

The Pulse

August
2016



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Labor Day weekend's your last chance!

Wake up!! "Early Worship" is on the "home stretch"

Our extra, early-morning worship Sunday worship service fills Walker Chapel at 8:30 a.m. for the summer months.

That means there's only one month remaining!

The 8:30 a.m. chapel service is identical to the customary 10:30 a.m. sanctuary service except that it omits a hymn, a soloist, and perhaps a few other things—consequently the 8:30 a.m. service is only 30-40 minutes long.

If you have Indians tickets, or an early tee time, or gardening or boating on your Sunday schedule, "come as you are" to our 8:30 a.m. "Early Worship" in Walker Chapel this month!

—Worship Committee

(Don't tell the kids... but it's "Back to School" time!) "Blessing of the Backpacks" in worship services Sun., Aug. 28

Your children are finishing their "summer reading" assignments. They're helping you check off their shopping list of school supplies. They're thinking about what they'll wear on that big "First Day of School."

How else can you prepare them?

Have your children bring their school backpacks to church with them on Sun., Aug. 28th. That's when we'll have a brief "blessing of the backpacks/book bags" during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. School may start a few days before or after this date, but we'll pray for a fruitful, inquisitive, creative, successful and safe school year for the children, teachers, staff, and families.

—Worship Committee



RRPC Youth Return from Presbyterian Youth Triennium with Stories to Share

Jesus said, to faithful friends, new followers and the earliest of disciples, "GO". "Go in the world and make disciples!" In July 2016 young Presbyterians from across the country and the world will hear this call, absorb the invitation and then will GO back into the world, in the church, walking with new energy and a deepened faith.

Welcome home to our youth! Ten young people from RRPC recently spent five days on the campus of Purdue University at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. They traveled with a delegation from our presbytery and spent the week with nearly 5000 other youth from around the world, sharing worship, workshops, fellowship, and mission projects. They had the opportunity to hear some great sermons and build many new relationships. Our participants were Heath Fredrickson, Marlee McGorray, Gillian Esdon, Zach Dillon, Kamryn Wilson, Aileen Busher, Libby Poole, Jessica Bohannon, Jill Erml, and Beth Erml.

We would like to thank you for your generous support of these youth- the money raised by the Pancake Supper and Spaghetti Dinner as well as a generous donation from Presbyterian Women of RRPC made this experience possible.

If you see any of these youth in the future, take a moment to ask them about their experience. They have some great stories to share! The group will also be meeting very soon to set up a plan to share some of their experiences with you as a congregation. You can be sure you will be hearing more from our PYT participants very soon!



From Your Pastor

What differences does it make?

“What difference does it make?”

That’s the question one might ask about the every-other-year gathering of representatives of the 171 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Having been one of those representatives from the Presbytery of the Western Reserve back in 2003, I can tell you that this week-long churchwide get-together (called a “General Assembly” or just “G.A.”) is part “family reunion,” part “church policy legislation” and part “worship celebration.”

Based on their numerical membership, each presbytery elects an equal number of ministers and elders to represent the entire presbytery in the deliberations of the G.A. In total, there are about 700 “commissioners” nationwide. The Presbytery of the Western Reserve is allowed to elect 2 ministers and 2 elders. In addition, we are able to send a “Young Adult Advisory Delegate.” YAADs can participate in all discussions and activities; they are asked to cast “advisory votes” but their votes aren’t counted in final tallies.

At G.A. the Presbyterian Church (USA) deals with internal matters (structure, funding, mission projects, theological perspectives) as well as external matters (speaking the Church’s conscience on social-political, environmental, economic, moral and justice issues). Let me give you a few snapshots of things that happened at G.A. that will make a difference for Presbyterians in Rocky River, Ohio and elsewhere. (*The following material is from the PC(USA)’s Office of the General Assembly.*)

“Confession of Belhar” added to PC(USA)’s Book of Confessions

Thirty years after it was birthed in South Africa by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (DRMC) during its battle against apartheid, the Confession of Belhar has been included in the Book of Confessions of the PC(USA). After a four-year-long process of study and votes by the General Assembly in 2014 and then ratification by the 171 presbyteries, this year’s G.A. voted overwhelmingly (540-33) to make “Belhar” the denomination’s 12th recognized confession... and the first originating in the southern hemisphere. It focuses on themes of justice, unity, and reconciliation, which are just as important today in the U.S. as they were thirty years ago, when Belhar was approved by the DRMC in the midst of South Africa’s apart-

heid regime.

Commitment to peacemaking reaffirmed

After a six-year churchwide discernment process, the G.A. approved a lengthy report underscoring the centrality of peacemaking to Christian faith and promising to “practice boldly the things that make for peace.”

“Risking Peace in a Violent World: Affirmations for Presbytery Consideration” was ordered by the G.A. in 2010 to “seek clarity as to God’s call to the church to embrace nonviolence as its fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war.”

The report calls for Presbyterians at all levels of the church to employ insights to respond to and prevent violence on the local, national, and international levels through prayer, direct action, and advocacy.

“Regret” expressed for harm to LGBT members

Declining a proposal that proposed to admit to and apologize for *harming* the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community, commissioners instead opted to express *deep regret* for ways that those minorities of “God’s beloved children” have been led to feel that they stand outside the grace of God and are unwelcome in the denomination.

At the same time, the resolution expressed the deep sorrow of all in the PC (USA) who have left the fellowship of the church, and expressed appreciation to those who have maintained relationships despite profound disagreement.

Calling for deeper conversations about theological differences, the resolution (passed by a 463-51 vote) calls upon Presbyterians to seek reconciliation and to reach out to those who have been marginalized across the spectrum of theological understanding.

Move to divest from fossil fuel companies defeated

The PC(USA) [and its Board of Pensions for retired church workers] will continue to invest in fossil-fuel companies after overwhelmingly turning back an overture to begin divestment immediately. Instead, it will continue the process of selective, phased divestment that begins with full corporate engagement.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, the denomination’s Associate for Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI), told commissioners that divestment could well reduce Presbyterians’ ability to persuade energy companies to act in environmentally responsible ways—one of the purposes of MRTI.

“In the real world of corporate engagement, the more stock you own the more power you have,” Somplatsky-Jarman said. “You are treated much more seriously by companies that are skeptical of what you are asking for.”

“Teaching Elder” out, “Minister of Word and Sacrament” back in

After several hours of debate, commissioners voted to ask presbyteries to reverse an action taken in 2012 and ratify a proposed amendment to the Book of Order that would restore the previous nomenclature for “ordered ministry.” If approved by a majority of the denomination’s 171 presbyteries:

- those now called “teaching elders” once again would be known as “ministers of Word and Sacrament;”
- “ruling elders” would be “elders;”
- and “commissioned ruling elders” [these are specially-trained elders authorized to serve temporarily as ministers] would be “commissioned pastors.”
- [“Deacons” are still “deacons!”]

Two historic moments

Thanks to a rule change approved two years ago, for the first time in its 227-year history the G.A. elected Co-Moderators instead of a Moderator and Vice-Moderator. What’s more, it was the PC(USA)’s first all-women moderatorial ticket. Rev. Denise Anderson (Washington D.C.) and Rev. Jan Edmiston (Chicago) will blaze trails in this new relationship as they represent the PC(USA) for the next two years.

The other historic moment occurred because of the retirement of the popular and very effective Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. Grady Parsons. Grady had served as Stated Clerk for the past 8 years.

To replace him, the G.A. elected J. Herbert Nelson, who is the first black man selected to serve as the top ecclesial officer of the nation’s largest Reformed body, a largely white denomination. “This is a powerful day, a powerful day in my life and for many people of color who did not envision the possibility of this ever happening,” Nelson told the G.A., adding that he asked only one thing: “Work with me and pray with me—and not on me!—and we’ll get some things done in the name of the Lord.”



August Birthdays



- August 1 Paul Burstadt
Paul Piscitelli
- August 2 Nancy McGillicuddy
Barbara Cashmere
David Timmons
- August 3 Hannah Bennett
Andrew Brown
- August 5 Jennifer Bohannon
- August 6 Elizabeth Richmond
- August 8 Beatrix Stickney
- August 9 Fred Garibaldi
- August 11 Gillian Esdon
Max Sabolich
- August 13 Courtney Roberts
- August 15 Eric Watts
- August 16 Joseph Panatera
- August 17 Marc Hustek
- August 18 Mazzi Drinkwater
- August 19 Cassie Arnold
- August 20 Jane Titus
- August 21 Clara Kogeler
James Cook
Dick Heath
- August 22 Ruth Wiedemer
- August 23 Laura Sweet
- August 24 Elizabeth Cseh
- August 25 Thea Steinmetz
Josh Hustek
- August 26 Audrey Dillon
- August 28 Karol Hoeffler
Beth Williams
- August 29 Paul Chato
- August 30 Mary Lou Busby

**If your birthday is missing from our birthday list, please contact Office Administrator Crystal Duffield at: info@riverpres.org or (440) 333-4888.



THANK YOU



We are so thankful for all our Presbyterian church friends who were here to support us when Welton died.

We sincerely appreciate all the beautiful and thoughtful sympathy cards.

We especially want to thank the many people who helped Jan Erml organize and serve the luncheon. It was wonderful! Jon's message, Betsy Roth's beautiful voice and the special organ music were truly a blessing. We are so very grateful.

Thank You,
Ruth, Sandi, and Rachel Regula and Lisa Regula-Meyer.

And.....

Dear RRPC Family,

Thank you so much for all the support you provided during my surgery & recovery. The prayers, cards, meals, and other acts of kindness were a great source of comfort. I am grateful to have this church in my life.

Thanks again,
Amy Boyd-Kirksey

Sanctuary Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to honor for a birthday or anniversary. Would you like to memorialize that special person who has passed away? By signing up for a Sunday to provide our sanctuary with flowers you can do this. The cost is only \$30.00 and you may take the flowers with you after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Your "in honor of" or "in memory" attribution will be listed in our bulletin announcements as well as on the card with the flowers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please contact Crystal in the church office if you have any questions.

Get Ready for . . . the New Church School Year!

The summer is flying by at an unbelievable rate, and September will be here before we know it. We will be returning to the school year schedule for church school on Sunday, September 13. The classes will be as follows:

2, 3 and 4 year-olds—room B-10

Young Children and Worship (5 year-olds/kindergarten, 1st grade)—room D-7

2nd and 3rd grades—room D-3

4th, 5th and 6th grades—room B-4

As always, we have a well-staffed nursery for children under two. Kids in Sunday Service (KISS) will continue to be the first Sunday of each month, with classes for all children under 5. Worship folders and totes are available in the sanctuary every Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer to help out with church school this year, contact Lisa Watts at the church!

Middle School and High School Fellowship Groups Begin the Year on September 11

Both middle school and high school fellowship groups will start off their year with meetings on Sunday, September 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm. The high school group will meet in room D-4 (youth room) and the middle school group will meet in the middle school room, D-5. Each group will meet almost every Sunday evening through the year. Watch the CE bulletin board for a calendar and updates on events. This promises to be a great year!

Retreat dates have already been set for this year-get them on your calendars NOW so your kids can have a wonderful camp experience.

High School retreat will be November 11-13.
Middle School retreat will be March 4-5

Adult Education Starts a New Year

Are you interested in a little something “extra” on Sunday mornings? Do you want to dig a little deeper into your faith? Make plans to join us for Sunday morning adult education classes. We will start meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 9 in the West Room, and meet most Sundays through May. We have an exciting line up of leaders and topics so be sure to watch your Pulse each month for specific information. Be sure to check us out for fellowship and a cup of coffee!

“Surprising” Vacation Bible School

If you happened to be in the church June 13-17, then you may have seen “Jerusalem” in the sanctuary. It was all part of this year’s VBS, “Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus,” sponsored by RRPC and St. Christopher’s Parish. Each day 132 children participated in worship and saw a drama relating to the lesson of the day. We shared snacks and games, made wonderful crafts, and praised the Lord with beautiful music. Our children raised over \$1000 for our chosen mission recipient, Habitat for Humanity Cleveland. Eleven area churches were represented. Many thanks to the dedicated adult and teen volunteers who made the week possible—you are wonderful! We hope to see all of you back next year.

Rocky River Presbyterian Church was well-represented at the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce’s annual golf outing on June 18 at Avon Oaks Country Club. Sporting attire featuring the church’s name and “Good Shepherd” logo, Jon Fancher and Marc Hustek were joined by friends Steve Weixel and Ralph King as they posed for an unconventional “team photo” on the green of the 3rd hole. They didn’t have a prayer—their 2-under par score wasn’t going to win any prizes that day.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, August 8th** at 11:30 a.m. at Nelly's Belly Restaurant at the Metro Parks-Rocky River Reservation. We will be meeting here for the summer. If you have questions you may contact Pat Koberg at 440-871-8827. New members are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, August 18th** at 7:00 p.m. in the West Room. All are **welcome!** If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh through the Church Office.

Expressions of Faith

Our group meets twice a month: **Tuesday, August 9th** and **August 23rd** at 9:30 a.m. in the West Room (or D-3). We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

Women of Grace

Women of Grace will not meet in August. We will resume our meetings on **Monday, September 26th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room (D-3,4). Plan to join us for great discussion and light refreshments! For more information contact Lee Sabolich or Lisa Watts through the Church Office.

Save the Date and Plan to Attend!

Saturday, October 1

Trash and Treasure – *how you can help now:* PLAN TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE THIS POPULAR, 'HANDS-ON' MISSION PROJECT, A HUGE SUCCESS!

- ◆ **Collection** of donations starts September 18
- ◆ **Sorting Sunday** – September 25

Sign up for volunteer jobs and times (including evening hours) will be published later this summer.

Thank You,
Ellen Schickel

June's Session highlights

- With the conclusion of Mark Esdon's six years as our Clerk of Session, the Session elected Dan McKenzie to serve as Clerk of Session. (He served in this role at our church in the past.)
 - Session fulfilled its obligation to the State of Ohio by electing the following members to a one-year term of service in respective corporate offices for Rocky River Presbyterian Church, a Non-Profit Corporation in the State of Ohio:
 - Marc Hustek – President
 - Jim Flynn – Vice President
 - Dan McKenzie – Secretary
 - Paul Busby – Treasurer
 - Bill Knoble offered devotions on the topic of "What, Me? An Evangelist?"
 - The Clerk noted the death on May 29, 2016 of Welton G. "Reg" Regula, husband of Ruth Regula. His memorial service was held on June 3. Also on May 29, 2016, Marion Good's husband, Lowell K. Good, MD, entered the Church Triumphant. His memorial service will take place on August 20.
 - Members of this year's confirmation class were received into adult membership by the act of confirmation on May 15:
 - * Kevin Beer
 - * Ray Bohannon
 - * Dean Cashmere
 - * Luke Erml
 - * Caleb Flynn
 - * Nate Furry
 - * Kira Katterle
 - * Cameron Krizman
 - * Nigel Mach
 - * Shea O'Flaherty
 - * Emma Poole
 - * Libby Poole
 - * Emmaline Purohit
 - * Madeline Shaver
 - * Jacob Ulewicz
 - * Jacob Wilson
 - * Michael Wilson
 - * Will St. Pierre (May 29)
 - At the suggestion of the pastor, the Finance & Memorials Committee sought and received Session approval to implement formalized cash-handling guidelines. The guidelines are intended to protect volunteer money-counters from accusations of misdeeds and to assure the security of church cash. The Committee made it clear that the proposal of these guidelines is in no way an indication of distrust of any of our fine volunteers or staff members; they are a "best practice" for handling money deposits. The Committee also noted that our counters handle very little actual cash, as most gifts and payments are by check.
 - Evangelism & Membership reminded all that any member of the church can serve as a door greeter on Sunday mornings. Contact Sara Gresh for details.
 - Property Committee is awaiting formal proposals from contractors for improving the lighting in the sanctuary and for making the Garden Hall entry a secure, controlled entry.
 - Session's next scheduled meeting is Mon., Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.
- Moderator of Session

Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! I would like to share some important information about the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Hepatitis. Hepatitis is an inflammatory condition of the liver and it's commonly caused by a viral infection. There are five different types of hepatitis; A, B, C, D, and E. Hepatitis A is a milder version of the disease, and hepatitis C and D are more severe. Hepatitis A and E are normally contracted from eating contaminated food or drinking contaminated water. Hepatitis B, C, and D are contracted through contaminated blood. These forms of hepatitis can be either acute or chronic. Types B and C usually become chronic. Lets look a little closer at each type of hepatitis:

Hepatitis A This type of hepatitis is most commonly transmitted by consuming food or water contaminated by feces from a person infected with hepatitis A.

Hepatitis B This type is transmitted through puncture wounds or contact with infectious body fluids, such as blood, saliva, or semen. Injection drug use, having sex with an infected partner, or sharing razors with an infected person increase your risk of getting hepatitis B.

Hepatitis C Hepatitis C is transmitted through direct contact with infected body fluids, typically through injection drug use and sexual contact.

Hepatitis D Hepatitis D is a serious liver disease caused by contract through puncture wounds or contact with infected blood. Hepatitis D is a rare form of hepatitis that occurs in conjunction with hepatitis B infection. It's very uncommon in the United States.

Hepatitis E Hepatitis E is a waterborne disease and is mainly found in areas with poor sanitation and is typically caused by ingesting fecal matter. This disease is uncommon in the United States.

Precautions for Hepatitis include practicing good hygiene as one key way to avoid contracting hepatitis. If you're traveling to a developing country, you should avoid: drinking local water, ice, seafood, raw fruit and vegetables. Hepatitis contracted through contaminated blood can be prevented by: not sharing drug needles, not sharing razors, not using someone else's toothbrush and not touching spilled blood.

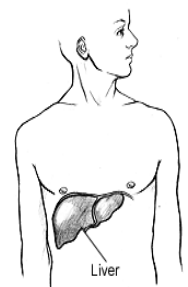
Signs and symptoms of acute hepatitis appear quickly. They include: fatigue, flu-like symptoms, dark urine, pale clay colored stool, abdomen pain, loss of appetite, unexplained weight loss, yellow skin and eyes which may be signs of jaundice. Since chronic hepatitis B and C develops slowly, these signs and symptoms may be too subtle to notice and may not occur until liver damage occurs. Hepatitis is diagnosed by physical exam, blood work, liver function test, ultrasound and liver biopsy. Treatment options vary depending on what form of hepatitis you have and what caused the infection. You can prevent some forms of hepatitis through immunizations or lifestyle precautions.

Complications of chronic hepatitis B or C can often lead to more serious health problems. Because the virus primarily affects the liver, people with chronic hepatitis B or C are at risk for: chronic liver disease, cirrhosis or scarring of the liver and in rare cases, cancer of the liver or hepatocellular carcinoma. When the liver stops functioning normally, liver failure can occur. Complications of liver failure include: bleeding disorders, a buildup of fluid in the abdomen, increased blood pressure in portal veins that enter the liver and kidney failure. Hepatic encephalopathy, which can involve fatigue, memory loss, and diminished mental abilities due to the build-up of toxins that affect the brain, can also occur. People with chronic hepatitis C are encouraged to avoid alcohol because it can accelerate liver disease and failure. Certain supplements, prescription, and over-the-counter medications can also affect liver function. If you have chronic hepatitis C, check with your doctor before taking any new medications

There are other possible causes of hepatitis. These include autoimmune hepatitis and hepatitis that occurs as a secondary result of medications, drugs, toxins, and alcohol. Autoimmune hepatitis is a disease that occurs when your body makes antibodies against your liver tissue.

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RRPC's "missionary friend"
Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman invites you to

The "Heart of Christian Egypt"

Tour

October 25—November 2, 2016

a Presbyterian Church (USA) &
 Egypt Partnership Network tour

**(P.S... our pastor's going!
 You can, too!)**

STUDY TRIP

Join our PCUSA Liaison to the Synod of the Nile, **Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman**, for eight days of inspiring encounters and visits to the "heart of Egypt's Christian community." We begin with two days in Cairo, staying at Dawson Hall, the historic guesthouse of Presbyterian missionaries.

From your own apartment with all the amenities we will visit the places and leaders at the **Synod of the Nile**, the **Evangelical Theological Seminary of Cairo**, the **Bible Society of Egypt** and a worksite of the **Coptic Evangelical Organization of Social Services (CEOSS)**.

With this background, we head south into Upper Egypt, visiting churches, leaders and living with Presbyterian families in the towns of Minya and Assiut. Here is the heart of the first missionary movement 160 years ago! Here, for 2,000 years(!), is **the heart of Christian Egypt**. We will also visit schools, clinics, orphanages and other ministries of social justice open to all Muslims and Christians.

Of course, it's the people who we will enjoy and be uplifted by the most. Living with families, attending worship, sharing in prayer, participating in program for children, youth (young adults), women and families will prove the truth of Ps. 34:3, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together."

Evangelical Church of Egypt (Synod
 of the Nile)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Coptic_cross.svg

SCHEDULE

- ◆ Mon., Oct. 24, leave the USA, arriving in Cairo the evening of Tue., Oct. 25 (unless you come for the pre-tour... see below).
- ◆ Tue.-Wed., Oct. 26-27 in Cairo
- ◆ Thur.-Sat., Oct. 28-30 in Minya
- ◆ Sun.-Tue., Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Assiut
- ◆ Wed., Nov. 3 return to Cairo and flights home (unless you stay for post-tour... see below).

Study Trip cost: \$700 includes transportation, housing and meals, tours, guide, tips.

STUDY TRIP TOUR ADD-ON OPTIONS

4 days in Cairo **and/or** 3 days in Luxor!

⇒ Pre-Study Trip Tour Add-On: CAIRO
 four days of touring - October 22-25

Come early for a four-day pre-study trip of sightseeing in and around the vibrant megalopolis of Cairo, Egypt. Included in these four days are tours of the **Great Pyramids** and Solar Boat of Giza (camel rides available), **Coptic Cairo**, **Islamic Cairo**, **Saqqara** and **Memphis** and the **Cairo Museum** where you can stand nose-to-nose with **King Tut**. Shop in the great *souq* (**open-air bazaar**) of Khan-al-Kalili and enjoy the foods of Egypt.

Ramez Salama, Egyptologist and excellent guide, will lead us all along the way with his excellent English and years of experience. All housing, meals, transportation, entrance fees and tips included for the cost of \$500/person.



⇒ Post-Study Trip Tour Add-On: LUXOR
 three days in ancient Egypt—Nov. 3-5

Over three busy days led by Ramez Salama, we visit the great **Karnak**, **Luxor** and **Dandara** Temples; **Hatshesut's** Temple; the **Valley of the Kings**; the **Colossi of Memnon**; **Tutenkhamun's** Tomb; sail the Nile on a felucca and cruise Luxor in a horse-drawn carriage.

This tour includes our two-night stay in a 5 Star Hotel, private van, all tours and entry

fees, all meals and your domestic flight back to Cairo, as well as our incomparable guide.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

If you choose to do the pre- and/or post-Study Trip **optional tours**, you need to register and pay by **Friday, September 2**.

If you choose to participate **only on the Study Trip** your registration is due by **Friday, September 16**.



TRAVEL DATES

For the pre-tour of Cairo, leave from the US on Thursday, October 20, arriving the evening of October 21. October 22—25 is our tour.

For the Study Trip only, leave the US on Monday, October 24, arriving the evening of October 25. October 26—Nov. 2 is the Study Trip.

For those staying for the Luxor post-tour, you will fly back to Cairo on November 5, leaving for the US the night of November 6, arriving home that same day.

OVERALL COSTS TO YOU

1. Your flights to/from the US.
2. Spending money for shopping. (We will give advice to those who register.)
3. Optional Cairo pre-tour (4 days) \$500
4. Study Trip (8 days) \$700
5. Optional Luxor post-tour (3 days) \$700

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Info on Pre- and Post- Tours:

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AUGUST 2016 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

New books for adults and children

NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS:



Fiction books:

Our Lady of the Lost and Found

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“Then I saw the Virgin Mary. I didn’t know it was her at first, because she was dressed not in the usual blue or white and gold, but in black. She didn’t have a crown...all over her black dress were pinned what I thought at first were stars, but which were instead little brass or tin arms, legs...sheep, donkeys,and hearts. I I could see what these were for: she was a Virgin of lost things, one who restored what was lost.”

Nonfiction books:

Patches of Godlight: Father Tim’s Favorite Quotes

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In Jan Karon’s bestselling Mitford Years series, Father Tim Kavanagh is more than the local rector. He’s a friend and counselor to nearly everyone in the village. When he is particularly struck by a passage he is reading, he writes it down in what he calls his “quote book” which is filled with the wisdom of poets, humorists, theologians, and philosophers.

The New Strong’s Concise Concordance of the Bible

220.5 STR

Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power- and How They Can Be Restored

230 BOR

This book’s purpose is to redeem or re-claim Christian language in all of its richness and wisdom. For many, Christianity has become an unfamiliar language. They think they are speaking the language like it has always been understood, but what they mean by the words and concepts is very different from what these things (redemption, savior, sacrifice, e.g.) meant originally.

Heaven

236.24 ALC

Author, Dr. Randy Alcorn, invites you to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it- a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ’s presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it. Drawing from God’s Word, he explains and carefully illustrates what lies on the other side of death.

Freed by Grace: Release from Life’s Imprisonments

248.4 BRA

Our problems sometimes seem so immense that they feel like prisons in which we are “serving time.” We are all victims of grumbling, inferiority, loneliness, worry, depression, grief, discouragement, fear, stress, anger, success, and giving up. Fortunately, we aren’t compelled to serve out a life sentence in these prisons. God’s grace sets us free! Faith and Scripture show the way out.

All the Women of the Bible


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This book is divided into two sections. “The Book of Names” contains over 400 entries in the format of a biographical dictionary. It lists each woman, whether names, unnamed, or allegorical, along with a short description of her life, alternate spellings, biblical citations where her story is found, and cross references to other dictionary entries. “The Book of Stories” are the stories of 56 very important women whose lives were changed by crisis and challenge; women who learned, shared, or shunned faith in the Lord. They are written in a way to not only retell the story, but to humanize their characters and provide a basis for moral instruction.

HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

(All descriptions have been taken from book jacket, title page verso, or review article)

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	2 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	3 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	4	5 Church office closed 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	6 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA
7 Communion / Food Sunday 8:30 a.m. Early Worship—Chapel 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship	8 11:30 a.m. PW Semi-Circle Mtg. (Nelly Belly Rest.) 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	9 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	10 9:15 a.m. RPPC Staff Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	11	12 Church office closed 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	13 3:00 p.m. Auxiliary Parking: Ruffing Montessori Alumni Event 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA
14 8:30 a.m. Early Worship—Chapel 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship	15 6:00 p.m. "Missionary for Dinner" (Pearl of Orient) 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	16 9:30 a.m. RPPNS Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	17 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. PW Coordinating Team Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	18 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 6:30 p.m. Bethesda Prayer Circle Mtg. 7:00 p.m. PW Priscilla Circle Mtg.	19 Church office closed 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's) 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal off-site Strang / Bruna	20 11:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Lowell Kenyon Good M.D. 5:00 p.m. Off-site Wedding Kristen Strang / Cameron Bruna 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA
21 8:30 a.m. Early Worship—Chapel 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship	22 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	23 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	24 9:15 a.m. RPPC Staff Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	25	26 Church office closed 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	27 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes AA
28 8:30 a.m. Early Worship—Chapel 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship 12:00 p.m. PW "Days for Girls" sewing project	29 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	30 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	31 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 11:30 a.m. RPPNS Wrap-Around classes begin 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.			



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