



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

October 2014

## Farewell from Scott

It is always hard to say goodbye. RPC has so many saints whom I love and respect. I will miss you very much.

It is difficult to know exactly what to say as one leaves a pastoral ministry. On the one hand, people are naturally curious and want to know every detail of what has gone into the decision to leave. If you say nothing, it appears as if you do not care—as if all those powerful relationships can be swept away with casual indifference.

On the other hand, too many details may not always be helpful in the healing process and in the church's future transition. I care very much about this church—about its continuing healthy ministry, about its wonderful people and about its future pastors. Sometimes, we need to let go of past hurts and move forward in the most positive way possible. And sometimes this means not dwelling on all the details from the past.

So, I will say very little, and hope that it is enough to convey my care and concern. I have been trying to minister to this congregation and to bring needed healing and needed changes over the past year. In seeing the steps that I deem to be necessary, I have come to believe that my very presence here may be a stumbling block in some of these steps. So, I feel as though the congregation is best served, in the long run, by clearing the pathways for healing—and this means my stepping away as your pastor.

The Presbytery of Chicago is filled with fabulous Christian leaders who will guide you in your transition time. I encourage you to trust them entirely. They have great compassion and great wisdom for situations such as this.

As for my own future and my family, I do not presently have any firm plans, except that I will serve as pastor of some other Presbyterian Church. After twenty-five years of ministry without a break, the Session has granted me a couple months of sabbatical (strongly recommended by Presbytery after seven years of continuous service in a single congregation). This will give me time to rest spiritually, restore my soul, and also to find a new church. So, in the end, I have strong faith that all will be well.

Let us hold each other in our prayers. And let us focus on the positive as we say our goodbyes.

Your brother in Christ,

Scott



# Worship

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## October Worship Schedule

**October 5** *Philippians 3:4b-14* “World Communion Sunday”

How did Paul go about seeking to create a Worldwide Communion? Paul sought to reconcile Jews and Gentiles, folks who were overly legalistic with those who were overly libertarian, males and females, slaves and free, etc. What was his method for reconciliation? How can we learn from him and apply his methodology to our world today? We will obviously be celebrating Communion, and we will be taking up the Peacemaking Offering during worship.

**October 12** *Luke 18:9-14* “True Christian Leadership”

What attributes are held up by Jesus for Christian leaders? How are Christian leaders different from worldly leaders? What implications do we find in this parable for our stewardship practices?

**October 19** Guest Preacher to be determined

**October 26** Guest Preacher to be determined

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## Worship at Cantata and Scottish Home

Won't you volunteer to attend one of the monthly worship services that RPC provides for seniors in assisted living? Each service lasts about an hour, and includes scripture, a message, music and fellowship. ***Children are especially welcome.*** Contact Steve Marcus for further information.

Cantata - October 5, 1:30 p.m.

Scottish Home - October 19, 2:00 p.m.

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## October Opportunities

If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak  
For flower contributions, please contact the RPC Office  
Potential Acolytes and Liturgists, please contact Elizabeth Musick



	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
October 5	Dennis Zander	Kaki Lynch	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
October 12	Youth	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Celebration with Scott & Mary Jansen
October 19	Bill Muller	Michael Lynch	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
October 26	Lynda Nadkarni	OPEN	OPEN	Jim & Donna Ulrich	OPEN

Trustees for October are Jim Marciniak and Susan Deems-Dluhy.

## Session Notes

In September the Session:

- ♦ approved a request from Rev. Jansen for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between him and RPC and called a special congregational meeting to consider the matter;
- ♦ received Tara and James Vonesh, Denise Kaufman and Crystal Kaufman as new members;
- ♦ noted with sadness the deaths of Amy Ulrich Wolff and Denise Kaufman;
- ♦ approved a motion to reformulate the Preschool Advisory Committee, to be headed by an elder who will also serve as the co-chairman of the Committee for Children and Youth;
- ♦ approved adopting the PC(USA) confirmation curriculum titled "Processing Our Faith";
- ♦ approved the resignation from Session of Lynda Nadkarni;
- ♦ approved refunding tuition deposits to parents whose children withdrew from the preschool;
- ♦ learned that the estimate for restoration of the church organ is \$57,980. This will be the third and final phase of the capital improvement project.

Mary Ann Sadilek  
Clerk of Session

## October Birthdays



Olivia Meyer	10/1	Judy Armstrong	10/10	Caroline Willinger	10/23
Andrew Sit	10/2	Janan Cain	10/11	Grace Cody	10/25
Alice McLean	10/4	Claire Hejna	10/11	Allan Halline	10/25
Jay Baird	10/5	Mason Tamlyn	10/11	Trevor Kazarian	10/26
Justin Chaney	10/5	Jonathan Cook	10/12	Gale Teune	10/26
Christine Brakas	10/6	Jade Pohlhammer	10/12	Emily Hejna	10/28
Caroline Gangware	10/7	Kristen Smith	10/15	Brooke Schwarz	10/28
Joshua Yachnin	10/7	Caroline Tecson	10/16	Kaitlyn Tamlyn	10/28
Tess Luethje	10/8	Seth Kazarian	10/17	Dan Franzo	10/30
Debra Jansky	10/9	Sylvia Harvin	10/22	Alexander Smith	10/31
		Kristen Monacella	10/22	Joseph Yaley	10/31

## Free Subscription to *Presbyterians Today* Magazine

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## Pecans, Pecans, Pecans



For years the RPC women have handled the sale of pecans to benefit the Erie Neighborhood House. The funds raised support the Team Tutoring Program for college-bound high school students. Orders may be placed for one-pound bags of freshly harvested pecan halves during the church coffee hour on Sundays, or with Carol Sprunger. Pre-paid orders are appreciated. Delivery is expected in early November.

## Sharing Our Gifts

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### We Care Cards

We are off to a great start with our WE CARE CARDS. A name is announced in church and everyone can write a brightly colored index card found in the pew pockets and place it in the box outside the sanctuary. The cards will be gathered and delivered by the Deacons. The personalized well wishes will mean so much to our members! Gratitude to Janan Cain for designing the lovely box!



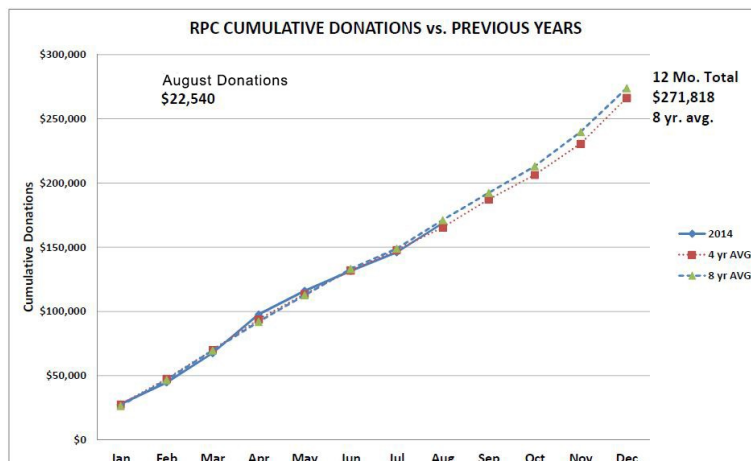
### Memorial Bells

The Memorial Committee would like to acknowledge the generous gift of two large handbells given by Jon and Deb Jansky in memory of Deb's parents, Florence and Gene Swenson. With the arrival of these two last bells, A ♭ 3 and B ♭ 3, RPC now owns a complete 4 octave set of handbells, ranging from G3 - G7! We hope you enjoy the next time you hear the 'acaBELLa Ringers' play these beautiful bells, which could be as soon as sometime in the month of October. Thank you Jon and Deb!

### Sponsor a Drawer: Help RPC's Music Archives

We've reached 30% of our goal – won't you help? Did you know that RPC has well over 1,000 pieces of choral music – unison, solo, 2-part, 3-part, 4-part, for organ, for piano, for orchestral accompaniment, with bells, without bells - whew! Members of the RPC Chancel Choir have spent hours and hours cataloguing this music to make it easier to find. What treasures we've uncovered along the way!

We have the file cabinets, we have the music, but we are badly in need of new folders, racks and label tabs to replace the raggedy originals. We have 36 drawers to fill with newly organized files. Will you help us by **sponsoring a drawer for \$25**? If you do, the Chancel Choir will sing your favorite hymn as a choral benediction one Sunday and dedicate it as you wish. Not to mention that you will have the everlasting thanks of the Choir and especially Dr. Sally, who has to hunt for music 52 weeks a year!



Our August donations show our church family's continued commitment to our programs and the thanks for the blessings they've received. This was especially true during the special projects in August like the start-up of the renewed preschool and *Everything for Kids* Sale.



## Sharing our Gifts

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### CARERS Corner

In October the CARERS Committee, along with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, are collecting canned goods for the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. With the colder weather fast approaching it is good to include cans of meat, fish, pasta and soups along with fruits and vegetables. As usual, we thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



### Feed Our Community on October 18



In what has become a fall tradition, we are once again partnering with the Covenant of Churches and Outreach, an international non-profit, and its Chicago area associate, Feed6, to package and distribute more than 70,000 nutritious meals to local food pantries. Volunteers will be gathering on **Saturday, October 18**, for the third annual *Feed Our Community Day* at the North Riverside Village Commons (2401 S. Desplaines Avenue in North

Riverside). Working in small group assembly lines we will prepare delicious, nutritious meals of pasta and cheese - all fortified with soy protein, nutrients, and vitamins—and bagged, labeled, weighed, and boxed employing safety and hygienic precautions. It's a work of joy, with music, entertainment, and the opportunity to share an extraordinary experience with friends, family, and neighbors.

Thanks to generous donations from local sponsors, this year's event registration is **FREE** but we need all who are interested to register for one or more of three 90-minute shifts (9:00 to 10:30; 11:00 to 12:30; and 1:00 to 2:30). We cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all walk-ins. Please visit our website to register or to donate funds to enable us to purchase even more meals <http://www.feed6.org/feed-our-community-day-registration.html>. You can also register and/or donate via manual registration forms in the church office.

Volunteers are also needed to bring baked goods and snacks to share during the breaks after each shift and to deliver the packaged meals to local food pantries. If you can help with either of these or have any questions, please contact Jeanine Buttimer at [buttimer270@aol.com](mailto:buttimer270@aol.com).

Photos from last year's event:



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### Church Building Supervisor Needed

Riverside Presbyterian Church is looking to hire a part-time (5 to 10 hours a week) building supervisor for maintenance of the church building and grounds. The applicant must have a high school diploma or equivalent with experience in building supervision, maintenance and previous custodial experience. Applicant must have strong interpersonal skills and be able to work with church staff and members. Experience in plumbing, electrical or similar areas is preferred. The salary will be commensurate with the individual's skills. Please send resume to Joseph M. Dvorak III in care of the church office. Any questions should be directed Joe Dvorak.



# Animal Blessing







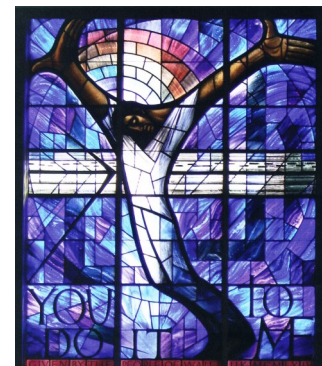
## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

This year's study is *Reconciling Paul—a Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, with suggestions for leaders by Irene Pak. The next gathering will be on Wednesday, October 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Coffee is served.

Lesson 3: Covenants and God's Enduring Faithfulness

Focus text: *2 Corinthians 3:1-4:6*

Lesson 3 explores the meaning of Paul's reference to "old" and "new" covenants in *2 Corinthians* and considers how these ideas relate to our contemporary understanding of Christian relationships with people of different faith traditions. Lesson Leaders are Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura. Joyce will lead Lesson 3.



The Wales Window, 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL. Created by John Petts, 1965, as a gift to the church after a 1963 bombing in which three girls were killed. Christ is rejecting injustice with one hand and extends forgiveness with the other.

## Human Scene

### October 5 — *Understanding Poverty*—Sandra Kappmeyer, RPC

Many well-meaning efforts are continually undertaken by people in the middle class to help people who live their lives in deep poverty. That many of those attempts do not succeed is largely due to not having an accurate and purposeful understanding of what it means to be poor, and with not being able to identify with their perspective of the world. This program will offer a look into the lens through which people who live in generational poverty see the world, offering an opportunity to be better armed to help them.

### October 12 — *Blessed are the Poor in Spirit: Coping with the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster*—Rev. Rebecca Weltmann, Pastor of the Washington (IL) Presbyterian Church

Many of us have seen the "Standing Strong" shirts and bumper stickers that fill a community following a natural disaster. But not everyone can be strong forever. Join Rev. Rebecca Weltmann, pastor of Washington Presbyterian Church, as we talk about how a community can come together to support each other when tragedy and natural disaster strikes.

### October 19 — *Islam and Muslims*—Karen Danielson, Public Affairs & Outreach Director of the Chicago Chapter of the Muslim American Society

A brief presentation on Islam and Muslims globally and in America addressing the basic tenets and practices of Islam, representative of a mainstream Sunni perspective. An opportunity to ask questions about cultural influences, sects, and communities of American Muslims will also be a part of the presentation.

### October 26 — *Poverty and Homelessness: What we can do as people of faith to address poverty in Chicago*—Aidian McCormack, Community and Congregational Relations Coordinator, The Night Ministry of Chicago

Over 100,000 people are homeless in Chicago during the course of the year. 15,000 of those people are youth ages 14 to 21. The Night Ministry has provided healthcare, housing and human connection for almost 40 years, working with the people of the night-time streets, and particularly with youth. Join Aidan McCormack, Community and Congregational Relations Coordinator at the Night Ministry, as he outlines the issue, and talks about some ways we can respond as individual people of faith, and more what we can do as a congregation to address poverty.

Our beloved friend Mary Koon has received a call to serve as associate pastor in Bloomington, Minnesota. The ceremony of ordination will take place at First Congregational Church of Western Springs, Illinois, on November 2 at 2:30 pm. All are invited.

# Children

## Sunday School

Our theme for the year is *The Covenant*. Our first rotation is wrapping up this month. We looked at the covenant God made with Noah and the important fact that this was a one-sided covenant. We did not have a part to keep in this covenant. Special thanks to our teachers for this unit: Jeanine Buttimer, Susan Deems-Dluhy, and Kathi Rocanova. Our wonderful shepherds for the year are: Bill Muller, Colleen Muller, Kathryn Nadkarni, Lynda Nadkarni, Cindy Reynolds and Susan Zander. Our next rotation will be to look at the story of Abraham and how God and Abraham established a covenant.

## Teachers Needed!

Our next rotation, on the story of Abraham, is scheduled to begin on October 12. It will run for 3-4 weeks. We still need teachers for this rotation. There are a number of teachers who indicated that they can teach but not until November or after. If you feel the pull or the inclination to help out in October, we need you! Please contact Doreen Sterba DeZur at [dezurd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dezurd@sbcglobal.net).



We are off to a terrific school year. We've been working on building community by getting to know our new friends and learning about emotions. We had our first Science Thursday during which we talked about the Scientific Method and combined baking soda and vinegar. The results were explosive!

October brings the Riverside Fire Department to preschool during Fire Prevention Week to talk about fire safety and show us what a firefighter looks like all dressed with a mask and fire resistant suit so that our youngest ones won't run from a firefighter during a fire emergency, but run to them. We will be visiting the Scottish Home and Cantata in our Halloween costumes to sing some scary songs and trick or treat.

We still have openings in our classes. If you know anyone who is interested, please tell them to call Susan Lisle at 447-1520. We welcome new friends!



RPC welcomed preschool staff at Coffee Fellowship on September 14. Pictured are teachers Connie Marhoul, Michelle Cronin, Joe Schueller, and Director Susan Lisle.



## Youth Group News

September was a great month for the RPC Youth Group.

On September 7, we had a kick-off party with pizza and fellowship, and got to know each other better. Then, on September 14, we had a fun scavenger hunt around the church with the Junior High Youth Group, followed by some covenant creating. The Senior High group created personal crests and then also created a draft of our covenant for the year.

On the 21st, as a part of the Blessing of the Animals service, we helped box pet goods that were collected and delivered them to the Hinsdale Humane Society. A special thanks to Laura and Alice McLean for helping to pack, and Michael, Kaki and Susan Lynch for helping make the delivery. The Humane Society was very grateful for the donation, and will feature us in their newsletter as well.

As you can tell by the picture, we were tempted to take a few kittens home with us.



October's Schedule will be as follows:

- October 5** Discussion Night, RPC (Jr. High 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Sr. High 7:15-8:15 p.m.)
- October 12** *No Youth Group*: Columbus Day holiday weekend
- October 18** Feed Our Community Service Day, North Riverside Commons (Saturday)
- October 26** Bonfire Night

**Feed Our Community Service Day** is coming up on the 18th of October. Please see page 5 of the Vision for further information. This is a GREAT opportunity for both the Junior and Senior High youth to earn service hours as well! While there is no registration fee, we will be asking the youth to consider a **\$5 donation** to help pay for additional meals.

## Girls' Group in October—Join Us!

We meet every Wednesday (Junior High 7:00-8:00 p.m., Senior High 8:00-9:00 p.m.) and all girls are welcome. Come to learn, help others and have fun with your friends! If you have any questions, please contact Tara Gregus at [taragregus@yahoo.com](mailto:taragregus@yahoo.com). Here's what's up for October:

- October 1** Meet the women of RPC! First up--Mrs. Lynda Nadkarni, art teacher
- October 8** Make art kits for kids at Loyola Hospital with Mrs. Marciniak
- October 15** Mrs. Kate Chard will teach us how to paint our faces for Halloween!
- October 22** Mr. John Sikich will speak with us about eating disorders, and his daughter Cori. Parents are invited to attend with their daughters for this important meeting.
- October 29** Halloween Party!

## Fellowship

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### Friday Fellowship

Please join us for another great evening of Friday Night Fellowship on **October 3** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Tara and Dan Gregus. Bringing a snack to share and the beverage of your choice makes this an instant party. The fellowship makes it a great party!

On Saturday, **October 4**, Stronghold Center in Oregon, Illinois, is hosting “Ye Olde English Faire.” Car pools are forming for those who wish to share a ride. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall or contact Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak or Susan Lynch. For more information about the day, visit <http://www.strongholdcenter.org/englishfaire.html>.

Watch your Friday announcements and the bulletin for other fellowship events. If you have suggestions or would like to join the Fellowship Committee, the next meeting is Sunday, October 5, in the Westminster Room after the service.

### Thanks and More

We truly appreciate the generosity of our congregation. We are happy that people think of the church when they are making donations. However, the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen storage areas are very full. If you are considering a donation, please check with Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak or Susan Lynch before bringing your items to church. We should be able to tell you if the item is something that we both need and have space for. If you are not able to check ahead of time and plan on simply leaving your donation in the kitchen or the Fellowship Hall, please leave a note that lets us know that it is indeed intended for church use and includes your contact information in case we have questions. Donations that are left without information and are not something we can use will be taken to Goodwill or disposed of. Please, also try to take dishes, serving utensils, and containers home after potlucks so that they don't get mixed up with the church's wares.

Any consumables brought to the kitchen need to be marked. We have had to throw away a lot of food lately because it wasn't labeled, people were unsure as to whether to use it or not, and then it spoiled. Labels are available on the refrigerator door to let people know what date the food was prepared or should be used and if it is intended for a specific event. Please label drinks left in any containers, also. It is often difficult to determine what is in pitchers and the Igloo 5-gallon coolers that get left in the refrigerator. If possible, it is best to send perishable leftovers home with participants or committee members at the conclusion of any event.



Ascension Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Oktoberfest dinner on Saturday **October 4**, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. to benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository and Outreach/Feed 6. Come for the roast pork, bratwurst, beer, and delicious sides and desserts. Enjoy good food and good company, and know that you are contributing to the wellbeing of others in the Chicago area, and in our own communities. Tickets are \$15 adult in advance, \$18 at the door, \$5 for children under 12. Contact the church at

708-447-2600 to reserve your tickets in advance. The church is located at 400 Nuttall Road in Riverside. Parking is available around the church and across the street at Ames School.

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### Domestic Violence Program at St. Mary

St. Mary Parish CCW is sponsoring a light supper and discussion among women about domestic violence on Wednesday, **October 22**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the parish center, 126 Herrick Road in Riverside. There will be presentations by a domestic violence survivor, an attorney, and a domestic violence resource specialist. Domestic violence is an issue that affects women of every age, education and income level. All interested women are welcome and encouraged to bring their mothers, sisters, female friends and daughters of appropriate age. A very special invitation is extended to women from Covenant of Churches congregations in Riverside and North Riverside. There is no charge, but please RSVP to [dv@stmaryriverside.org](mailto:dv@stmaryriverside.org).



Please check the  
Website for the  
most recent  
calendar  
updates!



# October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed 4:15p Ringers 4:45p Singers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	2 6:30a Women's Forum	3 7p First Friday Gathering	4
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*May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields.  
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

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

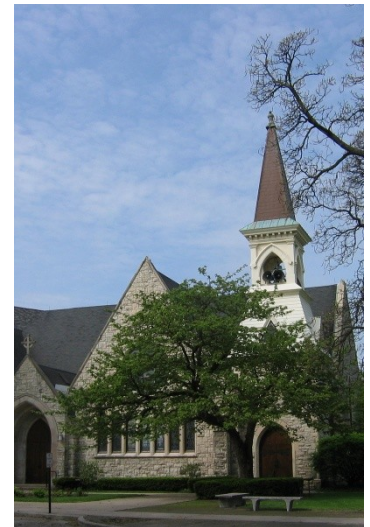
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