



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — The fall Sunday school semester will start on September 9. You will be able to register your children for Sunday School this coming Sunday September 2 before church or after. Diante Johnson will have registration forms available beginning at 9:15 before service begins and at 11:15 after service ends. If you have any questions regarding Sunday school feel free to call, text or email. Email: [diante\\_johnson@yahoo.com](mailto:diante_johnson@yahoo.com) cell: 773-387-3779

Below are the dates and lessons that will be covered on those dates:

**Fall Sunday School Lessons and Dates**

- September 9 - Creation
- September 16- Noah's Arch
- September 23- Abrams call
- October 14 - Abram's and Sarah's visitors
- October 21- Isaac's Blessings
- October 28- Free from Slavery
- November 4- The Red Sea
- November 18- The battle of Jehrico
- December 2 - Naomi and Ruth
- December 9 - David and Goliath
- December 16-Elijah's Widow

**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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September 2, 2018 ~ **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Today**

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 Open Gym
- 2:00 Cantata

**Monday**

Office Closed – Labor Day

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

**Thursday**

6:30 am Women's Forum

**Friday**

Office Closed

**Sunday**

- 9:00 am Human Scene
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Sunday School
- Kick-off Picnic
- 11:15 Support & Endowment Committee

**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



**OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION** — Sunday, September 23. Dinner starts at 5:00 pm and will include brats and hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad and yummy desserts (some baked by Dennis Cobb!). The list of items to be auctioned, both live and silent, is awesome! Lots of events to fill up your social calendar, vacation houses, and all kinds of other goodies. This is the main fundraiser for the church this year, and we hope you will all join in (**and bring friends and neighbors**) to make it a successful event, full of *Gemütlichkeit!*

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns Monday, October 1 at the Grapevine in La Grange. We begin gathering at 6:30 for dinner and discussion begins at 7:00 pm. Watch the announcements for our next topic.



**BLESSING THE ANIMALS** is Sunday, September 23. Please bring your animal friend, or a picture of your animal friend to be blessed. Worship will be held outside so please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** — Please contact the church office if you would like to host in September or October.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** — We need canned chicken and tuna. Canned vegetables, oatmeal, soups, small containers of laundry detergent, small boxes of raisins and trail mix are also useful. **No drink mixes needed at this time. No fresh fruit or vegetables.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF PICNIC** — The Christian Education Committee is hosting an all church picnic after the service on Sunday, September 9. The Committee will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and beverages. The rest of the meal is pot luck, so if you are able, please bring a picnic appropriate side dish or dessert to share. There will be a table or two set up with chairs for those who need them. We encourage those who are able to bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair, as we will be outside if the weather permits. Come visit with church friends you may not have seen over the summer!

**CHOIR NEWS** — It's going to be an exciting year in the Manse! The Trustees have been working hard all summer and the results are in: new flooring, new lighting, new paint, a renovated bathroom, new bulletin boards and a colorful musical rug for the Riverside Ringers await. The Chancel in the Sanctuary is all one level – no more tripping or falling while running up and down stairs, more room for bell tables and (finally) visibility. It is all aesthetically beautiful as well. The rehearsal start dates are as follows:

**Chancel Choir**– Wednesday September 12, 7:30 pm

**acaBELLa Ringers** will start September 19 at 6:30 pm

**Riverside Ringers & Singers**- Wednesday September 19: 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Please contact Sally Sloane [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net) 708/822-0655 for more information.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**—Please pardon our dust! We want to thank everyone for their patience throughout the capital improvements. We are near completion. The carpet is installed in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and services were held in the Sanctuary this past Sunday. The carpeting is being installed through the rest of the church (including the offices) this week and should be complete by Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. A special thanks to everyone who has helped move things around for the carpet installers. There are still a few items that need to be completed in the Manse -- including a good cleaning – so the Manse is ready for the start of choir. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a trustee.

**HOLY LAND TRIP** —Dale is gone. In case of an emergency, call the church office.

**ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY** —Sunday, September 16, 1-3 pm

**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.**

**LOOSE COIN OFFERING** — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money goes to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**—Thank you to all of you who have been saving your aluminum and bringing it to the Preschool bins behind the church! All the money collected from the can recycling goes to BEDS Plus, a homeless shelter in La Grange. Recently \$225.00 was donated! Crushing your cans really helps cut down on trips to the recycling center. Each van full of uncrushed cans earns about \$14.00.

Thank you to Steven Staubus for choosing to replace the sandbox in the Preschool play yard for his Eagle Scout project! And thank you to all of you who have donated money to support this project. The new sandbox will last for many years to come and keep the critters out.

We're excited about the start of a new school year!

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY - Sunday, September 30** —We will be working with a local environmental group, exact location and details to be confirmed! Stay tuned for more information and let's continue the great work and turnout. The Riverside Landmark will be featuring our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday efforts with photos and a news feature story, so please mark your calendar for a good turnout on September 30!

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Thank you* to Steve Marcus, Elizabeth Musick and Sophie Welch for joining today's Ministry of Music. Sophie is a 6th grader at Percy Julian Middle School in Oak Park and a member of the Riverside Ringers & Singers.

*Ushers:* Steven and Gale Teune

*Liturgist:* Dennis Cobb

*Andrew Minister:* Lynda Nadkarni

*Communion Servers:* Martha Heine, Lynda Nadkarni, Steven Teune and Jeanne Smith

*Trustees of the Month:* Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel