



Riverside Presbyterian Church

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Blessing
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ANIMALS

BLESSING THE ANIMALS is Sunday, September 12 at 10am. 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.

AcaBella Ringers —The AcaBella Ringers are coming back! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm. All ringers must be masked. I believe all are vaccinated, although I am not sure about this. We will have several changes with personnel and will need to figure out our positions after this long hiatus. Our first rehearsal will begin with bell polishing, so dress accordingly. (Does anyone dress up anymore?) It's been tooooooo long.



—Sally



MISSION AND OUTREACH — I'm excited to see more of YOU in person when we resume worship, outside for Blessing of the Animals and then in the sanctuary with guest pastors. I have spoken with each and every one of them. They bring a variety of backgrounds and perspectives to their preaching. I believe you will like the diversity of messages we will receive in September and October.

Speaking of October, our next Fifth Sunday is Halloween! We will invite the community to trick or treat at RPC where they can receive a warm meal, a treat, and also bring us a canned good as they are able. Please mark your calendar!

—Lynda Nadkarni

SEARCH UPDATE - The Session is acting as the IPNC (Interim Pastor Nominating Committee). Session plans to hire a full time Interim/Transitional Pastor who has the type of training and experience to efficiently guide us through the search process for our next installed pastor. Lisa Aulerich-Marcinak is acting as chair of the IPNC.



IN PERSON WORSHIP — Sunday 10:00 am - you are invited to join us for indoor watch parties in the Sanctuary. In conjunction with IDPH recommendations and to show our care for members and friends who are not yet able to be vaccinated, we will be wearing masks when worshipping indoors. We also encourage everyone to practice social distancing. Both sanctuary doors will be open and those restrooms will be available. Worship will still be on our YouTube channel and available for calling in on Zoom.

Prayers of comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Marge Abbott.

- Carrie Staubus
- Donna Ulrich
- Joyce Van Cura
- Jack Smith
- Monica Wood
- Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus



5th SUNDAY —Our 5th Sunday was hot but helpful as we created 100 Blessing Bags (50 were delivered to BEDS Plus, the remainder are here for you to distribute), 40 meals for The Boulevard, and wrote our legislators asking for change to funding for those who are hungry and/or homeless. Writing is easy! You can pick up a template and fact sheet from the communication area outside the office. Our next 5th Sunday is October 31!

PRESCHOOL NEWS —The 51st year of RPC Preschool began Tuesday, September 7. We have a wonderful group of students starting their education with us. Our goal is to teach them to love school and to catch'em being good. Would you like to know more about our staff and our programs? Go to www.rpcpreschool.com



SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS — Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in hybrid form. You are invited to arrive at 9:00, enter through the south door to the sanctuary and come down the hall to the library for discussion of the morning's scripture. Those who wish to join remotely may do so by logging on at 9:00 a.m. via the Zoom link for the morning worship.

SUNDAYS WITH TED meets in person and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. As conditions improve in the future, we hope to reinstate the gathering for a meal prior to the TED Talk and discussion. For now, plan to join us in person in the RPC parlor, or, if you want to join via Zoom, use the following links:



<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=dnNnbHF6cE43TXo3Q3NqSjZUHRFdz09>

Meeting ID: 856 8518 2676, Passcode: 744144, Phone 312-626-6799.

Email Doug Asbury with questions at dougasbury@gmail.com.

Sept. 12 —Margaret Heffernan—Dare to disagree

Sept. 19— Margaret Heffernan—The dangers of willful blindness

*Programs are subject to change.



ZOOM SUNDAY INFORMATION — SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP, COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AND SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS

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>.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the September-October devotionals are available. Contact the office to arrange pick up or delivery.



Have you seen our new grand piano in the sanctuary? It sounds even lovelier than it looks. Session authorized the purchase of this gently used Kawai baby grand from Oak Park Piano for \$14,000. Four generous donors have already off-set \$10,000 of the cost. If each of our member families would donate \$50 or more, we would have the piano paid off in no time! Won't you please let the beautiful sound speak to your heart and help out? Any extra funds will be used for the music program in anticipation of the wonderful day when we're able to host the Messiah again.



CALLING ALL PARENTS! A survey was sent last week with the hope you will chime in on how and when your child(ren) would participate in activities designed to further their

faith. It also asks what activities you think they would gravitate towards. If you haven't already completed the survey, please take a minute to do so NOW!

<https://forms.gle/Dm5rvq3dPWCT2xyh6>

ITEMS NEEDED FOR RPC KITCHEN — Can you help the RPC “kitchen staff” by donating any of the following items?

- ◆ Can opener
- ◆ Dry ingredients measuring cups
- ◆ 1 cup liquid measuring cup
- ◆ 2 cup liquid measuring cup
- ◆ Measuring spoons



MOVING SALES — Frank and Claire Gangware and Joyce Dobrzanski are having moving sales this weekend. Stop by and pick up some great finds!

Gangwares: Saturday 9/11, 8 am-4 pm, Sunday 9/12,

8 am-12 pm at 355 N. Delaplaine Road, Riverside

Joyce Dobrzanski: Saturday 9/11 and Sunday 9/12, 11 am-3 pm at

3022 Wisconsin, Berwyn

2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2021	2022	2023
	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Jon Jansky
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Deb Jansky	Sylvia Schade	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert	Susanne Vogel	Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	