



Riverside Presbyterian Church

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Throughout the months of August and September during our offering time you have seen the ways your financial gifts to RPC make ministry and mission in this place possible. During these uncertain days we ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021. Your financial gifts secure the future of this community of faith for years to come.

The Stewardship letter and estimate of giving card was mailed. Please return your 2021 Estimate of Giving Card as soon as possible. If you would like to fill out your card online, go to this link:

<https://forms.gle/xcWqML4DjcgntCFj8>

October 11—November 14 *A Way Out of No Way*. The title comes from the African-American expression that grew out of contexts of oppression and the trust that God and a tenacious people make a way in spite of the situation. We will enter the biblical narrative of God's action in human history "already in progress" and right out of the gate we are plopped down in the middle of major crisis: Noah and the flood. We will spend six weeks witnessing other Hebrew Bible stories of God urging the people forward in times when it seems there's no way out. We will recall our own narratives and affirm the strength God gives us to find a way through. After all, our percentage of actually living through a crisis at this point is 100%!



November 22—Virtual Pet Blessing. More information to come but start emailing Pastor Dale pictures of your furry or scaly or feathery loved ones now!!

ZOOM SUNDAY INFORMATION—Sunday morning you may call and listen to the worship service by dialing 1(312)626-6799 and using meeting ID: 973 5627 6934; Password: 960995. Stay on the line after worship and join us for Coffee Fellowship. If you are joining Coffee Fellowship after viewing worship on YouTube follow this link: <https://bit.ly/RPCFellowship>.

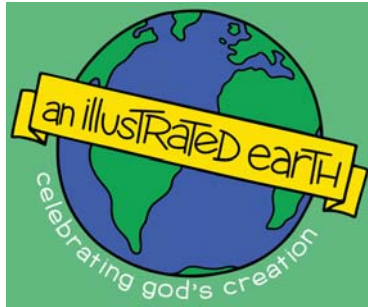


THEOLOGY ON TAP Drawing All Things To God: A Series on the life of Jesus. Jesus' birth welcomed something greater into human form. Through the recorded accounts of his life, Jesus' teachings pointed to a connected way of living in relationship to God, one another, our meals, our positions and possessions, and to the Earth. To people who find themselves detached from such things, who had exhausted themselves and their means, Jesus came with a message: *Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.* Starting **October 19, at 7:00 p.m.** There is no reading required prior to the meeting. Login information to join the ZOOM discussion. <https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErt0twWmExUXItc3ozQT09> Meeting ID: 935 547 600 Passcode: [636553](https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErt0twWmExUXItc3ozQT09)

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING—By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, one of the special offerings of the PC(USA), we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries. Please mark your donation "Peace & Global Witness Offering".

- ◆ Prayers for Donna Ulrich, who is having hip surgery on October 22.
- ◆ Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Dr. Giancarlo Piano, friend of Sally Sloane, who died last week.
- ◆ Continued prayers for Nathan Nadkarni, Lynda's nephew.
- ◆ Joyce Van Cura
- ◆ Jack Smith
- ◆ Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law
- ◆ Monica Wood





FAITH FORMATION — Intergenerational Sunday School started Sunday, September 27. All ages will enjoy our new curriculum called: *An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation*. The curriculum is designed to draw you into conversations with biblical stories that relate to elements of God's creation. Accompanying videos are available on our YouTube channel. Contact the church office if you'd like to arrange

to pick up a packet or have it mailed to you.

TIME CHANGE —Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday, October 31. You can make up for that hour of sleep you lost in the spring!



CALLING ALL TABLECLOTHS!



Do you have any round, green RPC tablecloths at home? We are missing several tablecloths that may have been taken home to launder. If you have any, please return them to the office or contact the office. Thank you!

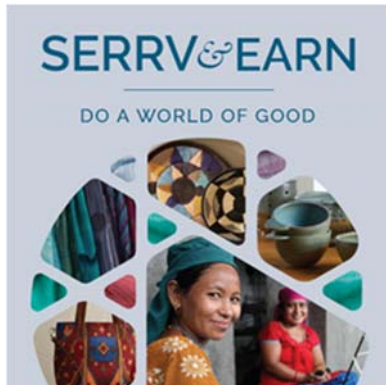


Check out the RPC YouTube channel for some great stories read by Pastor Dale & friends. If you would like to record your favorite book reach out to Pastor Dale!



SOCIALLY DISTANCED FALL FELLOWSHIP — A good time was had by all at the fall fellowship event. The weather was perfect, snacks were delicious and socializing with our church family was awesome! Jon Jansky won the prize for best designed mask. Special thanks to the Janskys for providing the treats and for John Haugland for his wonderful fiddle playing.





SERRV & EARN FUNDRAISER

It's never been easier to change a life for the better. Now thru **December 31**, when you buy handmade gifts and home decor using the web link below, 20% of your purchase will be donated to **RPC**.

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Plan ahead for the Fall 2020 special offers:
Oct 31 – Nov 1: Free gift with purchase
Nov 14-15: Free ground shipping
Nov 21-22: Free \$10 Gift Card with every \$50+ purchase
Dec 5-6: Free ground shipping



You'll do a world of good by supporting this Serrv & Earn fundraiser. I hope you'll shop and share the web link today: <https://www.serrv.org/?a=RPC>

Catalogs will be available in the office soon. If you would like to make arrangements to pick one up or have it mailed to you, let us know. We can help you place your order as well since all orders need to be placed online.

Thank you so much for your support!

2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP			
	2020	2021	2022
Elders	Frank Gangware Lynda Nadkarni Dennis Zander	Gwen Heine Allan Halline Matt Lisle	Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Lloyd Bradbury Charlie Juister Sally Sloane Jeanne Smith	Deb Jansky Wendy Seifert Joyce Van Cura	Claire Gangware Sylvia Schade Susanne Vogel
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