



The Vision

July 2013

Pastoral Role Changes



As cultures change and evolve, so does the role of the parish pastor. This is neither good nor bad. It is simply prudent to recognize it.

Two thousand years ago, the pastor was the primary teacher and the primary physician for each individual in the “flock.” Almost no time was spent preparing for worship, since worship was the responsibility of every Christian. Pastors taught classes such as “Hebrew School,” and responded to summonses from those who were ill.

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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In the Medieval era, the notion became popular that someone other than the pastor could teach you how to read and do arithmetic. Schools and universities arose and the role of “secular teacher” was born. At around the same time, scientific advances gave rise to court physicians, and later, common physicians. As more people used the services of teachers and physicians, pastors were freed to become theologians and to devote more time to prayer and worship. At first, worship was a low priority because very few people could understand Latin. But, after the Protestant Reformation, worship was the primary responsibility of the Protestant pastor.

Teachers held classes and students conformed to the teachers’ schedules. Likewise, physicians worked in hospitals and held great authority. But, in more recent times, society has moved towards a more “user-driven” form of service for teachers and physicians. Online classes allow students to learn at their own pace. And online resources allow individuals to select their own course of treatment for illnesses. It is the age of the individual. Experts are merely coaches who assist as they are directed by the individual.

In a similar way, the pastor used to be a man of great authority. In the Session records of RPC, there are numerous occasions (from a hundred years ago or more) when the pastor scolded a parishioner for drunkenness, gambling or missing worship. Occasionally the pastor simply excommunicated an individual!

Today the pastor is more like a coach than a dictator. The individuals choose when they want coaching. I receive dozens of emails every day from parishioners asking theological questions, Biblical questions, or seeking prayers for various illnesses or other concerns. A very large portion of my time is spent responding to those emails, or praying about them. I am analogous to the online teacher or the online physician adviser.

What is my point? Well, in this cell phone driven age of the individual, the pastor no longer takes the initiative in the way he did a hundred years ago. If you are looking for some theological coaching, or for some prayers, or a visit during an illness, you will need to ask for help—just as you would with your physician. Please don’t feel shy or that you are imposing—that is a feeling appropriate for a different era. Just let me know your needs and I will joyfully do what I can. Just don’t wait for the day when I offer the perfect class for your question, or when I just happen to be walking past your room in whichever hospital you choose. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your brother in Christ,
Scott

Worship

July Worship Schedule

July 7 *Luke 10:1-11* "The Prerequisite of Christianity" As the early Christians went from town to town, what was the first issue they considered? What caused Christianity to spread in some places and not in others? (verses 5-6) What is the most basic core principle holding together our own society today? We will also have flags in the sanctuary, we will celebrate communion by intinction, and we will baptize a baby.

July 14 *Galatians 2: 15-21* "Does Christ Live In You?" Today, the Presbytery of Chicago is asking all pastors to preach at a church other than their home church. Rev. Lolly Dominski will be preaching at Riverside Presbyterian. Scott will be preaching at Lansing. Rev. Lolly Dominski became the Stated Supply Pastor at Morton Grove Community Church in 2009, after serving at other PCUSA congregations in Arlington Heights, Wilmette, and Geneva, Illinois, and at the Good News Partners mission agency in northeastern Chicago. Lolly lives in Winnetka with her husband, Matt, and they have four children, all in their 20's.

July 21 *Luke 10:25-42* "The Balance of Love" How do we balance the commandment to love our neighbor with the commandment to love ourselves? Jesus tells the lawyer to love his neighbor more. Then he tells Martha to love herself more and not be so fixated on loving her neighbor. How do we know when we are off-balance?

July 28 *Colossians 2:6-19* "Chasing Meaning Blindly" Paul encourages the Colossians to hold on to Christ as their salvation, and not to cling to any other source of salvation. What other sources of salvation do we value? Where do we find meaning? What is the proper attitude concerning angels?

Dedication of Zimbelstern in memory of John Kiwiet

We will celebrate the life of John Kiwiet and the generous donations to his memorial fund on **Sunday, July 14**, when we dedicate a *Zimbelstern* bell stop. The *Zimbelstern*, meaning "Cymbal Star" in German, is a "toy" organ stop consisting of a metal or wooden star or wheel on which several small bells are mounted. When engaged, the star rotates, producing a continuous tinkling sound. It was common in northern Europe, Germany in particular, throughout the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries. In some Christian liturgical traditions, it is rung during the singing of the Sanctus or on doxological stanzas of hymns.

Because John Kiwiet always enjoyed listening to bells played in churches in both Europe and America, the Kiwiet family decided that the addition of a *Zimbelstern* would be a fitting memorial in honor of John, and one that will be enjoyed by the congregation for years to come. Due to the façade on the RPC organ, the *Zimbelstern* cannot be seen from the congregation, but we will be able to enjoy it on July 14, with music featuring the *Zimbelstern*.



Thomas Dudak 7/1	Greg Franzo 7/14	Ellen Allen 7/24
Emily Kedzie 7/1	Ingrid Nolan 7/15	Jean Tess 7/24
Stephanie Messner 7/1	Murphy Regan 7/15	Allie Burke 7/25
Jim Ulrich 7/1	Catherine Glawe 7/16	Lisa Burke 7/25
Taylor Jurgens 7/2	Lorraine Meyer 7/16	Cyril Friend III 7/25
Deb Pike 7/3	Mary Jansen 7/17	Jordan Ballerine 7/26
Patricia Halline 7/6	Cooper Sahlas 7/17	John Lynch 7/26
Natalie Lisle 7/6	Lynda Nadkarni 7/18	Tyler Pratico-Floros 7/27
Stephan Meuyou 7/6	Lily Pyatt 7/18	Sally Sloane 7/27
Ryan Colbrese 7/9	Adeline Pecis 7/19	Keegan Buttimer 7/28
Jim Marciniak 7/11	Cody Kazarian 7/20	Kendall Hastings 7/29
Quinn Risley 7/11	Margaret Vacek 7/20	Amanda Hejna 7/29
Avery Long 7/13	Kayla Flam 7/21	Kirsten Jantze 7/30
Hope Tagliere 7/13	George Havelka 7/21	Susan Zander 7/30
	Mary Louise Schwarz 7/22	Wesley Deason 7/31

Session Highlights

In June, the Session:

- ◆ received Karl-Heinz Meyer as a new member by reaffirmation of faith.
- ◆ accepted an offer to privately fund the placing of a photo facsimile of the Rose Window over the board-up, with installation to be done by Restoric, Inc.
- ◆ noted that Keith Pearson has offered to conduct a financial review of RPC's 2012 books.
- ◆ George Dluhy has accepted the position of RPC's Assistant Treasurer
- ◆ the Membership Committee will contact non-participating members during July and encourage them to re-connect with RPC
- ◆ the Long-range Planning Committee is formulating a questionnaire to determine which aspects of our ministry the congregation feel need improvement
- ◆ the Stewardship Committee has adopted the theme "Our Giving Journey" to be emphasized in all areas of RPC life and to encompass our giving of time, talent, and treasure to the church
- ◆ a "Blessing of the Animals" outdoor worship service will not be held this year
- ◆ approved the baptism on July 7 of Reagan Jule Tamlyn, daughter of Kevin and Julie Tamlyn

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session



July Opportunities



If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Paige Rambeaux](#) or [Russel Brown-Memoh](#)
For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC Office](#)
Potential Acolytes and Liturgists, please contact [Claire Gangware](#)

	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
July 7	Joyce Van Cura	OPEN	Lynn Shannon-Labotka Marjorie Lewe Scuff Gross Dennis Sadilek	Elizabeth Musick	OPEN
July 14	Youth	OPEN	Lisle Family	Glawe Family	OPEN
July 21	Hollie Miezio	OPEN	Schwarz Family	OPEN	Miezio Family
July 28	Joyce Van Cura	OPEN	Colleen & Bill Muller Patti Perry-Halline & Allan Halline	OPEN	OPEN

Trustees for July are Jim Marciniak and David Schade.

Sharing Our Gifts

Notes from the Legacy Society

When I joined Riverside Presbyterian Church, I had been “unchurched” for quite a few years. I had developed a habit of going to church (of different denominations) on vacation, thinking “Gee, if I lived here, I’d like this church.” But it wasn’t until John and Marjorie Lewe invited me to RPC with them one October Sunday in 1995 that I knew immediately I had found my church home.

From the very beginning, I felt like my family had expanded exponentially! I was warmly welcomed into your lives and your homes, had the privilege of participating in Mission Trips with the dynamic young people in our Youth Group, and asked to participate in the decision-making for our present and future. Worship and singing (and ringing!) in the choirs became a joyful addition to my weekly activities. I have been inspired and humbled by the dedication of multi-generation member families like the Janskys, the Vogels and the Heines. My life became immeasurably richer as the years have passed because of my membership in RPC.

We’ve been through some tough times together! Our lovely and historic church is expensive to maintain and economic uncertainties have strained the resources available from members. Our endowment is not large enough to provide reliable stability.

For all of these reasons, I have chosen to join RPC’s Legacy Society by providing for Riverside Presbyterian Church in my will. I want the wonderful home and family I found at RPC to continue for countless others who seek community in Christ. Think about what RPC has brought to your life. Won’t you join the Legacy Society too?

Ellen Hamilton

The Legacy Society recognizes those who have included RPC in their estate planning. We are grateful to Ellen for her dedication to RPC's future and for sharing her thoughts with us. Further information on the Legacy Society is available [on the RPC website](#) or from the church office.



CARERS Committee

The CARERS ask that you turn your thoughts to our soldiers who faithfully continue to keep us safe. We can say *Thank You* by filling the trunk in the lobby next to the office with items listed on the bulletin board. We also request notes of support. Simply put your note in an envelope and it will be forwarded.

Afghans for Veterans

Thanks to all who have thus far helped in making afghans for veterans in the hospice unit at Hines Hospital. We have five completed, and would like to have five more done by Veterans Day (November 11). We really need red and white squares, as it takes 40 white and 40 red and only 16 blue. Each square should be six inches. Keep those squares coming!

Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at end of May (42% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$ 129,632 (39.4% of budget)
Disbursements	\$ 140,935 (42.8% of budget)
Deficit	\$ 11,303



The end of May 2013 deficit was less than half of the May 2012 deficit.

Children's Sunday School on Summer Break

Sunday School and Godly Play will be on break during the summer months and will resume on September 9. Planning for the fall is starting soon. If you're interested in teaching a four-week rotation of Sunday School in the coming school year, please contact Jenny Kolinski at kolinski426@comcast.net. Sunday school classes could be tailored to your special interests. You really CAN be a Sunday school teacher. Yes, YOU!

Summer Hours for Childcare

Childcare will be available on Sunday mornings for children preschool age and younger from 9:45 a.m. until the conclusion of worship. Extended childcare hours will resume on September 8.

Vacation Bible School

RPC is hosting VBS on **July 8-12**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year's theme is *Caring for God's Amazing Creation*. Kids (entering K - 5th grade in the fall) will spend time in nature exploring the wonder of God's world. They'll gain awareness through art, music, reflection and physical activities - all geared toward caring for the amazing world around us. Don't miss out on the fun!

To register your child, please fill out the registration/volunteer form found on the wall before going down to the Social Hall or [on our website](#). Please contact Jenny Kolinski with any questions at kolinski426@comcast.net.

Human Scene

Human Scene, the Adult Education Sunday School class, will be on break through the summer. Please plan to join us in the fall!



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Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

2013-2014 Horizons Bible Study topic is "An Abiding Hope - The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy" by Janice Catron, with suggestions for leaders by March Sadongei. Lucille Christensen is accepting orders for the study book. The cost is \$8.00, and a large print edition is available. Payments can be made with cash or check made out to Riverside Presbyterian Women. In 2009, representatives from the Churchwide Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women selected the topic of migration, as it is understood through Exodus and Deuteronomy, for the topic of the 2013-2014 study. Lesson leaders are (pictured below): Joyce Van Cura, Elizabeth Musick, and Sylvia Schade.



Events & Fellowship

4th of July Parade



Our scouts will be leading the 4th of July parade. Will you join them in marching in the parade? We need 10 or more volunteers to carry several banners and signs in the parade. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Claire Gangware at clgangware@sbcglobal.net. Two of our young ladies will be dressed in strawberry outfits and march with us. Adults are encouraged to dress in patriotic garb, but won't be asked to be strawberries!



Strawberry Social

This year's **Strawberry Social** will be **Wednesday, July 17**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. 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 [contact the office](#) to volunteer.



THE RYAN WOMACK 4TH ANNUAL



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The proceeds from this event support the Ryan Womack Scholarship Fund, which was set up by Randy and Lonnie Womack to honor their son, Ryan, who tragically passed away in a Little League accident in Riverside on May 5, 1990 at the age of 8.

In the last 23 years, over \$500,000 in scholarships have been provided to more than 150 students. This year, 21 scholarships will be given to High School and College students for the 2013-2014 school year.

\$35 PRESALE AND \$40 AT THE DOOR
PURCHASE TICKETS ON-LINE OR WITH A BARTENDER!!!
(WWW.WOMACKSCHOLARSHIP.COM)

- ★ 7 Soda or Beer Tickets (must be 21 years old for beer)
- ★ Pig Roast Meal
- ★ Live Music From rock band **Out For Hours**

ALL AGES WELCOME

PURCHASE TICKETS OR DONATE:

Visit www.WomackScholarship.com and [Click the Pig](#) or visit The Sweet Spot Tavern or Marlins Bar & Grill and ask the Bartender for tickets.

Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!

July 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:15p Volleyball 7p Stewardship Comm Mtg	2 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Personnal Comm Mtg	3 Office Closed	4 6:30a Women's Forum 	5	6
7 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 1:30p Cantata Worship Service	8 5:15p Volleyball 6p VBS 7:30p Trustees Mtg	9 6:30a Men's Forum 6p VBS	10 Office Closed 6p VBS	11 6:30a Women's Forum 6p VBS	12 9:30a Staff Mtg 6p VBS	13
14 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	15 5:15p Volleyball	16 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Deacons' Mtg	17 Office Closed 6p Strawberry Social 	18 6:30a Women's Forum	19 10a CARERS Comm Mtg	20 
21 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Scottish Home Worship Service Vision Deadline	22 5:15p Volleyball	23 6:30a Men's Forum	24 Office Closed	25 6:30a Women's Forum	26	27
28 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	29 5:15p Volleyball	30 6:30a Men's Forum	31 Office Closed			

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

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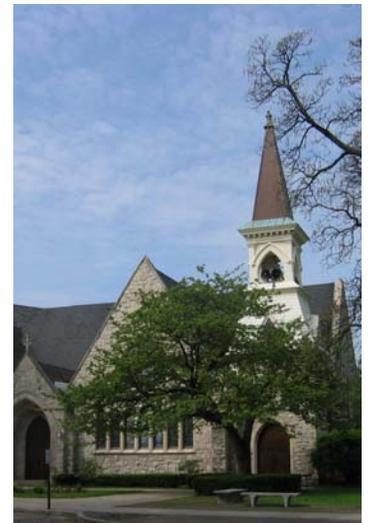
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