



# The Vision

June 2012

## First Fridays at the Jansens'

This one should be fun. Starting in June, we will be trying a new socializing experiment. Every first Friday of each month will feature a gathering at the Jansen house (300 Addison Road) purely for the purpose of fellowship.



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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Who is invited? Well, that gets a little tricky when there are five hundred members to consider. At least at the beginning of this experiment, we are inviting every adult church member (over the age of twenty-one) whose birthday falls within the month of the gathering. In other words, if your birthday is in June, then you are invited to come to the June 1 gathering. We will also invite spouses (at least, until further notice). Unfortunately, no one under twenty-one is invited because this will be a wine and cheese type of event (and our house is definitely no longer child-proof).

What should you bring if you decide to go? Well, it will be like a "snack potluck." I'm suggesting wine and cheese, but if you prefer pretzels and beer, that would be fine. Or if you like lemonade and chips with salsa, I have no objections. This will definitely not be dinner, so plan on eating prior to your arrival. It's acceptable to bring only a snack, or to bring only a beverage—just try to bring roughly the amount of food that you intend on eating (and plan on bringing home whatever leftovers there may be). I have faith in Presbyterian potlucks.

What will we do? Well, there will be a softly playing selection of the Jansens' favorite music (quite a variety there). There will be informal talking and mingling. I will probably be an advocate for some form of game (cards, board game, party game, etc.). We might even try a square dance if that's what everyone wants. But, what we do will depend on who shows up and your mood at the time—probably mostly mingling. But, if you want to bring your favorite board game to try out, I'd probably join you.

When should you arrive? It's an open house, so feel free to drop in or drop out whenever it suits you. The doors will be open at 7:30 p.m. and closed at 9:30 p.m. Parking is on the side of the street—sorry, if you park in the driveway, someone will get blocked.

How does one RSVP? You don't need to. It's an open house. You can decide to come at the very last minute. No need to make a reservation of any kind. Just drop in and help us to get to know you a little better. I'm looking forward to June 1.

Your brother in Christ,  
Scott

# Worship

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## June Worship Schedule

**June 3** *John 3:1-17* “Born from Above” What does it mean to be “born again?” Was Jesus speaking of “birth” metaphorically or literally? Does this happen in a single moment, or does it happen over repeated moments? How do the Sacraments harmonize with our notions of being “born again?” We will also celebrate Communion today.

**June 10** *1 Samuel 8:4-22a* “Teenage Rebellion” Why do teenagers rebel against their parents, and what is the best way to handle it? Why did the Hebrew people rebel against God’s reign? Were the people thinking of their most immediate/pressing concerns, or were they focused on their long-term problems? Why does God give in to their demands?

**June 17** *2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17* “Fulfilling a Father’s Vision” How do good fathers seek to establish a vision statement for their children? How did Paul’s life’s purpose change when he became a Christian? What was the source of his mission statement? What makes it possible for a person to adopt an entirely new mission? Today we will also ordain and install some new church officers.

**June 24** *Mark 4:35-41* “How to Calm Life’s Storms” Why do we fear the storms in our lives? Why did Jesus *not* fear those same storms? How can we face our storms with Jesus beside us? How did the early Church face their storms in the Roman Empire? We will also be commissioning Amanda Gregus as our ambassador to General Assembly.

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## New Christ Candle

On the Day of Pentecost, May 27, we began lighting a new Christ Candle, which has an interesting story. For many months the small "stubs" of candles from the choir loft were saved. When a previous Christ Candle became low, all the left-over candles were joined together with it to be recycled into our new Christ Candle. With the encouragement of the Worship and Music Committee, Jenny Kolinski and Hannah lovingly (and with some laughter, we suspect) fashioned this handsome new candle out of all the used ones in the church. Thank you, Jenny and Hannah!

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## June Opportunities

If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Carrie Staubus](#)

For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC Office](#)

Potential Acolytes and Liturgists, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#)



	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
June 3	Michael Aieta	Dima Aieta	Harvin Family Jim Ulrich	Ellen Hamilton	OPEN
June 10	Youth	OPEN	Miezio Family	OPEN	Steve Marcus
June 17	Katrina Daniels	OPEN	Lancaster Family Greta Schramm	OPEN	OPEN
June 24	Matt Lisle	OPEN	Schwarz Family	OPEN	OPEN

## Session News

- ◆ Received Amy and Richard Regan as new members.
- ◆ Removed Evaine Stahrr from the rolls at her request.
- ◆ Removed the Waddle family from the rolls.
- ◆ Learned that Amanda Gregus, youth delegate from the Chicago Presbytery to the General Assembly, has been assigned to the committee studying civil unions. She will be asked to make a presentation on her experience to the Human Scene in the fall.
- ◆ Noted that Lisa Roccanova will assume the office duties for the summer.
- ◆ Reviewed how to determine the amount of the Preschool contribution to the RPC budget; discussions are still underway.
- ◆ Learned that a Vacation Bible School will be held at the North Riverside Presbyterian Church and our children were encouraged to attend.
- ◆ Noted that after one more Columbarium niche is sold, the construction and installation costs will be met.
- ◆ Will consider emailing quarterly statements to pledgers.
- ◆ Enrollment forms for the new Legacy Society have been mailed; RPC members are encouraged to include the church in their estate plans.
- ◆ Noted that the budget deficit through April is about \$24,500.

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session



Bonnie Carlson 6/1  
Ryan Cermak 6/2  
Will Gangware 6/2  
Sue MacDonald 6/2  
Sylvia Schade 6/2  
Jake Strand 6/2  
Susanne Vogel 6/2  
Margaret Abbott 6/3  
Judy Booton 6/3  
Lily Henderson 6/3  
Kohar Havelka 6/4  
Phyllis Sit 6/4  
Cyril Friend IV 6/5  
Ella Hooglander 6/5  
George Kazarian 6/5  
Drew Kohler 6/5

Sofia Sanchez 6/6  
Jill Vacek 6/6  
Tricia Willinger 6/6  
Alan Booton 6/8  
Shirley Falconer 6/8  
Sandra Kappmeyer 6/8  
Alex Krug 6/8  
Dylan Krug 6/12  
Dennis Zander 6/13  
Russel Brown 6/14  
Olive Sahlas 6/14  
Ellie Pearson 6/15  
Karon Nettles 6/16  
Sophie Rambeaux-Olson 6/16  
Thom De Vries 6/18  
Mia Haugland 6/18  
Donna Ballerine 6/21

Kelsey Buttimer 6/21  
Robin Jensen 6/21  
Amanda Gregus 6/22  
Max Marciniak 6/22  
Abigail Schwarz 6/22  
Jeff Willinger 6/22  
Bailey Hastings 6/23  
Scuff Gross 6/25  
Patti Friend 6/26  
Mark Jantze 6/26  
Tara Gregus 6/27  
Hailey Jurgens 6/27  
Peytan Tamlyn 6/27  
Eva Harvin 6/29  
Brad Staibus 6/29  
Peter Tess 6/29

Is your birthday missing? Our membership database is lacking birthdates for many of our members, and more likely for long-time members whose information was transferred from the old, less-encompassing database program. Please send birthday information to the church office at [rpcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpcoffice@sbcglobal.net). You *don't* need to tell us the year!

Trustees for the month of June are David Schade and Hank Vogel.

# Sharing Our Gifts

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## CARERS Corner

During June the CARERS Committee is requesting donations for the [Constance Morris House](#), a domestic violence shelter operated by [Pillars](#). Items needed include infant formula, disposable diapers, and baby food.

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## Italian Dinner and Auction . . . *Make me an offer I can't refuse*

Back by popular demand, the Stewardship Committee will be hosting the annual “*Make Me an Offer I Can't Refuse*” Italian Dinner and Auction on Sunday, September 30, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Items will be auctioned on the night of the dinner. If you would like to donate an item or service, please send an e-mail to Hollie Miezio at [hollie.miezio@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hollie.miezio@sbcglobal.net).

Suggestions include:

- Hosting a dinner;
- Providing a tutoring service;
- Providing physical labor (snow removal, raking, cleaning);
- Donating sports or theater tickets;
- Providing a soup, salad, or dessert of the month;
- Babysitting;
- Rides to the airport;
- Musical entertainment;
- Weekends at a vacation home; etc.

The possibilities are endless!



## Cereal Drive Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the May Cereal Drive. Over 200 boxes of cereal were collected, beating last year's record! Contributions from our church family, our preschool families, and the Scouts helped make this Cereal Drive a huge success, ensuring breakfast for many families in need.

## Blanket the World with Love

Many thanks for supporting the February Blankets+ Program. Contributions to Blankets+ means that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster or struggle against grinding poverty. A check for \$685 has been sent to Church World Services.

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## Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at end of April (one-third through the year):

Receipts	\$ 100,346 (30.9% of budget)
Disbursements	\$ 124,865 (38.4% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 24,519





## Debut of the acaBELLa Ringers

On Sunday, April 22, RPC hosted the first concert by our resident bell choir, the **acaBELLa Ringers**. The group is a volunteer organization made up of RPC members and friends from the community. Although the group has been in existence since 2004, this was its first full concert. The hour-long concert was well attended and a freewill offering brought in just under \$1,000 for capital projects (including the handicapped restrooms and restoration of our sanctuary's rose window and pipe organ). This concert was a chance for the group to play some secular favorites like the South American tune *Sway* and even *Just Dance* by Lady Gaga. Michael Aieta did a terrific job as MC and also provided accompaniment on percussion. Mary Ann Sadilek and Sally Sloane offered some contemporary piano/organ duets. The Fellowship and the Music and Worship Committees helped to organize the event and served refreshments afterwards. Nancy Jensen represented the Trustees and gave an informative talk about the history of our church and our stained glass windows. In case you missed the concert, we are now on youtube under the acaBELLa Ringers.

[Check us out!](#)





## Children

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### Passport to the Promised Land

Sunday School finished off a great year with an exciting Bible Trivia game, which included questions from all of the lessons covered in Sunday School this year! The students enjoyed a beautiful Sunday morning outside on the church lawn giving thanks for another blessed year together.

### Summer Schedule

Sunday School, Teen Scene, and Godly Play will be on break during the summer but will resume on September 9. Summer hours for childcare are 9:45 a.m. until the conclusion of the worship service. Extended childcare hours will be available again in the fall.







The recipients of the Womack Scholarship were presented with their awards at Youth Sunday/Womack Scholarship Sunday on May 20. During the past 21 years, over half a million dollars has been awarded in Ryan Womack's memory through the scholarship fund created by Randy and Lonnie Womack.



## Scouts

In May, the Pack recognized the graduation of all scouts to the next rank: Tigers became Wolves, Wolves become Bears, Bears became Webelos I and Webelos I moved up to Webelos II. Planned summer activities include:

- ◆ June 24 - Bike Hike open to all scouts and their families
- ◆ July 4 - Serving as the color guard in the Independence Day Parade and selling fresh squeezed lemonade in Guthrie Park
- ◆ July 29 - Outing to Raging Waves Waterpark
- ◆ August 19 - Summer Picnic

Boy Scout Troop 24 went to the Kankakee River State Park for a two-night campout the weekend of May 18-20. Twenty-five scouts and nine adults participated in two activities. Several scouts canoed or kayaked on the Kankakee River, eating lunch on a sandbar, and exploring caves along the route. Other scouts bicycled on the park's 10-mile bike trail. At the end of the day the two groups joined at their campsite along the river.

Many of the scouts advanced in rank, with numerous Boards of Review conducted during May. A number of scouts participated in Riverside's Memorial Day Ceremony in Guthrie Park on May 18





## Youth

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### Youth Group Happenings

We were *busy* in May. We had an AMAZING Race! We put on an Amazing Youth Sunday service! The senior high kids held a car wash fundraiser for the mission trip. Things are winding down for the year in Youth Group. Please join us for our end of the year party on June 3 at RPC, where we will have kickball and lots of other fun games, pizza and other good food, and talk about our plans for the summer. We have plans for a bike hike on the Prairie Path on Sunday, July 15 (mark your calendars!) and a trip to Six Flags in August. Grab a friend and don't miss out on the fun. Questions? Contact Tara at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com). Have a great summer everyone!



### Girls' Group

In May, the Girls' Group supported our own Lily Lisle (goalie) at a soccer game at RB. Although it was pouring that day, it did not discourage us from eating a Mexican popsicle and showing our support to Lily. *Go Lily!* On May 13 we participated in the worship service at RPC, where we showed our appreciation to all mothers and mother figures by being Ushers, Acolyte, and Liturgist, and serenading them with our musical talents. We hosted Coffee Fellowship with all the girls contributing a dessert. Also in May, the girls worked at [Loyola's Ronald McDonald House](#) by preparing lunch for the families staying there due to hospitalization of a child. The lunch menu consisted of Mexican [flautas](#) with all the trimmings and a side dish of Mexican rice with a salad. All the girls who participated contributed a gallon of milk along with a batch of homemade cookies. The girls played with the children staying at the RMHC. Before we departed, we were given a tour. It was an amazing experience that touched each of us. Let us give thanks to God that we have shelter, a roof over our heads, clothes on our backs, and bread on our table.

*Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

Proverbs 31:10-31







## Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Join the Presbyterian Women for Bible Study on Wednesday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Social Hall for Lesson 9 in *Confessing the Beatitudes*: “Greatly Honored are You who Put Your Honor on the Line for Christ’s Sake.” Scripture: *Matthew 5:11-12; 23:29-36; Luke 6:22-23*. Key Idea: Jesus calls his disciples to take the joyful risk of putting their honor and their lives on the line for his sake and the sake of the gospel.

Is the purpose of going to church to be respectable and to bolster your reputation in the community? Does it have another purpose? What is it?

Joyce Van Cura will lead Lesson 9, the final study of *Confessing the Beatitudes*. Contact Elizabeth Musick for more information.

**2012-2013 Horizons Bible Study** - *Dispatches to God’s Household: The General Epistles* by Nancy Benson-Nicol. The Bible study book is \$8.00. A large-print edition is available. Please contact Lucille Christensen to obtain a copy.

## Mission Trip Fundraiser



On a picture-perfect Riverside evening, approximately 50 people gathered in the beautifully decorated backyard of Michael and Beverly Aieta and enjoyed the music of Mariachis and the cuisine of Mexico for a good cause. Over \$2,000 was raised to send 4 adult leaders on this year's senior high mission trip. Lisa Marciniak, Fred Mitchell, Brooke Schwarz, and Tara Gregus will take a group of 16 teens to Mobile, Alabama in June, where they will work with the homeless, developmentally disabled and disenfranchised of that city, through the Government Street Presbyterian Church's Urban Mission Camp. Thank you to all who supported our fiesta. We hope you had a great time!

## Events

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### Nature Hike

The fellowship committee invites you to join in a hike in the woods to celebrate spring. After Coffee Fellowship on **Sunday, June 10**, we will drive to Country Lane Woods on 95th Street in the Palos forest preserves. The hike itself should take about one hour. After the hike, those who wish can reconvene at the Plush Horse for ice cream.

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### Moonlight Movie Nights

Pack up your blanket and snacks and head over to the Manse lawn to watch a movie under the stars. Each month we'll feature a family friendly movie which we will watch outdoors (weather permitting). Movie titles are yet to be announced but mark your calendars for the first Moonlight Movie Night on Wednesday, June 21, at 8:30 p.m.

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### Fourth of July



This year, RPC will have an entry in the parade that features all the various programs of our church. The theme will be "sustain your spirit" and it will connect to the theme of environmental concern. We will also have at least one booth where we will sell something edible and we will have a game for kids. Details are being codified by a task force of Katrina Daniels, Julie Tamlyn, Mary Jansen, John Haugland, Tara Gregus and Scott Jansen. Please contact a task force member if you would like to march in the parade, help with the booth, or help solidify our plans.

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### Strawberry Social

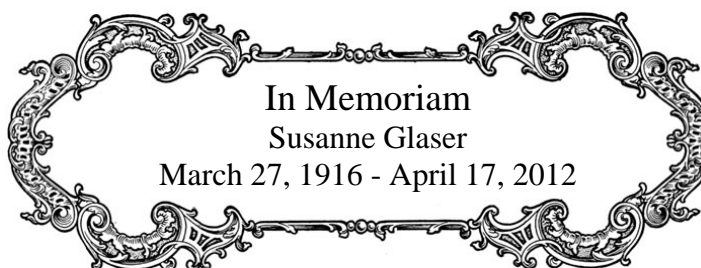
This year's **Strawberry Social** will be **Wednesday, July 11**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Strawberry Social is a beloved traditional event where we come together to share delicious homemade cakes served with ice cream and strawberries. Please plan to invite a neighbor, friend or family member to join us on our church lawn for one of our favorite opportunities for fun and fellowship. We will have cake raffles, kids' games, music and more. We will need lots of volunteers to make this event a success so please look for bulletin inserts in coming weeks to sign up to help.



### Summer Family Retreat

Riverside Presbyterian Church will hold a family retreat July 20-22, at Camp Saugatuck in Michigan. We mean *church* family – the retreat is open to singles, couples and families with children of all ages. We plan to have a fun, unstructured weekend including relaxing on the beach, excellent meals, campfires and the chance to hike, swim and canoe if you wish. The prices are: adults \$133; youth (12-17) \$109; children (3-11) \$64; and infants (0-2) \$16. The price includes two nights' stay in cabins, four meals, and all activities at the camp. [Registration forms](#) are available on the RPC website or in the church office. Payment is due 30 days prior to the retreat. Check out [photos of previous retreats](#) on the RPC website.

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In Memoriam

Susanne Glaser

March 27, 1916 - April 17, 2012





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10 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a Endowment Comm Mtg 1p Nature Hike	11 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm 7:30p Trustees Mtg	12 6:30a Men's Forum	13 Office Closed 10a Presbyterian Women's Bible Study	14 6:30a Women's Forum 	15 10a CARERS Comm Mtg 6p Craft Night	16 Mission Trip Returns
17 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p Scottish Home Worship <b>Vision</b> Deadline	18 5:15p Volleyball	19 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Deacons Mtg	20 Office Closed 7:30p Session Mtg 8:30p Movie Night 	21 6:30a Women's Forum	22 7p Singles Group	23
24 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	25 5:15p Volleyball	26 6:30a Men's Forum	27 Office Closed	28 6:30a Women's Forum	29	30

The **summer solstice** occurs exactly when the axial tilt of a planet's semi-axis in a given hemisphere is most inclined towards the star that it orbits. Earth's maximum axial tilt to the Sun, during a solstice, is 23° 26'. Although the summer solstice is an instant in time, the term is also colloquially used like *Midsummer* to refer to the day on which it occurs. Except in the polar regions (where daylight is continuous for many months), the day on which the summer solstice occurs is the day of the year with the longest period of daylight. Although the summer solstice is generally considered to occur on June 21, it varies by year. This year it will occur on June 20, at 6:09 p.m. (Central Time). [Wikipedia.com](http://Wikipedia.com)

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

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