

## A NOTE FROM DONNA JONES

Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to let you know that I am leaving my position at RPC effective August 17th. I have enjoyed my work here and I appreciate having had the opportunity to work with all of you. Thank you for all the support you have provided me. I have made so many friends and I can truthfully say that my decision to leave was very difficult. So, while I look forward to this new challenge that has come my way, I will miss all of you very much.

Sincerely, Donna Jones

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** — Join us at Dale Jackson and Dennis Cobb's home on Friday, August 25, for an evening of fun! Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share and enjoy a lovely summer evening with your church family. Meet us 2505 Keystone Ave. in North Riverside from 7 - 10 pm. Adults only, please. (Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a future Friday Night Fellowship at your home. Contact Karl-Heinz Meyer - kalle1015@aol.com — or the church office.)

**WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES** — We are currently obtaining quotes for 2018 on our weekly offering envelopes with the goal of reducing overall costs. If you do not wish to receive envelopes, or participate in on-line giving, please notify the Church Office so that we do not include you in the order. Should you wish to learn more about the ease of automatic on-line giving, please contact our Church Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton.

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

*Thank you to*

*Acolyte:* Dessa Myers

*Ushers:* Megan Foran, Ellen Hamilton, Fred Kitch, and Karl-Heinz Meyer.

*Liturgist:* Natalie Lisle

*Andrew Minister:* David Harper

*Flowers this morning* are given in loving memory of Eugene Swenson by Jonathan and Debra Jansky.

## 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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August 13, 2017 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Today

8:30 am Human Scene

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

### Monday

7:00 pm Trustees

Meeting

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

### Wednesday

7:30 pm Session

Meeting

### Thursday

6:30 am Women's

Forum

### Friday

Office Closed

### Sunday

8:30 am Human Scene

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

2:00 pm Worship at

Scottish Home

## 2018 Riverside Presbyterian Church Trip

Plans are underway for an RPC international trip next year using the services of Educational Opportunities Tours (EO). EO has been dedicated to providing quality Christian travel programs at an affordable price since 1974. EO incorporates elements of Christian learning whenever possible. Lectures, study books, and specialized guiding are part of the program.

Traveling together to learn more about our history as reformed Presbyterians or about Biblical history is a wonderful way to enrich our spiritual lives.

Once a location is determined, all of the details will be made available. Trip prices are **all** inclusive and include airfare from Chicago. Extension trip information will also be available for individuals who want to spend extra time in the region. If you have friends or family members who are not RPC members, they will be welcome to travel with us.

Informal conversations with some of the potential participants have led to narrowing the focus to two options and each option has both spring and fall departure dates:

### **Choice One:**

The Journeys of Paul in Greece ~ 8 Days ~ Approximately \$3,000

Stops include: Amphipolis, Thessaloniki, Deplhi, Corinth, Athens

### **Choice Two:**

The Holy Land ~ 10 days ~ Approximately \$3,750  
Stops include: Galilee, Nazareth, Mount of Olives, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem

Two informational meetings will be held to provide further information and select a location and a date. Attendance is not mandatory nor does attending commit you to the trip.

Sunday, August 20 following worship in the sanctuary

### **OR**

Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 pm in the upstairs parlor  
Any questions please speak to Pastor Dale.

**HUMAN SCENE** — Over the coming weeks, Human Scene will go back to the basics of the faith, though looking at them through some unusual lenses. We will follow a curriculum provided by The Work of the People entitled "The Ridiculous Journey: Following a Nobody from Nowhere." Join us in the Parlor at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday as we embark on this journey together.

**August 13** — The Revolutionary - A brief interview with pastor and author Nadia Bolz-Weber on the subject of A Personal Relationship with Jesus, and A Humble Call by Ann Voscamp, along with commentary by Rich Nelson, serve as our guides on this part of the journey.

**August 20** — The Reconciler - Along with further commentary by Rich Nelson, our video guides are A Glimpse at Communion by Emmanuel Katongole and I Am Sorry by Kelly Stewart Hall.

**August 27** — The Lover features Brene Brown's ideas on Love Made Flesh and Everything Is New by Travis Reed. Rich Nelson's reflection focuses on Loving with a Broken Heart.

**CARERS CORNER AUGUST** — The Boulevard provides housing and professional medical services for the homeless. When residents complete their recovery, they are assisted in obtaining full independence. Fill the trunk to get them started.

Personal items: Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Chap Stick, Deodorant, Sanitary wipes (flushable), Shampoo, Shower shoes, Towels (prefer white)

Wearable items: (Adult sizes SM, MD, LRG) Socks, T-Shirts, Pajamas, Jeans (men's size 34 to 40 or women's size 8 to 20)

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP** — There are many ways for you to serve the RPC Community. The Worship and Music Committee needs your help. There are many weeks this fall where we need flowers to adorn our chancel or smiling ushers willing to welcome people to our worship service. Please consider signing up on the signups outside of Dale's office or speaking with Susan Lynch.

**SAVE THE DATE** — Save the following dates for exciting RPC events! More information to follow.

**Theology on Tap** — September 18

**Animal Blessing Service** — October 8

**Oktoberfest** — October 15

**Reformation Sunday** — October 29

**Christkindlmarket** — November 11

**Messiah** — December 10

**Christmas Program** — December 17

**Sunday, December 24** —10 am Worship, 4 pm Christmas Eve Service

**UPPER ROOM** — Copies of the September-October Upper Room are available in the information board outside the church office.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** —Needed Items include:

- Travel size/hotel size shampoo, body wash, soaps, lotions and conditioners
- Small boxes of laundry detergent
- Individually wrapped toilet tissue
- Small boxes of feminine hygiene products
- Jars of baby food
- Granola/Cereal bars
- Canned meats with pop top lids
- Canned fruits with pop top or cellophane lids

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am. Plan to have your children join us as we launch a brand-new curriculum called *A Joyful Path*.

The new curriculum encourages children to:

- Ask questions and be curious
- Go within and find their own inner guidance and wisdom
- Stay focused and calm when needed and to discover and harness divine energy
- Be creative, share their gifts and continue learning about their passions
- To take action toward their own successes and happiness
- Find compassion for all beings, to be inclusive and tolerant, to find the divine in All
- Honor, protect, serve, and be in awe of Mother Nature
- To know the history and mythology of our world religions and spiritual paths
- To be heroes and heroines— to be brave, courageous, and to stand for peace and justice...
- And much more!

**REFUGEE FAMILY** — The refugee family we are sponsoring are in need a couple of specific items. Gently used is fine. Let me know if you have any of the following. We would be happy to pick up! Connie (consueloak@sbcglobal.net 708-772-1767)

- ❖ 4 lamps
- ❖ Bedding for twin bed
- ❖ Coffee table
- ❖ 2 bedside tables
- ❖ End table
- ❖ AM/FM clock radio with alarm
- ❖ First aid kit
- ❖ Dresser (not too big)
- ❖ Small bookshelf/cabinet
- ❖ Bathroom rug (neutral color)
- ❖ Fan