

Friends,

Last Sunday morning, we had issues with Zoom. The folks who called the number to listen to worship were unable to hear and odd things started happening to the video. Out of an abundance of caution we decided to change ALL the log-in information. If you have copied the URL for Zoom Coffee Fellowship you will need to make appropriate changes.

If you called in for worship and were unable to hear the service, I am so sorry, hopefully this change will resolve any issues moving forward.

Here is the new information you need:

ZOOM COFFEE TIME—Sunday mornings after the worship service you are invited to join Zoom coffee time. Here is the information you need to join us.

Audio of the worship service: You may call and listen to the service by dialing 1(312)626-6799 and use Meeting ID: 973 5627 6934; Password: 960995 . Here is the new link to Coffee Fellowship: <https://bit.ly/RPCFellowship>. Stay on the line after worship and join us for Fellowship.



Friends,

Here we are, halfway through 2020 and almost half of that has been spent in quarantine due to COVID. I miss all of you! The grapevine reports our members have remained healthy and virus-free – I hope we all stay that way.

I asked Dale if I could use this space to THANK YOU for being Faithful Givers. From the beginning of quarantine, we have lived with the fear - "Out of Sight, Out of Mind" - for the pledges and other contributions on which we rely to pay the operating costs of RPC. (As a reminder, Session voted to continue paying salaries for all staff during quarantine.) We are so grateful that, for the most part, our members have continued to financially support our ministry.

A few highlights that especially warmed my heart:

- 1) Numerous members have contributed to the Little Food Pantry and the new outdoor-rated refrigerators (paid in full!) we had to purchase to satisfy Village requirements. THANK YOU!
- 2) Members continue to honor their pledges to the Capital Campaign: to date, we have paid off \$85,000 of our loan, leaving a remaining balance of \$144,000. THANK YOU! We still have a year and a half to go in our campaign, so keep those contributions coming in!
- 3) Pledge contributions have slowed as summer begins – that's fairly normal, but nothing else about our current situation is normal, so THANK YOU but don't forget us!

I am still hoping that we will be able to have our Service Auction before year end. This fundraiser is critical to balancing our budget. Without it, every dollar of pledged income we receive becomes even more vital. Please consider whether you can contribute all or part of what you may have spent at the auction as an act of faith that someday soon we will once again have dinners and other occasions to celebrate.

Due to the church closure and COVID concerns, our Counters Dennis Cobb and Doug Asbury only meet once towards the end of the month to total and deposit the donations that are sent in. So don't worry if you don't see your check clear right away - or call me if you want to insure we've received it.

Finally, you should have received a donation statement as of May 30. (If you sent in a check very late in May, it will likely be part of the June count and deposit). Should you have any questions, please call, or email me. I am in the office every few days and will respond to you promptly.

Thank you again and remember - God loves a cheerful giver - and so do we!

Your Treasurer, Ellen Hamilton

For information on joining worship on the internet or phone please see the bulletin. Worship is offered on our YouTube channel, and folks can join us on their telephone via Zoom. If you don't have a computer or tablet but do have a "smart" TV, you should be able to go to the YouTube channel on the TV and watch the service. If you would like a DVD of the service please contact me. The entire RPC building is closed. There are no in-person meetings and the only people allowed in the building are those stocking the food pantry and staff on an as-needed basis.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUST A REMINDER — Sunday we celebrate communion as part of worship. Remember to have your bread or crackers and juice or another beverage ready for worship.

JOYS & CONCERNS — Healing for Monica Wood and Jack Smith. Healing for Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law. Prayers for Ruth and Frank Svestka, while Ruth awaits her upcoming surgery. Continued prayers for Olivia, a friend of the Nadkarni family, as she undergoes treatment in the hospital for cancer.

REVEREND JACKSON — will be out of the office Monday, July 6 -Thursday, July 9. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact the office.

TITHES & OFFERINGS — The Session is committed to paying all staff during these difficult days. The ministry and mission of the congregation not only continues but is more important than ever. Please mail your tithes and offerings to the church at 116 Barrypoint Road, Riverside, IL 60546. You can also give online.



YOU CAN BE A PART OF WORSHIP — If you would like to serve as Liturgist, please email Reverend Jackson, pastor@rpcusa.org

THEOLOGY ON TAP is on hiatus for a few weeks.



EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE ITEMS —If you find yourself baking more now at this time, remember we have delicious baking ingredients. Dennis Cobb highly recommends the baking cocoa. We have many organic fair-trade items for sale (tea, coffee, baking cocoa and hot cocoa, chocolate chips and chocolate bars). If you'd like more detailed information on products or to place an order, contact the church office to arrange contact-free pick up.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS — Fresh produce will always be available Monday and Friday. If you are interested in volunteering to pick up produce once a month, please contact Tara Gregus at 708-447-9551. Canned food (especially meat products) and monetary donations are always needed and welcome. Thank you!

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL has been tentatively rescheduled from July 15 to **September 16**.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the July-August Upper Room are available. Contact the office if you would like to arrange contact-free pick up.

JULY CALENDAR—Due to covid-19 and the fact that all committees take the month of July off, we are not printing a July calendar. Please watch the weekly announcements for upcoming news.



WEEKLY MAILING UPDATE—Beginning August 2, we are creating a new mailing list for those who would like to continue to receive the weekly mailing. We are happy to mail to everyone who likes getting the bulletin and announcements by mail. All information will continue to be emailed and on the website. Please contact the office by phone (708) 447-1520 or email: rpcoffice@rpcusa.org You need to let us know you want to receive the mailing or your name will be removed from the list.