

The Pulse

February
2017



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

“Let there be light!”

Sanctuary lighting improvements begin Feb. 6

Ladders, scaffolding, and “cherry-pickers” move into our sanctuary for 2 weeks starting Monday, February 6. That’s when DNS Technologies will start our sanctuary lighting improvement project.

What, exactly, will they be doing? First, the distinctive 1960s-era chandeliers are not going away! But they will be refitted with new internal fixtures and LED-technology bulbs. This is true for wall fixtures as well as lights shining on the pulpit, choir loft and communion table.

What’s more, the chandeliers will be raised approximately 5 feet so the “cone of light” produced by the bulbs will enlarge to cover the entire seating area, not just “pockets of light” immediately below the chandeliers.

This project is expected to take 7-10 days. Consequently, worship cannot happen in the sanctuary on Sun., Feb. 12; worship will be held in Fellowship Hall on that day.

—Property Committee

“Privilege of Service Sunday” on Feb. 12

How do we serve God in our “work lives”?

February 12 is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, one of the most courageous, God-fearing public servants our nation has known. It’s appropriate on that day, then, to consider how the work we do can serve God. During worship on Sun., Feb. 12 four church members will share their perspective on how their profession or community service is an expression of their faith:

- Audra Costello, teacher
- Mike Gero, firefighter
- Melanie Fredrickson, dentist
- Dave Furry, city government

—Worship Committee

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MUSKINGUM

CONCERT CHOIR

Free concert in our sanctuary Thur., Feb. 2 7:30 p.m.

Muskingum University choir rides into Rocky River

The top choir in Muskingum University’s music department asked to be able to sing at Rocky River Presbyterian Church!

We’ll welcome Muskingum’s Concert Choir for a free concert on Thur., Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. This is in preparation for the choir’s performance the following day—they’ve been invited to sing at the Ohio Music Education Association conference in Cleveland.

Muskingum is Presbyterian college in New Concord, Ohio.

Coming to our church just in time for Spring **Healthier for you, for God, for good!**

Do you wish you were healthier than you are?
Have you tried “this diet” and “that program”?
Wish your eating habits were more wholesome?
Have you started—and stopped—a bunch of exercise programs?
Do you start with good intentions, but willpower lets you down?

Know what’s been missing? God’s power!

In March look in this space for news about... “The Daniel Plan.”

—Evangelism & Membership Committee

Home communions in February

The pastor is scheduling home communion for homebound members to occur in mid-February. Please contact the church office if you haven’t been called to schedule your home communion appointment.

—Worship and Evangelism & Membership Committees

Pancake Supper

Tue. Feb. 28—see p. 4

From Your Pastor

Really—what are you waiting for?

In 2006 youth from our church joined dozens of others for a mission trip to the “Ashtabula Cluster”—that’s what we call the group of Presbyterian churches in the city and county of Ashtabula. Youth groups were housed in different churches across the city, but all the groups gathered daily for meals and worship at First Presbyterian Church of Ashtabula. The Rev. Dr. Stephen Long was the pastor at “First, Ashtabula.”

Because he began serving that congregation in 1986, I’ve known Stephen Long since I came to this presbytery in 1991. Stephen was a man of deep and sincere faith. A ready smile. A gentle sense of humor. A gentleman. Across the years there were matters of church business that Stephen and I didn’t agree on, but he was always respectful to everyone... and always respected.

At this past Monday’s presbytery meeting about a dozen members of the First, Ashtabula congregation made the long trek in to Cleveland with their pastor. He was retiring, and they came to witness as the presbytery granted him the status of “Honorably Retired.” The previous day they had celebrated their pastor for his 30 years of service to their church. His last sermon was to be this Sunday.

Except Stephen died on Friday.

Now, a congregation that already was going through the emotional turmoil of saying farewell to a beloved pastor is now also swallowed in grief because of his sudden and unexpected death.

And as happens so often when we are ambushed by death, thoughts turn to the fragile, transitory, fleeting nature of life, how life can be routine on the one hand and absolutely unpredictable on the other.

The people who listened to Jesus’ every word wanted to know how they could tell when life’s most anticipated moments would happen. He cautioned them, “No one knows, however, when that day and hour will come—neither the angels in heaven nor the Son; the Father alone knows.” (Mt. 24:36)

I can imagine that Dr. Long had been quite deliberate in preparing himself to take

leave of the congregation he had served for 30 years. He probably spent recent months wrapping up projects he had initiated. He probably spent several hours packing up the personal belongings in his office. He probably devoted time in recent sermons and meetings and fellowship events helping the congregation envision themselves on the next step of their journey without him in the pulpit. I am quite confident that in the spiritual sense Stephen was “prepared to meet his Maker.”

In many ways we could say that Stephen was “ready.”

On the other hand, I doubt he was prepared to part from his wife, children and grandchildren. I presume he hadn’t said farewell to friends and colleagues—he certainly didn’t share any such sentiment at the presbytery meeting on Monday. I have no idea if he had all of his “affairs” worked out: a will, life insurance, organ donation, funeral service plans, burial arrangements, and the like.

His sudden death is a shock to the good people of the Ashtabula community where he was such a prominent and respected leader.

And for me, it’s a sobering reminder.

Maybe it is for you, too.

What are we waiting for? There must be all sorts of aspects of our lives that aren’t “how we want them to be.” Let me give you a very tangible example from the Fancher household.

In recent years we’ve spent a lot of time, worry, and of course money, in trying to shore up the slow, steady wear-and-tear on a delightful 90-year-old house. We’ve made some improvements and tackled some major repairs. But there’s more to do, and I’ll confess that I’ve been dragging my feet on taking the action steps to get them addressed.

But what am I waiting for? Do I want Mary to have to tackle those if I suddenly were to be out of the picture due to death or disability? Conversely, would I want to have to deal with “stupid house issues” if I was also dealing with her incapacitation or death?

In recent months I’ve had members of three church families come to me as they’ve put the final touches on their own funeral plans. They reported that it was reassuring that they were relieving their children of some of the decisions that would need to be made when they die. Some said they actually enjoyed writing up brief autobiographies that would aid the minister in preparing their fu-

nerals. Have you considered exploring such arrangements? What are you waiting for? What’s one small, specific step you could take before bedtime tonight to begin that process?

Perhaps there a gift you’ve been meaning to make to someone but you simply haven’t gotten around to it yet. Perhaps you’re planning on giving grandma’s autoharp to your granddaughter, or giving a cutting of a beloved plant to your neighbor, or bequeathing your coin collection to your alma mater, or putting a provision in your will to express your gratitude for your church. What are you waiting for? How could you overcome your inertia today to start that process?

Or think of words you’re holding inside of you. What words could you speak or write to someone to tell them how much you appreciate who they are or what they’ve done? What could you say to someone that would put their mind at ease? How could you reach out to bridge the chasm that has fractured a relationship with friend or relative? What are you waiting for?

Perhaps you might admit that you’ve been holding God at arm’s length. Maybe you’ve been bitter because of a disappointment in your life that you accuse God of allowing to happen. Or you have a “general appreciation” for God, but because of your busy calendar you just can’t seem to find time to explore God’s role in your life through activities like simply conversing with God (prayer) or praising God (worship) or serving others (mission) or learning more about God’s history and plan (Bible study).

The Bible tells us that “God is love.” The Bible also tells us that “Love is patient.” We conclude that God is patient. In the Bible we see examples of God’s patience all the time. But we don’t have all the time in the world. What are you waiting for to engage God more deliberately, more regularly?

“We have all the time in the world” may work as the title of a song from a James Bond movie, but we know it’s not the way life is. In order for us to fulfill the potential that God has placed within each of us, we need to ask God to empower our aspirations. Prompt us to speak. Move us to act. Encourage us to reach out. Bless us to offer comfort.

...And one way to start is to “see you in church.” (What are you waiting for?)



February Birthdays

February 1	Amy Solak
February 3	Heath Fredrickson
February 4	Connor Flynn
February 5	Chuck Heald
February 6	Hugo Stickney
February 7	Kathy Hartzell
February 8	Halle Weston
February 9	Dawn Fuller
February 11	Michelle Quinones-Davis
February 12	Brendan Mach
February 14	Maeve Costello
February 15	Jan Erml
February 16	Bruce Jacupka
February 17	Emma McGorray
February 19	Emma Russell
February 22	Emma Poole
February 24	John Roth
February 25	Nolan Williams
February 26	Stephen Bohannon
February 28	Ray Variakojis
	John Russell
	Michelle Behar
	Katherine Timmons
	Thomas Krizman
	Trevor Myers
	Greg Ward
	Bob Myers
	Kevin Jakupca
	Marilyn Harris
	Jayne Hoon
	Michael Wilson
	Deborah Radcliffe
	Nancy Murtaugh
	Ian Schulz
	Liam Weston
	Kristen St. Pierre
	Adam Smith

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

Padded seat with armrests once/month? Join our "soundboard team"!

An easy but important way to help out at your church would be to join our "Soundboard Team." Oh, it may sound complicated, but in reality it's pretty simple: basically, knowing when to start a recording device, occasionally adjusting a volume level... that sort of thing. We would like to have a rotation so you would serve only every 4-6 weeks. Want to learn more without obligation? Speak to Bob Davis at the soundboard before or after worship some Sunday.



—Board of Deacons

Never forget your offering again!

Easy Electronic Fund Transfer now available for your monthly church offering

Save yourself the time of writing your offering check every month or week. Our Financial Secretary can assist you with setting up a monthly Electronic Fund Transfer from your bank account directly to the church. It's secure, easy and free:

- ⇒ Only one simple form to fill out
- ⇒ No fees to pay
- ⇒ You can adjust or stop the EFT at any time.

For information, just email or call our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe at (440) 333-4888 or dwolfe@riverpres.org.

—Stewardship Committee

Easy for you, safer for staff & children

Garden Hall's new "secured entry" now operational

Yes, you're being locked out of your church... but it's all for the best!

During weekday business hours, you will need to be "buzzed in" in order to enter the church building. This new security measure has been put in place for the safety of the children in our weekday pre-school. But it also adds a measure of security for staff who may be working alone in our sprawling building. This kind of security may be similar to that in your condo or office building.



It's still easy to come to the church.

1. Enter the first set of Garden Hall doors.
2. In the vestibule press the button on the video-intercom to the right of the interior doors (custodian Paul Piscitelli points to it here)
3. Someone in the church office or preschool office will buzz you in!



You exit as you always have... simply by pushing on the door's panic bar. (The illuminated green "Push to Exit" button is simply for those with walkers or wheelchairs who need a bit more time to exit.)

The secured entry is activated only during weekday business hours. **It will not be activated on Sundays or at night.**

- Church Office

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 5. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. All of the money collected will be donated to the local missions. None of the money is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$165 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 5. Proceeds will go to the Rocky River Assistance Program.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to benefit summer youth mission trip

Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, February 28. From 5:00 -7:00 p.m. our middle and high school youth groups will be hosting a pancake supper to help fund their summer mission trip to Illinois. Join us for delicious pancakes and all the fixings! Tickets will be available on Sundays following worship as well as at the door. For more information, see Lisa Watts.



Middle School Fellowship retreat to Camp Aldersgate March 4-5

Attention all 6TH-8TH graders: Don't miss out on our annual retreat on March 4-5. We will be travelling to Camp Aldersgate, near Carrollton. Cost for the retreat is \$40 and includes lodging and meals at the camp. Scholarships are available based on need-please see Lisa Watts for more information. This promises to be a great weekend-you don't want to miss this one! Registration forms are available in the Christian Education office.

Church School Offering Update

Many thanks for your successful participation in our school supply drive during the months of September, October and November! We collected over 140 items for donation to Ohio Guidestone! Those supplies will go to help kids who are in need for a little extra help.



During the months of January and February, we will be collecting socks for the Sock Project. We are in need of all kinds of socks for adults and children. Please bring your donations in and put them in the box in the Garden Hall.

Beginning in March, we will be collecting bandaids. More to come on that soon!

Reserve a seat for your child today! Youth head out on mission trip July 16-22

Are you looking for a meaningful way for your teen to get involved in a mission project this summer? Consider signing them up for our youth mission trip. During the week of July 16-22, a group from our church will be heading to East Moline, Illinois to participate in a Group[®] Workcamp. They will be involved in home repair for families in that area.



Group runs very organized trips that are open to youth from a variety of denominations from anywhere in the US. Our group will have a chance to work with and get to know youth and adults from other areas of the country. The trip is open to any youth who has completed 6th-12th grade. Cost for the trip is \$449 per participant, but we will be hosting several fund-raisers (Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Supper, Car Wash) to help defray that cost. We have reserved 8 spots for youth, and have the potential to reserve additional spots if desired.

If you are interested in having your teen join in, please contact Lisa Watts to reserve a spot. All we need at this point is a \$50 deposit to reserve a space. You can get more information from Lisa or you can visit the Group website to learn more at www.groupmissiontrips.com.

HAL MITCHELTREE RETURNS TO OUR SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Are you looking for something a little different to get you inspired? Plan to join our adult education Sunday morning class in February. Hal Mitcheltree is returning to lead the class every Sunday during the month of February.

Spiritual Springboards for Inquiring Minds ~ Energizing discussions inspired by a fresh, wide ranging array of musical, visual and literary selections.

Led by Hal Mitcheltree, the programs this February will thoughtfully explore an engaging and eclectic range of subjects in an enthusiastic and sincerely congenial manner that stimulates thoughtful insights and exchanges imbued with good-natured humor.

Come and join us in the West Room from 9:00-10:00 every Sunday in February. Coffee and goodies provided!

More Adult Education info..... Page 8



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, February 13th** at 12:00 p.m. in the West Room. Bring your brown bag lunch, dessert will be provided. If you have questions you may contact Nancy McGillicuddy 440-724-1738. New members are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, February 16th** 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 will meet **Tuesday, February 14th** at 9:30 a.m. in the D-3 and on **Tuesday, February 28th**. 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 meet on **Monday, February 27th** at 7:00 p.m. in D-3,4 if you have any questions please contact Lee Sabolich or Lisa Watts.

Koinonia

Join us **Wednesdays** at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor, for Koinonia Prayer & Study Group. Our prayer time is personal and confidential within the group, with no obligation to pray aloud.

Questions may be directed to Jane Doughman, Nancy Clash, Jo Naretto, Mary Murphy, or Carolyn Watilo.

Coffee Hour seeking volunteers

The Deacons' Coffee Hour Committee is currently seeking volunteers to help out the 3rd Sunday of the month. We are also in need of substitutes who would be able to fill in occasionally. Contact Deb Furry debffurry@northerntitle.com or 440-336-5114 for further information and/or questions.

Church Directory Update



If you did not get your RRPC Directory update packet at the annual meeting on 1/22, you can pick one up after worship

on February 5th (just stop by the table in the Narthex), or call the church office during the week (440-333-4888) and arrange to pick one up." -- E&M Committee



Dear RRPC friends,

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy to me upon the death of my sister JoAnne, my only remaining sibling. Your reaching out is a great comfort to me.

- Karol Hoeffler

Of course you can do it!

Be a "guest preacher" in 2017

It's been said that everyone has at least one "sermon" in them—a personal perspective on faith that they'd like to share with others. Have you been mulling over the idea of being a lay preacher at RRPC on a Sunday when Jon's not in the pulpit because of vacation or study leave? Many RRPC-ers have done it across the years—why not you? Our fellow church members *really* enjoy hearing from "one of their own"... and they are a kind and gentle audience!

To learn more about it, simply speak with Jon Fancher or any member of the Worship Committee (*Dawn Fuller, Jim Pierce, Bill Knoble, Sara Gresh, Ellen Schickel, Dan McKenzie, Carol Jenkins, Kathy Hartzell, Melissa Stickney*).

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.

Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 21% of high school females and 10% of high school males have been involved in an abusive dating relationship. Unfortunately because of their shame and embarrassment, only about 1 in 10 teenagers report being physically, emotionally or sexually abused by a dating partner. Teen dating violence can start at any time or in any type of relationship, it doesn't matter whether it's casual and short-term or serious and long-term. Teen dating violence can affect anyone regardless of gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. Dating violence is not limited to high school students, college students are also victims

Dating Violence may be physical, sexual and emotional; abusers may also stalk their victims. Physical abuse may include hitting, kicking, choking, and confinement. Abusers may overpowering their victims and force them to drink alcohol or take drugs and physically intimidate them with weapons. Sexual abusive may include assault or rape. Emotional abusive may include name calling, put downs, derogatory commitments about appearance, jealousy, controlling behaviors, such as isolating their victims from family and friends. The abuser may have mood swings and display unpredictable and confusing behaviors such as being doting one minute and then angry another. Stalking may include an abuser showing up repeatedly and uninvited at their victims home, school, work, church and at social events. Technology adds another opportunity for an abuser to monitor their victims such as using a GPS tracker, social media posts and excessive phone calls or texts. An abuser will use all of these disruptive tactics to control their victim and cause them to become distressed. Many times, if a teen is in an abusive relationship, they may experience a combinations of these unhealthy behaviors.

Teen dating violence is very serious and jeopardizes a teen's safety, physical and psychological development, and self-esteem. Violent dating relationships can lead to depression, anxiety, drug and alcohol use, and thoughts of suicide, and victims may continue to experience detrimental effects throughout their lives. If teens are victims of dating violence, they need help to recognize the signs and help to get away from their abuser.

Watch for these signs that your teen's partner may be violent.

- √ Avoid friends, family, and school activities
- √ Make excuses for a partner's behavior
- √ Look uncomfortable or fearful around a partner
- √ Lose interest in favorite activities
- √ Get lower grades in school
- √ Have unexplained injuries, like bruises or scratches

The cycle of violence can begin with anyone at any time, and as a society, we must acknowledge that we each have a role to play in teaching children about healthy relationships. If teens are using physical, emotional or sexual violence to control their partners, they need help to stop.

Watch for these signs that your own teen may be violent.

- √ Is jealous and possessive
- √ Blames other people for anything that goes wrong
- √ Damages or ruins a partner's things
- √ Wants to control someone else's decisions
- √ Constantly texts or calls a partner
- √ Posts embarrassing information about a partner on websites including sexual information or pictures.

If you or someone you know is a victim of Teen Dating Abuse, call the Hotline at 1-866-331-9474 or visit <http://www.loveisrespect.org/> for help and support. Please talk to your parents, school counselor, our pastor or me if you need guidance. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11:28.*

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FEBRUARY 2017 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

DISPLAYS:

New books

Valentine's Day books and DVDs

Black History Month books

**MISSING BOOKS**

It's the time of year to get organized! I am going through my list of books that are missing, and have not been able to locate them on the shelves. As you organize at home, please help out by checking your shelves and piles for any of these missing titles. Remember, they do have spine labels, and that's the easiest way to scan your eye quickly over your bookshelf and notice books that are from the library. (These are books that were **not** checked out by signing the card in the back pocket)

Children's books:

Prayer for a Child (copy 1)	E FIE
Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul	j158.1 CAN
Veggie Tales Bible Mania (copy 1)	j268.432
A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr.	j323.4 ADL

**Adult books:**

Freed by Grace: Release from Life's Imprisonments	248.4 BRA
The Worn Out Woman	248.8 STE
What Do You <u>Really</u> Want for Your Children? (this one had not been cataloged yet, so probably does not have a spine label)	

I'm looking forward to seeing these books back in the library. Thanks for searching! There is no need to tell me you found a book- just put it on the return shelf next to the desk.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Coming up in March- a library coffee hour! Details to come, but plan to stop by and see improvements to the space, locations of new books, and check out a book while you are at it!

NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS:**Fiction books:**Good Stuff! (Life...live every minute of it!)

FIC HUB

The author of this book of short stories is one of our church members, Walter Huber, who passed away in 2004. He writes: "Life is a GIFT! Living life is another story. This part is completely up to us! We can make of living a mess or we can make of it a wonderful, exciting, and beautiful experience... for ourselves and for others."

Nonfiction books:Brush Up Your Bible!

220.6 MAC

By citing and explaining scriptural verses in which words and phrases we use daily were originally found, this book is enlightening and entertaining- e.g., what is a "plowshare" and how can you beat a sword into one?

Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World

261.5 DOW

The debate over evolution vs. creation has been bitter and divisive. Now, Rev. Dowd puts those divisions to rest, offering a perspective that allows both views to exist in harmony, two sides of the same coin.

Church History 101: An Introduction for Presbyterians

270 RAM

This reads like a novel with the church as the main character, placing special attention on the experiences of Presbyterians in America. Quotes from sermons, prayers, and documents placed throughout the book enable the reader to feel the passion of the faithful who take action for Jesus Christ.

HAPPY READING!!

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AND LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH...

"Dr. Suess for Obsolete Children"



The odds are good that you've read more than one Dr. Suess story to the children in your life! Everyone knows "The Cat in the Hat," and what would the holidays be without "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas?" But what do you know about Tweeple Beetles, Essolube, "Quick, Henry, the Flit!" or how to eat popovers?

Sunday mornings in march, Charline and Dick Watts will illumine these mysteries in a class on Dr. Suess for adults (or, as he calls those of a certain age, "obsolete children.")

"Nonsense," said the good doctor, "wakes up the brain cells. Humor has a tremendous place in a sordid world. It's more than just a matter of laughing. If you can see things out of whack, then you see how things can be *in* whack." Or, as another has written, "When the mouth is open for laughter, you may be able to shove in a little food for thought."



Come and join Dick and Charline for some fun, nostalgia and more than a little food for thought! As always, hot coffee and goodies provided.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" 1 Peter 4:10

We'd love to count on you to count

Do you enjoy working with figures? If your answer is Yes, consider becoming a member of our church's Counting Committee. Our Deacons organize four two-person teams who count once a month (with a rotating 5th Sunday). Teams count the Sunday offerings, special offerings, and facility fees received each week.



Teams meet on Sunday right after Church or on Monday morning around 9:00 a.m. to count the checks and cash, fill out a deposit slip, and make copies. Sunday counters arrange for a team or committee member to make the deposit Monday am. A Monday counting team delivers the bank deposit right after counting. The process can be as fast as a half an hour and usually does not take more than an hour.

We are currently looking for church members who would be also be interested in becoming a substitute counter on an experienced team with the option of becoming a regular team member in the future. Substitute counters fill in when a team member has a scheduling conflict.

Counting is an easy but important job. If you would like to observe one of our teams in action please contact deacons Lisa Poole: (440) 376- 9495 or Eva Rudolph: (440) 356-4006.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

Thank you for donating your time, energy, talents and financial resources to support our mission initiatives in 2016. With your help, we raised over \$22,000 which was used for local, regional and international mission projects. Our goal is to exceed this donation amount in 2017, and with the help of our entire congregation... Mission is Possible!

What mission projects does our church support? We're glad you asked! Starting in February, the Mission Committee will take a minute to talk about a mission project on the 1st Sunday of the month. Our goal is to educate, inform and encourage you to get involved.

2017	Minute for Mission Topic
February 5th	Overview of Mission
March 5th	World Mission
April 2nd	One Great Hour of Sharing
May 7th	North Church
June 4th	Youth Mission Trip
September 10th	Trash & Treasure
September 24th	Peace & Global Witness Offering
November 5th	Alternative Charity Christmas Bazaar
December 3rd	Christmas joy Offering

To learn more about RRPC mission TODAY, please go to www.riverpres.org -> Fellowship Outreach tab -> Mission Outreach & volunteering

~ The Mission Committee

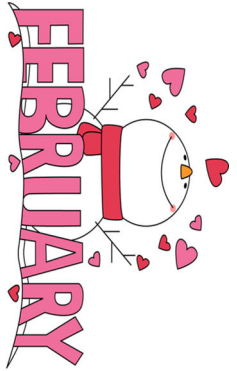



Our Mission Statement: "Praising God, Teaching Faith & Serving Others"

"Is RRPC closed?"



Our church is on the **iAlert** system. In the unlikely event that we have to close for evening events or Sunday services (because of weather, utility disruption, etc.) you can find that message on Channel 3 WKYC, or listen to WCLV-FM 104.9, WMJI-FM 105.7, WTAM-AM 1100, or check the Channel 3 WKYC website. (Our weekday nursery school has its own separate listing on **iAlert**, so note whether the notification is for the church or the nursery school.)

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>FEBRUARY</p>						
<p>5 Communion/Food Sunday 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery / KISS 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg. 11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>7 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>8 10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>9 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Startuck's)</p>	<p>11 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>12 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Nursery/Children's Church 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Evang. & Membership Mtg. 11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>13 12:00 p.m. PW Semi-Circle 6:45 p.m. Bethesda Prayer Circle Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day  9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 9:30 a.m. RRP/Preschool Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>15 8:30 a.m. State Administrator Rules Training for Preschools 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>16 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. PW Priscilla Circle 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Startuck's)</p>	<p>18 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>19 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir 3:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire Pre-Concert Lecture 4:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire Concert 7:00 p.m. Middle/High School Mtg.</p>	<p>20 Presidents Day  Church office closed 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Session Mtg.</p>	<p>21 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>22 10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Prayer & Bible Study 5:30 p.m. RRP/Preschool "Movie Night" 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>23 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Startuck's)</p>	<p>25 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes</p>
<p>26 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Children & Youth Choir 1:00 p.m. Jakupka Baby Shower (West R) 5:00 p.m. Annual Chill Cook-off / All Church Variety Show</p>	<p>27 7:00 p.m. PW Women of Grace Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>28 Shrove Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 5:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Pancake Supper 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>				

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upon earth, where moth & rust doth corrupt,
& where thieves break through & steal,
but lay up for yourselves
treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,
& where thieves do not break through
nor steal:
For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6: 19-21

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