

## 2018 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

### Elders

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

#### 2018

Diane Chaney  
John Haugland  
Gwen Heine

#### 2019

Jeanine Buttimer  
Patti Friend  
Susan Lynch  
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak

#### 2020

Frank Gangware  
Martha Heine  
Lynda Nadkarni  
Dennis Zander

### Deacons

#### 2018

David Harper  
Steve Marcus  
Paula McCracken  
Serina Ranft

#### 2019

Ellen Hamilton  
Sandy Kappmeyer  
Lorraine Meyer  
Steve Teune

#### 2020

Lloyd Bradbury  
Charlie Juister  
Sally Sloane  
Jeanne Smith

### Trustees

#### 2018

Thom DeVries  
Joel Hastings  
George Meyer  
Connie Nestor

#### 2019

Susan Deems-Dluhy  
Cyril Friend  
Fred Kitch  
Brad Staubus

#### 2020

Patti Perry-Halline  
Doug Harvin  
Henry Vogel

### 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

### RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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January 7, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Today

10:00 Worship  
11:00 Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 Open Gym  
2:00 Worship at Cantata

#### Monday

7:00 pm Trustees Mtg.

#### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

#### Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers  
6:30 pm AcaBELLa Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

#### Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

#### Friday

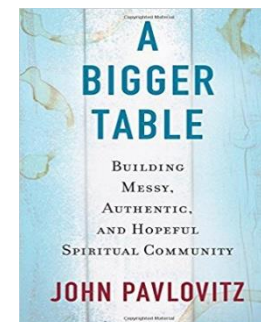
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#### Sunday

8:30 Human Scene  
9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship  
11:00 Soup Potluck  
1:00 pm All Church Work Day

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



**THEOLOGY ON TAP** resumes January 15, 2018. We gather at 6:30 for dinner and our discussion begins at 7:00. We meet at Grapevine, 9 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange, IL. If you joined us while we were meeting at Molly's Pub and found the atmosphere too noisy, please give the Grapevine a try.

We are reading *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz. The book asks if organized Christianity can find a new way of faithfully continuing the work Jesus began two thousand years ago, where everyone gets a seat.

Pavlovitz shares moving personal stories and his careful observations as a pastor to set the table for a new, more loving conversation on these and other important matters of faith. He invites us to build the bigger table Jesus imagined, practicing radical hospitality, total authenticity, messy diversity, and agenda-free community. If ordering the book on Amazon remember to use Amazon Smile and the church will receive a contribution.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

*Ushers:* Patti and Cal Friend

*Liturgist:* Lynda Nadkarni

*Andrew Ministers:* Cyril Friend and Susan Lynch

*Communion Servers:* Martha Heine, Charlie Juister, Paula McCracken and Lynda Nadkarni

*Trustees of the Month:* Jon Jansky and Hank Vogel

**LOOSE COIN OFFERING**—On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago for their Food for Life and food distribution programs.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS** — Kids - wear your yoga pants and learn to meditate as we spend the hour learning how to be still and experience the peace of spirit. Parents - please check your email for information regarding our January family night dinner and respond with possible dates. Thank you!

We are looking for teachers! We will adapt the lesson to fit your strengths and go through the process with you. Contact Susan Zander if you're interested.

**HUMAN SCENE JANUARY** — A hymn is a type of song, usually religious, specifically written for the purpose of adoration or prayer, and typically addressed to a deity or deities, or to a prominent figure or personification. The word hymn derives from Greek, which means "a song of praise." A writer of hymns is known as a hymnodist. The singing or composition of hymns is called hymnody. Collections of hymns are known as hymnals or hymn books. Although hymns are most familiar to speakers of English in the context of Christianity, they are also a fixture of other world religions. Hymns also survive from antiquity, especially from Egyptian and Greek cultures.

For the first two Sundays of the new year, Dennis Cobb will lead Human Scene and focus on the church's use of hymns in worship. Singing has always been a part of worship. Why is that? What does the choice of hymnals and the hymns in them say about our theology and religious beliefs?  
January 7: "A Brief History of Hymnody"  
January 14: "Hymn Choices and What They Say about a Church"

Human Scene will focus our discussion for the next three Sundays on themes of Epiphany led by Doug Asbury.  
January 21 - God is Speaking: Isaiah 60.1-2, 4 and Mark 1.4-5, 9-11 - What does it mean to be claimed as a child of God?  
January 28 - Answer: Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Mark 1.21-28 - What if our every word was meant to be a word from God?  
February 4 - God is Speaking: 2 Kings 2.1-12; Mark 9.2-8 - How might listening to Jesus influence our thoughts and actions?

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The all church family work day is January 14, 1- 3 pm.  
The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 28.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED** — URGENT need for vacuum packed tuna, meat, rice, noodles or any food items that would not freeze in an outdoor pantry. Also needed are granola/cereal bars, boxes of cereal, canned meats and fruits both with pop top or cellophane lids.

**SOUP'S ON** — What could be better on a cold January afternoon than some yummy homemade soup and fresh bread? Bring your favorite soup to the January Deacons' Potluck on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, right after worship. We'll likely have lots of varieties, so please don't double the recipe of what you bring. Crockpots welcome. And speaking of recipes, if you bring a copy of your recipe, we'll make them into a Soup-er Cookbook to distribute to members.

**CARERS JANUARY** — CARERS Committee will assist The Boulevard. Homeless people temporarily live at The Boulevard while recuperating from illness or injury. When these folks can be on their own, they will need tools for basic repairs, cooking gear, utensils, towels and other essential household items. Thank you!

**SERMONS ONLINE** — Sermons are now available online. Visit the church website ([rpcusa.org](http://rpcusa.org)) and find the sermon link under the worship drop down menu or visit [vimeo.com](https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian) by following this link <https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — We look forward to seeing you January 24 at 10 am in the Social Hall.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** — Beginning on December 17<sup>th</sup>, we have had the 2018 Offering Envelopes available for pickup in the hallway by the offices. We have contracted with a new company, thereby generating a savings of close to \$500 from prior years. You will note a new look and also new numbers. (The change in provider required new numbering – there will be an alphabetical list on the table to make it easier to find your set, plus they are identified by name.) If you are an electronic giver, or have otherwise informed us you did not want to use envelopes, you were omitted from the order.

**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!

**OPEN GYM** — All kids are invited up to the gym after service today. Please wear gym shoes!

**WI-FI** — We have extended our Wi-Fi range; to connect please select ChristianEd\_5GEXT and ChristianEd\_2GEXT password: foxtrot801! Then the Wi-Fi should follow you wherever you go in the building.