



The Pulse September 2017



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

“What you need to know, Part III”

“What would we do for our children?” Church school innovations starting this month will impact & bless everyone

For quite a few years, children have been included in our worship the first Sunday of every month—we called them “KISS Sundays” which stood for “Kids in Sunday Service.” That isn’t changing.

What IS changing 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? Current research shows that children best learn **how** to worship by **being** in worship. They watch what happens around them and mimic the things they see.

Having more children in worship regularly 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.

How will you help your church with this transition?

Here are a few suggestions for welcoming our younger congregants:

- **Acknowledge** children by smiling or nodding in their direction.
- Make a child’s presence part of **your** worship experience by inviting their family to sit next to you, praying for them, and taking an interest in them.
- Make a point of **sharing** the peace of Christ with them when everyone else is greeting.
- Be helpful to parents of young children by **welcoming** them and not making them feel awkward or unwanted.
- Find a young child before or after the service, make eye contact, **introduce** yourself and tell them you are glad to see them, and will be looking for them in future weeks. **You just might be the reason that family feels comfortable and welcomed and chooses to return next week!**

Bringing a child to church can be challenging. Their not-yet-adult behavior might sometimes be distracting for parents or others. Then again, many facets of parenting are challenging. **It’s the rewards that make it all worthwhile.** While we do not want our children to be disruptive or hamper the worship of others, all of us together need to be reminded that children are *not* the “church of the future”—they are the church of the present; they are part of today’s church along with all of us! Children and adults alike are able to watch and listen for God, and participate in God’s love and healing.

—Christian Education Committee

Church school kick-off, all-church picnic Sun., Sept. 10

All Sunday school, adult education, and youth fellowship groups return to the schedule on Sun., Sept. 10



After worship and church school that day, make plans to stay for an all-church picnic! Hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and table service will be provided. You’re asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Look for sign-up sheets on the Christian Education bulletin board!

—Christian Education Committee

Artist Concert Series presents...

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 3 p.m.

Andrew Sords, Violin with Elizabeth DeMio, Piano

Sords began piano lessons at 5, and shortly thereafter asked for a violin. He has worked with more than 250 orchestras worldwide and has more than 30 concert dates this year alone! Sords will be accompanied by one of the most sought-after accompanists in this area, Elizabeth DeMio.



At this kick-off concert of the 2017-2018 season you’ll hear why a reviewer lauded, “Sords impressed with his total command of technique, consummate musicianship and bravura as he... kept the audience in the palm of his hand all afternoon.”

—Nancy McGillicuddy, Artistic Director
Artist Concert Series

RRPC to host Seminary Intern this fall

This fall RRPC will be the setting for a person training to become a Presbyterian minister. Marilyn Panco, a member of John Knox Presbyterian Church in North Olmsted, is a student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian school. Her preparation for ministry is under the supervision of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. One step of her training is to gain practical experience in being a minister by working in a church other than her home church. Session gave preliminary approval for this internship in June and is on track to formally approve it on Sept. 3. Marilyn will devote 10-15 hours/week on specific learning objectives that she and her seminary have set for her. You can meet Marilyn when she joins our pastor in worship on Sun., Sept. 24.

—Moderator of Session

From Your Pastor

Do you recognize blessing? (Hint: look around you)

How did you decide you wanted to become an anesthesiologist?" I asked Janet as I took another sip from my wine glass.

Janet is a third-year student at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. Mary and I had struck up a conversation with her as the three of us stood the corner of the ornate dining room. We were enjoying hors d'oeuvres at a Cleveland Clinic function. While most Cleveland Clinic facilities are famous for their sleek modernist décor that has been described as "Fifty Shades of White," this facility was just the opposite.

Called the "Foundation House," this mansion dates back to Cleveland's "Millionaires' Row" days when Mr. Francis Drury built it for his family. Drury had made his fortune through his Perfection Stove Company. But the Drury Family lived there only for about a decade before selling it to another family. After that, the mansion was used for various institutional purposes: as a social club for prosperous young men and women, as a home for unwed mothers, as a halfway house for men re-entering society after incarceration. Though it was never derelict or abandoned, by the 1980s the mansion was worn down.

Located on the edge of Cleveland Clinic property, Clinic leadership studied the possibilities of the facility. Inspired by a similar facility at the Mayo Clinic, eventually the Clinic acquired the Drury Mansion for "relatively little money." It was restored and refurbished and renamed the "Foundation House" to serve as a center for institutional history and as a hospitality and conference center. ["Foundation House History" of the Cleveland Clinic]

It was amid the carved walnut mantelpieces and frescoed walls and chandeliered ceilings and Turkish-rug-covered floors that Mary and I stood chatting with Janet and some of her classmates. Janet, the daughter of immigrants from Africa, grew up in Columbus and graduated from OSU. On a college spring break flight to California she was studying her microbiology textbook, highlighting various passages with different colored pens. Her observant seatmate asked if she was a medical student. "I hope to be," she replied.

"Do you know what medical field you want to pursue?" he asked. She told him she wasn't sure yet. "Let me tell you about anes-

esthesiology," he offered. That was his field. He was flying to California to present a paper at a conference. Janet told us that they spent the next two hours talking about anesthesiology, and that's what sold her on the field.

Janet was attending the same social function that we were because the event was all about medical students. We had been invited to learn about an aspect of the Lerner College of Medicine's course of study that deliberately weaves the expressiveness of the humanities into the study of the science of medicine. The goal of the program, they said, was to train doctors to be the kind of compassionate people we would want caring for us.

For the presentation we sat in this enormous living room with a fireplace the size of our garage. Leaded-glass windows sparkled sunlight across the room. Most attendees had sunk into plush upholstered chairs and sofas. At one point between presenters I leaned over to Mary and whispered, "Can you believe we have a life where we get to be in a place like this, and attend a function as nice as this, and hear about a program as inspiring as this? What a privilege to be here!"

Earlier that week I had been with some of my Doctor of Ministry classmates. We graduated together fifteen years ago. In recent years we've decided to get together annually for a day or two because we enjoy each other's company and like to "check in" with one another. This recent "reunion" was in the charming community of Youngstown, New York located where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario. My friend Rex has been pastor at the Presbyterian church there for about twenty years. As we strolled through that village, a classmate from Pittsburgh and I were reflecting on the difference between Rex's situation and ours. He agreed when I said, "I love to visit small towns and rural areas, but I really need to live in or near a big city."

Living here on Cleveland's West Shore has been a blessing for my family. Nice neighbors, safe neighborhoods, quality schools, access to nature at the lakefront and in the Metroparks, well-run local government, convenience for shopping needs, an abundance of cultural offerings, recreational opportunities, and of course, a church which has offered the inspiration and support of Christian fellowship and, for me personally, meaningful work as a pastor.

And I recognize that it might not have been this way for the Fancher Family. Before coming to Rocky River I did consider other pastorates, one in a small college town, another in an outlying suburb of an east coast city. But God led Mary and me to Rocky

River. We asked God, and here's where God guided us.

I don't want to forget how gratified we were when Rocky River Presbyterian Church invited me to become its pastor. I don't want to forget how excited we were to be able to come to the Cleveland area and all it has to offer (even way back in the early 1990s, before Gateway and the Rock Hall and East Fourth Street and the Playhouse Square Chandelier and the NBA Championship and the RNC convention).

It's good for the soul to recognize the state of blessing in which our lives unfold. That's what struck me as we sat in the lavish grand living room of the former Drury Mansion at the Cleveland Clinic's Foundation House. We all live in a state of blessing—how much God has blessed us! Yet we need to recognize that it's possible for us to take it for granted, in the same way we take for granted our general state of good health and don't appreciate what a blessing it is until a cold annoys us or our arthritis barks louder than usual or a dear one is set upon by serious illness. We presume that our customary good health is what we *deserve* rather than a blessing to be appreciated.

One day Jesus and his disciples watched as people brought their offerings to the Temple. Some wealthy people brought large, generous offerings. A very poor widow approached and offered two small copper coins. Jesus told his disciples, "...*This poor widow put in more than all the others. For the others offered their gifts from what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, gave all she had to live on.*" [Lk. 21:1-4]

But realize this: yes, the gift given by the widow, as a percentage of her (meager) finances, was far greater than the largesse offered by the wealthy men. But more thought-provoking is the fact that the widow sought to offer any amount! She would have been justified in claiming that she couldn't afford to give anything. But she was aware that even her life was surrounded by blessing, and she was moved to express her thankfulness by giving back to God through the work of the Temple.

I encourage—challenge—you to pause to reflect on the blessing that invisibly surrounds you like the very air you breathe. Turn "unawareness" to "awareness." When you become aware of the blessings you formerly took for granted, you'll be moved to respond to God with appreciation and generosity.

September Birthdays



September 1	Nancy Nowlin
	Brian Titus
September 2	David Furry
September 3	Simon Kirksey
September 5	Cathy Chato
	Kevin Fancher
	Allison Beer
	Owen Fach
September 6	Mary Murphy
	Benjamin Sakai
September 7	Sandra Norman
	Tom Mach
	Parker Williams
September 8	Tracy Smith
	John Eyre
September 9	Rich Fredrickson
	Jack Jennings
	Kevin Beer
September 10	Sandy Carson
	Amy Boyd-Kirksey
September 11	Libby Poole
September 12	Bonnie Gulstrand
	Anika Norris
September 13	Evelyn Miller
September 14	Dee Eisner
September 16	Joseph Orosz
	John Clark
September 17	Mason Fach
September 19	Betsy Roth
	Nancy Spelman
	Tiegan Roberts
September 20	Sue Curtis
September 22	Paul Katterle
	Sally Schriner
	Jacob Ulewicz
September 23	Shirley Conner
	Nate Furry
September 24	Chuck Chaney
	Jill Erml
September 25	Gary Fresenko
	Jim Flynn
	Karen Stohr
September 26	Dana Carney
	Sean Wilson
September 27	Tom Dillion Jr.
September 28	Caleb Flynn
September 29	Virginia Ross
	Shelly Bishop
	Shamus Roberts
September 30	Pat Koberg
	Katy Patterson-Fancher



A Thank you from **Phil & Ellen (Kogeler) Schickel**: *Our family is blessed to have experienced abundant love and support from our RRPC family; with cards and expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of my mother, **Clara Kogeler**.*

Also...

Giving thanks for the many cards and prayers I received during my recent surgeries. I feel so blessed to have so many friends during this trying time.

Thank you ~ Marion McBride

WE THANK YOU...

During the year, various members of our congregation volunteer to be greeters at the front doors leading into the church. We thank all of you for your time and hope you will continue to volunteer to be a smile at the door, a beacon of hope and joy to those attending church. If you are interested in being a greeter sometime or you just want more information on this simple way to meet others at church, please contact Jim Pierce at (440) 356-0231.



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 debfurry@northerntitle.com or 440-336-5114 for further information and/or questions.

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

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

Middle & High School Fellowships start Sunday, September 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 p.m. The high school group will meet in the youth room and the middle school group will meet in the middle school youth room D-5. Each group will meet most Sunday evenings through the year. Watch the CE bulletin board and our church website for a calendar and updates on events. Many fun events are planned!

We will be helping to sort for Trash and Treasure, doing mission projects and active Bible study. As for all youth activities, friends are always welcome!

Bibles for third-graders



Watch the faces of our 3rd graders as they receive their very own Bible! On Sunday, Sept. 17, our Pastor and Director of Christian Education will present every 3rd grader with their own copy of the Bible. The version they receive features the translation of the Bible called "The Common English Bible."

Each Bible has a personalized bookplate in the front indicating that this Bible is a gift from the child's family and from their church. After they receive their Bibles, the children retire to the Parlor with the Pastor, where he leads them in a brief "tour" of the Bible.

If you want your 3rd grader to receive a Bible, be sure to contact Director of Christian Education Lisa Watts right away.

—Christian Education

7TH and 8TH Grade Confirmation

This is a confirmation year, and any young person in 7th or 8th 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 2nd and 4th 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.

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 10 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!



High School Fellowship retreat set for Nov. 10-12 at Camp Aldersgate

Attention all 9th-12th graders: Don't miss out on our annual retreat on November 10-12. We will be travelling to our new camp home- Camp Aldersgate in Carrollton. We are very excited with the facilities and the beautiful lake at this new venue and want to be sure you can attend. Cost for the retreat is \$50 and includes lodging and meals at the camp. Much more information will be available soon, but please mark the dates on your calendars **NOW**. This will be an experience you do NOT want to miss.

Come to "Bridges" for topical, intergenerational learning & fellowship

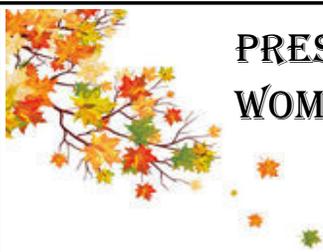
Why "Bridges?" We have the chance to "bridge" a few gaps in our lives. Being an intergenerational program, we can bridge that generation gap and get to know people that we do not interact with on a regular basis. Each evening will also bridge a specific gap in our collective experience.

Our first evening (Aug. 27th) focused on better understanding how people of various faith traditions might learn to relate to one another. The others will deal with diversity among cultures, care of the natural 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.

Watch for the next dates coming up in your bulletins and newsletters.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, September 11th** at **12:00 p.m. a.m.** at the church in the West Room. 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, September 21st** 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, September 12th** and **September 26th** 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 10:00 a.m.** in the Parlor for Koinonia Prayer & Bible 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.

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 12th** at 6:00 p.m. 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 **September 12th** and see what we are all about!

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. 440-333-4888

"Not too late OR too early" to take action for

TRASH & TREASURE SALE!

4 things you can do now:

#1: SAVE THE SALE DATE: Saturday, October 7

#2: SIGN UP TO HELP: Look for sign-up sheets at RRPC or on the Sign-Up Genius electronic sign-up. Daytime and Evening hours will be available during the "set-up week" of Oct. 1st. Newcomers and old-timers are joyfully welcomed to sort, arrange and price goods.

#3: SAVE YOUR STUFF: Your donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall starting Sun., Sept. 24 all the way through Tue., Oct. 3.

#4: SPARE 30 MINUTES ON OCT. 1: After worship that day is "Sorting Sunday," and all ages can give 10, 20 or 30 minutes moving donated goods from Fellowship Hall to the various sales rooms. This small gift of time is an enormous help to volunteers the week before the sale.

(We cannot accept donations of car seats, cribs, knives, guns, or TV's.)

Questions? Want to try volunteering? Email Ellen Schickel at peschickel@hotmail.com

NOW:

Start gathering your goods to donate

Sun., Sept. 24:

Start dropping off donations in Fellowship Hall

Sun., Oct. 1:

Help with "Sorting Sunday" after worship

Mon.-Fri.:

Help with sorting, arranging, pricing

Sat. Oct. 7:

Volunteer during the sale 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or for swift clean-up afterward

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Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! Did you know that September is “Healthy Aging Month”? By now you have probably heard your fair share of advice on how to live a better, healthier life. You have read all the frightening statistics about obesity, cancer, Alzheimer’s, cardiovascular disease and other ailments that are prevalent among seniors. Chances are you (or someone you know) have been significantly affected by health problems. So this month, I want to share tips to stay healthy from *Modern Senior* that will help you focus on living better today.

- ☑ Get enough sleep and stick to a routine. Your body is a well-oiled machine that operates according to a circadian rhythm that follows a 24-hour cycle. Don’t mess with nature and throw a wrench in your own body clock. Try to go to bed and wake up at the same time every day. Everyone needs their beauty sleep to rest and repair cells.
- ☑ If most of your diet comes in packages and contains ingredients that you can’t pronounce, then it might be time to make some adjustments. Stay away from the inner aisles of the grocery store, where they stock processed foods, and do the majority of your shopping in the produce department. A simple tip to remember is to add more color to your diet. Eat your colors and enjoy better health.
- ☑ Rethink your ideas about food. We tend to use food as a reward and a way to celebrate with others, but this habit can get out of control. It is easy to fall into a pattern of stress eating, yet the solution may be to simply be more conscious about the way you think of food. Remember that food is meant to provide nourishment and energy. Although eating a bag of chips to celebrate the end of another workday may provide some immediate gratification, are you actually providing your body with any valuable nutrients?
- ☑ “*Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.*” – Hippocrates. Diet is so important that most of the top diseases that affect Americans can be eliminated or drastically improved by living a healthier lifestyle. Take Type 2 Diabetes for example. While technically there isn’t a cure for this disease, some people can completely eliminate the need for medication by increasing their activity level and improving their diet. In addition, many foods have medicinal benefits that can help treat symptoms and improve health. Here are just a few common foods that have medicinal qualities:
 - Green Tea – Improves metabolism, detoxifies the body, and reduces inflammation
 - Cinnamon – Helps control blood sugar, fights bacteria, and reduces inflammation
 - Ginger – Helps control nausea, gas, diarrhea and other stomach problems
- ☑ Get moving! Exercise will boost your mood and your metabolism and burn calories. Celebrate Healthy Aging Month tonight by treating yourself to a big salad, an evening stroll, and an early bedtime. You just might like the way you feel enough to make it a regular habit!

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SEPTEMBER 2017 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

New books for adults and children
Grandparent books for children and adults
School related stories for children and teens



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NEW ITEMS FOR TEENS:

Fiction:

The Tender Years

FIC OKE

Virginia is at an age where that all-important “fairness” seems out of reach. Her parents are too strict, her sister too bossy, and God feels too far away. Then along comes Jenny, a big-city girl ready to stir up excitement in Virginia’s small prairie town. Breaking rules and causing gossip become special thrills for the girls until one day when that thrill goes too far.

Nonfiction books:

A Young Woman’s Guide to Setting Boundaries

TEEN 204 BOT

Your skin is driving you nuts, your hair won’t cooperate, your emotions are all over the map, the expectations others have for you are insane, the pressure of schoolwork is crazy, and the combined stress of it all is overwhelming. These 6 steps will help teens make smart choices, cope with stress, and untangle mixed-up emotions.

Don’t Check Your Brains at the Door

TEEN 239 MCD

Using clarity and humor, this guidebook has the answers you’re lookin for- answers to tough questions like “Does it really matter what you believe, as long as you have faith?” or “Are there errors in the Bible?” and “Was Jesus just a good teacher? Can anyone prove His resurrection? And what does that have to do with me?”

The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life

TEEN 796.01 ALE

What can we imagine for our lives? This book is filled with uplifting stories and inspiring words of wisdom from favorite sports figures like Michael Jordan and Serena Williams, and 52 rules to follow both on and off the court. Kwame Alexander, the author, shares his own words of motivation as he tells stories of overcoming obstacles and winning games.

NEW ITEMS FOR ADULTS:

Fiction books:

River Rising

FIC DIC

Reverend Hale Poser arrives in Louisiana in 1927 looking for his roots, to find racial prejudices missing from the small town of Pilotville. In pursuit of a missing child, however, he uncovers a dark secret.

Nonfiction books:

Basic Questions in Theology: Collected Essays

201.1 PAN

A two-pronged dilemma provides the backdrop for discussion in this book: the critical problem of the gulf between the history of Jesus and the New Testament record, and the hermeneutical problem of the distance between contemporary understandings of theology and that of primitive Christianity.

Knit Together: Discover God’s Pattern for Your Life

248.8 MAC

God created us for a reason, and when we come to recognize our deepest longing, we can discover His plan for our lives. Debbie Macomber shares her own stories of heartache, frustration, and triumph as she encourages you to pursue your dreams with courage and passion.

We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For: Inner Light in a Time of Darkness 811.54 WAL

A book of spiritual ruminations with a progressive political edge, from Pulitzer Prize-winner Alice Walker, who has devoted her life to befriending the earth. She has long been a force for sanity in a chaotic world. Here she draws on her deep spiritual grounding, her political conviction and experience, and her literary gifts to offer a series of meditations filled with wisdom, hope, encouragement, and, at times, serenity to a world in need of all these things.

HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

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

Peace & Global Witness Offering received on World Communion Sunday Oct. 1st

One of the special offerings our church participates in is collected each year on World Communion Sunday. By supporting the Peace and Global Witness Offering, our congregation joins in sharing the Peace of Christ by promoting ministries of reconciliation and peace within cultures of violence and conflict, including our own. Of the offerings received from our church on October 1st, the breakdown of how the monies are distributed is listed here:

25% | Congregational Peace Initiatives

Retained by our congregation to invest in local responses to injustice and violence, and connect with the global witness to Christ's peace.

25% | Mid Council Peace Initiatives

Linking congregations in ministries of peace and reconciliation throughout presbyteries and synods.

50% | Advocating Peace and Advancing Justice

Advocating for peacemaking and justice through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

—Rudy Gulstrand, Chair,
Mission Committee

Hand's-on mission opportunity Sat., Sept. 23

10,000 meals in 90 minutes?

You (and your kids!) can make it happen

On Saturday morning, Sept. 23 men, women, and children from all over the Presbytery of the Western Reserve will pack 10,000 meals in 90 minutes!

This one-day mission project helps "Rise Against Hunger," the agency which will send these packaged meals to hungry people in various under-resourced parts of the world.

The event will be held at Valley Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge Twp., 17560 Chillicothe Rd., just 1/8 mile north of U.S. Rte. 422.

Everyone will gather for a brief worship at 9 a.m., then adjourn to Valley's Fellowship Hall for the meal-packing project. The project should take around 90 minutes, and will be followed by a picnic lunch! Rise Against Hunger says that its meal-packing process is designed in such a way that people from age 4 to 104 can play a part. Churches that have experienced it say that's true. It's a joyful process with music and celebration. (It might be the most fun you'll ever have in Christian service.)

After lunch, elected representatives from all the churches will reassemble for the customary Presbytery business meeting, but mission project participants are free to leave after the project or after the picnic.

We encourage you to sign up at RRPC to indicate who plans to attend, and also if you'd like a ride with someone else who's going.

—Mission Committee

RRPC Directory updates

RRPC Directory updates will be available after worship on **September 17th and 24th**. We are updating two of the pages behind tab 1 – Church Officers and Staff Information, and providing a list of the new class of Deacons and Elders. If you cannot attend worship either of those Sundays, the update pages will be available anytime during the week in the church office.

--Kevin Watts, Chair,
Evangelism & Membership Committee

Sun., Sept. 17 at 2 p.m.

"The Musical Theatre Project" outing

Ever heard the song "*Baby, It's Cold Outside*"? How about the musicals "*Guys & Dolls*" or "*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*" or "*The Most Happy Fella*"?

Join fellow RRPCers and friends for a Sunday afternoon outing to a program/performance called "Luck Be a Lady: the songs of Frank Loesser." It's being presented by Bill Rudman and The Musical Theatre Project—the same folks who broadcast "The Song is You" on WCLV-FM every Saturday night.

The event will occur at the Cuyahoga County Library Parma Snow Branch at 2 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 17. The program/performance features RRPC member **Eric Fancher** and Katherine DeBoer singing Loesser's brilliant music, along with slides and film clips, to illustrate the story of Loesser's life and career.

RRPC is receiving the group discount ticket rate of \$30. To reserve your ticket sign the list in the lobby or call the church office by Sun., Sept. 10.

—Deacons' Fellowship 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.

—Stewardship Committee

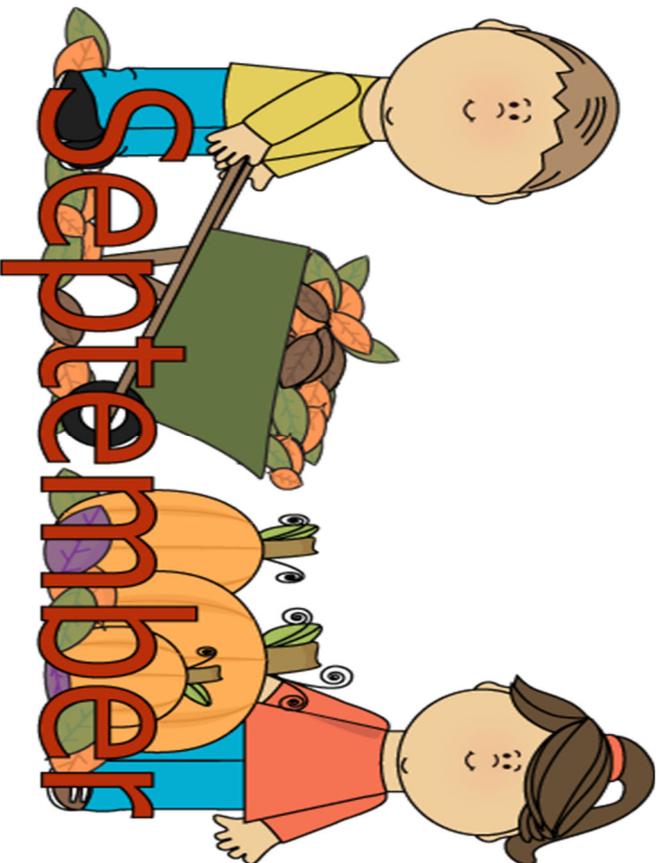
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 Communion / Food Sunday 8:30 a.m. Early Worship concludes 10:30 a.m. Worship Service / KISS 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship	Coming Soon: October 7th - Trash & Treasure	5 8:30 a.m. RRPB CPR training 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	6 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	7 RRPPreschool begins 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle Book Review 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir begins	1 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Startuck's) 10:30 a.m. Daniel Plan Mtg. Bob & Mary Murphy	2 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes
10 Christian Education Kick-off 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Christian Ed. Kick-off All Church Picnic 11:45 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg. 3:00 p.m. ACS presents Violinist "Andrew Sords" in concert 7:00 p.m. High School/Middle School Fellowship begins	4 Labor Day <i>(Church office closed)</i>  7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.	12 9:30 a.m. RRPB Board Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 6:00 p.m. PW Women of Faith Mtg. & Potluck 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.	13 10:00 a.m. RRPB Staff Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.	14 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle Book Review 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	15 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Startuck's)	16 9:30 a.m. PWR Committee on Vitality & Renewal Workshop 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes
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