

THE CINCO DE MAYO PARTY IS TONIGHT STARTING AT 6:30 PM AT THE GREGUS' HOUSE — The party will be held indoors. The tickets are sold out; no tickets will be available at the door.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Rev. Douglas Asbury for filling the pulpit Sunday morning.

Acolyte: Devin Zander

Ushers: Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak, Megan Foran, David Harper, Karl-Heinz Meyer

Liturgist: Susan Lynch

Andrew Ministers: Beverly Aieta and Cyril Friend

Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Bill Jansky from Jon and Deb Jansky and in loving memory of Ruth McCracken from Paula McCracken.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

Trustees of the Month: Nancy Jensen and Thom DeVries

LETTER 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.

Our young people will spend five nights at the ranch learning about world hunger, sustainability issues, and spending time helping on the working farm. In addition to me, our adult chaperones are Ellen Hamilton, Matt Lisle, and Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak. 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.

Sunday, May 21 following worship the Youth will be serving a Mimosa Brunch after church. Casseroles, fresh baked good, 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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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 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?”

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 13th, thank you!

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

WORSHIP AT CANTATA SUNDAY — The Deacons welcome any and all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata at 2 pm Sunday.

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!

NO GIRLS GROUP THIS WEEK — Girls Group will not meet this week. We will meet next at RPC on Friday May 19 after school for a hike and ice cream! Let Tara know if you plan to attend.

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!

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 needed 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

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY— Sunday, May 21, 1-3 PM

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

OPEN GYM FOR KIDS SUNDAY — The gym is open for the kids the first Sunday of every

month, immediately following Worship. Parents, please bring your children upstairs and wait with them until our supervisor arrives.

TROOP 24 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER — On Saturday May 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., Troop 24 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. All scouts & leaders, former scouts & leaders, and family and community members are invited to a celebration at RPC including 5:00 program including historical re-enactors and skits, catered dinner & desserts following the program and optional campfire and camp-out at Riverside Scout Cabin. The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person. There is no cost for the Scout Cabin camp-out. Please register to attend by May 10 on the Troop website troop24riverside.com. If you have questions about the event, please contact Tim Lauger at lt@lauger.com.

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.

INVITATION TO ATTEND SENIOR FAIR ON MAY 11 — The Village of North Riverside will be hosting the annual Senior Fair on Thursday, May 11th 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

WORSHIP NOTES FOR MAY

May 7 Rev. Doug Asbury is preaching

May 14 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

THE RPC WEBSITE IS BACK!!! Please look at our newly designed website (rpcusa.org) and let us know if you have any suggested additions.

Please continue to use the email addresses listed below for the staff.

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