



The Vision

May 2015

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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Womack Scholarship Sunday May 31



2015 is the 25th year that Ryan Womack Scholarships have been given to RPC college students, and 2015 will be the last year that scholarships will be awarded. During the worship service on May 31, we will celebrate the youth of our church and the memory of Ryan Womack.

On May 5, 1990, a speeding car traveling south on Delaplaine Road jumped the curb and drove through the Harrington Park ball field, striking children playing ball in the opening game of the Little League season. The car continued through the park, across Harlem Avenue, and crashed into a medical office. The driver of the car (now deceased) reportedly blacked out before losing control.

Killed in that accident were three Riverside children: eight-year-old Ryan Womack, Colin Anderson (7) and Holly Rizzi (8). In addition to those killed, six children and two parents were injured, some of them very seriously. All survived their injuries.

The Ryan Womack Scholarship Fund was established in 1990, with donations offered at Ryan's funeral. In October of 1991, the Scholarship Fund held its first dinner dance fundraiser. The first year, the Fund had enough money to award only one \$500 scholarship. The second year there were five scholarships. Some years there have been over 35 recipients. Scholarships awarded total over \$600,000, to 179 recipients.

Ryan's mother, Lonnie Womack, said, "Ryan was our only child. He will never be going to college, but his memory is helping other boys and girls who will get that chance." If Ryan had lived, he would be 33 years old—older than any of the students receiving scholarships this year. In the early years of the scholarship, the recipients were older than Ryan. His classmates received scholarships in 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. Since 2000, the recipients have been younger than Ryan would have been. "That's all right. We know that times goes on," said Lonnie.

At Ryan's funeral service, Pastor Roger Kunkel said that length of life does not mean completeness of life. Through the scholarships, Ryan's memory has lived on—even in those who did not know him. Thanks to the Ryan Womack Scholarship, the Womacks now have 179 surrogate children, many of whom will tell their children, and perhaps grandchildren, about the scholarship they received in honor of a special child—one who was described as funny, playful, intelligent, and outgoing.

Randy Womack has given this advice at other Womack Scholarship presentations: *Parents, hug your children. Children, hug your parents—because you never know when it will be the last time.* Good advice for Womack Scholarship Sunday, and for every day.

Worship/Church News



For the first time in several years, a Sunrise Service was held at RPC on Easter morning, followed by two services in the Sanctuary.



May Opportunities

If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact Susan Lynch
For flower contributions, please contact the RPC Office
Potential Acolytes and Liturgists, please contact Elizabeth Musick
Potential Ushers, please contact Gwen Heine or Paula McCracken



	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
May 3	Susan Zander	Jaden Zander	Laura Vanags & Dima Aieta Paige & Sophie Rambeaux-Olson	Jon & Deb Jansky Paula McCracken	OPEN
May 10	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Will & Susanne Vogel	OPEN
May 17	Susan Lynch	Sophie Rambeaux-Olson	Lou Heine & Doug Asbury Stan & Sylvia Schade	OPEN	Henry Vogel Family
May 24	Matt Lisle	OPEN	Jim Ulrich & Fred Kitch Colleen & Bill Muller	OPEN	OPEN
May 31	Youth	OPEN	Junior & Senior High Youth Groups	OPEN	Committee for Children & Youth

Trustees for May

May 3	Jon Jansky
May 10	Jim Sit
May 17	Caroline Tecson
May 24	Lou Heine
May 31	Nancy Jensen

All Church Family Work Day

Our May All-Church-Family Work Day will be held on Sunday, May 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please join us in fellowship as we maintain our facilities.

Susan Deems-Dluhy is back-up during May.

Session Notes

In April the Session:

- ◆ noted with sadness the death of Noel Bensen Kemp on March 20;
- ◆ approved a letter of transfer for Tom Franzo to the Carmel (Indiana) United Methodist Church;
- ◆ approved a statement of stewardship principles and stewardship expectations to be implemented, which calls on all members to be good stewards of time, talent and treasure so that RPC can continue its ministry of giving to others;
- ◆ noted that the Preschool will hold only a morning session beginning next fall;
- ◆ appointed a committee to review the RPC Mission Statement;
- ◆ asked the Membership Committee to conduct the annual review of the rolls, with the goal of re-engaging members who have not been participating in any way;
- ◆ Noted that many members have still not reimbursed RPC for the Per Capita Assessment (\$31.23) which has already been paid on their behalf to Presbytery. If every confirmed member paid this amount to RPC, it would be a significant contribution to the budget.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session



Braxton Nettles	5/1	Alison Heine	5/12	Alice Mazanec	5/21
Keri Burke	5/2	Paige Deason	5/13	Rachel Nouye	5/21
Erika Sterner	5/2	Connie Kelly	5/13	Amanda Gruber	5/23
Tarquin Rayfield	5/3	Charlotte Morrison	5/13	Melissa Krefft	5/24
Frank Hooglander	5/4	Gabrielle Nolan	5/13	Michael Krefft	5/24
Lauren Teune	5/4	Thea Kiwiet	5/14	Nancy Lancaster	5/25
Danika Apostolovich	5/5	Christ Floros	5/15	Riley Henderson	5/26
Kyler Monacella	5/5	Gavin Vogel	5/15	Ethan Smith	5/26
Emma Strand	5/5	Marie Cerny	5/16	Sarah Smith	5/26
Rachel Teune	5/6	Abigail Regan	5/16	Paula McCracken	5/28
Jeanine Buttmer	5/8	Lorel Meyer	5/17	Paxton Tamlyn	5/28
Susan Lisle	5/8	Lisa Rocanova	5/17	Thomas Barr	5/29
Allison Gordon	5/9	Victor Wright	5/17	Ellie Carlson	5/29
Sanlee Radigan	5/9	Benjamin Jendras	5/18	Colleen Muller	5/29
Louise Bonnette	5/11	Aimee Sahlas	5/18	Jim Sit	5/29
Dave Harper	5/11	Julie Tamlyn	5/20	Bryan Zander	5/29
Carrie Norwood	5/11	Michael Gruber	5/21	Christelle Meuyou	5/30
Trey Vogel	5/11	Lindsay Hayes	5/21	Dorothy Thorsen	5/31

Sharing Our Gifts

CARERS Corner

In May we will be collecting boxed cereals, any size—individual, regular or king size, as well as any brand, for the [First Presbyterian Church](#) of Chicago. The Sunday School children will again join in this collection.

You are always so generous; know that your contributions are very much appreciated. Thank you!

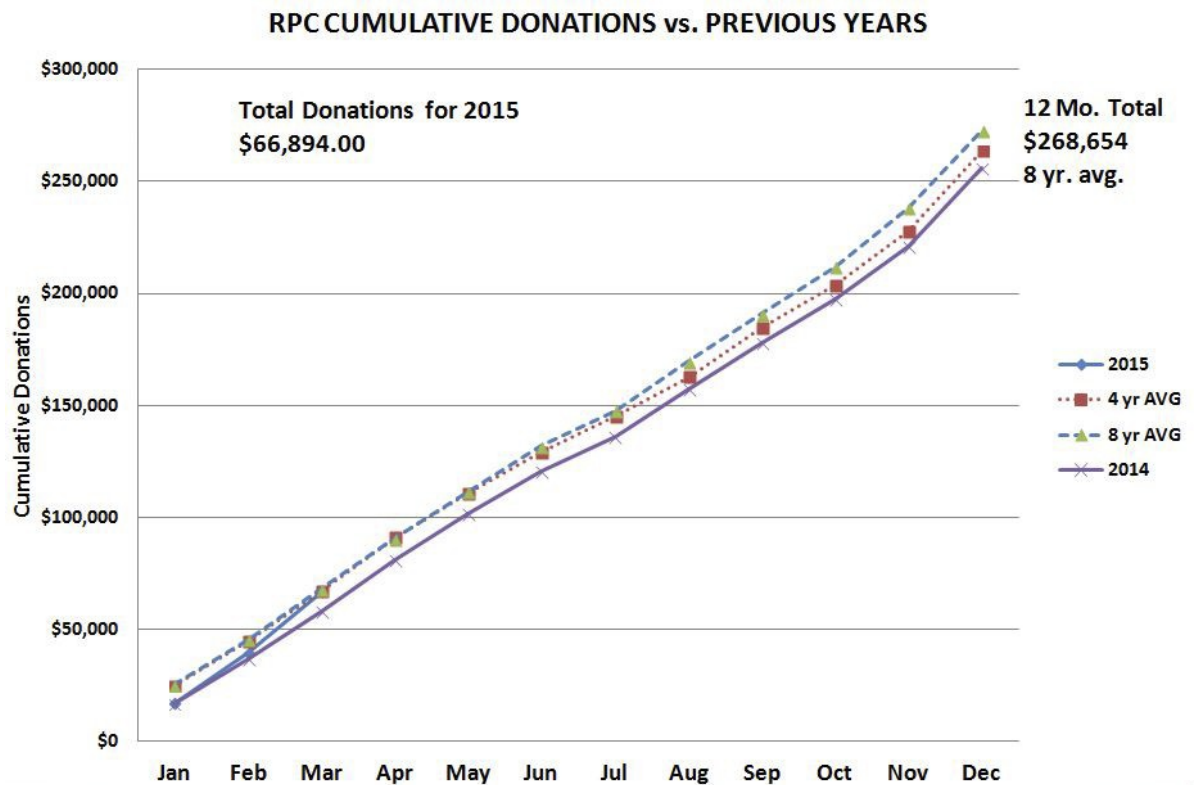


Buy a Brick

Engraved bricks are being sold in May to raise funds to restore our beautiful church organ. **Buy a Brick to honor mothers for Mother's Day or create a lasting memorial for Memorial Day!** The bricks will be installed in front of the manse – the center of outdoor worship and social activities. All orders must be received by June 1 for installation before our annual Strawberry Social!



Bricks are available in two sizes and prices - \$150 and \$500. Multiple bricks may be grouped together. More information and order forms are [available online](#), in the rack outside the church office, or by contacting Susan Deems -Dluhy at gsdluhy@gmail.com.



Thanks to members realizing the joy of generosity. We had a very good month. Our contributions are now ahead of last year's. Let's keep it up so we can continue to do great things for our children in Sunday School in the next few months and then in Vacation Bible School this summer.



interfaithHOUSE
Celebrating 20 years of rebuilding lives.

The Deacons are undertaking an exciting new mission starting in May. We will be preparing and serving dinner for 64 residents of [Interfaith House](#) on either the last Monday or the last Sunday of each month. Our first service date is Monday, May 25.

The Interfaith House Mission Statement states “Interfaith House provides a healing environment and resources to help ill and injured homeless adults restore their health, rebuild their lives and regain self-sufficiency.” Interfaith House is located at 3456 West Franklin Blvd. in the Garfield Park area.

The Deacons are excited to be able to replace our very successful Night Ministry program with this new opportunity (Night Ministry ceased its meal outreach on weekends). Please watch upcoming Sunday announcements to find out how you can support this mission by providing either food or service!



Luke Staubus sings *Rainbow Connection*. Brother Steven played *Here Comes the Sun* by the Beatles.

Cantata/Scottish Home Services

Join us for worship at Cantata on Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m., and at the Scottish Home on Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m.

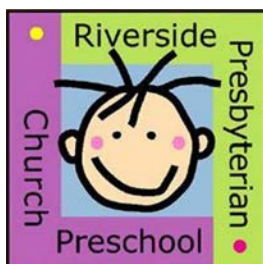
Families and children are especially welcome.

Our Deacons and other volunteers provide monthly services to residents of our two local senior citizen homes.

Your participation is so appreciated!



Chris Halline shared his many talents with the Scottish Home residents at the RPC service in April.



Another preschool year is coming to a close and we have had a great year! Thanks so much to everyone who has purchased geraniums and supported the preschool throughout the whole year. We couldn't have done it without you! A special thanks to Jim Sit for our new sound system. It sounds great and the children love it!

This month we will be continuing with our fun Science Thursdays, playing outside, celebrating our moms on Moms' Night and are preparing for our end-of-the-year program. We hope you have a *wonderful* summer. See you in the fall!

April Events



On April 12, four RPC teams competed to see how many baskets each team could make in seven minutes. The “Youth” team had the

highest score after the first round and advanced to face the “Deacons.” In the final round each team had two minutes to score as many buckets as possible. The event raised \$580, of which 90% will be used to offset the travel costs of the Youth Mission Trip. Ten percent will go to the Deacons, for a purpose yet to be determined. Thanks to all who participated—those on the teams as well as the cheering section!





Open Mic Night

One of RPC's favorite fellowship events, the Open Mic Night, was held on Saturday, April 18. Delicious food was provided by the Youth Group, as a fundraiser for their mission trip. Thanks to the outstanding performers for an exceptional show, John Haugland for his talent scouting and management, Jim Sit for technical coordination, the Fellowship Committee for decorations and setup, Matt Gauen, Lisa Marciniak and the Youth Group for the wonderful Youth Cafe, and the appreciative audience for a truly enjoyable evening!



What's Happening in Sunday School

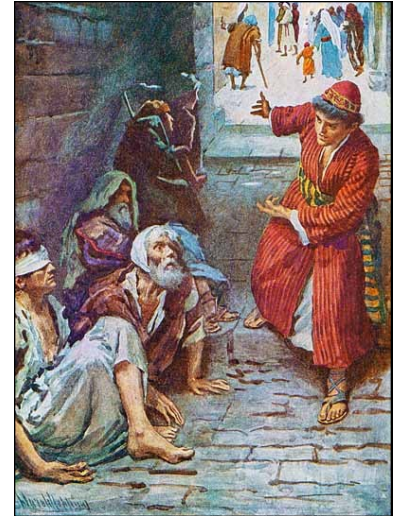
We will begin our final Sunday School rotation: The Kingdom Parables. Join us as we explore the Parable of the Great Feast by making invitations, preparing meals for a homebound family and playing games. We will have a special 'End of the Year Party' on Sunday, May 31.

Bible Presentation Sunday

May 3 is a special day for RPC's 2nd graders (and a 3rd grader too). It's Bible Presentation Sunday! Please join us for this important day for Bible recipients and their families. We'll also share Bible presentation 'sundaes' in Coffee Fellowship to celebrate.

We Love our Children & Youth Program Volunteers

The Sunday School has seen a lot of changes this year, and we are ending on a strong note. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! Thanks to all who have blessed our programs with their time, energy and patience as Shepherds, Confirmation leaders, Teen Scene facilitators and Sunday School teachers this school year: Lloyd Bradbury, Susan Deems-Dluhy, Nancy Dvorak, Patti Friend, Matt Gauen, Tara Gregus, Jennifer Hepker, Courtney Hooglander, Susan Lynch, Lisa Marciniak, Lorraine Meyer, Bill and Colleen Muller, Lynda and Kathryn Nadkarni, Patti Perry-Halline, Paige Rambeaux, Cindy Reynolds, Kathi Rocanova, Carrie Staubus, Bill and Susanne Vogel, and Bryan Zander.



Parable of the Great Supper
by Harold Copping
(British illustrator, 1863-1932)

Vacation Bible School is Returning to RPC!

Please save the date for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS): the evenings of July 13 through July 17. Children who are entering kindergarten in the fall through those entering 5th grade are welcome to participate in this great opportunity. Plenty of volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Susan Zander at susan.zander@rpcusa.org.

Resurrection Buns

If you were at Coffee Fellowship last month you may have been lucky enough to taste one of the "Resurrection Buns" prepared by the Sunday School classes. Several recipes exist, using either canned biscuits or canned crescent rolls, and both are delicious. The basic recipe is:

Ingredients:

1 can refrigerated biscuits
(or crescent rolls)
1/2 stick butter, melted
Cinnamon-sugar mixture
(about 1/2 cup)
large marshmallows

Directions:

Flatten the biscuit, which represents the cloth that wrapped Jesus. Dip the marshmallow (representing Jesus) in melted butter (embalming oils) and roll in cinnamon sugar (spices for anointing the body). Wrap the dough around the marshmallow. Brush with leftover butter and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Place the biscuits on a foil-lined baking sheet or in muffin tins. Bake according to the directions on the can. Cool before eating. When the biscuit is opened, the marshmallow is gone.

He is not here; He has risen!

Youth Group News

This month we had a stellar showing at the Final Four shoot-out on April 12 and at the Youth Cafe and Open Mic Night on April 18. We are proud to announce that the Youth team WON the Final Four shoot-out challenge thanks to some great teamwork. It was a great fellowship event and everyone had a lot of fun.

Twelve of the thirteen Mission Trip participants were in attendance at the Open Mic night, either helping cook and prepare the food, taking drink orders, running the dishwasher, or just helping out. We also had a few youth who performed, showcasing their talents. Thank you to all the youth who participated!

May is a choppy month. We have quite a few events, but also a couple of Sundays off. If any youth are in need of service hours towards the mission trip, please [contact Matt](#).

May 3	Teen Scene, 9:00 a.m. Junior <i>and</i> Senior High—Youth Sunday Planning
May 9	Mother's Day Gift-Making, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
May 10	Mother's Day, <i>No Youth Group</i>
May 17	Matt out of town, <i>No Youth Group</i>
May 24	Memorial Day Weekend, <i>No Youth Group</i>
May 31	Youth Sunday/Womack Scholarship Sunday, <i>No Teen Scene or Junior High Meeting</i>

Youth Sunday/Womack Scholarship Sunday will be a celebration of the Youth and their involvement in the life of RPC over this past year. Join us on May 31 as our youth share their musical talents as well as the message for worship. We will be announcing the 2015 Womack Scholarship recipients, as well as the Service Award in recognition of the middle and high school students with the most service hours from this past year. We hope to see you there! Questions? E-mail Matt Gauen at matt.gauen@rpcusa.org for more information.

Girls' Group

All junior and senior high-aged girls are invited to join the Girls' Group at RPC. We generally meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the RPC parlor. In April, we made a meal for a North Riverside family, heard a presentation by Claire Chaney about eating disorders, and learned about being a neonatal intensive care nurse from Mrs. Brooke Schwarz. Here's what's coming up in May:

May 6	Watch a short video and discuss body image
May 13	Discuss Cori's Triathlon and volunteer opportunities
May 20	Guest speaker—to be determined
May 27	<i>I Am Eleven</i> Documentary

Watch your email for dates and details about our summer sleepover at the beach! Questions? E-mail Tara at tara.gregus@rpcusa.org.



Scouts

Our Boy Scouts camped at the Indiana Dunes in April. This was the first campout for six of our new 5th grade scouts. They were accompanied by twelve older scouts and five leaders. Work continued on Eagle projects for two scouts, and scouts worked on Family Life, First Aid, and Skating Merit Badges during the month.



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, May 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Social Hall. All women are welcome. Coffee is served.

Lesson 8: Power, authority, and honor are not always what we might expect.

Focus text: *2 Corinthians 11:1-31*

The author notes that the Corinthian community had the freedom to question Paul's authority, make decisions on their own, and be agents of change.



The Footwashing

Christ Church, Korntal, Germany
If I do not wash your feet, you will no longer be my disciple - *John 13:8*

Family Ties: 2 Corinthians 11 is not the only place in which Paul uses familial metaphors to describe both his relationship with the communities of faith he founded and the types of relationships he wanted to foster among their members. The familial metaphors that Paul uses in different letters take a variety of shapes and forms. Lesson Leaders are Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura. Elizabeth will lead Lesson 8.

Lesson 9: Wednesday, June 10 (*second* Wednesday, rather than the fourth Wednesday of the month). Potluck luncheon to follow. Birthday offering.

Human Scene

May 3 - Ellen Hamilton will introduce RPC to a new mission partner: [Interfaith House](#), which provides a 64-bed center on Chicago's West Side that serves as interim housing and support to ill and injured homeless adults who would otherwise lack a stable and safe place to heal. As the only agency of its kind in Illinois, Interfaith House fills a critical gap in services for homeless individuals who have been discharged from area hospitals and emergency shelters and require housing and support. Going forward, RPC will be helping out this critical mission and will welcome volunteers. Come learn more about it.

May 10 - Come join us to learn more about the LEAD Conference held in March. LEAD, which is the Chicago Presbytery's Leadership, Education and Development church leadership training event, presents a diverse array of interesting seminars for attendees. Several RPC members who went to the conference will share the highlights and their insights with us.

May 17 - Michael Manning represents [Destiny Rescue](#), a grass roots organization that provides individuals, groups and churches with practical tools to get involved in fighting human trafficking. Mr. Manning will describe Destiny Rescue's extensive restoration program, which currently operates in Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, and India. It has been doing fundraising and advocacy work in the United States for five years and is just getting started here in the Chicago area. Please join us for this fascinating presentation on this critical mission.

May 24 - Please join us to discuss the day's lectionary passages in connection with Pentecost Sunday.

May 31 - Join us for a video presentation of a lecture by renowned scholar, Professor Amy-Jill Levine, New Testament Studies, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, on the first prophetic book of *Joshua*. Here we will learn about the recounting of Moses' death, the meaning of holy war, and the explanation for the Israelites' presence in Canaan.

Please check the
Website for the
most recent
calendar
updates!



May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 <i>Bible Presentation Sunday</i> 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11a Fellowship Comm Mtg 11:30a Elder/Deacon Mtg 12:30p Elder/Deacon/ Trustee/Staff Mtg 2p Cantata Worship	4 5:15p Volleyball	5 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Stewardship Comm Mtg 7p Personnel Comm Mtg	6 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30p Bell Choir 7p Girls' Group 7:30p Chancel Choir	7 6:30a Women's Forum	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	11 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm Mtg 7:30 Trustees Mtg	12 6:30a Men's Forum 7p CCY Mtg	13 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30p Bell Choir 7p Girls' Group 7:30p Chancel Choir	14 6:30a Women's Forum	15 10a CARERS Comm Mtg	16
17 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Scottish Home Worship Vision Deadline	18 5:15p Volleyball	19 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg 7p Deacons Mtg	20 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30p Bell Choir 7p Girls' Group 7p Session Mtg 7:30p Chancel Choir	21 6:30a Women's Forum	22	23
24 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> 5:15p Volleyball	26 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Preschool Comm Mtg	27 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30p Bell Choir 10a Presbyterian Women Bible Study 7p Girls' Group 7:30p Chancel Choir	28 6:30a Women's Forum	29	30
31 <i>Youth/Womack Scholarship Sunday</i> 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship						

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

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