhibit hall showcasing the newest ministry resources from the PC(USA)

There will be [children and youth programs](#), and older youth will have the option to participate in a [Pathways](#) event.

For more information, visit <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/big-tent/>

Preschool Geranium Sale

The Preschool's annual Flower Sale is taking place in April. Available for order will be geraniums or impatiens, by the flat, or in 4" pots. Completed order forms should be returned by April 14. The plants will be ready for pickup or delivery on Monday, May 2. The order forms are available in the rack outside the church office, in the Sunday bulletin, or [on the RPC website](#).



Youth Group BBQ

Sunday, April 17

Immediately following worship

\$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children (ages 3-10)

Advance ticket sales after church on April 3 & 10
or from the church office

Proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip

Please check the
Website for the
most recent
calendar
updates!

April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p Deacons British Home Service 6p Jr. High Youth Grp 7:30p Sr High Youth Grp	4 5:15p Volleyball 7p Stewardship Committee	5 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg 6:30p Girls' Group	6 Office Closed 11:30 Pro Se 12:00 Covenant Prayers for Peace	7 6:30a Women's Forum	8 Women's Retreat Night Ministry	9 Women's Retreat
10 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11a-5p Lions Club Chicken Dinner 1-3p Womack Scholarship Interview	11 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm 7:30p Trustees Mtg	12 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg 1p Chicago Presbytery Mtg 6:30p Girls' Group	13 Office Closed 11:30 Pro Se 4:15p Singers 4:45p Ringers 6:30p Handbell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	14 6:30a Women's Forum	15 10a CARERS Comm 6p Craft Night	16 4p Weekend Connections— Earth Day Celebration
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