



The Vision

August 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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Summer Office Hours

The RPC Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until noon every weekday except Wednesday. Kathryn Nadkarni is staffing the office this

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

August 30 at RPC!

We have lots of fun events planned for August 30—hope to see you there!

Sunday School: Grow with God!

Come celebrate the start of Sunday School with our annual kick-off party! This year's event will be held at 9:00 a.m. Kids entering grades kindergarten through 8th are invited to join us as we gather to play games, have fun and learn a little more about one another. Stick around after the service for the RPC picnic and kickball tournament! Keep an eye on your mailbox for more information, check out [our website](#), or follow us on Facebook. Questions? E-mail susan.zander@rpcusa.org.

Youth Group Kick-Off

On August 30, we will be joining the Sunday School kickoff celebration. Senior and Junior high youth are invited to join in our Kick-Off Kickball game that will be happening on that date. Junior High youth are then invited to a welcome meeting on the evening of the 30th to go over our plans for the fall. We hope to see you there!

Kick-Off Picnic

Join us on August 30 after the Sunday service (in place of Coffee Fellowship). We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs and would love for you to bring a side dish or dessert to share (and a lawn chair or two!)

Kickball Tournament

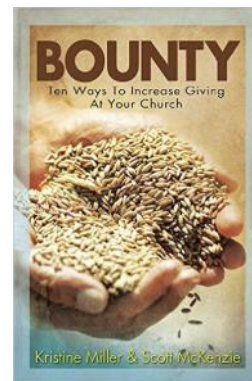
All ages are invited to play kickball after church on August 30. We will set up a field on the village green across from the church on Scottswood. If you want to kick but don't want to run the bases, there will be youth available (but you'll have to "work out" the arrangements privately). The umpire may also be "encouraged" to rule in your favor for a small donation. We also need lots of spectators, so bring your sunscreen and chairs. Spectators may feel free to "influence" the course of the game.

Worship

Beloved friends:

Exciting times are upon us!

- ♦ August 30—The church school year begins.
- ♦ September 13— The Stewardship, Finance and Endowment Committees will host an Open Forum after worship.
- ♦ September 20—We will have a Blessing of Animals Service followed by an Open Forum led by our Designated Pastor Nominating Committee.
- ♦ September 13 to November 15— I will preach a 10-week sermon series based on the book *Bounty*, by Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie, in connection with the Stewardship Campaign.



God is good! Life is a gift! See you in church.

Emily

Worship at Cantata and Scottish Home

Our Deacons and other volunteers provide monthly services to residents of our two local senior citizen homes. Join us for worship at Cantata on Sunday, August 2, at 2:00 p.m., and at the Scottish Home on Sunday, August 23, at 2:00 p.m. Families and children are especially welcome. Your participation is so appreciated!



August 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
August 2	David Harper	OPEN	Allan & Kate Chard Ellen Hamilton & Laura Vanags	OPEN	OPEN
August 9	Matt Lisle	OPEN	Bryan & Susan Zander Family	Jansky Family	OPEN
August 16	Ellen Hamilton	OPEN	Elizabeth Musick & Paula McCracken Dennis Zander & Sandra Kappmeyer	OPEN	OPEN
August 23	Matt Lisle	OPEN	Frank & Claire Gangware Dennis Zander & Sandra Kappmeyer	OPEN	Ranft and Rayfield Families
August 30	Roberta Gates	OPEN	Paula McCracken, Kathi Rocanova, Marilyn Slanec, Monica Wood	OPEN	OPEN

Session Notes

In July, the Session:

- ♦ approved adopting an Andrew Ministry program at RPC, which focuses on bringing people to Jesus by shepherding them into the community of faith through a mission of hospitality and spiritual mentoring;
- ♦ received Brian and Adrienne Phillips as new members and approved the baptism of their daughter, Emma;
- ♦ accepted the resignation of Scott Schwarz from Session;
- ♦ renewed an agreement with Rev. Doug Asbury for Manse occupancy for one year, contingent on not needing the Manse for use by a new Pastor;
- ♦ approved a Blessing of the Animals service during Worship on September 20; and
- ♦ discussed procedures for organizing RPC committees, record-keeping, and streamlining Session meetings.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session



Board of Deacons Summer Cent\$ability Offering

Our annual Cent\$ability Offering is held during the summer months. Your loose coins will go to help the hungry in the area served by the Presbytery of Chicago. Last summer we collected over \$500. We will be trying to raise even more this summer and your participation will help a great deal.



Michelle Hejna	8/1	Maggie Hejna	8/14	James Long	8/20
Jerry Buttimer	8/2	Carrie Staubus	8/15	Carol Walker	8/20
Justine Finn	8/2	Steve Feary	8/16	Brianna Allen	8/21
Lynn Shannon-Labotka	8/2	Kip Friend	8/16	Lauren Cody	8/21
Samantha Doornebos	8/4	Samantha Friend	8/16	Marjorie Lewe	8/21
Aidin Liberty-Bouse	8/4	Lily Lisle	8/16	Amanda Schwarz	8/21
Elizabeth Musick	8/4	Charlotte Tagliere	8/16	Haley Rayfield	8/22
Claire Gangware	8/5	Susan Deems-Dluhy	8/17	Ellary Hastings	8/24
Sue Gross	8/6	Jordana Jantze	8/17	Dima Aieta	8/25
Scott Schulze	8/10	Will Vogel II	8/18	Joyce Dobrzanski	8/25
Joseph Dvorak III	8/11	Jake Fieseler	8/19	Sydney Cokins	8/26
Larry Allen	8/13	Leanne Heine	8/19	Kathi Roccanova	8/27
Alyssa Lancaster	8/13	Harriet Kweton	8/20	Margot Carlson	8/30
				Elizabeth Armstrong	8/31

In August, the Trustee of the month is Susan Deems-Dluhy, with Caroline Tecson as back-up.

Sharing Our Gifts

CARERS Corner

In August we are requesting canned goods for fall—soups, stews, canned meat and fish, etc. for the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.



Christmas Craft Bazaar and Cafe

The Holiday bazaar and Christmas Cafe' is just a few months away. Please mark your calendar for November 14, and join in. This is a reminder that we are still collecting for the Holiday Bazaar. If you have any of the following items that you no longer want, please bring them to RPC and place them in the box on the pew near the office. If we can help by picking things up, please contact Sandra Kappmeyer at skappzan@aol.com.

- ♦ Decorations are needed for all holidays: New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, 4th of July, Halloween (including costumes), Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- ♦ Seasonal decorations including dried or artificial flowers
- ♦ Craft items for people who want to make their own decorations
- ♦ Party decorations (birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc.)
- ♦ New—and indistinguishable from new— items that people can buy for gifts & stocking stuffers'
- ♦ Candles
- ♦ Plastic or paper bags



The deadline for donating will be November 1. If you create craft items, we'd love for you to make a donation to the church's craft table. If you create a lot of items and want to host your own craft booth, pick up the form in the office or [download it](#) and turn it in to the office. Come early fall, I'll be looking for volunteers to help make the day a success. Please consider coming to spend part of the day working, and much of the day having fun, eating good food, and buying things your RPC friends just donated.

Sandra Kappmeyer

August Share-a-Meal at *The Boulevard*

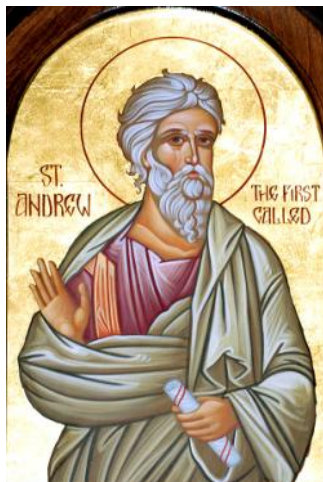
Our next SAM (Share-A-Meal) at The Boulevard (formerly Interfaith House) will be on Sunday, August 30. We will be serving the ever-popular White Fence Farm chicken. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful members, we need only collect about \$100 this month. The rest of the menu needs are as follows:

Macaroni & cheese – 8 pans
Kale Salad - 2 large pans (available in a kit at Costco, 4 kits = 1 large pan)
Rolls - 96
½ Sheet Cakes - 2 (1 chocolate, 1 white or yellow)

We also need 4 volunteers for service.

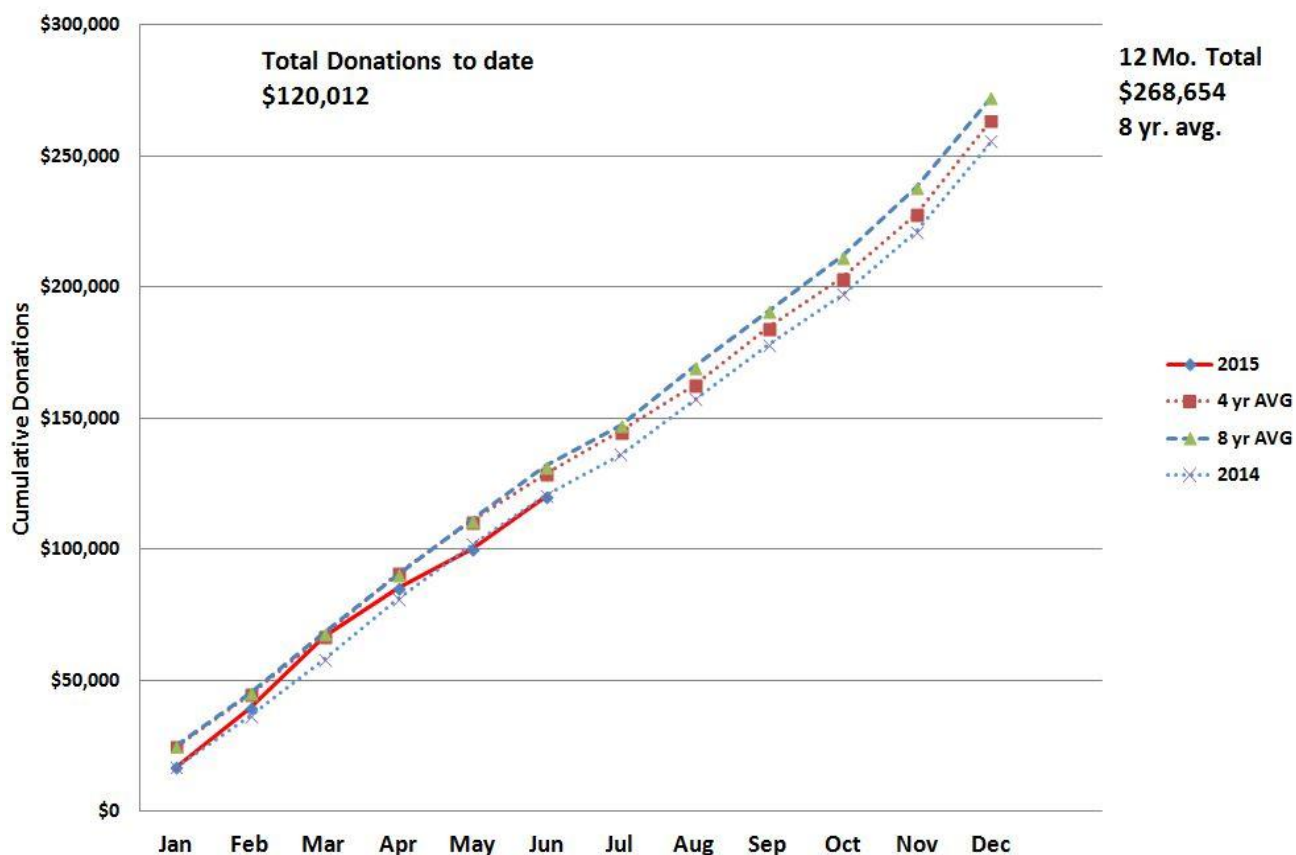
Please contact Ellen Hamilton or the office if you are able to participate as either a food donor or service volunteer. Thanks so much!

The Andrew Ministry at RPC



Andrew was the disciple who brought people to Jesus. In *John 1: 35-42*, Andrew begins following Jesus after John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew found his brother Simon (Peter) and said, "We have found the Messiah." He brought Peter to Jesus and the two of them became his first followers. The Andrew Ministry is dedicated to bringing people to Jesus by shepherding them into the community of faith through a mission of hospitality and spiritual mentoring. Trained Andrew Ministers are able to greet people as they enter the church and answer questions they may have, call on prospective members, connect prospective members to the various ministries of the church, shepherd people through the membership process and stay in touch with them until they are assimilated into the life of the church. The RPC Session has approved moving forward in developing and implementing an Andrew Ministry. Over the next several weeks the Elders will be nominating and inviting people to undergo training this fall as an Andrew Minister. We are looking for gregarious and outgoing individuals who like connecting people to one another and are willing to mentor perspective members. If you have questions about the program and the training feel free to contact Susan Lynch skstrause@us.ibm.com.

RPC CUMULATIVE DONATIONS vs. PREVIOUS YEARS



Did you know that giving back has an effect on your body? Studies show that when people donated to charity, the mesolimbic system, the portion of the brain responsible for *feelings of reward*, was triggered. The brain also releases feel-good chemicals and spurs you to perform more kind acts -- something psychologists call "helper's high." So, a special thanks to the "helpers" who contributed so much time to VBS and the Strawberry Social.

Mission Trip

On June 28, 13 students and 4 adults embarked on the 2015 Mission Trip to Cincinnati, Ohio. Despite some minor hiccups on the way to Ohio, namely some high water and closed roads, we arrived in Cincinnati ready to serve with YouthWorks, a Christian-based mission organization. Our group was split into two teams, one led by Lisa Marciniak and Matt Gauen, the second by Brooke Schwarz and Susan Lisle. The first group spent their week at the LeBlond Boys and Girls club, spending time with youth, reading books, playing games, serving food, organizing garages and doing other miscellaneous tasks. The second group alternated their days between a local garden center and a small congregation, helping with tasks such as organization, cleaning, gardening, sorting and other forms of labor.

Evenings were filled with activities organized by [YouthWorks](#), including a rap concert with a local artist with an incredible, inspiring testimony. We also spent time at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, a powerful and moving experience, and at a dual-language worship service at [La Viña](#), a bilingual congregation in Cincinnati. Finally, we closed out our week with a cookout that, in spite of the rain, was a great success.

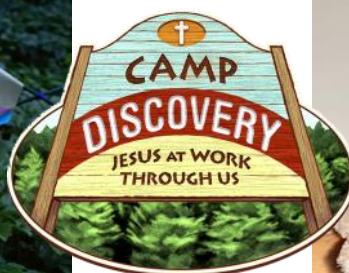
The youth did an incredible job throughout the week, persevering through early mornings and long days, and I appreciated their flexibility, their openness, their attention to detail and their hard work. I also want to thank the amazing adult leaders as well. Each day we were asked at the end of the day, "Where did you see God today?" Over the course of our week in Cincinnati, I saw God at work in each and every one of the amazing RPC Youth.

Thank you to Stuart (our lone senior!) Josh, Dima, Michael, Kaki, Abby, Alyssa, Natalie, Laura, Rachel, Mia, Eva, Sylvia, Lisa, Brooke and Susan, for an unforgettable first-time Mission Trip experience.

Matt Gauen



Vacation Bible School



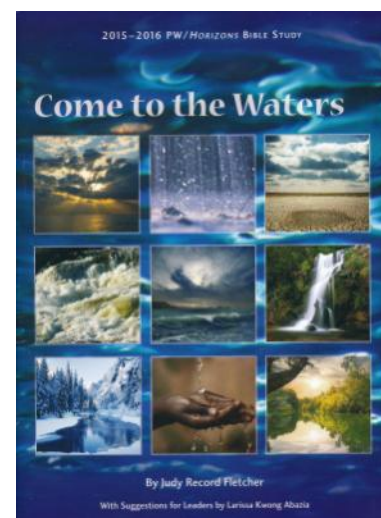
Strawberry Social





Come to the Waters

The topic for the 2015-2016 Horizons Bible Study will be *Come to the Waters* by Judy Record Fletcher, with suggestions for leaders by Larissa Kwong Abazia. *Come to the Waters* considers water images and stories in the Bible. With over 800 references to water in the Bible, there is no shortage of passages from which to choose. The study begins with the chaotic waters of creation in *Genesis* and ends with the river of life in *Revelation*. Lesson Leaders for 2015-2016 will be Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura.



The first Presbyterian Women's gathering of the Bible Study year will be on Wednesday, August 26, at 10:00 a.m., in the RPC Social Hall. All women are welcome. Coffee is served.

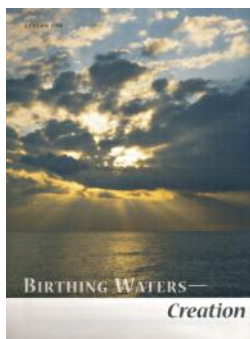
Lesson 1: Birthing Waters—Creation

Scripture: Genesis 1:1—2:4

Lesson Focus: Out of the waters of chaos God created everything. God saw the goodness of creation and gave humans responsibility for caring for it. The seventh day, a day of rest, is part of creation too.

Lesson Leader for Lesson 1: Elizabeth Musick.

New members are warmly welcomed. There is an extra Bible Study book just for you!



2015-2016 Presbyterian Women's Schedule

August 26	Lesson 1
September 23	Lesson 2
October 28	Lesson 3
November 18	Lesson 4
January, 2016	Afternoon Tea
February 24	Lesson 5
March 23	Lesson 6
April 27	Lesson 7
May 25	Lesson 8
June 15	Lesson 9

Volunteer to Serve as a Presbytery Commissioner

Many Presbyterians have found a rewarding way to serve God and their congregations by serving as *commissioners to the Presbytery*. Benefits to you include: (1) Connect/reconnect with Presbyterian leaders from other churches, share ideas and questions; (2) Find out about ministries and what works in other churches; (3) Worship in other Presbyterian churches and experience other worship styles; and (4) Know that you've made a valuable contribution to God and to our church. No experience is required. What is required: (1) Be an elder in good standing at RPC.; (2) Attend 5-6 assembly meetings per year on Saturdays or Tuesday evenings, (3) Be eager to contribute to our church; and (4) Vote for a variety of issues with our other commissioners. For more information, or to express an interest, please contact Laura Vanags at vanagslaura@gmail.com.

Human Scene

Human Scene will continue in August with informal discussions on the Sunday Bible readings—with the exception of August 9, which will feature a special presentation from our youth education coordinators, Susan Zander and Matt Gauen. Join Susan and Matt as they walk us through the history of their programs, a synopsis of future plans and answer any questions related to the ongoing ministry for children and youth. A few kids will be present to walk participants through a typical Sunday School rotation.



Sunday School Kick-Off

We will have our Sunday School kick-off picnic on **Sunday, August 30**, after the Sunday service (in place of Coffee Fellowship). We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs outside the church (weather permitting, of course) and would love for you to bring a side dish or dessert to share (and a lawn chair or two). Please contact Karl-Heinz Meyer (kalle1015@aol.com) or Deb Jansky (newhorizons002@gmail.com) if you can contribute to our menu. See you there!

Friday Night Fellowship

Join us for our Friday Night Summer Fellowship Party on August 28 , from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., hosted by Ellen Hamilton at 213 Woodside Road in Riverside. All those 21 and over are welcome. Please bring an hors-d'oeuvre and beverage to share. Instant party!

**MY FAVORITE
FRIDAY**



We need you!

Please consider signing up to host Coffee Fellowship in August. We are in need of hosts. Coffee Fellowship is one of the traditions that makes RPC special. Easy to follow instructions are sent to our hosts. Please sign up on the board outside of the Social Hall, or send an e-mail to Deb Jansky or Karl-Heinz Meyer.

Girls' Group Starting September 9

All Junior and Senior High girls are invited to attend Girls Group! We will mostly meet Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., but will also have some weekend events. If you are a rising 6th grader, or are not currently on the e-mail list for Girls Group, please contact Tara Gregus at taragregus@yahoo.com. All are welcome and so are friends! We are looking forward to another great year!



The Girls' Group enjoyed a sleepover June 23-24 at the Gregus vacation house and tried paddle-boarding.

Please check the
Website for the
most recent
calendar
updates!

August 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
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2 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11a Fellowship Comm Mtg 2p Cantata Worship	3 5:15p Volleyball	4 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Stewardship Comm Mtg 7p Personnel Comm Mtg	5 Office Closed	6 6:30a Women's Forum	7	8
9 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	10 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm Mtg 7:30p Trustees Mtg	11 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg 7p Children & Youth Comm Mtg	12 Office Closed	13 6:30a Women's Forum	14	15
16 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship Vision Deadline	17 5:15p Volleyball	18 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Deacons' Mtg	19 Office Closed 7p Session Mtg	20 6:30a Women's Forum	21 10a CARERS Comm Mtg	22
23 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Scottish Home Worship	24 5:15p Volleyball	25 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Preschool Comm Mtg	26 Office Closed	27 6:30a Women's Forum	28 7p Friday Fellowship	29
30 9a Sunday School Kickoff 9a Human Scene 10a Worship Share-a-Meal						

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

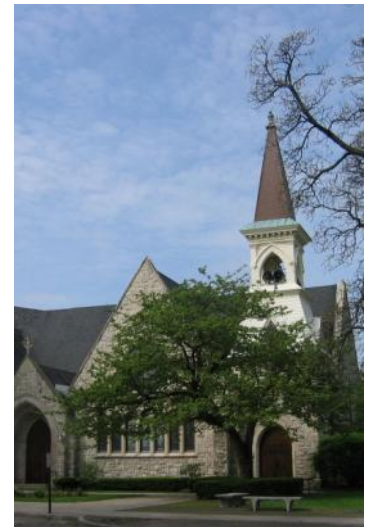
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