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EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COMMUNION BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!!

Which faith traditions have an open table?

Open table or open communion is the practice of Christian churches that allow individuals other than members to receive communion. Most Protestant Christian churches practice open communion, although many require that the communicant be a baptized Christian.

Churches allowing open communion (with or without the baptism requirement) include: Anglican, the Church of the Nazarene, the Evangelical Free Church, the Church of God, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbyterian Church in America, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Canada, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, the Free Methodist Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Foursquare Gospel Church, Metropolitan Community Church, Disciples of Christ, Assemblies of God, the Reformed Church in America, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Canada, Seventh-day Adventists, Free Will Baptists, and most churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Although Roman Catholic churches do not practice open communion all bodies in the Liberal Catholic Movement practice open communion. The official policy of the Episcopal Church is to only invite baptized persons to receive communion. However, many parishes do not insist on this and practice open communion. The Church of England and Church of Sweden are open communion churches.

In the Anglican Communion, as well as in many other traditional Christian denominations, those who are not baptized may come forward in the communion line with their arms crossed over their chest, in order to receive a blessing from the priest, in lieu of communion.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Acolyte: Jaden Zander

Ushers: Jim, Alice and Rachel McLean

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Andrew Ministers: Patti Halline and Connie Kelly

Communion Servers: Lynda Nadkarni, Marilyn Slanec and Steven Teune

The flowers today are given for God's glory and in loving memory of Eula Thomason Silverthorn, by her daughters Elizabeth Musick and Alice Ann Hand. *Coffee fellowship today* is hosted by the WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study and the CARERS Committee.

Trustees of the Month: Henry Vogel and Brad Staubus

HUMAN SCENE — This Sunday, Human Scene will conclude an illuminating and challenging 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 seek together to grow as Christians in faith and practice.

Sept. 17 - Following Jesus - Rachel Held Evans' video discusses "Risking It on Jesus", and Kelly Stewart Hall offers her take on Jesus' message, "I AM the Path." Rich Nelson discusses

"Why Jesus?" to round out this invitation to a Ridiculous Journey, following a Nobody from Nowhere.

Sept. 24 - "Theology Kills" - What happens to our Christian faith and Christian community when an ideology is substituted for and disguised as a theology? Pastor Jennifer Bailey offers some perspective that helps illuminate, if not answer, this question.

CARERS CORNER SEPTEMBER — Fill the Trunk for BEDS-Plus in LaGrange, which provides safe overnight shelter and services to homelessness people. The following items are utilized at the facility in large quantities: **ground coffee (decaf only), drink mixes (lemonade, cider, cocoa), napkins, paper towels, dish detergent, 13 and 30 gallon garbage bags.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL — It's not too late to come check out our Sunday school classes! They are available for all kids age K-5th grade and run from 9:00-9:59. In our new curriculum, 'A Joyful Path,' we are teaching lessons that are both heart-centered and experience-filled. Questions? Contact Susan Zander for more information.

CIVIL DISCOURSE: Achieving Tolerance and Understanding in an Increasingly Polarized Society

- Is there a "culture war" in America and, if so, how does it affect you?
- What steps can be taken to better understand one another and develop common goals?

Join us for the kick-off of our Monday Night Discussion Series, September 18 and 25th from 7:30-9:00 pm. Mike McGillicuddy (friend of RPC) and Ellen Hamilton will lead a discussion of these questions and others that might help us to love one another as Jesus commanded despite differing points of view.

Coffee and Dessert will be provided.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study will meet Wednesday, September 27 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 Two: "In Community with the Living God" Joyce Van Cura, Leader.

RINGERS AND SINGERS — JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS! We meet each Wednesday during the school year from 4:15 – 5:15. Children from ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join our group. 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, 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. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us (musikhse@comcast.net or 708-822-0655).

WORSHIP AT THE SCOTTISH HOME — The Deacons welcome all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of the Scottish Home Sunday at 2 pm.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Begins Monday, October 9, 6:30 pm at Molly's. Plan to join us for dinner and conversation. The conversation will be begin at 7:00 and wrap up by 8:00-8:30. Our first study is based on Marin Thielen's book *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?: A Guide to What Matters Most*. You do not need to purchase the book to participate. If you would like to buy the

book Amazon has used copies for approximately \$4.00. The study will run for the month of October. This is a great way to bring a friend!

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP — Join us at Doug Harvin's home on Friday, September 29, for an evening of fun! Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share and enjoy a fun evening with your church family. Meet at 398 Repton Road, 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.)

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING is received the first three Sundays of October. At the national level, working for peace means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan. It means using our seat at the United Nations table to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. This Offering strengthens the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission.

Yet the Offering is as much about our local congregation living out a commitment to peacemaking as it is proclaiming Christ's peace. Twenty-five percent of the Offering stays here at RPC. This year our 25% will be given to the organization BEDS Plus. Since 1988, BEDS Plus has given thousands of homeless people in the surrounding community a safe place to sleep, nutritious meals, and the professional counseling, health and job services necessary to return to stable, self-sufficient lives.

FROM YOUR TREASURER — THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR RPC!

General Budget snapshot as of July 31st

- At 66.67% through the year, Revenues at 65.32% of budgeted amount.
- At 66.67% through the year, Expenditures at 65.71% of budgeted amount.

Now that summer's over, it's a good time to 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.

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.

DO YOU NEED ENVELOPES FOR 2018? If you don't use them, let the office know – we're trying to keep costs to a minimum and save paper. *Another reason to consider electronic giving!!*

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In April, 2016, RPC called the Reverend Jackson as a Designated Pastor with a 2-year contract. Pursuant to the Presbytery of Chicago's Committee on Ministry requirement, the RPC Personnel Committee solicited formal written reviews for Pastor Jackson from 7 members of the congregation, representing a cross section of RPC members by age, sex and length of involvement in church activities. A report of these reviews was presented to the Session at its August meeting.

In response to this review and the Personnel Committee's report, the Session calls a Congregational Meeting for September 17, 2017 immediately following Worship, for the purpose of acting on its unanimous recommendation to change Rev. Jackson's call from Designated Pastor to Called Pastor and approve his new terms of call, listed below. If approved, the action takes effect January 1, 2018.

Terms of Call (includes a 2% increase in cash and housing allowance):

Cash & Housing	\$ 67,067
SECA	\$ 5,131
Professional Expenses	\$2,000
Continuing Education	\$1,000 (unused carries over for up to 3 years) 2 weeks, accumulated for up to 3 years
Vacation (4 weeks)	
Board of Pensions & Major Medical	\$26,353*
Total	\$101,551**

*The mandatory Board of Pensions and Major Medical dues may increase for 2018

**For comparison purposes, the budgeted amount for 2017 is \$99,587

HOLY LAND 2018—Plans are underway for our trip to the Holy Land on September 3, 2018. For more information please speak to Dale or pick up an informational flyer from the office. There are also flyers in the information rack outside Dale's office.