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whose roots reach down to the water.
They won't fear drought when it comes;
their leaves will remain green. Jeremiah 17:8

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 this week. Please return your 2021 Estimate of Giving Card by October 15. If you would like to fill out your card online, go to this link:
<https://forms.gle/xcWqML4DjcgntCFj8>

- ◆ Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Jim Ulrich who died last week.
- ◆ Marge Abbott
- ◆ Dr. Giancarlo Piano, friend of Sally Sloane
- ◆ Prayers for Debra Myers and family
- ◆ Joyce Van Cura
- ◆ Jack Smith
- ◆ Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law
- ◆ Monica Wood



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>.

FAITH FORMATION Intergenerational Sunday School starts Sunday, Sept. 27. The church will provide packets with complete lesson plans and activity pages for every household that would like one. 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. Each lesson highlights a



particular biblical story and provides opportunities to focus on hearing and reflecting on the story with open-ended questions, creating meaningful art, an interactive activity based on the story, and providing an opportunity to share God's love. An accompanying video will be available on our YouTube channel. **If you want to secure a packet, please contact the church office.** You can make arrangements to pick up your packet from the church or have it mailed to you.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Dale for more information. Schedule (again please watch the units BEFORE the class):
September 28: Unit 6 & Gratitude Practice: Appreciate & Welcome & Optional Conversation: Anne Lamott
October 5: Conclusion & Optional Conversation: Simran Jeet Singh
Login information to join the ZOOM discussion. <https://zoom.us/j/935547600?pwd=cTV0YTR4YkErT0twWmExUXlTc3ozQT09> Meeting ID: 935 547 600
[Passcode: 636553](#)



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. Together we are building God's house where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice. Please mark your donation "Peace & Global Witness Offering".



Sunday, October 2, 2020 is World
Communion Sunday

Here are two bread recipes you might like to try!

MEALIE BREAD (South African Sweetcorn Bread)

Yield: 1 (9x5) loaf of delicious cornbread

Ingredients

½ c milk, 2 Tbsp salted butter, melted, 2 eggs, 2 c sweet
corn kernels divided,

1 ½ c unbleached all purpose flour, 2 Tbsp cornmeal,
2 Tbsp sugar

2 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp salt, ½ tsp paprika

Method: Preheat your oven to 350F. Butter a 8 ½ x 4 ½ loaf
tin.

Place the milk, melted butter, eggs, and 1 cup of corn into your blender and blend until evenly mixes and the corn is nicely pureed.

Add the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt, and paprika to the blender. Blend until a smooth batter forms.

Add the remaining 1 cup of corn and blend just enough to chop the kernels coarsely and mix them well into the batter.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake the mealie bread for 45-50 min. Until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Cool the bread in the pan for 5 minutes before turning the bread out onto a wire rack to continue cooling.



QUICK INJERA—An Ethiopian crepe like bread. Yields:
6 to 8 crepes

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, 1/2 cup Whole wheat
flour, 1 Tbs Baking powder,

1/2 Tsp Salt, 2 to 2 1/2 cups Club soda, Lemon juice

Method: Preheat a large cast-iron skillet over a
medium flame. Mix the all-purpose flour, whole-wheat
flour, baking powder and salt together in a large bowl.

Stir in the club soda and mix to a smooth batter. It should have the thin consistency of a pancake batter.

Wipe the skillet with a little oil using a paper towel. Ladle about 1/2 cup of the batter into the skillet and spread it with a spatula to make a large crepe. Let bake in the skillet until all the bubbles on top burst and begin to dry out, about 2 or 3 minutes.

Carefully turn the injera over and cook on second side another minute or two. Try not to brown it too much.

Remove the injera to a warm platter and repeat with the rest of the batter, wiping the skillet clean with an oiled paper towel each time.

After the batter is used up, use a pastry brush to brush each injera with the lemon juice. Serve immediately or hold covered in a warm oven.



September 27 We turn our attention to stewardship. What does it mean to be grateful? Does gratefulness impact the ways in which we support the church? Our theme verse is Jeremiah 17:8 *They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water. They won't*

fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green. They won't be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit. Reverend Jackson will also be using the poetry of Mary Oliver who said *Instruction for living a life. Pay attention, Be astonished. Tell about it.*

October 4 is World Communion Sunday. Next week watch the announcements for international recipes to bake your own communion bread. The service will celebrate the fact that Christians all over the world share one table.

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!!

2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP			
	2020	2021	2022
Elders	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson
	Lynda Nadkarni	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton
	Dennis Zander	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft
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	Sally Sloane	Joyce Van Cura	Susanne Vogel
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