



The Vision

January 2016

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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Rev. Emily Rosencrans will be leading a

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Sunday, January 3, 2016 at
4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Rev. Rosencrans has studied and led prayer and healing services for almost 30 years. This service will be especially focused on those grieving during the holidays. For those who have lost loved ones or had to deal with significant difficulties in the last year, the holidays can be challenging. Please come to this service of comfort, healing and hope to be encouraged by the prayers of God's people and surrounded by a loving faith community.

All are invited to bring their personal prayer requests for healing and wholeness as well. Bring to the Lord your wounds which will not heal, your relationships which refuse to be reconciled, your hurt, your pain, your despair, your anger, your sadness, all your losses and all your grief.

All elders are encouraged to attend for the laying on of hands as part of this prayer service, in accordance with scripture:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up: anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5: 13-16

Worship



Andrew Ministry at RPC

RPC's Andrew Ministry commenced with Advent. Each Sunday there is a team of Andrew Ministers to greet and orient visitors to our church. If you find yourself sitting next to a visitor, make a point to introduce yourself and be sure to introduce the visitor to one of the Andrew ministers, either before or after worship. Encourage the visitor to sign the blue "Welcome Book." You may be wondering . . . we do not send unsolicited membership information to our visitors, we simply send them a handwritten note thanking them for worshipping with us and inviting them back.



January 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
January 3	OPEN	OPEN	Edith Wakely & Fred Kitch Mike and Gwen Heine	Joyce Dobrzanski	OPEN
January 10	OPEN	OPEN	Deb Pike & Laura Vanags Cindy Reynolds & Haley Rayfield	OPEN	OPEN
January 17	OPEN	OPEN	George & Susan Dluhy Jon & Deb Jansky	OPEN	OPEN
January 24	OPEN	OPEN	McLean Family Ourth Family	OPEN	OPEN
January 31	OPEN	OPEN	Thom & Nancy De Vries Hank & Debbie Vogel	OPEN	OPEN

Session Notes

In December, the Session:

- ◆ After thorough discussion and prayerful consideration, approved a budget for 2016 which shows a year-end "deficit on faith" of \$17,295. It is hoped that those members who have not yet pledged their financial support to RPC will consider doing so and that those who have pledged will consider an increase so that when a new Pastor is called, the finances will be on solid ground.
- ◆ Affirmed the desire to seek a full-time, not part-time, Designated Pastor.
- ◆ Scheduled ordination and installation of church officers for January 3.
- ◆ Called the Annual Congregational Meeting for January 31, following Morning Worship.
- ◆ Noted with sadness the death of Crystal Coffman on July 26, 2015.
- ◆ Thanked retiring elders Stanley Schade, Elizabeth Musick and Susan Zander for their service.
- ◆ Scheduled training for all church officers on January 31, from noon until 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Removed the following from the active roll, at their request: Michael and Mary Smith, Marty and Debbie Lubeck, and Riley and Lily Henderson.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session



Joe Ourth	1/1	Kelly Haugland	1/12	Mary Ann Sadilek	1/23
Laura Vanags	1/4	Ron Pike	1/12	Audrey Withers	1/24
Terence Akebe	1/5	Amy Regan	1/14	Claire Chaney	1/25
Matt Lisle	1/7	DeAnn Gruber	1/15	Bob Gruber	1/25
Monica Wood	1/7	Stella Meuyou	1/16	Shelley Reichle	1/27
Chris Bouse	1/8	Carol Franzo	1/17	Abby Willinger	1/28
E. Jay Van Cura	1/8	Chuck Niedrich	1/17	Laura McLean	1/30
Sara Willinger	1/8	Jack Kemper	1/20	Rachel McLean	1/30
Andie Sterner	1/9	Emma Schander	1/20	Tom Booton	1/31
Celia Carl	1/11	Jonathan Gruber	1/21	Isabella Cain	1/31
Lisa Hastings	1/11			Remy Doornebos	1/31

Trustees for January are George Meyer and Jon Jansky.

Church News

Caring Christmas

On December 6, RPC members gathered for our annual “Caring Christmas” hosted by the Deacons, and coordinated this year by our youth deacon, Kaki Lynch. Thank you Kaki, and to all who helped decorate cookies, write Christmas cards and create cute snowmen from white tube socks and Christmas themed socks. There was lots of holiday spirit as we prepared 28 plates of cookies and snowmen for our members who are not able to join us regularly.



Holiday Bazaar

If you would like a tax receipt for your donations to last month's bazaar, please contact either the church office or Sandra Kappmeyer at skappzan@aol.com. Though we're not going to go after it with the same gusto as last year, we will again be collecting holiday items for the next-to-new sale that will accompany next year's bazaar, renamed **Christkindlmarkt** (November 12, 2016). If you missed the opportunity last year to donate Christmas, Easter and other holiday items you no longer want, the donation box will again reside on the pew near the office, and your offerings greatly appreciated.



Deacon Angels

In December, the Deacons gave angels to the residents at Cantata and the Scottish Home. On the back was this verse:

He will give His angels charge to you, to guard you in all your ways.
Psalm 91:11

Share-a-Meal

Please check your emails or the [RPC website](#) for opportunities to participate in our mission efforts at [The Boulevard](#). We prepare and serve food on the *last* Sunday of every month. Look for the [SignUpGenius](#) button on the website under “Outreach.” It's a great opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



CARERS

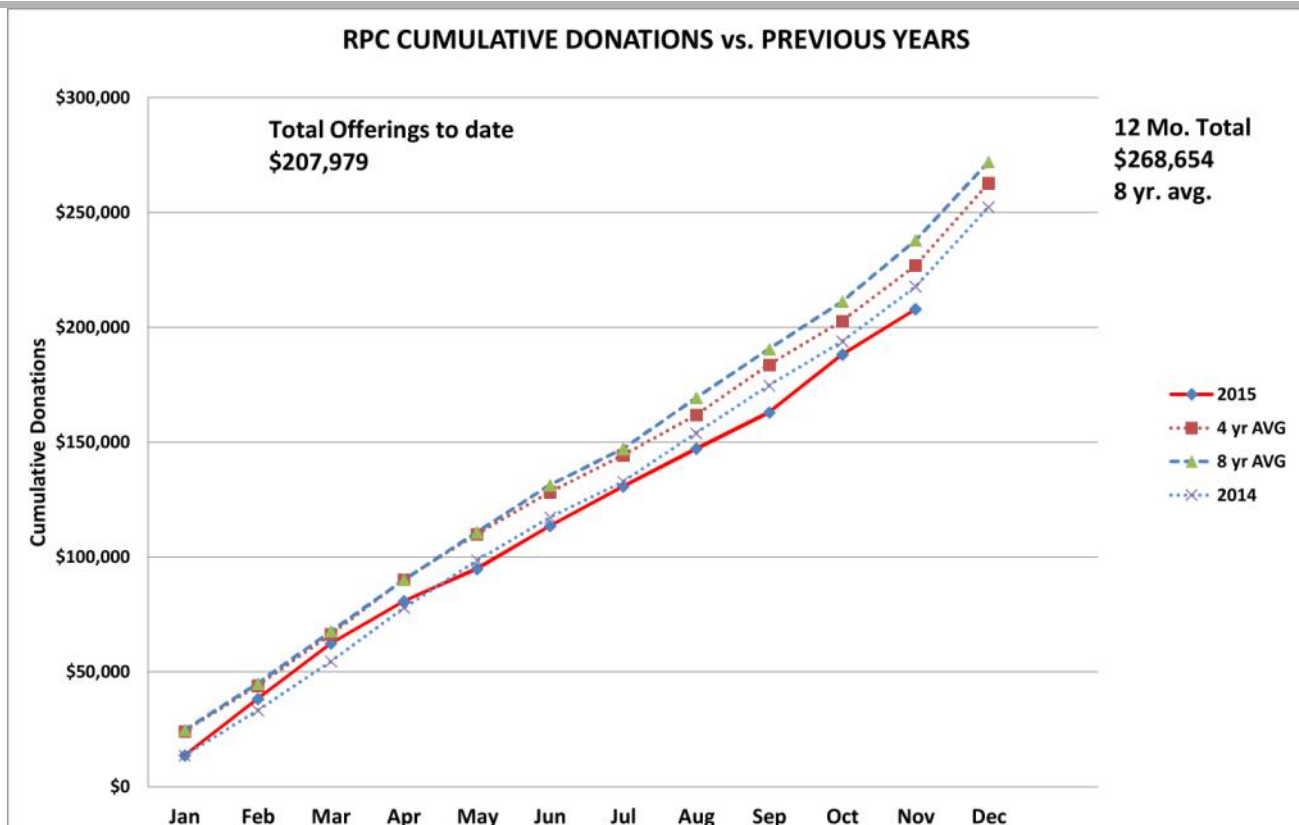
In January, CARERS Committee is assisting [The Boulevard](#) (formerly Interfaith House). Homeless people temporarily live at The Boulevard while recuperating from illness or injury. When these folks are able to be on their own, they will need tools for basic repairs, cooking gear, utensils, towels and other essential household items. Thank you for your donations of any of these items.



The most recent afghan made went to veteran Lloyd Bradbury.

Soles for Souls

At press time for the January edition of *Vision*, more than 50 pairs of shoes had been donated to the [Soles4Souls](#) shoe drive. *Proverbs* (19:17) promises a blessing to those who give to the poor and it is hoped that everyone who gave will see many blessings during this Christmas season and in the coming year. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.



Based on this month's donations, the Lord continues to bless us and is reflected in your generosity to support our ability to help and support others. Thank you all.

Christmas Pageant

The Children's Worship Service on December 6 drew a great crowd to watch a large number of our RPC children participate in a memorable event. This old-fashioned Christmas pageant highlighted the talents of our youth. From the musicians, to the ushers, liturgists, and actors, each child worked very hard to make this service special. Our bulletins featured beautiful artwork from several of our Sunday School students. Even the Statement of Faith was created by the children in Sunday school. There were also many adults who helped make this wonderful day a success. Many thanks to all of you.



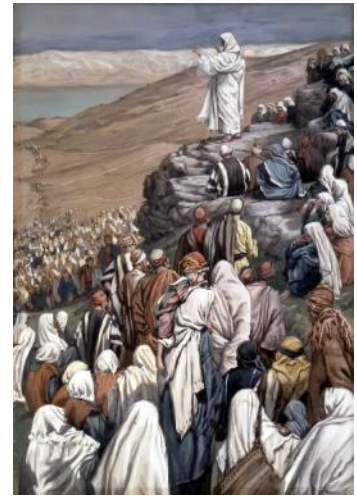


Children & Youth

What's Happening in Sunday School

Sunday School returns on January 3. We're starting off the New Year with a fascinating rotation on the Beatitudes. The **Beatitudes** are eight blessings recounted in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. The term *beatitude* comes from the Latin noun *beātitudō* which means "happiness".

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn: for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



James Tissot, *The Beatitudes Sermon*, c. 1890

Activities will include learning about ways to donate your time and talent through local organizations, making and donating friendship soup, making a map of Jerusalem, and fun computer activities. Specific information about this month's schedule will be emailed at the beginning of the month.

Youth Group News

Many of our youth participated in the Christmas Pageant on December 6 and helped with Caring Christmas, creating gifts and decorating cookies for home-bound members of our congregation. Also in December, we took a trip to downtown Chicago, enjoying the sights and the Maggie Daley Skating Rink.

January 3: Game Night at RPC, COMBINED Jr/Sr High Event, 3:00-5:00 p.m.. Snacks will be provided.
January 10: Service Project (More info TBA)
January 17: Youth Bowling Trip, COMBINED Jr/Sr High 12:00-3:00 p.m.. Location TBA.
January 24: Teen Scene (Sr High) and Middle School Luncheon (Jr High)
January 31: Mission Trip Meeting (Sr High) 12:30 p.m. (following the Congregational Meeting)

If you have any questions, feel free to email Matt Gauen at mjgauen@gmail.com.

Girls Group in January

All junior and senior high girls are invited to join us for Girls Group! We will meet in January on the following dates, so please mark your calendars:

Friday, January 8: RPC 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13: RPC 7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 22: Riverside Library, 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 29: Riverside Library, 4:00 p.m.

Check your email for details on what we will be doing. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! Questions? Contact Tara Gregus at tara.gregus@rpcusa.org.

Presbyterian Women

In January, there will be no morning Bible Study, but the group will meet at Walle Harris' home for afternoon tea and fellowship, on January 20 at 2:00 p.m. The study, *Come To the Waters*, will resume on Wednesday, February 24, with Lesson Five, *Stormy Water—Faith*.



Human Scene

Join the **Human Scene** class *on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the upstairs Parlor*. You will have a chance to explore scripture, theology, current events, mission projects, and your own spiritual journey.

Can you name the minor prophets? The **Minor Prophets** or **Twelve Prophets**, also known as the **Book of the Twelve**, are the twelve individual **books** in the Christian **Old Testament**, one for each of the prophets. The terms "minor prophets" and "twelve prophets" can also refer to the twelve traditional authors of these works. During the month of January, Human Scene is privileged to present a continuation of the discussion about the minor prophets led by Pastor Emily. Although the class is a multi-week series, each class stands by itself and does not require attendance at any previous sessions. Please feel free to attend when your schedule permits.



Messiah

December 13 marked the 31st annual Christmas concert at Riverside Presbyterian Church. Started when Mary Ann Sadilek was Music Director, *Messiah* has been directed for 12 years by Sally Sloane. A wonderful Wassail reception followed the performance, hosted by the Janskys and fabulously decorated by Karl-Heinz Meyer and the Fellowship Committee.



Happy 2016! We will be celebrating 50 days of preschool and Wicky Wacky Wednesday in January. We are now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available outside the church office and also on the rpecpreschool.com website. Please call the preschool at 708-447-1520 with any questions you may have.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live! . . . Back for Late Winter

Stay tuned for specifics, but clear your calendars now, because you're going to want to be a part of this. It's the reprise of our popular *Wednesday Night Live!* program!

What is *Wednesday Night Live!*? Dinner and activities for all ages on **Wednesday evenings**. **We're kicking it off on Ash Wednesday, February 17.** Dinner takes place between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., and is a great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship. On Ash Wednesday, we will worship at 7:00. Subsequent weeks, between 7:00 and 8:00 there will be classes and activities for all. We're still working on our programming, but we know you'll find it enjoyable and enriching. We'll be announcing our plans soon!

Frequently asked questions about WNL!

Q: What if I can't be there right at 6:00?

A: We start serving dinner at 6:00 so that the bell choir participants can get to rehearsal by 6:30. If you can make it by 6:30 or so, there's still plenty of time to eat. If you can't make it in time for dinner, you're still welcome to join us for class.

Q: What if I have a little one who needs to get to bed, and I can't stay for the classes/activities?

A: Come have dinner with us, anyway! You've got to eat somewhere, and we're willing to do the cooking!

Q: Is there a fee?

A: \$25 per person for the full set of weeks with a family maximum of \$100. If you drop in, it's \$5 per meal.

Q: What if I can't come all 6 weeks?

A: If you register, you can come whenever you can make it. If you don't want to register, we ask that you tell the office by Monday that you will be attending, and you can pay a "drop-in" price at dinner on Wednesday. We'd rather have you there once or twice than not at all!

Q: Do I really want to put another thing on my busy calendar?

A: In the past, WNL! participants were worried about this to begin with, and then found it was actually a relaxing mid-week break. Dinner out with friends? You can't beat that!

To register, please fill out the form available in the rack outside the office, or you can get the form [online here](#).

The Future of Food

RPC's Membership Committee will be hosting a documentary, [The Future of Food](#), at the Riverside Public Library, on Saturday, January 23, at 10:00 a.m. Come view this film, which illuminates many of the technological and consumer issues surrounding our food delivery systems—genetic modification, patenting, and the corporatization of food—and stay afterwards for discussion about the impact of our food choices. Questions? See Susan Lynch, Sandra Kappmeyer, or Doug Asbury.

Please check the
Website for the
most recent
calendar
updates!



January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!	2
3 9a Sunday School 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11a Open Gym 11a Fellowship Comm Mtg 2p Cantata Worship 4p Service of Healing and Hope	4 5:15 Volleyball	5 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Deacons Mtg 7p Personnel Comm Mtg	6 Office Closed 4:15p Ringers & Singers 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	7 6:30a Women's Forum	8	9
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"Where there is no vision, the people perish." — Proverbs 29:18

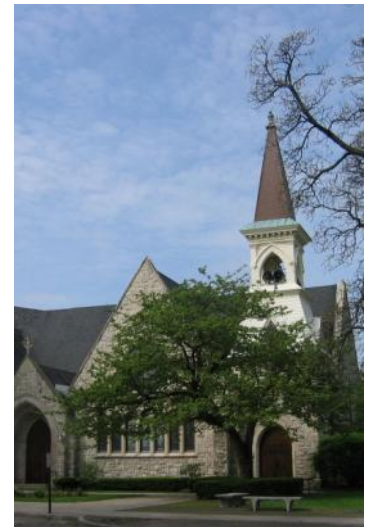
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