

## **THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, IS JAZZ SUNDAY!!!!**

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Ushers:* Karla Engel, Steve Marcus, Paula McCracken, and Danielle Wolff

*Acolyte:* Dessa Myers

*Liturgist:* Karl-Heinz Meyer

*Thank you* to Kecia Waldschmidt, singer; Bobby Schiff, piano; Bobby Lewis, trumpet; Jerry Coleman, drums; Ken Jandes, sax; Stewart Miller, bass; and Andy Tecson, sax for joining Sunday's Ministry of Music.

*Andrew Ministers:* Susan Lynch and Lynda Nadkarni

*Coffee Fellowship* is hosted by the Personnel Committee.

*Trustees of the Month* for April: Susan Deems-Dluhy and George Meyer

*Trustees of the Month* for May: Nancy Jensen and Thom DeVries

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

In a little over a month, I get the honor of accompanying 12 of our youth to Heifer Ranch International in Perryville, Arkansas for our yearly youth mission trip. I think the yearly mission trip that our youth take is one of the most significant ministries that happen at RPC. Thanks to your contributions our young people have the opportunity to learn more about the world around them and discover what it means in concrete ways to be a Christian.

I have long been acquainted with Heifer International. I find it a great mission for children and youth to understand. Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty. They also emphasize care for the Earth.

Dan West was the founder of Heifer. He was a farmer from the American Midwest and a member of the Church of the Brethren who went to the front lines of the Spanish Civil War as an aid worker. His mission was to provide relief, but he soon discovered the meager single cup of milk rationed to the weary refugees once a day was not enough. And then he had a thought: What if they had not a cup, but a cow?

That "teach a man to fish" philosophy is what drove West to found Heifer International. And now, nearly 70 years later, that philosophy still inspires the work of Heifer. Heifer empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity – but their approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. The animals that are sent provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs, and honey can be traded or sold at market.

When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses. Our young people will spend five nights at the ranch learning about world hunger, sustainability issues, and spending time on the working farm. In addition to me, our adult chaperones are Ellen Hamilton, Matt Lisle, and Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak. The youth have had a hand full of fundraisers already this year with a goal to raise all the money needed. You may wonder why we are trying to raise all the money instead of expecting the parents to pay a significant share as they have in the past. After last year several parents approached me concerned about the cost of the trip, with several families sending two young people some parents were spending close to \$1,000. The Christian Education Committee believes that everyone should have the opportunity to serve, so we started raising funds, and we have raised a significant amount of money, more than half of what we need. If you would like to help us reach our goal, there are ways you can be involved.

Friday, May 5th is the Adult Mission Trip Fundraiser hosted by Tara and Dan Gregus. Tickets are only \$35 per person. It is a Cinco De Mayo party!!

Sunday, May 21st following worship the Youth will be serving a Mimosa Brunch. Casseroles, home baked goods, fruits, juice, and coffee are on the menu. Plan to stay after church and support the youth with a

donation.

And you can always make a monetary donation to help our young people attend Heifer, simply make your check payable to RPC with a Youth Mission Trip note in the memo line and drop it in the offering plate.

You have the power to change a young person's life forever.

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**JAZZ SUNDAY IS APRIL 30** — Andrew Tecson and his jazz musicians will be featured at worship on April 30. The annual Jazz Sunday at RPC is a beloved tradition, with the band providing all music for the service. The son of RPC member Caroline Tecson and the late Joseph Tecson, Andy, a lawyer (a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School), grew up in Riverside. Andy began composing music as a student at RB. Some of his compositions are the Jazz Psalms, the Chicago Jazz Mass, and more recently, with his fellow musicians Bobby Schiff and Bobby Lewis, a Jazz Passion. All of these works have been performed in regional churches and beyond. A special opportunity to hear the members of this talented ensemble improvise individually on their instruments: Andy Tecson, saxophone; Bobby Schiff, piano; Stew Miller, bass; Jerry Coleman, drums; Ken Jandes, saxophone; Bobby Lewis, trumpet; and Kecia Waldschmidt, vocalist. You won't want to miss this lively service. Please join us!

#### **WORSHIP NOTES FOR MAY**

May 7 Doug Asbury Preaching

May 4 Matt Lisle Preaching

May 21 John 14:15-21

May 28 John 17:1-11

June 4 – Pentecost Sunday, Linda Wygant, Grace Seeds Ministry Preaching

#### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to:

Braxton Nettles, 5/1	Louise Bonnette, 5/11	Benjamin Jendras, 5/18
Erika Sterner, 5/2	Dave Harper, 5/11	Aimee Sahlas, 5/18
Tarquin Rayfield, 5/3	Carrie Norwood, 5/11	Clara Monacella, 5/20
Michele Krefft, 5/4	Trey Vogel, 5/11	Michael Gruber, 5/21
Lauren Teune, 5/4	Alison Heine, 5/12	Alice Mazanac, 5/21
Steven Teune, 5/4	Paige Deason, 5/13	Rachel Nouye, 5/21
Kyler Monacella, 5/5	Connie Kelly, 5/13	Amanda Gruber, 5/23

Emma Strand, 5/5	Thea Kiwiet, 5/14	Melissa Krefft, 5/24
Luca Mancini, 5/6	Christ Floros, 5/15	Michael Krefft, 5/24
Rachel Teune, 5/6	Gavin Vogel, 5/15	Nancy Lancaster, 5/25
Jeanine Buttimer, 5/8	Marie Cerny, 5/16	Paula McCracken, 5/28
Susan Lisle, 5/8	Abigail Regan, 5/16	Thomas Barr, 5/29
Allison Gordon, 5/9	Len Messner, 5/17	Jim Sit, 5/29
Les MacDonald, 5/9	Loel Meyer, 5/17	Bryan Zander, 5/29
Sanlee Radigan, 5/9	Debra Myers, 5/17	Christelle Meuyou, 5/30
	Lisa Rocanova, 5/17	Dorothy Thorsen, 5/31

**HUMAN SCENE** — Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 am every Sunday as Human Scene features a series of TED Talks on a variety of subjects. We will reflect on these stories through the lens of our Christian faith.

**May 7** – Foreign policy strategist David Rothkopf offers insights into the topic “How fear drives American politics.” We discuss ways in which the Christian message can offer a counterweight to the politics of fear and seek ways in which RPC can be a center for or instigator of conversations that provide this counterweight.

**May 14** – New York Times columnist and author Anand Giridharadas tells us of two persons who represent cultures in conflict in “A tale of two Americas and the mini mart where they collided.” It’s a story of second chances. We will reflect on the role of second chances in our own lives and ask if there are those whom we know to be in need of second chances that we might help give them.

**May 21** – Peace-builder Scilla Elworthy, founder of the Oxford Research Group that seeks to promote effective dialogue between nuclear-weapons policymakers and their opponents, speaks on “Fighting with nonviolence.” We ask, “Can we become self-reflective enough to commit ourselves to the nonviolent resolution of conflicts?”

**May 28** – Continuing our focus on nonviolent conflict resolution, we hear from peacemaker Jamila Raqib, “The secret to effective nonviolent resistance.” We ask, “In relation to what issue(s) could RPC be active in this way? What situations within our sphere of influence could we affect positively through applying these ideas?”

**ALL CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS** — The first of the year the Session committed to move the majority of committee meetings to the first Sunday of the Month. One of the main reasons for the change was to aid in communication. We have also discovered that meeting together provided great energy and enthusiasm! If you have ideas, would like your voice to be heard as it relates to worship, evangelism, mission, stewardship, fellowship, outreach or Christian education, this is your chance, join a committee!!

***Our evening begins at 6:00 with a potluck dinner, some committees meet over dinner at 6:00 and others meet starting at 7:00. Join us May 1.***

**THE RPCUSA.ORG WEBSITE IS BACK!!!** Please take a look at our newly designed website and let us know if you have any suggested additions.

**RPC SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP** — Summer science camp is filling up quickly! Let us know if you would like your children to attend. We will be recruiting teachers and assistants soon, so keep an eye out for the email with more information.

**CARERS CORNER MAY, Stars and Stripes Month** — The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187 will be accepting our donation for their Packages Abroad program. Everything we donate will be used by a member of the armed services deployed abroad and by those who visit the USO at O'Hare Airport. Items need are non-perishable snacks, personal care products, fun items to occupy their off-duty hours. A more comprehensive list will be posted next to the trunk.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187 is also hoping that we would submit a list of servicemen and servicewomen deployed abroad from our families, friends and neighbors. Send their name and their FPO or APO address to Kate Chard at [kate.allan.chard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kate.allan.chard@sbcglobal.net)

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** — Summer hours will begin after Memorial Day. *During the summer the office will be open on Wednesdays and closed on Fridays.* The hours are 9 am to noon. Marika Floros will be staffing the office this summer. Donna Jones will continue to handle the contributions and financial statements over the summer.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study will be Wednesday, May 24 at 10:00 am in the social hall. All women are welcome and coffee is served as we discuss "*Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*" by Judy Yates Siker. Lesson Eight: According to the Other. Background Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4; Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:6-7; 4:23-29. Key Scripture: Galatians 4:23-29 Sandy Kappmeyer will lead.

**READY, GET SET, GROW!** Spring has sprung, winter's blanket has been removed. Working with Grace Seeds Ministry and other churches, RPC helped grow over 20,000 pounds of fresh vegetables that are given to food pantries around Chicago. The plants are free, they just need your love, water and attention to make a difference in a family's life who cannot afford fresh veggies. A Sign UP Genius has been created for you to pick and choose which vegetable you would want to grow. Our order must be in by May 13<sup>th</sup>, thank you!

**PER CAPITA FOR 2017** — RPC pays \$33.38 per registered member to the Presbytery USA to fund things like leadership training, worldwide mission work, inter-church gatherings, seminary matters and the other resources that are provided to all members of the Presbytery. Please consider paying your portion even if you have already pledged. Payments can be made by using the Per Capita envelope found in your pledge card box, regular check with "Per Capita" in the note section or online.

**RIVERSIDE POLICE ARE TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>** — in the police station lobby.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the May-June Upper Room are in the library and parlor.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED** — Please sign up to host an upcoming coffee fellowship— many dates are open! You will receive complete directions from the office and dishwashing helpers, too. Please volunteer for this fun and rewarding job

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** — You can donate chancel flowers in honor of a special occasion or person or in memory of a loved one. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of the church office. You have the choice of taking the flowers home after the service, or having the deacons deliver them to someone of your choice or the Deacons' choice. The cost is \$50.00 for two arrangements.

**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 on May 7 at 2 pm, and at the Scottish Home on May 21 at 2 pm.

**FAMILY DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT** — Join us for a fun night on Friday, May 26! Bring your family to watch “The Adventures of Robin Hood” with your RPC family. Dinner (pizza and salad) will be at 6:30. Previews and cartoons will start at 7:30 and the main show will start at 8. Plus, if you come at 6, you can really get into the spirit of things and **make your own Robin Hood hat!** And, all this for only **\$3 per person!** Please let us know if you will be attending—and how many people (so that we know we'll have enough for everyone)—by contacting the church office or Karl-Heinz Meyer (kalle1015@aol.com). Also, if you'd like to bring appetizers or baked goods to share, we won't refuse them!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Sunday school is in session through May 21st. Kids—join us for classes 5/7 and 5/14, where we will be making special Mothers' Day surprises. Our last day of class is May 21st; we will have a Celebration Sunday outside to help kick off summer. In anticipation of our upcoming science camp we have a few experiments planned, followed by some games and treats. Your support of the program has been invaluable. Teachers and shepherds - a big, heartfelt 'thank you' for all you have done to ensure that our kids have had a wonderful year. Hope to see you all at Summer Science Camp!

**PRESCHOOL** — Another preschool year is coming to a close and we have had a great year! Thanks so much to everyone who has purchased geraniums and supported the preschool throughout the whole year. We couldn't have done it without you! This month we will be continuing with our fun Science Thursdays, playing outside, celebrating our “tweet moms” on Moms' Night and are preparing for our end-of-the-year program. We hope you have a wonderful summer! See you in the fall! Susan Lisle, Preschool Director

**INVITATION TO ATTEND SENIOR FAIR ON MAY 11** — The Village of North Riverside will be hosting the annual Senior Fair on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until Noon. Seniors and caregivers will receive an abundance of information from over 50 organizations. These agencies will include home health agencies, health and medical specialists, insurance companies, legal agencies, housing options and more! The Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be available for Drivers License and State ID renewals (10 am-2 pm) and a free Rules of the Road Class (11:30 am). Free hearing screenings, cholesterol, and glucose testing will be available for seniors. Spaces may be limited, so please arrive on time to sign up. This event has established itself as essential to the aging community providing access to vital information and resources. Free hot dogs will be offered at 11:45 am! Location: North Riverside Village Commons, 2401 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside, IL 60546 Phone: (708) 442-5515

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