

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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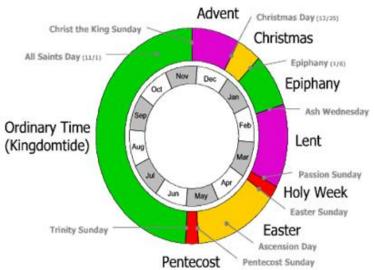
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The Vision

October 2016

Liturgical Stoles

This month I am sharing the stole that you see most often. The green stole that I wear for the season of ordinary time. First, a note about "ordinary time;" the church year is divided into seasons and holidays much like the secular year. Each season has its own mood, and theological emphases, which can be signified by different ways of decorating churches, colors of paraments and stoles, scriptural readings, themes for preaching and even different traditions and practices often observed personally or in the home.



My stole for ordinary time was designed by Jeff Wunrow of Wunrow Designs in St. Louis, Missouri. This is the second stole that Jeff and I collaborated on. After we had talked and I shared some of my ideas, Jeff produced some sketches that resulted in the design you see above. Jeff used a silk fabric for all aspects of the stole.

Green is the seasonal color, so green was the obvious color for the stole. The theological symbols on a parament or stole should be reflective of the season so during ordinary time there is some freedom. I suggested doves, which represent the Holy Spirit. The doves on my stole are pointed downward representing the descending of the Holy Spirit. There are three doves representing the Trinity. For me, personally, doves remind me of the Old Testament story of Noah and the flood. It is, of course, the dove that returned with an olive branch indicating to Noah that new life was appearing on the earth. The dove has also become a symbol of peace.

Once Jeff and I had decided on doves, I suggested using the colors of the rainbow somehow. Jeff came up with the idea of ribbons intermingling with the doves. And as you will see next month the colors of the rainbow would be represented in all of the stoles Jeff and I designed together.

Dale

Worship Notes: Outside My Own Little World

Beginning October 9 our worship series is *Outside My Own Little World*. In this series, we will remember why we are a Body together—being the hands and feet of Christ in a frightened and hurting world. We will focus not just on maintaining "the church," but why it is that the church exists at all. We will reaffirm our personal purpose in this world and who we are together. We will explore healthy Stewardship practices. The series will be multi-sensory and engage us in new and exciting ways. The series begins on October 9. On Sunday, October 2 we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

October 9	Population Two	Matthew 18:18-20
October 16	I Try to Stay Awake	Acts 20:7-12
October 23	I Don't Want to Miss What Matters	Matthew 25:36-46
October 30	Look Me in the Eye	James 2:14-17

Worship at Cantata and Scottish Home

The Deacons welcome any and all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata (the British Home) on October 2 at 2:00 p.m., and the worship service for the residents of the Scottish Home on October 16 at 2:00 p.m.



October 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	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
October 2	Susan Lynch	Gwen and Mike Heine Fred and Donna Mitchell	Elizabeth Musick	CARERS & Bible Study
October 9	Dennis Cobb	Fred Kitch, Kathi Roccanova Susan and Kaki Lynch	Ellen Hamilton	Connie Kelly & John Haugland
October 16	Ruth Svestka	David Harper, Claire Gangware Deb Pike, OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
October 23	Matt Lisle	Jeanine Buttimer Matt, Susan and Natalie Lisle	OPEN	OPEN
October 30	OPEN	Claire & Caroline Gangware OPEN	OPEN	Susan Lynch

Trustees for October are Nancy Jensen and Cyril Friend.

Session Notes

In September, the Session:

- Received Dennis Cobb into membership by Letter of Transfer.
- Authorized the Trustees to change insurance carriers from Church Mutual to Brotherhood Mutual, which will
 result in a lower premium.
- Approved having Rev. Jackson send a letter to some non-participating members stating that they will be removed from the rolls unless they indicate their desire to become active again in RPC's work and worship.
- Approved exploring the idea of hiring a seminary student to serve as a Youth Group Leader, to begin in January.
- Discussed the chapter concerning Christian Education from the book *Being Reformed*, focusing on the role of a transformative teacher and the need to meet children "where they are."
- Highlighted the outstanding "Living the Questions" series being presented at Human Scene classes, which now meet following Sunday Worship, and encouraged RPC members to attend.
- Welcomed Joan Kanatas as a new Preschool teacher.
- ♦ Learned about the exciting plans for Tuesday Night Live! which will begin on October 4 and is open to members and non-members. Rev. Jackson will lead a series discussing the book *Waking Up White*, part of Presbytery's emphasis on race relations.

Mary Ann Sadilek Clerk of Session

Ringers & Singers

Since 2006, RPC has been home to two children's choirs: the Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. These groups are led by Sandra Kappmeyer, Sally Sloane and Donna Ulrich on a volunteer basis.

The choirs meet each Wednesday during the school year from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Children from ages 5 through 12 are welcome to join. No RPC affiliation is necessary and there are no fees! We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, playing percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Much of our music follows the liturgical church year and we include brief lessons on scripture. Many children from this group have gone on to ring with our pre-professional handbell ensemble, the acaBELLa Ringers.

If you have a child interested in joining us, please contact Sally Sloane at musikhse@comcast.net.



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

Colleen Muller requests donations of 4-ply acrylic yarn and 8-inch knitted or crocheted squares. <u>Contact Colleen</u> for more information. The squares are made into afghans to be donated to various charities.

CARERS Corner

This autumn the CARERS trunk will be ready and waiting for donations of nonperishable foods. The First Presbyterian Church of Chicago will distribute your contributions to those in need at their *Food for Life* program in the Woodlawn neighborhood near 63rd and Kimbark Drive. (Please, no glass or thin plastic containers due to the possibility of breakage.) Thank you for your participation.





Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)

Companions Journeying Together is a prison ministry to send cards to inmates. There are packs of 10 cards each near the CARERS trunk outside the church office. Please take one or more packs. Add an appropriate message on the card if you wish. Sign your name. Insert the card in the envelope, but do not seal the envelopes. Please provide stamps; do not affix them to the envelopes, but provide them separately. Prison regulations prohibit using stickers, glue, paste, or tape on the cards or envelopes. Do not enclose anything. The deadline for returning the cards is Sunday, November 6. Thank you for being involved.

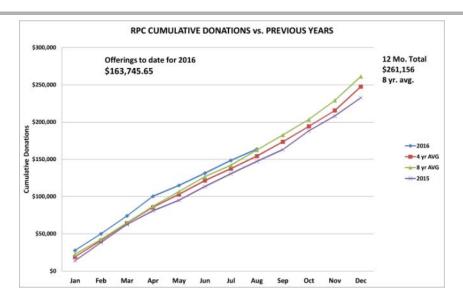
Feed Our Community Day

Please join us in supporting the 5th annual *Feed Our Community Day*, on Saturday, October 15, at the North Riverside Village Commons. You can help us do so in a number of ways:



- Sign up online for a shift to pack meals, or contact the church office for a paper form.
- Donate snacks to feed the hungry workers.
- Make a financial donation and we will pack the meals for you. Each dollar donated buys the raw materials for four meals. This is a fun, multi-generational event sponsored by the Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches.

Come join us! Contact Jeanine Buttimer with questions at <u>buttimer270@aol.com</u>. More information is available



We continue to match or exceed the 4 and 8-year average donations. Our \$5,000 donation to Presbytery Missions was a great statement of faith in the generosity you all have shown and the effort that has been made to manage expenses. With *Faith*, *Hope*, and *Charity*, we will finish the year on top. Thank you all.



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Joseph in Egypt: There's More to the Story

This year in Sunday school we're focusing on the "Quest for Identity." October starts off with the story of Joseph and his identity within his family as revealed to him in dreams. Later in the month we'll explore Joseph's time in Egypt and learn how God walks with him on his journey. In the Living Waters computer lab, the kids will be creating cards to express an apology and study the story of Joseph in relation to repentance. In the Manse Kitchen, the kids will make "12-Tribe Trail Mix." They'll learn how 12 brothers became united as the 12 tribes of Israel, and then discuss the role of blessings in our lives today. In the Creation Station, kids learn about famine in Joseph's time, then visit a "Wacky Farm" to learn about sustainable agriculture and famine today. In the Gym, kids will play adapted versions of familiar games to better understand Joseph's quest for the identity of his family. Many thanks to all of our wonderful Sunday school volunteers who so generously contribute their time and talents to the children of RPC. We couldn't do it without each one of you!

October's Memory Verse

Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people. *Genesis 50:19*

Costume Helpers Needed

RPC's costume collection is in need of freshening up before this year's Christmas pageant. If you have a few hours to spare during the months of October or November, and are willing to launder some of the costumes, your help would be greatly appreciated. Some minor repairs are also needed. Please contact Susan Zander at susan.zander@rpcusa.org

We're having a party
You're in for a
SCARE
It's a Halloween Bash



All ages are invited to dress in costume and join us in the Social Hall on Saturday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m. for a ghoulishly good time. Bring a dish to share and some ideas for our pumpkin carving contest! We will have a Westminster Room of Terror for those brave souls looking for a good fright. Contact Susan Zander if you have any questions.



The kids had a great time dressing up in our photo booth during our Sunday school kick off!

Girls Group

Girls Group started up another year of fun, discussions and service projects intended to build strong young women. Any girl in 6th-12th grades is invited to attend Girls Group. We have prizes for those who bring a friend who is new to Girls Group! If you are not on the email list, contact Tara Gregus at tara.gregus@rpcusa.org. Here's what's coming up in October:

Wednesday, October 5—meeting after school at the Riverside Library Friday, October 14—meet at the Riverside Library. Hear guest speaker Diane Chaney talk about her career as an emergency room doctor

Saturday, October 15—Feed Our Community Day **Wednesday, October 19**—meet at RPC 7:00-8:00 p.m. to make Kiva loans

Friday, October 28—Meet at Tara's house for a bonfire, s'mores and games!



The Girls Group cooked dinner for a North Riverside family on September 14

Youth Group News

If you are a student in grades 6-12, we hope you'll join us when you can for Youth Group. Pastor Dale, Sandy Kappmeyer, and Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak have lots of interesting, meaningful, and just plain fun activities planned for you and any friends you might feel like inviting to come with you. (All are welcome, and the more, the merrier!)

If you haven't been receiving emails about youth group, let Lisa know at lisa.aulerich@yahoo.com, and she'll make sure you get added to the list. This will allow us to remind you of upcoming events, let you know if there are last minute changes in plans, and simply communicate good Youth Group info to you.

Here's what's planned for October:

Sunday, October 2 11:15 a.m. Meeting at church

Sunday, October 9 7:00 p.m. Debate Party (location to be determined)

Saturday, October 15 TBA Feed Our Community Day, North Riverside Commons

Sunday, October 16 11:15 a.m. Meeting at church

Saturday, October 29 6:00 p.m. Halloween Party at church

Questions? Call Pastor Dale at church 442-1520. Hope to see you there!



Preschool is off to a terrific start! We are learning some important life skills: taking turns, standing in line and making friends.

The weather has been so beautiful that we have been spending as much time outside as possible. We have been apple picking at a neighbor's apple tree, learning about metamorphosis, caterpillars and butterflies by watching real caterpillars eat and turn into chrysalides. We have been on nature hikes and played in the playground.

We will be visiting Brookfield Zoo to meet our adopted animal, Isis the lion, and take a class. We will be practicing fire safety with Riverside firefighters. Later in the month, we will visit Cantata to sing some scary Halloween songs for the residents.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study

Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes, by Judy Yates Siker, with Suggestions for Leaders by Patricia Lynn Miller.

Gathering: Wednesday, October 26, 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Social Hall. All women are invited. Coffee is served.

Lesson 3: According to Luke

Background Scripture: Luke 1-4; 14:12-24; 16:19-31

Key Scripture: *Luke 4:16-21; Acts 2:22-24*

Key Idea: Rejected by his own, Jesus, prophet of God, turns the world upside down with his teachings.



The Third Lens: In Lesson 2 we saw how the author we call Matthew offers us an intimate look at a crucial moment in God's story with Israel when factions within Judaism try to determine what it means to be a Jew in the wake of the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple. We also saw how Jesus, the master teacher, used parables to teach his disciples, then and now, of the present and coming Kingdom of Heaven, and their (and our) role in being messengers of the good news.

Lesson Leader: Elizabeth Musick

Organ Dedication Concert

Join us on **October 30 at 4:00 p.m.** to dedicate our restored organ. We are featuring the music of well-known composer Joel Raney and the debut of 13-year-old organ prodigy Gwendolyn Wolski from Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church of Oak Park. Mary Ann Sadilek and Sally Sloane will also play some of Joel's piano/organ duets in a service led by Reverend Dale Jackson. The program includes arrangements of *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, *Lord of the Dance*, *America the Beautiful*, *Litanies* by Jehan Alain, the *Widor Toccata* from Charles-Marie Widor's Fifth Organ Symphony, J.S. Bach's *Dorian Toccata* and César Franck's *Chorale #3*.





Gwendolyn Wolski began studying the pipe organ with Dr. Dennis Northway of Grace Episcopal Church of Oak Park when she was ten years old. She did so at the behest of her piano teacher, Dr. Sally Sloane. Dr. Sloane recognized the types of music Gwendolyn enjoyed playing most were traditional four part hymns and anything composed by J. S. Bach, making the organ the perfect fit for her musically. Gwendolyn is now thirteen years old and finds she can finally reach the pedals of the instrument, making the fit between instrument and young musician complete! She is thrilled to perform in Riverside Presbyterian Church's organ dedication recital.

Our pipe organ has an interesting and rich history. The 1904 instrument was a 2-manual Kimball from Chicago. The organ was originally connected to the pipes by tubular pneumatic action. The console was moved and George Lucas installed electric action to the pipes in the 1950s. The choir division was added and a 3-manual console was installed at this time. All additional pipes were obtained from Durst & Co. of Erie, PA. A set of Moller pipes (Swell Trumpet 8') was added during a small renovation in 1984. A Zimbelstern was installed in 2013 as a memorial gift from the John Kiwiet family. The 2016 organ restoration addressed many much needed repairs including: a new 3-manual console with a Syndne memory system, a rank of 16' trumpet stops on the swell division, repairs to the reservoirs and cleaning of the pipes.

We are celebrating the new rich sound made possible by the generosity of many kind donors. A free will offering will be collected to assist in paying the balance of approximately \$5,000 for the organ restoration. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the recital.

Pecans

For years the RPC women have handled the sale of pecans to benefit Erie Neighborhood House. The funds raised benefit their after-school program. This year, one-pound bags of freshly harvested pecan halves will be sold for \$10, with \$1.75 benefitting Erie. Orders may be placed during coffee hour, or with Carol Sprunger. Pre-paid orders are appreciated. Checks can be made payable to Erie House. Pecans will be delivered in early November.



Human Scene

In October, we will begin with a continuation of the "Living the Questions 2" program. Each Sunday's program begins with a 20-minute video segment that includes conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. We will then discuss the video. Starting on the second Sunday of the month (October 9), and to coincide with Pastor Dale's sermon series on church mission starting in October, Human Scene will host the program, *Called to Community*, a six-week program exploring the role of the church. This curriculum features several of our generation's wisest souls reflecting on these issues and the larger question of "What is the role of the Church?" The intent behind this program is to spark rich, rewarding and fruitful discussion and reflection and better enable RPC to move through this time of rapid transition with love and with grace. Finally, we remind you that Human Scene's time has changed and it now follows the worship service. Human Scene will gather in the Parlor about 10-15 minutes after the service (about 11:15 a.m.). Please feel free to grab a cup of coffee or tea and a snack beforehand.

October 2: *Living the Questions: Chapter 3*: *Thinking Theologically*. While family, education, social class and geography all contribute to how we think about God, our experiences and perceptions along life's journey also shape our thinking. Being comfortable with ambiguity, metaphor, and uncertainty help us get the Divine "out of the box" and rethink theological ideas that have become barriers to our further spiritual growth.

October 9: Beginning of the series "*Called to Community: What is the Church?*" "Collision Course" is a video featuring Walter Brueggemann, a prominent Old Testament scholar and theologian, most recently at Columbia Theological Seminary, from which he retired in the early 2000s.

October 16: Called to Community: A Call to Justice. "Missional Imagination" video featuring Hannah Terry, pastor of the FAM Community of Westbury UMC (Fondren Apartment Ministry: an experiment in missional Christian community as refugees, immigrants, and native Houstonians are forming missional Christian community shaped by practices of prayer, hospitality, and justice in apartment complexes in southwest Houston.)

October 23: Called to Community: A Call to Love."Two or Three Gathered" - Video featuring Richard Rohr, a Franciscan friar ordained to the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church in 1970 and globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition.

October 30: *Called to Community: A Call to a Kingdom Worldview*. "Long-Term Restoration Project" featuring N.T. Wright, a leading British New Testament scholar and retired Anglican bishop.

Flu Shots at RPC

Mariano's Fresh Market is sponsoring a flu clinic at RPC on Sunday, **October 9**, right after worship. Anyone with Medicare Part B is covered for the flu shot; if you are not on Medicare, the cash price is \$20 (normal in-store cash price is \$30). It is covered under most plans, and Mariano's will happily bill those plans for patients who are eligible.

All who participate will receive a \$5 voucher to use at their neighborhood Mariano's store! Please <u>contact the church</u> office if you are interested so that we know how many potential patients we will have.

TUESDAY Night Live!

To accommodate those in the chancel and bell choirs who wished to join us for WNL!, we're going to experiment with meeting on Tuesday evenings instead. We hope you'll join your church family on Tuesday evenings for dinner and activities for all ages.

Our first TNL! will be **Tuesday, October 4**. Dinner will be from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. On our first night, activities will be available from 7:00 to 8:00 for kids. The Deacons and various committees will have meetings after dinner that night. Adults are invited to poke your head into a meeting and see what goes on behind the scenes at RPC. On subsequent Tuesday nights after dinner, Reverend Jackson will lead a study using the book *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. Although the Presbytery is encouraging congregations to use this book, it is not "Presbyterian" and should appeal to a wide audience. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us as we explore the ideas of racism, privilege, and awareness. A limited number of copies (including an audio format) are available through the library system. Otherwise there are links to local and online book stores on the author's site, where you can also find out more about the book itself: www.debbyirving.com/the-book/

TNL! will meet every week from **October 4 until November 15**. The cost is \$5/person/week for meals. (Children's prices help to offset childcare and children's programming costs.) Register for the entire 7 weeks, and only pay for 6. Cap of \$100/family. Can't make it every week? Drop in with notice to the office by the previous Friday by noon, and pay \$5/person at the door. Can't stay for class? You have to eat somewhere—why not with your church family? Great meals for less than what most people would pay at McDonald's, and terrific fellowship to boot. Can't make it for dinner at all? Come just for class, and feed your brain for free!



RPC Halloween Party

Calling all ghosts & ghouls! We are holding an all-ages Halloween party on Saturday, October 29 from 6:00 to 8:00. Put on your favorite costumes and come join us for an evening of tasty treats and fun. Bring a dish to pass (appetizer or dessert) and get ready to do the Monster Mash. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Questions? Contact Susan Zander.



Christkindlmarkt

RPC's Christkindlmarkt will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cafe offerings will be expanded to include breakfast fare in addition to homemade soups and sandwiches for lunch, and an array of desserts. We are signing up crafters (if you are interested in having a craft booth please contact Susan Lynch). 10,000 Villages will be present with their wonderful assortment of fair trade crafts and gifts from around the world.

In early October we will offer an online sign-up through Sign-Up Genius, with the hope many people will offer to bake or make soup, or to work a shift during that day. We will continue to collect Thanksgiving and Christmas items for our next-to-new booth until the end of October. Additionally, if you are receiving mail from charities that include unwanted cards, notepads or 2017 calendars, please drop them off as well in the collection bin at the end of the pew, across from the CARERS' trunk.

Messiah 2016 will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m. with a Wassail Bowl Reception to follow.

Please check the Website for the most recent calendar updates!



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

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