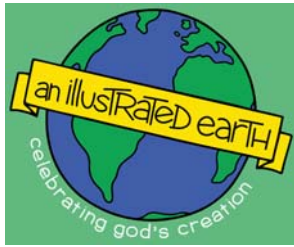




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JANUARY 24, 2021



SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS—Beginning Sunday, January 24, you are invited to a Zoom conversation from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. as we discuss the intergenerational study “An Illustrated Earth: Animal Stories.” Study and activity packets are available from the office. In each session, we will read the stories together before discussing them and engaging in whatever activities might enhance our

understanding and need for expression. All ages are welcome. Doug Asbury will facilitate the sessions. The same Zoom link will be used for all the morning activities – study, worship, and fellowship. We hope to see many of you there! Contact Doug with any questions at dougasbury@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS WITH TED—TED is a global community, welcoming people from every discipline and culture who seek a deeper understanding of the world. They believe passionately in the power of ideas to change attitudes, lives and, ultimately, the world.

Beginning on Friday, January 29, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom, RPC will sponsor a weekly viewing of a TED Talk followed by discussion. Please feel free to invite your friends (even non RPC members)! The first three talks will be as follows:

Jan. 29: “Your brain hallucinates your conscious reality” with Anil Seth;
Feb. 5: “Can democracy exist without trust?” with Ivan Krastev; and
Feb. 12: “A prosecutor’s vision for a better justice system” with Adam Foss.



Contact facilitator Doug Asbury dougasbury@gmail.com, for more information.

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ZOOM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING— The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 31 immediately following worship. The Annual Report is on our web site. Hard copies are available to pick up in the office. If you cannot pick one up, contact the office and we will make arrangements to get it to you.



THEOLOGY ON TAP Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Our study is called *A New Family: Throwing Open the Doors of the Sanctuary*. Through her writing and speaking, Rachel Held Evans' work opened a space for people to become involved with the evolution of their faith by example. She strived to be grace-full while admitting her imperfection. Her advocacy was for

the heart of God which is for the people of God. All people, a diverse bunch of clumsy-yet-beautiful people of different races, cultures, beliefs, faiths, genders, and sexual orientations just doing our best to be human. She was a person who reached for the outsider and brought their voice and perspective into the fold. She inspired change and sometimes provoked resistance. But as she says in this series, her hope was to start more conversations than end them.

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Tax statements for 2020 have been mailed/emailed. If you have not received your statement, contact the Treasurer.

PER CAPITA —It's 2021 but per capita stays the same—\$36.00/member annually. Please remember to include this in your offerings.



- ◆ Del Harris and family, Del is Jeanine Buttimer's father, who is in hospice .
- ◆ Randy Womack, who is recovering from Covid-19 at a nursing home.
- ◆ Don James and Marcia, Joyce Dobrzanski's brother and sister-in-law. Don has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

- ◆ John Hiehle, Carol O'Meara's son-in-law, who has cancer.
- ◆ Ruth Svestka and her husband, who is in hospice.
- ◆ Joyce Van Cura
- ◆ Jack Smith
- ◆ Judy Lynch, Susan Lynch's sister-in-law
- ◆ Monica Wood

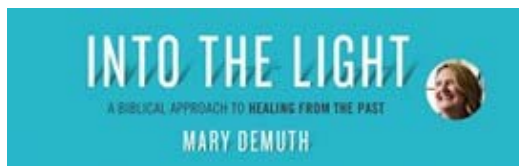
CONFIRMATION CLASS —begins January 24 .





MISSION GIVING—during these difficult times the Mission Committee and Session are committed to continuing the mission of RPC. Each year we budget \$5,000 for Missions and we also receive countless gifts throughout the year. Here are some of the ways that your pledges and gifts have been used this year.

- ◇ Peru Mission Co-Worker support \$1,000
- ◇ Constance Morris House \$500
- ◇ The Boulevard \$500
- ◇ Heifer International \$1,000
- ◇ Beds Plus \$500
- ◇ Presbytery Disaster and Assistance \$1,000
- ◇ Alaskan Native Peoples Fund \$500
- ◇ 6 families from District 96 and 6 Little Food Pantry clients received \$100 Aldi gift cards for Thanksgiving
- ◇ 12 Brook Park School families and 6 Little Food Pantry clients received \$50 Aldi gift cards for Christmas



The **WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** is scheduled to meet on Zoom or telephone on Wednesday, January 27 at 10:30. We will be studying Lesson 5 of the book "Into the

Light". We look forward to the gathering!

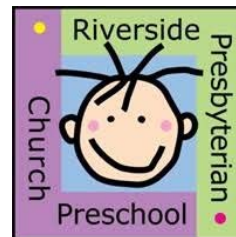
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PRESCHOOL NEWS --We return to 3-day in person Preschool beginning the middle of January after having a hybrid the first couple of weeks back from Christmas break. This will be the first time we will meet all three days in person since last March. The kids are really good at keeping their masks on and are so happy to be able to play and learn together!

We are now optimistically accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Applications are available on our website both the morning and enrichment classes.





NEW WORSHIP SERIES “God Is Holding our Lives”

- Life is a series of exclamations from “O No!” to “Help!” to “Oh Yeah!” We can swing between disappointment, helplessness, and gratitude on a daily basis. There are also seasons of our lives when we feel inundated with more of one than the others. As we enter the new year, we had hoped we would be past the “O No!” of the last several months.

Instead we find ourselves with ongoing prayers for “Help!” The Book of Psalms knows all about this. Written over a span of time from exile and isolation to the rebuilding of the community, the poetry of the Psalms will accompany us in this series, reminding us that through it all, we can trust and even give our thankful “Oh Yeah!” because God is, indeed, holding our lives.

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>.



Consider subscribing to the church’s YouTube page. You can easily stay informed of our newest content. All you need to do is tap the subscribe icon. [RPCyoutube](#).

2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP		
Elders		
2021	2022	2023
Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Lynda Nadkarni
Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk		
Deacons		
Deb Jansky	Claire Gangware	Jeanine Buttimer
Wendy Seifert	Sylvia Schade	Bridget Juister
Joyce Van Cura	Susanne Vogel	Susan Lynch
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Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Doug Harvin
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