

PRESCHOOL NEWS — October was a busy month for the preschool! Here are just a couple of the things we did — we picked apples at a neighbor's house on Scottswood Road, were visited by the Fire Department to learn about fire safety, visited Cantata in costume on Halloween and sang fun Halloween songs for the residents.

On November 14 & 15, Riverside Foods will, once again, graciously sponsor Benefit Days at their store. A portion of all purchases (with a benefits form) during these two days helps our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). (Our TAP program helps families continue to send their preschooler to school even when they are having financial difficulty. We currently have a student who benefits from TAP.) Please participate. We are so very fortunate to be part of a community with such giving businesses! The preschool staff is so thankful for the support of the congregation!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to the Riverside Singers for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Ushers: Patti and Cyril Friend and family

Liturgist: Doug Asbury

Andrew Ministers: Susan Lynch and David Harper

Flowers today are for the Glory of God and in honor of Stephen L. Musick, USMC, retired, and the military veterans of our congregation, by Elizabeth Musick.

Coffee Fellowship today is hosted by the Personnel Committee.

Trustees of the Month (November 11): Thom DeVries and Cyril Friend

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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November 11, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 Fellowship
11:15 Small Group Gathering at RPC
11:15 CE Meeting
1:00 pm Family Work Day
3:00 Christmas Crafting

Monday

6:30 pm Theology on Tap
7:30 Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 Chancel Choir
7:30 Session Meeting

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Friday

Office Closed

Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 Human Scene
10:00 Worship-Baptism
11:00 Fellowship – Deacon's Potluck
2:00 pm Caledonia
3:00 Small Group Gathering at Dale and Dennis's home
3:00 Christmas Crafting

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

— Our Capital Campaign is running concurrently with our Stewardship Campaign that will fund our program and mission budget for 2019. As you look around and see all the wonderful work that has been done, know that we need to raise funds to pay for the improvements and repairs.

To help you learn more about all of this, you are invited to sign up to attend a small group gathering. At the gathering you will receive information about our three-year campaign, a pledge card, and stewardship information for the 2019 general budget. Sign-up sheets are available on the Capital Campaign Table in the Social Hall this morning or on SignUp Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aa8ac2aa6fd0-capital>. It is important for every member to choose one of these dates and attend a small group gathering.

Small Group Gathering Dates:

Sunday, November 11 - 11:15 am in the Parlor,
child care will be provided

Sunday, November 18 – 3:00 pm at Dale Jackson and Dennis Cobb's home, 2505 Keystone Ave. North Riverside

SAVE THE DATE

November 25 – Testimony Sunday

December 1 – Christkindlmarkt, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

December 2 – Pledge Sunday

December 9 – Messiah, 4:00 pm

December 16 – Celebration Sunday and dedication of new space

December 23 – Children's Pageant, 10:00 am

December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7:00 pm

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY TODAY—1:00-3:00 pm

THEOLOGY ON TAP – Mondays, dinner at 6:30 with discussion at 7:00. We meet at the Grapevine, 9 W Hillgrove Ave, La Grange. We are studying *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why* by Bart Ehrman.

CONFIRMATION begins Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 8:45 am. Confirmation is the class to help your young person decide if they are ready to be received into full membership of the church. Confirmation Class meets Sunday mornings at 8:45. Confirmation is open to any youth in 8th grade (or higher). Please contact Reverend Jackson with any questions and to reserve a spot for your youth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL —Sunday School is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9am. Contact Dianne with questions, 773-387-3779 or dianne_johnson@yahoo.com **November 18** – The Battle of Jericho

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS — Canned vegetables, soups, fruit, canned or vacuum-packed sausages, canned or vacuum-packed ready-to-eat meals (beef ravioli, beef-a-roni), peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, small containers of laundry detergent, small boxes of raisins and trail mix.

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS —Are you crafty? Do you get crafty for Christmas? Here is a great opportunity. I am looking for people willing to make Christmas ornaments and decorations that can be sold at the RPC Crafters table at the Christkindlmarkt. You choose the craft project. You choose how many you want to make. You choose the price. We sell them. You can either make these on your own time and deliver them to Susan Lynch by Nov. 30. Or you can join Susan for crafty fellowship on Sunday afternoons in November at 3:00-4:30 pm in the Westminster room. Please bring the supplies that you need for your Christmas craft project. If you need ideas check out <https://www.pinterest.com/skstrause/christkindlmarkt-ideas/> any questions contact skstrause.lynch@outlook.com or 708-203-8368

CARERS GIVING TREE—The Giving Tree benefits women and children sheltered at the Constance Morris House. The paper ornaments list Christmas gift items. Take some ornaments, purchase the items and place the unwrapped gifts under the tree. Return gifts by Sunday December 2.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT is Saturday December 1 from 9:00-3:00. This year we feature a wide array of Artisans and our café is offering new sandwiches and soups! We are excited to announce that we will have an entire shop displaying fair trade items and food products from around the world.

YOU CAN HELP!

- ✓ Help setup or take down the decorations.
- ✓ Contribute whole homemade pies, cakes, quick breads or yeasted breads
- ✓ Contribute cookies or brownies for sale in the café. Please do not precut brownies or prepackage cookies.
- ✓ You can sign up using Signup Genius or by contacting the church office, 708.447.1520

Please join us. Invite your friends and neighbors to come, too, and help us welcome in the season.

CARERS NEWS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER— This November and December, to stave off the chill of winter for those in need, please fill the CARERS trunk with **hot soups, hot cereals and hot boxed foods**. No breakable containers please. The contributions will be distributed to local food pantries.

acaBELLa RINGERS PERFORMING AT HOLIDAY STROLL—Come cheer on RPC's acaBELLa Ringers during Riverside's Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm at First American Bank across from Guthrie Park. Join in the Christmas cheer while we play a variety of Christmas carols!

THE BOULEVARD HAPPY NEW YEAR —Sunday, December 30, 3:30- 6:00 pm. We are planning a little New Year's celebration for the residents. Mark your calendars and join the fun!

HALLELUJAH! THE MESSIAH IS COMING TO RPC DECEMBER 9 AT 4:00 PM! **What takes over 269 hours to prepare for and lasts 90 minutes?** When you add up all the time it takes to line up musicians, rehearsals by the choir members, and the orchestra's time in practice, it adds up to approximately 269 hours. You know what they say – practice makes perfect. Come see **PERFECTION** on December 9 at 4:00 and be uplifted by the music!

