



## of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

### What You Need to Know, Part

### Exciting Church School changes coming in September...

Beginning in September, our church school program will look a little different...and you will notice more children in worship than you may have seen in the past. For quite a few years, children have been included in our worship the first Sunday of every month for KISS (Kids in Sunday Service). That will stay the same. What will change is that all children over the age of three will also be in worship with their families for the first portion of the Sunday service on ALL Sundays. After participating in the opening liturgies and music, children will be invited forward for a brief children's message before being dismissed to their church school classes.

Why are we making these changes? In the last issue of *The Pulse* several reasons were shared. Most notably, current research shows that children best learn **how** to worship by **being** in worship. They watch what is happening around them and model the things they see.

Children are not "the future of the church." They **are** the church, here and now, every bit as much as the adults here each week. This will take some adjustment on everyone's part, but the result will be a stronger, more supportive worshipping community. There will also be accommodations for any children who have special needs.

So, perhaps you are a parent finding yourself hesitant to bring your children to worship. Here are some ideas for you:

- Arrive early enough to find a seat where children can easily see.
- Tell them before they come in what will happen in worship. Show them the parts of the service where they have an active role and the parts where we all listen or watch others quietly.
- Take advantage of the worship supplies available at the door when you arrive, and bring them to your seat.
- Worship **with** your child, guiding him or her through the service so they can feel what it is like to worship together.
- Share devotional time at home, perhaps by brief readings from the bible, saying table graces before eating, offering bedtime prayers. Ask your kids questions about how they noticed God's love in their day, and how they have shared it.

In the September issue of *The Pulse*, ideas will be shared for adults without children—how can we be a welcoming and open community to our smallest members and their families?

If you have any questions or suggestions, please see Lisa Watts or any member of our Christian Education Committee.

### The program's over; the transformation continues!

## 492 and counting!



On their way to a healthier lifestyle, our Daniel Plan participants lost a collective 492 pounds! That number doesn't even include the weight lost by participants who were unable to attend the post-plan biometric screening on July 8.

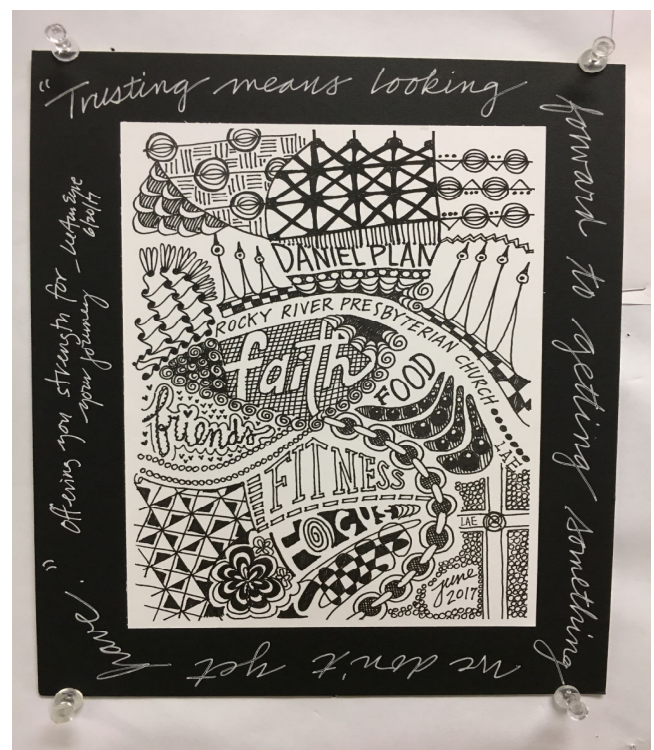
Of course, weight loss is not the goal of The Daniel Plan; it's just one of the benefits of seeking to achieve a healthier lifestyle. The transformations begun by The Daniel Plan continue by making progress toward a healthier diet, incorporating more movement or exercise into our daily lives, and thinking in ways that support our healthy goals instead of sabotaging them.

You can still benefit from the "DP" even now:

- RRPC has copies of the book The Daniel Plan and the DVDs of the video lesson components. You can do the program on your own; better yet, enlist some friends or relatives to join you!
- Jon's sermons from the 40-day program are available on the church website. Get spiritual insight about The Daniel Plan's "Five Essentials": Faith, Food, Fitness, Friends and Focus.

So although our "program" has concluded, we all can strive to become healthier, stronger, to feel better and to be better equipped to serve God.

—Evangelism & Membership Committee



## From Your Pastor

### What we learn about God's presence from a total solar eclipse

Solar eclipse. Big deal. A particular momentary alignment of the moon and sun casts a shadow on our planet for about an hour and a half. Eclipses have happened before. There'll be another one someday. In fact, the eclipse which will take place on Monday, April 8, 2024 will feature an umbral track (darkest shadow) that goes right over northeast Ohio.

What's all the fuss about?

Well, for some folks this will be the first time—or the last time—they'll experience the astronomical phenomenon. The first one I remember was when I was in grade school. We were scared out of our wits by the warnings and stories of grown-ups fearful that we'd look at the sun. I was afraid even to go near a window, lest some evil wayward eclipse sunbeam might find its way to my eyeballs and cause instant blindness.

To be honest, I actually enjoy the occasion of a solar eclipse. It gets people thinking about science. An eclipse prompts folks to look up at the heavens and marvel at the vast grandeur of God's creation.

As you undoubtedly will hear in the days ahead, what's coming our way on August 21<sup>st</sup> is a "total solar eclipse." What that means is that, from the perspective of an earthbound observer in the center of the eclipse's track, it will appear that the disk of the moon completely covers the sun.

Not all eclipses are "total." Because the moon's orbit is not a perfect circle, the distance between the earth and moon varies by just over 31,000 miles between its furthest and nearest distance from earth. When solar eclipses occur while the moon is toward its furthest distance from earth, the moon isn't quite big enough to completely block out the sun. Those are called "annular solar eclipses."

The path of an eclipse is usually about 10,000 miles long, but the path of the area in complete shadow (called the "umbra") is only about 100 miles wide. For people who experience to "totality" of the eclipse in the umbral path, the "payoff" lasts only for a few

minutes while the disk of the moon appears to move across and obscure the sun. The payoff is the ability to see the sun's corona: fiery plasma that envelops the sun as it does other stars, too. Usually the sun's brightness prevents us from being able to see the corona. Other than during a total solar eclipse you'd need a specialized piece of equipment called a coronagraph to see the corona.

But it's always there.

Many people go about their daily lives unaware that God is present with them. They don't realize that God has a desire, a plan for their lives. They'd be shocked to learn that God is actively guiding and supporting and correcting and encouraging them. But how could they be expected to know?

While *signs* of God's presence and activity are all around, God's very *Being* is invisible. And because the insight of scientific inquiry has revealed the mechanics that support and guide the natural world around us, we can easily forget that the glories of the natural world were put into motion ultimately by the power and providence of a Creator.

Like the sun's corona, God is always here. God is always engaged with us even if we behave as though we are autonomous, self-sufficient creatures. In the way that a solar eclipse enables us to discover the existence of the corona, is there a way that we can discover God's presence, God's plan, God's promise in our lives even though we might not be able to see it?

In a collection of ancient religious writings that we know as the New Testament, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews indicates what that "way" might be. He writes,

"In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son.... The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being." [from Heb. 1:1-3a]

Here's another way that Jesus is "the way." Jesus is the way for us to see God's glory because Jesus is the embodiment—the imprint—of God's being. But unlike waiting for the next episode of a solar eclipse, we don't have to wait for some certain point in time, and we don't have to be in just the right location, in order for Jesus to reveal to us God's manner and concern. As a Christian writer explains so simply,

"Jesus is the one who reveals God to us.

- If we want to know what God is like, all we have to do is look at Jesus.
- If we want to know how God cares for people, we can look at how Jesus ministered to them.
- If we want to know God's will for our lives, we can listen to Jesus' words and know they reveal God's truth.

Jesus reveals the nature of God in his actions and his words. And, Jesus continues to reveal God to us. He is the one through whom the fullest revelation of God comes. Let's look to Jesus if we really want to know God. ["What Jesus Did" November 4, 2014 in Heartlight.org at <http://www.heartlight.org/wjd/john/1104-wjd.html>]

On the youth mission trip this year the study and worship theme for the week was based on the story of Jesus appearing to two believers while they walked on the road from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus on the evening of that very first Easter. [You might want to take a look at Luke 24:13-35 to refresh your memory of the story.] Though they were followers of Jesus, the travelers didn't recognize him as they walked and talked. (In their defense, why should they? They knew he had died.) While they walked, Jesus explained how everything that he had endured was part of God's plan. He cited the writings of Moses and the prophets to make his point.

When they reached their village the two travelers invited Jesus to dine and lodge with them. At supper they gave him the privilege of offering the blessing. As he blessed God for the gift of daily bread and then broke the bread, the two travelers recognized their guest—it was Jesus himself! Immediately he disappeared from their sight... for the moment.

It took those two Emmaus disciples the act of breaking bread for them to recognize that Jesus had been in their presence all along.

What will enable you to discover that God's love, mercy and compassionate concern are present to you always, even if you have been blind to noticing it thus far?

You might start that search in worship this Sunday at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. See you there!

*Jon*

August Birthdays



August 1	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 12	John Schriner
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 22	Dick Heath
August 23	Ruth Wiedemer
August 24	Laura Sweet
August 25	Elizabeth Cseh
August 26	Thea Steinmetz
	Josh Hustek
	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](mailto:info@riverpres.org) or (440) 333-4888.**

Coffee Hour seeking volunteers



The Deacons' Coffee Hour Committee is currently seeking volunteers to help out the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:debffurry@northerntitle.com) or 440-336-5114 for further information and/or questions.



A blessed “thank you” to everyone who sent prayers, cards, food, rides, and so many other ways of support to encourage this very impatient patient dealing with shoulder surgery.

~ Jo Naretto

**“Small but mighty!”**

**Youth mission trip changes lives**

Although various family matters reduced youth participation to only two this year, our youth mission trip was life-changing for the beneficiaries of our work sites as well as for our youth.

- **Jessica Bohannon** is heading off to college after this trip, but hopes to be able to serve as summer staff in future years for “Group Work Camps” the youth ministry agency sponsoring the site. She said, “This was the best mission trip of all I’ve been on!”
- **Jacob Ulewicz**, just entering high school, went on his first mission trip and discovered that his story-telling helped his work crew persevere through the intense heat and humidity of the Mississippi Valley.

This year’s mission trip was to a “work camp” offering home repair and improvement to impoverished or senior citizens in the Quad Cities area of Illinois/Iowa. 316 youth and 70 adult advisors came from church youth groups in 10 states. Youth groups were split among 53 different work crews composed of 5-6 students and 1-2 adult advisors. In 5 days all crews were able to complete 100% of the jobs given to them—a rare achievement, we were told!

We’re already looking forward to next summer!

—Christian Ed. & Mission Committees



Please refer to the website calendar for any updates which may post after the published Pulse date. Thank you.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup> Graders invited to join our Confirmation program

This is a confirmation year, and any young person in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade (or older) is eligible to participate. Each youth will be assigned an adult mentor who will meet with them throughout the process of confirmation. There will be a class on Sunday mornings for them-usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. The young people will also meet periodically with Dr. Fancher and Lisa Watts as a group. This year we will have a one-night confirmation retreat on January 14-15. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Dr. Fancher or Lisa Watts by August 13. The first organizational meeting for youth, parents and mentors will be held on Sunday, September 17, following worship in the West Room.



## Middle School / High School Fellowship groups begin Sun., Sept. 10

Both middle school and high school fellowship groups will start off their year with meetings on Sunday, September 10 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 10-12, 2017
- ◆ Middle School retreat will be March 3-4, 2018

## August 27th is first of 4 chances to cross "Bridges" Come to "Bridges" for topical, intergenerational learning & fellowship

Beginning in August, and continuing through October, you will have four opportunities to take part in a unique experience. "Bridges" are four stand-alone programs, held on four different nights, with each night looking at a different topic.

Why "Bridges?" We have the chance to "bridge" a few gaps in our lives. Being an intergenerational program, we can bridge that generation gap and get to know people that we do not interact with on a regular basis. Each evening will also bridge a specific gap in our collective experience. One evening will focus on better understanding racial diversity. The others will deal with diversity among faith traditions, care of our world, and self-care. Each event stands on its own, but you are encouraged to attend as many as you can!

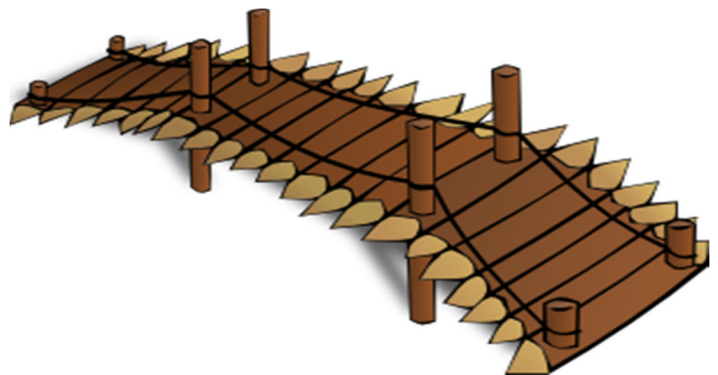
Each program will begin with a free dinner at 5:30 p.m. From 6:30-8:00 p.m. we will take part in a program that involves people of all ages. These programs will be lively and interactive, appealing to adults and children as well.

**The first program will be Sunday, August 27.** Join us as we discuss racial diversity and relations. Our speaker will be Amy Kim Kyremes Parks from Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Amy Kim has led programs on racial diversity for many groups at all levels of the PC(USA).

To register, sign up for the program and dinner on the Christian Education bulletin board or call or email the church office. Remember, **there's no cost for the event, and dinner is provided!**

Future "Bridges" evenings will be Saturday, September 9, Wednesday, September 27, and Tuesday, October 17. Put them on your calendars NOW, before the dates fill up.

Questions? Contact Dir. of C.E. Lisa Watts or any member of the Christian Education Committee.





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet for the summer on **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** at the Nelly Belly Restaurant in the Metro Parks-Rocky River Reservation. If you have questions you may contact Carolyn Watilo 440-799-4779 or Nancy McGillicuddy 440-724-1738. New members are always welcome!

### Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in the West Room 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, August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** in the West Room. We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information contact Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

### Koinonia

Join us Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor for Koinonia Prayer 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.

### Women of Grace

#### **Women of Grace Potluck!**

Are you looking for a chance to get together with other women for bible study, fellowship, and mission? Plan to join Women of Grace for their kick off potluck on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00pm in the youth room! We will share a meal and talk about the plans for our coming year of study and service. All women of any age are welcome! Come on September 12 and see what we are all about!

## **Jewelry Swap for Mission at RRPC**

**Wednesday, August 16** 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Desserts to Eat, Jewelry to Swap, Fellowship to Enjoy. Admission \$2.00 & 5 pieces of jewelry. Contact Ellen Schickel if you have questions.



### Let Us Give Thanks

For generous friends. . . with hearts as big as hubbards and smiles as bright as their blossoms;

For feisty friends as tart as apples;

For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we've had them;

For crotchety friends, who are as sour as rhubarb and as indestructible;

For handsome friends, who are gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the others, as plain as potatoes and so good for you.

For funny friends, who are as silly as brussel sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes, and serious friends, as complex as cauliflowers and as intricate as onions;

For friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini, and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you throughout the winter;

For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time and young friends coming on as fast as radishes;

For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts, and witherings;

And, finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, but who fed us in their times that we might have life thereafter; for all these, "we give thanks".

- Anonymous

*This is offered in response to those who requested the poem used in Bill Knoble's sermon on July 16<sup>th</sup>.*



## Healthy Happenings

## ... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

This summer we have experienced extremely hot and humid weather. So if you have older family members or elderly neighbors living nearby, it is important to make sure that as temperatures rise, they are protected from the extreme heat. Here are some great hot weather safety tips that the elderly, as well as their caregivers, can follow to make sure they stay cool and hydrated during these hot summer months.

- ⇒ Drink plenty of cool water throughout the day and avoid alcohol and caffeine. Dehydration causes many heat-related health problems.
- ⇒ Eat cooling, hydrating snacks like popsicles, watermelon or slightly frozen grapes.
- ⇒ Eat light, cold meals like chicken or pasta salad.
- ⇒ Stay indoors during mid-day hours.
- ⇒ Keep the house as cool as possible by keeping shades closed during the hottest part of the day.
- ⇒ Place a cool washcloth on the back of the neck and a pan of cool water close by to periodically re-cool the towel.
- ⇒ Sit with feet in a pan of cool (not ice cold) water.
- ⇒ Run errands or schedule appointments either before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. when the temperature tends to be cooler.
- ⇒ Seek public places with air conditioning such as a local recreation center, senior center, library, coffee shop, or shopping mall.
- ⇒ Wear layers of lightweight clothing in light-colored cotton so it's easy to adjust to your temperature by removing or adding clothing throughout the day.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist to make sure that any medications you are taking won't be affected by higher temperatures, especially if you don't have air conditioning in your home. Some medications are less effective if stored at temperatures higher than room temperature.

- ⇒ Avoid exercise and strenuous activity during extreme heat.
- ⇒ If you get overheated, take a cool shower, bath, or washcloth wipe-down.
- ⇒ Know the warning signs of heat-related illness. Dizziness, nausea, headache, rapid heartbeat, chest pain, fainting and breathing problems are all warning signs that help should be sought immediately.

Get to know your elderly neighbors and when the temperature rises, check in on them occasionally to make sure everything is all right.

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## AUGUST 2017 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

New books for adults and children  
"Chicken Soup" series



### NEW ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

#### Children's DVDs:

Animal Stories: Animals Ahoy!

Boz: Thank You God for Adventures in Imagination

Animal Stories: Furry Tales

3-2-1 Penguins! Moon Menace on Planet Tell-a-Lie!

#### Picture Book Fiction:

##### Old Turtle

E WOO

All of nature argues about the forms of God, so people are sent a reminder of all that God is, although they do not seem to understand the message themselves.

##### Old Turtle: Questions of the Heart

E WOO

Why are we here? What is the purpose of life? How do we find happiness? In this companion to Old Turtle, Old Turtle's wise answers offer readers of all ages inspiration, solace, and the most important gift of all- hope.

#### Elementary Fiction books:

##### In Grandma's Attic

jFIC RIC

Arleta discovered, in her grandma's attic, a quilt square and a shoe button among other things. These objects sparked tales of Grandma's life in simpler times and life lessons her grandma had learned.

##### The Devil's Arithmetic

jFIC YOL (Jane Yolen)

Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings. All her family talks about is the past during every Jewish holiday. But this year's Passover Seder will be different- she will be magically transported into the past and only she knows the horrors that await

#### Young Elementary Nonfiction books: (yellow dot)

##### Bible Search & Find

j220 TAL

Engaging search and find activities will draw young readers into these timeless and inspiring Bible stories.

##### The Flag We Love

j929.9 RYA

This tribute to Old Glory will inspire readers, young and old, to take a new look at the greatest emblem of the USA. With patriotic verse and historical facts, it explores how our flag has become an enduring part of our nation's proud history.

#### Elementary Nonfiction books:

##### Miracles and Parables

j220.9 KEN

Clearly, Jesus was no ordinary man. He taught people to worship God by being kind and unselfish themselves. This book tells of the birth of Jesus, and the eventful years that followed until he came to preach the Sermon on the Mount.

##### Moses' Ark: Stories from the Bible

j222.095 BAC

This engaging collection of 13 stories is written especially for children. These retellings, and the explanatory notes that follow each one, capture the wit and humor of the original language and show daily life in vivid detail.

##### Images of God

j231 PAT

From common symbols of rock and light to the parable of the prodigal son, the intricate Bible text is interwoven with images, filled with word pictures. These symbols and stories help us to know more about God in 23 Bible stories.

##### The One Year Book of Devotions for Kids

j242.682 ONE

Each page includes a Bible passage that sets up the day's theme, a contemporary story that shows the passage being applied to real situations, a "How about you?" section that asks children how the story applies to their own lives, a Bible memory verse for each day, and a "key"- two to five words that keenly summarize the message of the day.

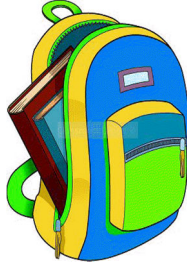
HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

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

Pray for students, teachers, school staff, and more....

## “Book bag Blessing” in worship services Sun., Aug. 27

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. 27<sup>th</sup>. That’s when we’ll have a brief “book bag blessing” 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



## “...and the darkness has not overcome it.” —Jn. 1:5 “Eclipse Sunday” Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>

Glen and Jon are “going to the Dark Side!”

Okay, we admit we’re having a little fun with this. On the day before the August 21<sup>st</sup> total solar eclipse across North America, we’re going to take advantage of all the attention being given to it. Jon has decided that this will be a perfect time to sing some familiar hymns that we never sing because they’re written for evening services or deal with night-time themes. And Glen is going to pull out the stops to come up with keyboard music that celebrates darkness.



We’re sure that Eclipse Sunday will brighten your day!

—Worship Committee

## Stretch your faith—sign up for short-term mission trip outside the U.S.

**MISSION:  
POSSIBLE**

We now have the opportunity to participate in short-term mission trips overseas! John Knox Presbyterian Church in North Olmsted has invited interested members of our church to join them in 2018.

John Knox offers two “hand’s-on” trips overseas. Each April there’s a Medical Mission Trip to Guatemala. You do not have to be a medical professional to join. The second trip is in June to Nicaragua. Its mission focus is on construction and offering Bible school.

The annual planning for the 2018 trips will occur in late September/early October of this year. The Guatemala Trip is led by Tim MacMillan (Rev. Tom Macmillan’s father) and the Nicaragua Trip is led by Rev. Tom MacMillan, pastor at John Knox.

The cost of each of the two Central American trips is about \$1,500 including airfare, food, and lodging. The mission trips are usually 7-10 days long.

If you are interested in hearing more, sign up or call the church office to express your interest. Tim MacMillan has offered to speak at an informal meeting in July to interested members (no obligation).

- Rudy Gulstrand  
Chair, Mission Committee



**Easier for you, more assurance for RRPC**

**Stop! Don't write that check!**

How many monthly payments do you make electronically?

Add your monthly church offering to the list—you can save the time and trouble of writing your offering check every month, and you won't have to wonder, "Did I remember to make that gift?"

Our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe 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](mailto:dwolfe@riverpres.org).

—Stewardship Committee

**June's Session highlights**

The June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting began with devotions led by the pastor who shared a reading from "Still Speaking," the daily emailed devotional service of the United Church of Christ (offered to anyone at no cost; see [www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional)).

- **Human Resources Committee** introduced Marilyn Panco to the Session. Marilyn is an elder at John Knox Presbyterian Church and is a student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian seminary, studying to become a Presbyterian minister. She has approached RRPC about serving as the "field placement" for a seminary internship for the fall semester of 2017. An internship is a requirement for Presbyterian seminary students to give them practical experience in a congregational setting beyond their home church. After hearing about her faith journey and engaging her in discussion about her hopes for the internship, the Session approved *in principle* the hiring of Marilyn as a seminary intern; in August the Session will approve a specific contract for the four-month internship.
- **Finance Committee** noted that the majority of endowment assets previously managed by KeyBank have been transferred to Vanguard for management by our church's Investment Subcommittee.
- **Christian Education Committee** received approval to use two new Presbyterian Church curricula for church school beginning this fall: "Growing in Grace and Gratitude" and "Feasting on the Word."
- **The Clerk of Session** reported that the Session's minutes for 2016 were reviewed by the Presbytery of the Western Reserve and approved "without exception" meaning that they met the requirements for completeness and accuracy; the Session commended Clerk Dan McKenzie for his careful and thorough work in preparing and maintaining the records of the church.

—Moderator of Session

**Only a few more chances this season**

**"Early Worship" wraps up on Labor Day Weekend**

"It's the same service... but it's a different kind of worship experience!" That's what we frequently hear from folks who try our summertime "Early Worship."

Our Early Worship option is similar to the 10:30 a.m. service though it's slightly abbreviated—it usually lasts about 35 minutes. That means that shortly after 9 a.m. you can be on your way to the ballpark or golf course, the boat or garden... and you didn't have to give up the fellowship and inspiration of Sunday worship.

To try something "new" at your own familiar church, give Early Worship a try in Walker Chapel. But don't wait too long—the final Sunday for Early Worship this year will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

—Worship Committee

**"Ya got trouble, my friend...!"**


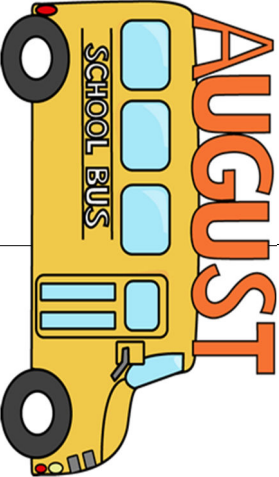
**Pastor joins son on stage at Cain Park**

Our pastor returns to the stage for a very limited run in a couple of small roles... but joins son Eric who will star as Prof. Harold Hill in Cain Park's production of "The Music Man In Concert." The two performances are Sat., Aug. 5 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. in Cain Park's Evans Amphitheatre.

This "In-Concert" staging of a Broadway musical puts the orchestra and cast together on stage: the cast will speak and sing the entire show, just without the costuming and scenery that one normally sees on stage. The music will be performed by the Contemporary Youth Orchestra. Tickets are available by calling Cain Park (216-371-3000) or visiting [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) (service fees apply).



# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>6 Communion / Food Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 6:30 p.m. E & M Committee 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	<b>9</b> 10:30 a.m. Koionia Group Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	<b>10</b> 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	<b>11</b> 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes
<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Teacher Training 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship	<b>14</b> 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Semi-Circle (Nelly Belly Restaurant)	<b>15</b> 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	<b>16</b> 8:00 a.m. RRRP Training Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Koionia Group Mtg. 7:00 p.m. PW Jewelry Swap for Missions 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	<b>17</b> 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (off-site) 9:30 a.m. RRRPreschool Board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. PW Priscilla Circle	<b>18</b> 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes 7:30 p.m. Youth Lock-in till 8:30 a.m. 8/20
<b>20</b> 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship	<b>21</b> 12:00 p.m. RRRP Wrap-around 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Koionia Group Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	<b>24</b> 8:30 a.m. Senior Men 10:00 a.m. PWR Committee on Leadership Mtg. (Parlor) 12:00 p.m. PWR New Clergy Event (West Room)	<b>25</b> 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbuck's)	<b>26</b> 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes
<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 5:50 p.m. "Bridges" Inter-generational Event	<b>28</b> 8:30 a.m. RRRP Staff Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	<b>29</b> 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	<b>30</b> 10:30 a.m. Koionia Group Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	<b>31</b> 5:30 p.m. RRRPreschool Parent Meeting		
						

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