



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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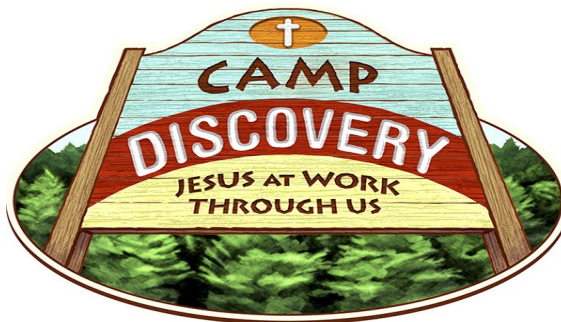
#### Summer Office Hours

Beginning May 26, the RPC Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until noon every weekday except Wednesday. Kathryn Nadkarni will be staffing the office this summer.

# The Vision

June 2015

## Summer Fun at RPC *Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School* July 12-16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



The Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches Vacation Bible School will be held at RPC from Sunday, July 12, through Thursday, July 16. At *Camp Discovery* children will explore how Jesus works in and through us! VBS is for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade, but we also need adults and kids age 12 and up as teachers and assistants.

Come with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. The cost is \$15 per child or \$40 per family (if registered by July 5). [Register online today](#), or contact Susan Zander for more information

On Wednesday, July 15, our VBS students will join us for RPC's

## Strawberry Social

July 15  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome to join us for cake and ice cream with strawberries, live entertainment, fancy cake raffle, games for kids, photo booth and lots of friendly hospitality. This is a community event, so please invite your friends and neighbors to join us on the lawn at RPC.



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# Worship/Church News

Beloved friends:

We have conducted a church survey, as a way of taking our temperature and blood pressure to see how we are doing. The results show that we have an opportunity to make some changes to help everyone feel more excited about being a part of this particular community of faith, as well as its role in the Riverside community.

Based on what you said in the church survey, I am asking the Session to focus on recovery, renewal, revitalization, rebuilding and reaching out during this very important time between pastorates when we can do much to prepare for the future to which God is calling us. From what I have heard, there is great energy and enthusiasm about reclaiming our identity as a beacon of light to this community and to the world.

Many of you asked for more information from church leadership, more equipping and empowering to do the work of ministry, and more mission outreach to the world beyond our doors. I have asked the Session to approve having Open Forums, to which the whole congregation will be invited, after worship on the following Sundays:

- June 21

August 30

September 20

October 19
- Church Survey Executive Summary—Led by Ken Ehrman and Nancy Sayer, Samaritan Counseling Center

Stewardship, the Church Budget and the Endowment Fund—Led by the Stewardship, Finance and Endowment Committees

Dreams and Vision—Led by the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee

What is our vision for the future of Riverside Presbyterian Church?

What do we believe God is calling us to do? Who do we believe God is calling us to be?

What do we want and need in a pastor to accomplish our vision?

Our Mission to the World—Led by the Board of Deacons

Not by strength, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord.

*Zechariah 4: 6b*

Faithfully yours,  
Emily Rosencrans  
Your pastor for a season



## June Opportunities

If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact Deb Jansky  
For flower contributions, please contact the RPC Office  
Potential Acolytes and Liturgists, please contact Elizabeth Musick  
Potential Ushers, please contact Paula McCracken



| Liturgists |            | Acolytes | Ushers   | Flowers | Coffee Fellowship |
|------------|------------|----------|--|---------|-------------------|
| June 7     | OPEN       | OPEN     | Laura Vanags, Thom DeVries<br>Will & Susanne Vogel | OPEN    | Connie Kelly      |
| June 14    | OPEN       | OPEN     | Allen & Kate Chard<br>Frank & Claire Gangware      | OPEN    | Steve Marcus      |
| June 21    | OPEN       | OPEN     | Lou & Martha Heine<br>Mike & Gwen Heine            | OPEN    | OPEN              |
| June 28    | Matt Lisle | OPEN     | Cyril & Patti Friend Family                        | OPEN    | OPEN              |

The Trustees for June are David Schade and Susan Deems-Dluhy.

## Session Notes

In May, the Session:

- ◆ Held a joint meeting with the Deacons to update each other on areas of responsibility and to share concerns.
- ◆ Received an interpretation of the results of the Church Assessment Tool questionnaire conducted at RPC, which highlighted strengths and weaknesses at RPC and prompted on-going discussions of who we are and where we are headed. The congregation will receive a summary of the questionnaire results at an upcoming open "Town Hall" type meeting.
- ◆ On the recommendation of a visioning committee for Christian Education staffing needs, hired Susan Zander as Director of Children's Education.
- ◆ Initiated a review of the membership rolls, with the hope of re-engaging those local members who have not been participating and helping those who have moved to find a new church home.
- ◆ Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Paige Rambeaux.
- ◆ Learned that the Seventh Day Adventist Church has decided not to rent space from RPC.
- ◆ Decided to continue Human Scene classes during the summer with discussions of each Sunday's lectionary as the focus.
- ◆ Received an update from the DPNC which is busy with completing the required statistical paperwork and forms.

Mary Ann Sadilek

Clerk of Session

## Friday Night Fellowship

Join us once a month on a Friday night (7:00-10:00 p.m.) for summertime fellowship.

These are lovely gatherings at a member's home. Our host provides the venue; the guests bring an hors-d'oeuvre and a beverage of to share... Instant Party! Adults only please.

- ◆ June 19 Martha & Lou Heine's home at 124 Gage Road, Riverside
- ◆ July 31 Lynda & Nick Nadkarni's home at 1401 East 31st Street, LaGrange Park
- ◆ August 28 Ellen Hamilton's home at 213 Woodside Road, Riverside

We are still looking for a host for a Friday in September!



## Craft Night

All crafters invited: Bring your knitting or scrapbooking or embroidery, or whatever craft interests you! Join us at Connie Kelly's home (40 N. Delaplaine Road, Riverside) on Friday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m. Ages 12 and up are welcome.

## Happy Birthday!



|                   |     |                       |      |                 |      |
|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Bonnie Hosey      | 6/1 | Jill Vacek            | 6/6  | Amanda Gregus   | 6/22 |
| Ryan Cermak       | 6/2 | Tricia Willinger      | 6/6  | Max Marciniak   | 6/22 |
| Will Gangware     | 6/2 | Alan Booton           | 6/8  | Abigail Schwarz | 6/22 |
| Sylvia Schade     | 6/2 | Sandra Kappmeyer      | 6/8  | Jeff Willinger  | 6/22 |
| Jake Strand       | 6/2 | Tom Radigan           | 6/11 | Bailey Hastings | 6/23 |
| Susanne Vogel     | 6/2 | Dennis Zander         | 6/13 | Maria Bradbury  | 6/25 |
| Marge Abbott      | 6/3 | Russel Brown          | 6/14 | Scuff Gross     | 6/25 |
| Judy Booton       | 6/3 | Olive Sahlas          | 6/14 | Patti Friend    | 6/26 |
| Kathleen Feary    | 6/3 | Ellie Pearson         | 6/15 | Mark Jantze     | 6/26 |
| Lily Henderson    | 6/3 | Sophie Rambeaux-Olson | 6/15 | Tara Gregus     | 6/27 |
| James Vonesh      | 6/3 | Karon Nettles         | 6/16 | Hailey Jurgens  | 6/27 |
| Phyllis Sit       | 6/4 | Thom DeVries          | 6/18 | Peytan Tamlyn   | 6/27 |
| Cyril Friend IV   | 6/5 | Mia Haugland          | 6/18 | Eva Harvin      | 6/29 |
| Ella Hooglander   | 6/5 | Donna Ballerine       | 6/21 | Drake Sahlas    | 6/29 |
| George Kazarian   | 6/5 | Kelsey Buttimer       | 6/21 | Brad Staubus    | 6/29 |
| William Paarlberg | 6/6 | Robin Jensen          | 6/21 | Peter Tess      | 6/29 |

## Sharing Our Gifts

### CARERS Corner

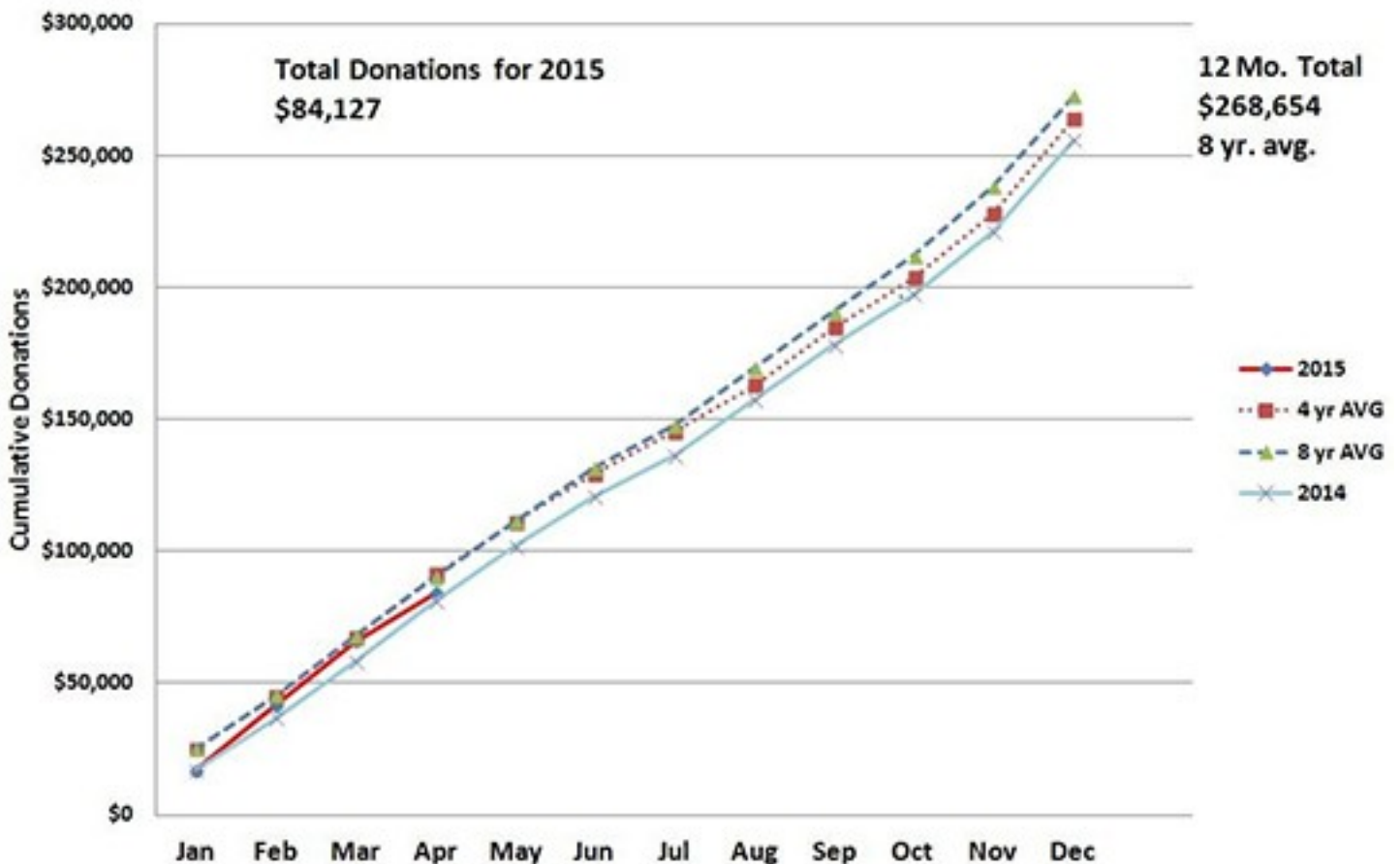
Please donate cleaning supplies for the residents of Constance Morris House. Help them to brighten the corner where they live. Items needed include disinfectant sprays/wipes, liquid hand soap, paper towels, toilet paper, toilet bowl brushes, room deodorizer, shower curtain liners, non-slip tub mats, washcloths (new), hand and bath towels (new), dishwashing soap, dish towels (new), sponges & scrubbers, glass cleaner, paper sweeping/dusting cloths, laundry detergent (must be HE) and dryer sheets.



### Board of Deacons Summer Cent\$ability Offering

June is just around the corner, and with it comes the start of our annual Cent\$ability Offering held during the summer months by the Deacons. Please pick up a Cent\$ability can, or a can wrap to use on a can or jar at home, and start adding up your loose coins. Last summer we collected over \$500 to help the hungry in the Presbytery of Chicago! We will be trying to raise even more this coming summer and your participation will help a great deal.

### RPC CUMULATIVE DONATIONS vs. PREVIOUS YEARS



We want to thank everyone for their continued generosity. We'd also like to remind you to contribute to the Pentecost Offering, which supports youth and children's programs at RPC, nationally and internationally.



### Butterfly Garden

The RPC Butterfly Garden has been planted! Now it's your turn to watch the various plants grow and report what butterflies you see to Steve Teune, Sandy Kappmeyer or Sylvia Schade. Try to identify the butterfly, or describe it, and note the date, time of day and the flower(s) that the butterfly visits. Please do not pick the flowers, since we would like to be able to give you seeds later. Visit as often as you like, and we will tabulate the results of your observations. Questions? Contact Sylvia Schade at [szschade@comcast.net](mailto:szschade@comcast.net). Enjoy!



**Why are monarch butterflies declining?** Three factors are commonly cited: Colder, wetter winters can be deadly, and hotter, drier summers can be lethal during the larval stage and can affect the survival and reproductive capacity of the adults. Monarchs may compensate for hotter summers by shifting their habitats north. In the winter, monarchs need mountain forests in Mexico for their habitat. Deforestation in Mexico has affected their wintering grounds, but the Mexican government has almost stopped illegal logging in the butterfly reserve. In the United States, monarchs need places to reproduce and feed. However, increased herbicide use (glyphosate/Roundup) is decreasing the availability of their primary food source, the milkweed plant. The use of the herbicide, together with increased planting of genetically modified glyphosate-tolerant ("Roundup Ready") corn and soybeans, has resulted in a sharp drop in Monarch butterfly populations. In the Midwest, there was an 81 percent decline in monarch production from 1999 to 2010 ([scientificamerican.com](http://scientificamerican.com)).

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### Christmas Craft Bazaar and Cafe

RPC will host our First Annual Christmas Bazaar and Cafe on November 14, 2015. We welcome crafters to be part of this day-long event. Besides the cafe and craft items, we will be welcoming representatives from [Ten Thousand Villages](#) and their fair trade handmade items, as well as selling new-to-you holiday items (for *all* holidays). If interested in selling your crafts, please [return the form](#) either to the Riverside Presbyterian office, or to Sandra Kappmeyer. Both addresses are on the form, as is contact information should you have questions. If you do not create crafts, but know someone who does, please pass this information on to them and welcome them to participate.

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### Afghans for Veterans

Since 2013, RPC knitters and crocheters, led by Colleen Muller, have made afghans for veterans at the Hines VA Hospital, and for children through Project Linus. Currently, afghans are being given to veterans at the [Jesse Brown VA Medical Center](#). Thank you, Colleen, and all those who contribute squares!



### Blanket the World with Love

Many thanks for supporting the 2015 **Blankets+** program. Contributions to **Blankets+** means that [Church World Service](#) is there to provide emergency resources and long-term assistance to help families around the world recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities. Your support of **Blankets+** sends a powerful message to people in crisis: *You matter to us*. A check for \$490 has been sent to Church World Service.

All Church Family Work Day: Wednesday, June 24, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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

Lesson 9: A Call to Apostleship in the 21st Century.

Focus Text: *2 Corinthians 12:1-13:13*

As study author Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty leads us through the final chapters of *2 Corinthians*, she encourages us to think about “what it would mean for each of us as individuals to see ourselves as the ones who are being sent

into the world today,” and challenges us by stating that “God is still sending us out to explore and engage the sharp and broken places in our world.”

Lesson leaders are Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade and Joyce Van Cura. Joyce will lead Lesson 9.



*The Holy Spirit*  
St. Peter the Apostle Church  
Parsippany, New Jersey

### Dedication Service—2015 Birthday Offering

Presbyterian Women have a long tradition of caring for others and helping those in need. Ever since Hallie Paxson Winsborough, in 1922, challenged each member of the Women's auxiliary of the PCUS to give a penny for each year of her life as a “birthday gift” for Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan, Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering has helped fund mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world. In 2015, we will answer the call to show Jesus' love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to the Community of St. Therese of Lisieux and to the Bethesda Christian Community Center. Both groups minister to women affected by poverty and violence.

### Sunday School

Children's Sunday School and Girls' Group are in recess until fall. The Teen Scene will meet one more week on June 7. Beginning June 7 and extending through the summer, Human Scene will be hosting an informal Bible study every Sunday at 9:00. Each Sunday we will read and discuss the Biblical readings for that Sunday's service.

### Youth Mission Trip

Our youth group (13 youth and 3 adult chaperones) will head to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the annual Mission Trip from **June 28 through July 3**. They will be working in Cincinnati's *Over the Rhine* neighborhood, where they will participate in various projects, including work projects such as painting and clean-up, and will help with a children's camp and a sports camp as well. The sponsoring organization will also provide evening programming. The group will be lodging at North Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati.



### Scouts

Pack 24 sent a group of 52 Cub Scouts, siblings and parents to YMCA Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. Although the weather was damp and chilly the scouts enjoyed their time with horseback riding, marksmanship, hiking, candle-making, climbing and a camp fire. In May, our Boy Scouts participated in their annual camping trip to Kankakee River State Park, with canoeing, kayaking, and bike riding. Three scouts were honored at an Eagle Court of Honor for achieving scouting's highest rank: Joe Jones, Cody Lanken, and Jack Lennon.

Please check the  
Website for the  
most recent  
calendar  
updates!

# June 2015



| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu                          | Fri  |    |
|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|--|----|
|  | 1<br>5:15p Volleyball   | 2<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>7p Stewardship<br>Comm Mtg<br>7p Personnel<br>Comm Mtg | 3<br>Office Closed                                    | 4<br>6:30a Women's<br>Forum  | 5  | 6  |
| 7<br>9a Human Scene<br>(no Childrens' Sunday<br>School)<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>11a Fellowship Com Mtg<br>2p Cantata Worship        | 8<br>5:15p Volleyball<br>7p Finance Comm<br>Mtg<br>7:30p Trustees | 9<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>7p Children &<br>Youth Comm Mtg                        | 10<br>Office Closed<br>10a Pres. Women<br>Bible Study | 11<br>6:30a Women's<br>Forum | 12   | 13 |
| 14<br>9a Human Scene<br>(no Childrens' Sunday<br>School)<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>11:15a Endowment                                   | 15<br>5:15p Volleyball  | 16<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>7p Deacons  | 17<br>Office Closed<br>7p Session                     | 18<br>6:30a Women's<br>Forum | 19<br>9a Deacons-<br>Lexington<br>Square<br>10a CARERS<br>Comm Mtg | 20 |
| 21<br>9a Human Scene<br>(no Childrens' Sunday<br>School)<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship<br>2p Scottish Home Worship<br><b>Vision</b> Deadline | 22<br>5:15p Volleyball  | 23<br>6:30a Men's Forum<br>9:30a Staff Mtg<br>7p Preschool<br>Comm Mtg           | 24<br>Office Closed                                   | 25<br>6:30a Women's<br>Forum | 26   | 27 |
| 28<br>9a Human Scene<br>(no Childrens' Sunday<br>School)<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Fellowship   | 29<br>5:15p Volleyball  | 30<br>6:30a Men's Forum  |   |                              |  |    |

*I want to express my thanks and appreciation to my church family who comforted me with calls, cards, and prayers after the passing of my mother, Dorothy Fiala, 94 yrs.*

*Special thanks to the RPC Choir, Dr. Sally, Paula McCracken, Connie Kelly, and the Deacons for their TLC.*

*Donna Ulrich*

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

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