



**Riverside Presbyterian Church**  
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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



### It's Coming! It's Coming! It's Coming!

Our trip to the Holy Land will be here before you know it. We depart September 3, 2018 from Chicago and return September 12, 2018.

Join us on this 10-Day journey where we will visit all the major sites, such as the Sea of Galilee, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Mount of Olives, Jerusalem and Cana.

**Will I be safe on this trip?** Educational Opportunities (EO) has a long-standing commitment to safety. You are in less danger in Israel than you would be on a trip to New York City or Washington D.C. Not only is Israeli security vigilant and aware, your tour guides and EO representatives will be with you at all times. What makes me safe? 1 Security on planes bound for the Middle East go through several additional security precautions and procedures. 2 Security within Israel and Palestine is much more strict than within the USA. 3 Statistically, the crime rate in Israel and Palestine is lower than the typical US city, including your home town! 4 It is a small place... just 50 miles wide and 150 miles long. It is easy for our office to keep a watchful eye on situations in various regions of Israel and Palestine. 5 To our knowledge, no Christian Pilgrim from the USA has been killed in Israel during the last 42 years. 6 Since our first Holy Land trip, more than 37 years ago, we have never had a major incident.

**What safety precautions does EO take?** 1 We have a full-time office in Jerusalem staffed by local people who know the area well because they live and work there. 2 You will ride aboard a private bus company • Only our passengers and staff are allowed to board our busses. • All of our busses stay in constant contact with the office and the bus company. The local office always knows the location of our passengers. • Our guides and drivers know the area better than anyone. 3 During peak travel times EO stations hospitality staff at hotels in Jerusalem and Tiberias to assist our guests.

The trip costs \$3,596 and includes airfare, hotel, breakfast and dinner, gratuities and entrance fees. If you register by November 3, 2017 you can save \$125.00. Consider bringing a friend! If you have questions please speak to Reverend Jackson or Ellen Hamilton!

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Thank you to Bill McTighe and the Riverside Singers for joining today's Ministry of Music.*

*Acolyte: Sofia Mott*

*Ushers: Tara Gregus, Bridget, Charlie and Victor Juister*

*Liturgist: Megan Foran*

*Andrew Ministers: Susan Lynch and Cyril Friend*

*Flowers today are donated by Will and Susanne Vogel "Entering into the Thanksgiving season we are grateful for family, friends and church."*

*Trustees of the Month November: Alfred Kitch and Susan Deems-Dluhy*



**TIME CHANGE** — Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to sleep on Saturday, November 4. You can make up for that hour of sleep you lost in the spring!

## **HUMAN SCENE NOVEMBER**

Having heard and discussed biblical scholar Joel B. Green's ideas about reading the Bible in the community of interpreters as a practice that leads to transformation into those who seek to represent the mind and heart of God to the world, Human Scene will seek to put his ideas into practice using portions of the book of Genesis. Each class will involve a systematic reading of the text, meditation on the text, and then shared reflection on the text, with all attendees being asked to share their reflections with the rest of the class. Come join us for what should prove to be a stimulating and growthful process.

**November 5** - Genesis 1:1-2, 7

**November 12** - Genesis 3:1-24

**November 19** - Genesis 4:1-8; 6:1-22

**November 26** - Genesis 7:6-8,14

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION** — Reverend Jackson is planning a new member orientation for early November. Please speak to him for more information.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, November 26 Thanksgiving Hymn Sing

Sunday, December 3 Advent begins with a worship series on "A Christmas Carol"

Sunday, December 10 4:00 pm Messiah

Sunday, December 17 10:00 am Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 24 10:00 am Worship with Communion

Sunday, December 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Poetry

## **WELCOME TO LEITH DOCUMENTARY AND CONVERSATION**

Saturday, November 4 10:00AM - 12:00 noon at the Riverside Library ~ Leith, North Dakota is a town which in 2010 had a population of 16. In May 2012, Craig Cobb, a white nationalist Neo-Nazi, moved to Leith with the intention of building a community of people sharing his white nationalist ideology and gaining the electoral majority. The documentary traces the community's struggle to prevent him from taking control of their town.

### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- called a Called Congregational Meeting on November 19, following Worship, for the purpose of electing church officers.
  - received Michael and Brooke Woodham as members by Letter of Transfer from 4th Presbyterian Church, Chicago
  - received Connie Nestor as a member by Reaffirmation of Faith
  - reinstated Connie Gross Schmidt as an active member
  - approved Michael Lynch's Eagle Scout project to clean, organize, and build shelving for the Sunday School storage room
  - reviewed Stewardship campaign materials
- Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

**WANTED, DEAD OR ALIVE** — If you have hanging baskets that are dead from the drought, or just about dead because the season is over, please bring them to church, and place them in the vegetable garden. Our goal is to improve the soil, and to use a roto tiller before the ground freezes, and mulch them up over winter.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED** — individually wrapped toilet tissue, small boxes of feminine hygiene products, granola/cereal bars, canned meats and fruits both with pop top or cellophane lids.

### **LAST CHANCE – RETRIEVE IT OR LOSE IT**

If you have left a pot, pan, bowl, platter – you name it – in the church kitchen, please pick it up prior to October 31<sup>st</sup>. After that date, we will be donating excess items to a needy charity. Same goes for coats and jackets left in either the narthex hallway or the fellowship rack – there are people out there freezing who will be wearing these items in November if you don't pick them up!

### **DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

Copies of the November-December Upper Room are in the rack outside the church office.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

*November 5* : While we want our children to have a positive self-image, we do a great disservice if we focus so much effort on building self-esteem that we forget to teach the power of honest self-examination and introspection. Next week we will work to show our children that they are spiritual beings with unlimited potential who can grow beyond every mistake and every success. We will have a discussion, play games and do a craft in the gym/Celestial Cinema.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the childcare room during the month of November. Any interested parties should contact Susan Zander.

**OPEN GYM** next Sunday, November 5! All kids are invited up to the gym after service. Please wear gym shoes!

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

The air is getting crisper, leaves are starting to pile up on our lawns and it's time to think about... the annual RPC Christmas Pageant! The pageant will take place on 12/17 during service, with a script reading on 12/10 at 9 a.m. and a dress rehearsal 12/16 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to be part of the festivities! More details will be emailed to families in the coming days.

**PRESCHOOL**—November will be another fun-filled month at preschool! The children will be very busy learning new songs for our annual Thanksgiving Sing scheduled for Thursday, November 16.

Riverside Foods will, once again, graciously sponsor Benefit Days at their store in November. A portion of all purchases (with a benefits form) during these two days helps our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). (Our TAP program helps families continue to send their preschooler to school even when they are having financial difficulty.) Please check your Sunday bulletin for Riverside Foods benefit forms if you would like to participate. We are so very fortunate to be part of a community with such giving businesses! The preschool staff is so thankful for the support of the congregation!



### **RPC FELLOWSHIP FOR KIDS**

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Party – Friday, November 17, 6 – 8 pm in the social hall. Pizza, Games, Crafts, Movie! For families with kids 3-10 years, \$3/person

**COME TO CHURCH ON DEC. 10TH AND BE LIBERATED!** — Yes, you will feel liberated from your cares and concerns for a minimum of 60 minutes when you come listen to Handel's Messiah. A definition of Messiah is savior or liberator. Handel's music will fill the sanctuary, your mood will be lifted, your worries liberated, and don't forget the non-alcoholic libations to follow the performance! Mark your calendar and feel free!

### **CHRISTKINDLMARKT**

Please mark your calendars and reserve Saturday, November 11 for RPC's third Christkindlmarkt. The market and cafe will be open from 9:00 to 3:00. We will be expanding both our café and craft & vendor market, and again have invited Ten Thousand Villages, with their fair trade handmade gifts from around the world.

We need people to bake desserts for the cafe. Instead of selling whole items, e.g. an entire cake or pie, we will be selling individual desserts. If you can contribute, please contact Sandra Kappmeyer [skappzan@aol.com](mailto:skappzan@aol.com) or (585) 662-9082 so we can have an idea of what will be coming in. We will also have supplies for wrapping the desserts, information about where and when to deliver them, and a request that you include either the recipe or a list of ingredients, so people with allergies can select their dessert safely.

Please join us. Invite your friends and neighbors to come too, and help us welcome in the season.

**SAVE A TREE** — Consider Electronic Giving, weekly or monthly – it stabilizes church income for planning purposes and is one way of giving your offering a PRIORITY among your monthly financial obligations.

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, November 19, following Worship for the purpose of electing church officers.

### OKTOBERFEST AUCTION UPDATE

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** To all who donated, worked, attended and bid at our 2017 Auction – we raised over \$15,200 for our general budget, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest auction total in RPC history!!! There will be lots of fun (and food) in the future as we celebrate the fellowship and generosity of our wonderful members.

A special thanks to those who donated all of our food and beverages, allowing us total profit, plus a shout out to the Youth Group, who earned \$570 from the Free Will Offering for dinner towards their 2018 Mission Trip.

**CARERS NEWS** — The CARERS Committee will meet Friday, Nov. 17 to set up the giving tree in the social hall. The CARERS Giving Tree will benefit women and children sheltered in the Constance Morris House. The paper ornaments on the tree list Christmas gift items. Take some ornaments, purchase the items and place the unwrapped gifts under the tree. Opportunity to bring gifts will continue from Sunday Nov. 19th until Sunday Dec. 3rd.



The CARERS trunk will continue to collect nonperishable food items throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. There is a great need at this time of year.



**THE CLERGY TARTAN STOLE** - I was recently gifted the beautiful stole you see here by Ellen Hamilton. The design used for this stole takes inspiration from the ancient Pictish sculptured cross slabs of the north of Scotland. The principal styles of decoration on these stones are knotwork, key patterns and spirals and all of these are incorporated in this design. A classic feature of Celtic and Pictish knotwork is that the line is one single line that has no beginning or end, believed by many to symbolise eternity. The triple spiral is believed to represent the Holy Trinity. The small cross in the center back of the stole is based on the Clynekirkton cross-slab. This stone was originally discovered in the small village of Clynekirkton just north of Brora in the county of Sutherland and is now in the museum at Dunrobin Castle. The Clergy Tartan is unique in being the only traditional ancient tartan woven for a particular profession. The stole was made and designed by Ruth Black at The Workshop, Inchmore, Kirkhill, Inverness. My thanks to Ellen for giving me such a beautiful piece of art that I will treasure always. — Dale



### RPC REUSABLE BAGS

The Outreach Committee is giving stylish reusable bags with the RPC logo to our new members as a welcome gift. They are also available for purchase for a \$5 donation. Buy 2 or more and have them available in your trunk for shopping!

**WORSHIP AT CANTATA AND SCOTTISH HOME** — The Deacons welcome members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata on November 5 at 2 pm, and at the Scottish Home on November 19 at 2 pm. Please note the Scottish Home has changed it's name to **Caledonia Senior Living and Memory Care**.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** will meet Wednesday, November 29 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*" by Melissa Bane Sevier. Lesson Four "In Community with God's Messengers" Sylvia Schade, Leader.



**STEWARDSHIP NOTE** — The support for our continued programs is dependent upon the generosity of our membership. Please check your pledge promise and see if it is up to date. "We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude." -- John Calvin



### **KUDOS TO TWO OF RPC'S OWN**

Riverside-Brookfield High School Alumni Achievement Award winners being honored this year include:

**John Lyell Clarke III**, class of 1973, is the president of Clarke, a global public health company focusing on mosquito control and habitat health. Clarke earned a bachelor's degree in entomology from the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. in entomology from Iowa State University. He became president and CEO of Clarke after his father retired in 1996. Clarke's emergency response teams led the fight against the West Nile Virus in New York City and the Zika outbreak in Miami.

**Andrew P. Tecson**, another member of the Class of 1973, is a lawyer and the president of the Chicago law firm of Chuhak & Tecson, which has 70 attorneys. Tecson specializes in corporate, healthcare and not-for-profit law. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Northwestern in 1977 and received his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1980. He and his wife, Nancy Hagen, founded the Glenhagen Farm Retreat near Princeton, Illinois, which provides a rustic camping experience and education to youth groups and people of all ages. Tecson is an accomplished composer and jazz musician who plays the saxophone. He has produced five CDs and leads the ChurchJazz ministry and has played jazz in many churches, participating in more than 300 worship services. In 1985 Tecson composed the Chicago Jazz Mass.

### **SPECIAL COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Please join in for a special fellowship lunch in honor of Carol Sprunger's birthday on Sunday, November 5 in the social hall following worship.



#### **A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER**

- **General Budget snapshot as of September 30th**
  - ❖ **At 75% through the year, Revenues at 71.23% of budgeted amount.**
  - ❖ **At 75% through the year, Expenditures at 72.67% of budgeted amount.**
- **PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR GIVING SO FAR THIS YEAR – WE NEED ALL OF YOUR PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH.**

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR RPC! - ELLEN**

## 2017 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### *Elders*

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

#### **2017**

Doug Harvin  
Martha Heine  
Deb Jansky  
Matt Lisle  
Lynda Nadkarni  
Dennis Zander

#### **2018**

Diane Chaney  
Gwen Heine  
Karl-Heinz Meyer  
Kaki Lynch (Youth)

#### **2019**

Jeanine Buttimer  
Patti Friend  
Susan Lynch  
Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak

### *Deacons*

#### **2017**

Lloyd Bradbury  
Allan Chard  
Kate Chard  
Sally Sloane

#### **2018**

David Harper  
Paula McCracken  
Steve Marcus  
Serina Ranft

#### **2019**

Ellen Hamilton  
Sandra Kappmeyer  
Lorraine Meyer  
Steve Teune

### *Trustees*

#### **2017**

Jon Jansky  
Nancy Jensen  
Jim Sit  
Henry Vogel

#### **2018**

Thom DeVries  
Joel Hastings  
George Meyer  
Mike Heine

#### **2019**

Susan Deems-Dluhy  
Cyril Friend  
Fred Kitch  
Brad Staubus

### **Mission Statement**

We gather as a church family to:  
Celebrate God's Presence ~ Nurture the Spiritual Life  
Carry the Light of Christ into the World ~ Serve God by Serving Others

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