CARERS GIVING TREE — CARERS will meet Thursday, November 8 at 10 am to set up the 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.

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.

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY —Sunday, November 11, 1-3 pm

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Joe Coakley, the piper, for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

Ushers: David Harper and Elizabeth Musick.

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Andrew Ministers: Susan Lynch and David Harper

Communion Servers: John Haugland, Susan Lynch, Sandy Kappmeyer and Jeanne Smith

Flowers today are given from Connie Nestor in honor of all who fell at The Battle of Culloden.

Coffee Fellowship today is hosted by Ellen Hamilton.

Trustees of the Month (November 4 & 11): Thom DeVries and Cyril Friend

HISTORY OF KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTAN — “Kirk” is Scottish for church, and the Tartan, with its distinctive cross-lined patterns, represents Scottish clans, families, regions and regiments. The Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans was introduced in the United States by Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1943 at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. The ceremony was intended as a service of rededication to Scottish heritage and to historical devotion to God and country.

Tartans: Perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and Scottish history than the colorful traditions of Highland dress. The tradition of the tartan is ancient, and there are many references to it in early Scottish literature. Ancient tartans were described as “chequered” or “striped” or “sundrie coloured.” The basic pattern of the tartan is the sett, and a sett is repeated until the desired length of material is achieved. Use of the tartan has become recognized as a symbol of clan kinship. Tartans are still being developed and registered with the Scottish Tartan Society.

John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, studied under John Calvin, the father of Presbyterianism, in Geneva in the 1500s. Upon returning to Scotland, Knox wrote the first Book of Church Order and established the first Presbyterian Churches there.

The Scots Confession of 1560, (found in the PCUSA Book of Confessions) has been referred to as the Charter of the Church of Scotland and of world Presbyterianism. The Scottish Parliament, at the conclusion of the civil war, invited John Knox and five colleagues to prepare a Confession of Faith for the church. It was the first Reformed Confession in the English language.
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:
Thursday, November 8 - 7:00 pm at The Quincy Street Distillery,
39 E Quincy St, Riverside
This includes a lemon-tea whisky punch and popcorn,
up to 3 (1/4 oz) tastings, and a 10-minute tour of the distillery.
Saturday, November 10 - 11:00 am at Allan Halline & Patti Perry’s home,
257 Bartram Road, Riverside
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 8 – Enriching CommYOUinity, 6:00 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, RSVP 442-5250
November 25 – Testimony Sunday
December 1 – Christkindlmarkt, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
December 2 – Pledge Sunday
December 9 – Messiah, 4 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
December 30 – The Boulevard Happy New Year, 3:30 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. There is a separate class for Jr. High students. Contact Diante with questions, 773-387-3779 or diante_johnson@yahoo.com

YOUTH GROUP NEWS —Game/ Movie night at church November 9 from 6:00 pm -9:00 pm. I will bring food from some popular places in Chicago. It’s going to be a great night! Please bring $5.00 to help pay for the food. If you have any questions or if your child is allergic to anything, contact Diante. I will also need a couple of adult volunteers for this. Thanks!!!!!

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.

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP —Join us at Lou and Martha Heine’s home, 124 Gage Road, 7:00 pm on November 9 for an evening of fun with your church family. Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share.

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/christkindlemarkt-ideas/ or any questions contact skstrause.lynch@outlook.com or 708-203-8368