



The Pulse November 2017

of Rocky River Presbyterian Church



All Saints' Sunday Nov. 5th

Let your photographs honor loved ones in worship

When we lose a loved one, one of the remembrances we turn to most frequently are photographs: portraits, gatherings of family and friends, candid, holiday photos. Those familiar images comfort us in our grief.

For our observance of “All Saints’ Sunday” on Nov. 5th you are invited to **bring to worship a photograph** of a deceased relative, friend, neighbor, colleague—someone whose life you appreciated and whose death you grieve. A special display will be set up in front of the communion table where you can place the selected photograph for that service. Photographs can be framed or unframed, any size, color or b&w, and can include other people (they don’t have to be portraits).

On All Saints’ Sunday we embrace the truth expressed in Hebrews 12:1 that “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...” We hope that you’ll bring a photograph of one of those witnesses to our faith whose death you mourn and whose life you celebrate.

—Worship Committee

Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Artist Concert Series presents... Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus

What a privilege to hear some of the finest high school voices from across northeast Ohio! Come to a free concert by the Cleveland Orchestra’s famed Youth Chorus on Sat., Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. The concert will be under Acting Director Daniel Singer.

“COYC” was founded by the Cleveland Orchestra in 1991 to raise awareness of choral music-making in the schools of northeastern Ohio and to encourage more students to continue their choral activities through college and into adulthood. The 80 members of the Youth Chorus are among the finest high school choristers in northeast Ohio; representing some 40 schools and communities, they are chosen through competitive auditions.



Our Stewardship response for 2018

Now’s the time to

“PLANT MANY SEEDS”



Your church exists because of God’s grace and your generosity. This is the time of year the Session is budgeting for our church’s operations for 2018. They need your stewardship commitment as soon as possible.

Many people indicate that by making a “pledge” of anticipated offerings for 2018. That’s best for budgeting—both for your household and for the church. To be as accurate as possible, we need to get EVERY household’s financial pledge as soon as possible. It’s hard to map out expenses without a good idea of expected income.

You can place your pledge envelope in the offering plate during worship on Sunday, or mail it to the church office any time (your pledge packet included a pre-labeled envelope – just add a stamp!). You can even submit your pledge at riverpres.org! Need a new pledge card? Just call the Church Office.

Any questions or comments for me, the Session, the staff? Just let me know—I’m in the church directory.

—John Eyre, Stewardship Chairperson

It’s mission... AND it’s fellowship!

“Community Meal” opportunity comes to RRPC Thur., Nov. 30, 5-6 p.m.

For about 15 years until its closing 2 years ago, RRPC co-sponsored a “community meal” with Faith Presbyterian Church at their Lakewood location. Now we’re launching a quarterly Community Meal right here at our location. The first quarterly meal is Thur., Nov. 30; doors open 4:30 p.m.; meal served 5-6 p.m.

How does it impact you? We want you to volunteer OR just come and eat!

A community meal is for anyone—not just “poor” people, not just “old” people. We hope you’ll plan to come and chat with our guests while you all enjoy dinner (this quarter’s menu: chili and cornbread with salad and dessert). **Better yet: volunteer!** Specific jobs are available: set-up, cooking, serving, cleaning up the dining room or kitchen. Sign up for volunteering at the church.

—Marilyn Panco, Seminary Intern &
Susan Penning, Bd. of Deacons

From Your Pastor

Does anyone really know what time it is?

Some love it. Some hate it. Some just go with the flow. I'm talking about Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time is both omnipresent and elusive. We all live with it... but where does it come from each Spring, and where does it go in the Fall?

Benjamin Franklin is credited with the concept of Daylight Saving (*not* "Savings") Time as a way of taking advantage of longer periods of daylight during the summer. But Daylight Saving Time ("DST") wasn't enacted in the United States until World War I. Then as now it's touted as a way of saving energy and reducing costs. Once the war ended Congress overrode President Wilson's veto in order to repeal the act, so unpopular it was with the voters. (Remember, people arose and went to bed earlier than we tend to today.)

With the repeal, DST became a matter of local option, state by state, or county by county. Even individual towns and villages could choose to adopt DST or simply retain Standard Time. This created chaos for the broadcast industry and especially for transportation (bus lines and railroads). "On the 35-mile stretch of highway (W.V. Route 2) between Moundsville, West Virginia and Steubenville, Ohio, every bus driver and his passengers had to endure seven time changes!"

People enjoy the benefits of longer evening light for leisure activities in the summer. But DST has precious costs, too: according to researchers at both Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Michigan, pedestrians walking at and after dusk are 3 times more likely to be struck and killed by motorists in the weeks after the end of DST in the Fall. [Information source is "Daylight Saving Time" at <http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/e.html>]

When I was in college and for many years thereafter, I always set my wristwatch 5 minutes ahead. (Try doing THAT with your smartphone!) Someone had convinced me that "You'll never be late that way." (I don't tend to be late anyway.) But I heeded their advice, and every time I'd look at my watch my thought process went something like this:

"Okay, it's 7:50 p.m., but it's actually 7:45 p.m. so I still have 15 minutes even though my watch says I have only 10 minutes."

Of course, the basis of DST is simply changing the way we think about Time. Obviously, scientists or lawmakers don't actually speed up or slow down the Earth's rotation in order to "gain" or "lose" an hour. While Time is "an ever-flowing stream" that "marches on," Time is really just a concept—it's whatever we say it is.

If we can change how we think about Time in order to produce a benefit like extra useful daylight hours during summertime, imagine how we could benefit from changing the way we think about other things, too.

For instance, when a series of events are upsetting or cause you inconvenience, you complain that you're simply "having a bad day." Then with your "bad day" view of the world you imagine that other things are compounding your problems. But if you change your thinking, you recognize that those events haven't magically conspired against you to force you to have a "bad day."

One area of life where I've found that I benefit from changing how I think about something is when I pay my taxes. Sure, everyone grumbles when they imagine what they could do if the money they pay to taxes were to stay in their own pockets. But years ago I changed how I think about paying my taxes. Instead of feeling deprivation, I think of all the benefits and services I derive from the taxes I pay: a safe and prosperous nation to live in, roads and schools and sewer and water available right in my community, and so on. Because I changed the way I think about taxes, they almost seem like a bargain.

And our faith gives us an opportunity to change how we think about God. When we consider that God offers to love us and forgive us without pre-condition, we're likely to agree with the chant that "Wayne's World" characters Wayne and Garth would intone: "We're not worthy! We're not worthy!" Actually, we'd be correct: we're not worthy—we *don't* deserve God's choice to set aside our failings and overlook our regrettable deeds. In fact, nothing we could ever do would earn for us the mercy of God. But by God's grace—God's abundant, undeserved gift—God chooses to view us as loved, cherished, precious... and forgiven.

We're quite skilled in "negative self-talk." We think, "If people really knew me,

they'd see what a sorry, selfish, unworthy person I am inside." We find it so hard to believe that God could be that merciful.

But God really knows you. And God has opted to set aside your faults and failures and love you anyway. That's just who God is! As Psalm 91 proclaims,

¹⁴ God says, "I will save those who love me and will protect those who acknowledge me as LORD.

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; when they are in trouble, I will be with them. I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶ I will reward them with long life; I will save them."

Remember how Daylight Saving Time is really a matter of changing how we think about Time—choosing to live for several months as though the world is 1 hour older? In a similar vein, though there's nothing we can do to *earn* God's favor, there is one thing we can do to *receive* it: change how we think about God's gift of unconditional acceptance.

You see, what's at issue is not whether we deserve God's mercy. God asks us simply to accept the reality that God chooses to look upon us with mercy. We don't have to earn it. We don't have to be worthy. Simply change the way you think so that you may accept God's gracious gift of faith.

Jon





November Birthdays

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| November 1 | Marion Good Bonnie Erickson Mike Shaver Kevin Watts Henry Ward Grace Ward |
| November 3 | Olivia Miller |
| November 5 | Lee Sabolich |
| November 6 | Lynn Stohr Lisa Mach |
| November 7 | Ruth Regula |
| November 8 | Heidi Shaver |
| November 9 | Jim Myers Chase Prudhoe |
| November 10 | Megan Smith |
| November 13 | Joe Clark Mark Cashmere |
| November 14 | Karen Jones |
| November 16 | Marion McBride Austin Norris |
| November 18 | Art Steinmetz |
| November 20 | Dave Chato Jennifer Miller Hannah Heierding |
| November 22 | Sue Hustek Nolan Rayle |
| November 23 | Jaimie Yezbak |
| November 24 | Chuck Hoffner Janice Brochhagen Jonathan Sakai |
| November 25 | Jana Rayle |
| November 26 | Phil Schickel |
| November 27 | Dick Frier Megan Kirchner |
| November 28 | Ruth Thurber Tom Standing |
| November 29 | Audra Costello Michael Esdon Matthew Esdon |
| November 30 | Mary Schulz Kamryn Wilson |

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



You look very friendly...

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.



Offices hours for Thanksgiving holiday

The church office will be closed on **Wed. November 22nd thru Friday, November 24th**. We will re-open Monday, **November 27th**.



Church directory changes....

1. Change Brenda Fahrenkopf's name to **Brenda Peterson**.
2. Delete the home phone number for Jon & Mary Fancher.
Add these cell numbers to your directory:
 - Jon: (440) 263-8872
 - Mary (440) 263-8873

—Church Office

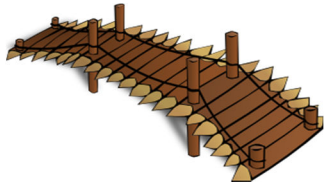
Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 4/5

Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Sat., Nov. 4. And if you forget and arrive at church an hour too early next week, we'll have coffee ready.



The last of our 4 “Bridges” programs for 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. The final “bridge” in this series addresses our responsibility to care for the world we live in. It happens Wed., Nov. 15. The evening begins with a free, catered 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. Though we hope you’ll enjoy the whole evening, you can attend just the program or just the dinner. For catering purposes, please register at the church or call the Church Office by Mon., Nov. 13.



—Christian Education

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.

“Christmas is coming...”

Help Semi Circle as they bring Christmas to kids facing challenges

Again this year our Presbyterian Women’s **Semi Circle Group** will be collecting items to make a joyous and blessed Christmas for the families of the Positive Education Program (PEP). Suggested gifts are listed on page 6, or ask any member of Semi Circle for ideas to donate. Thank You!



Offer helping hand at Coffee Hour



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

Sun., Nov. 19 1:30 p.m., Walker Chapel

“Healing Hearts for the Holidays”

an oasis of peace for those grieving losses

The holiday season isn’t always a welcome time for those grieving the loss of a relative or friend, loss of a job, relocation of family far away, loss of health or ability, the death of a beloved pet. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed. Your sadness can seem unbearable. You may wish you could skip these next two months and go straight to the routine of the next year—but you can’t. What can you do to lessen your stress and loneliness?

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, November 19th, come to a brief time of acknowledgment, worship, comfort and strength offered for all who are facing this holiday season without cherished friends or family members, or bearing other significant losses:

“Healing Hearts for the Holidays”

What to expect? A peaceful time of prayer and reflection; 30 minutes of music, readings of scripture, times of silent reflection, and an occasion to remember and give thanks for our departed loved ones whose memories we hold dear. At “Healing Hearts for the Holidays” you never have to say or do anything. Attendees may simply sit in the silence of their memories, thoughts and prayers. The service will be in Walker Chapel; light refreshments will follow.

Even if you are not grieving a loss, a special gift you could give a grieving friend would be to invite him or her to join you at this service. Or you could attend just to lend your support by “being there for others” who are hurting.

*Blessed are the ones who mourn,
because they will be comforted. (Matt. 5:4)*

—Worship Committee





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, November 13th** at **12:00 p.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. Newcomers are always welcome!

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, November 16th** in the **West Room at 7:00 p.m.** 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, November 14th** and **November 28th** at **9:30 a.m.** in Room D-3,4. 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 have a new meeting day! We will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. 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 meeting on **Tuesday, November 28th** and see what we are all about!

Presbyterian Women of the Western Reserve

invite you to join us for our Fall Gathering, on Saturday, November 4. **"Who is your neighbor?"** is the theme and speakers from several local agencies will share how they help those in need in Cleveland. Our host is Noble Road Presbyterian, 2780 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Reservations can be made by contacting Lee Lohr at leelaann60@gmail.com You can pick up registration forms at the mail center in the office hallway.

"Who needs another ugly sweater?"

The "Alternative Christmas" Charity Bazaar

Sunday, Nov. 19 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Why squander precious money on meaningless merchandise for gifts given out of obligation? Here's an ALTERNATIVE to typical Christmas gift-giving:

- ◇ At the 9th Annual "Alternative Christmas" Charity Bazaar your "gifts" are donations to any of 17 different charities who will be present at the event.
- ◇ Your monetary gifts in any amount support the work of the charities you choose.
- ◇ With each donation you receive a free custom-designed notecard to give to your friend, colleague, neighbor or relative announcing your gift.

Give a gift that
makes a difference!

And you write just one check!

- ◆ You add up your gifts to various charities and write one check for the total to Rocky River Presbyterian Church.
- ◆ We guarantee that **100% of your gift will go to the charities you choose**; none stays with the Church.
- ◆ And... you don't automatically land on more mailing lists!

This year's charities represented: Visit 17 missions and 1 Fair Trade Business include: Habitat for Humanity, Cuyahoga Co. Animal Shelter, The Gathering Place, Church World Service, Fisher House, Shriners' Children's Hospital, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, North Coast Health, Puppies Behind Bars, SocksPlus, Doughbe River Presbyterian School of Liberia, National Assoc. of Mental Illness... and Rocky River's own One World Shop.

*You can be "God's hands and heart" as
you honor loved ones in meaningful ways*



**MISSTON:
POSSIBLE**

Help "Positive Education Program" for troubled children and youth

"PEP" Christmas Wish List

a project of our Presbyterian Women's "Semi-Circle" group

Toy items- ages 6-10 girls or boys
(Legos, Matchbox cars, craft kits)

Ages 1-5 – pull toys, puzzles, stuffed animals

Kids PJs-size 5-14 boys or girls

Art supplies and Craft kits

Adult coloring books and colored pencils

Boys underwear – Boxers sizes 5-18

White T-shirts – sm., med., Lrg., X-Lrg., XXL

Girls underwear – size 4-14

Sweatshirts and Hoodies – all sizes

Ear buds and cases for phones, tablets, etc.

Basket balls, foot balls, pumps

Nail kits and polish

Play dough and Kits

Fidget Spinners

Wrapping paper, tape, bows

Toiletries

Deodorant (men's/women's)

Toothpaste, toothbrushes

Shampoo

Bar Soap

Gift Cards:

Target

Marc's

Walmart

Marshalls

Any Food Store



Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! Why do we need to talk more openly about suicide? Suicide is a difficult topic and one that we often avoid talking about. Perhaps if we did talk about our thoughts and feelings, we would realize that we are more similar than different and we aren't alone in how we are thinking and feeling. Most importantly, we would realize that there are people in our lives that love us unconditionally. If only we were all open to sharing our internal conflicts, then maybe so many people wouldn't see suicide as an option for escaping their pain. Simple, real conversations may just make the difference between life and death.

More people including teens die by suicide than from homicide. For youth ages 10 to 24, suicide is the second leading cause of death, with approximately 16 American youth taking their lives each day, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Experts warn that U.S. youth suicide rates are increasing. Research presented at the 2017 Pediatric Academic Societies meeting in San Francisco showed that youth admitted to children's hospitals for thoughts of suicide or self-harm have more than doubled during the last decade. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the suicide rate among adolescent girls ages 15 to 19 years continues to rise and hit a 40-year high in 2015. The rate isn't just increasing with girls; boys are affected, too. Suicide rates for adolescent boys and young men have increased by 30 percent between 2007 and 2015.

Why are so many youth resorting to suicide? One possible answer may be that stress levels are on the rise. The inability to cope with stress in healthy ways can exacerbate and even lead to suicidal thoughts. Being subjected to violence can also raise one's risk for suicide. According to the CDC's suicide prevention guide, exposure to violence, such as child abuse, bullying and dating violence, is linked with increased risk of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, suicide and suicide attempts. Many of today's youth are exposed to cyberbullying and other malicious forms of online cruelty as well. The increase in suicide rates is also driven, in part, by changes in how teens carry out suicide, according to the CDC. Teens are using lethal methods such as firearms, suffocation (including hanging and strangulation), and poisoning to end their lives.

Fortunately, there are some immediate actions that we can take to protect our youth and prevent suicide, and it begins with knowing the warning signs. The American Psychological Association notes that, annually, 1 in 5 teens seriously contemplate suicide, according to data collected by the CDC. Of these kids, 4 out of 5 present clear warning signs and risk factors that signal their need for help.

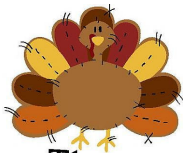
Would you be able to recognize these signs?

- Threatening suicide or expressing a strong wish to die
- Being preoccupied with death and talking about dying or not being around any longer
- Talking about being a burden to others, telling loved ones goodbye and giving things away, like prized possessions
- Taking unnecessary risks, behaving recklessly and increasing alcohol or drug use
- Exhibiting rage or anger, mood swing, acting anxious or agitated, isolating or withdrawing oneself from others
- Referring to death via poetry, writings or artwork
- Exhibiting poor hygiene, changes in eating or sleeping patterns
- Declining academic and work performance

Risk Factors for Suicide are:

- Presence of a mental illness, such as depression or anxiety
- Access to weapon, alcohol or drugs
- Previous suicide attempts or family history of suicide
- Personal failure, such as failing a class or not making a sports team
- Recent death or anniversary of the death of a close friend or family member
- Recent loss by death, divorce or separation, moving to a new location, breakup with a dating partner, or breakup of a friendship
- Lack of peer social support, such as few or no friends, or being bullied

You can proactively assist a teen who may be having suicidal thoughts by watching out for the warning signs and trust your instincts. If you believe something is wrong, don't second-guess yourself. Speak openly about your concerns. Let the teen know how much you care and that you are there to help and listen. Listen attentively. Be open to hearing what the youth says. Suicide is a serious issue that is worthy of discussion. Ask direct questions. Don't worry about planting any seeds; if the troubled teen is contemplating suicide, asking about it isn't going to cause it to happen. Help the youth get professional help. Use resources; ask a school counselor, school social worker or medical provider to point you in the right direction. If you discover that the youth has put thought into a plan to carry out the suicide, or has recently attempted suicide, act immediately. Do not leave him or her alone. Remain by the youth's side until he or she is safe. If the threat is imminent, call 911 or go to the emergency room.



Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2017 LIBRARY LINGO

Mary Schulz, Librarian

DISPLAYS:
Thanksgiving books



NEW ITEMS FOR CHILDREN:

Picture Book Fiction:

We're All Wonders

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Growing up as an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face isn't easy, but Auggie is a wonder. He and his sidekick, Daisy, use their imaginations to soar through their days together. They know it's not just Auggie who's different. Everyone is different, and everyone is a wonder, if only they could see it. Featuring the hero from the bestselling book Wonder, this adventure for younger readers taps into every child's longing to be seen for who they truly are.

Tear Soup

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Grandy has just suffered a big loss in her life, and so she is cooking up her own unique batch of "tear soup," blending different ingredients into her own grief process. Her tear soup will help to bring her comfort and to fill the void in her life that was created by her loss

Elementary Fiction Books:

Auggie & Me: Three Wonder Stories

FIC PAL

The book Wonder tells Auggie's story from six different perspectives, but there were some characters whose unique perspectives were not shared, until now- Julian, Pluto, and Shingaling.

Young Elementary Nonfiction Books: (yellow dot)

Give Us this Day: The Lord's Prayer

j226.96 GIV

The best know of all Christian prayers illustrated by Tasha Tudor.

On the Road to Emmaus

j232.96 ONT

The Gospel tells us how two disciples recognized Jesus in Emmaus three days after his death.

Reformation ABCs

j270.6 NIC

This is a fun way for kids to learn about the places, things, events, people, books, and ideas that shaped this pivotal time in church history.

The Life of Martin Luther: a pop-up book

j284.1092 TRA

The story of Martin Luther and his role in sparking the Protestant Reformation is given an interactive retelling in this beautiful pop-up book, from his decision to become a monk to his 95 theses.

Elementary Nonfiction Books:

KidAtlas: Important Places in the Bible and Where to Find Them

j220.9MAA

Where is Jericho? What were Roman roads made of? These are the types of questions that kids might ask about places in the Bible. Now these and many more are answered with tons of colorful maps, a history of the earth, descriptions of events, photos, illustrations, and more.

The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales

j398.2089 PEO (this is the nonfiction Dewey # for folktales)

This landmark collection of 24 black American folktales told by Newbery Medalist Virginia Hamilton was included on School Library Journal's list of "One Hundred Books that Shaped the Century." It includes a CD narrated by James Earl Jones and Virginia Hamilton.

HAPPY READING AND VIEWING!!

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

RRPPreschool news

Support our weekday preschool “Butter Braids” for Christmas?

Our Preschool augments its budget income with a handful of fundraisers each year: in the fall, you can order delicious Butter Braids pastries for delivery before Christmas. You can place an order after worship on **Sun., Nov. 12** or by stopping in the church office that week.

Registration opens Nov. 1st for the 2018-2019 school year

Beginning November 1st, Rocky River Presbyterian Preschool priority registration is open for all members of the church along with any returning families. Any child, ages 2½ through Kindergarten, may be enrolled in one of the half-day programs at RRPPreschool.

RRPNS Open House Thur., Nov. 16th 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Open House invites any family considering attending RRPPreschool. No reservation is needed. RRPC member priority registration period continues until January 1st when open enrollment will begin. If you have any question or would like to register your child, please call Diana Wolfe, the preschool director, at 440-895-KIDS(5437).

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



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

November 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 Communion/Food Sunday/KISS 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 11:45 a.m. Mission Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. High / Middle School Fellowship | 6 5:45 p.m. Election Set-up 6:30 p.m. RPPP Pre-Election Bake Sale 6:45 p.m. Seekers Class #3 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. | 7 Election Day 6:30 a.m. Polls Open 6:30 a.m. RPPP Bake Sale 8:30 a.m. Three Arts Club 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen | 1 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg. 6:15 p.m. Worship Committee 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg. | 2 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle Book Review 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir | 3 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks) | 4 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes |
| 12 9:00 a.m. Adult Education 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:35 a.m. Time of Fellowship 11:35 a.m. Children's & Youth Choirs 11:45 a.m. Evang. & Membership Committee 2:00 p.m. Senior High return from retreat 3:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire Pre-concert lecture 4:00 p.m. Apollo's Fire Concert 7:00 p.m. High / Middle School Fellowship | 13 12:00 p.m. PW Semi-Circle 7:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg. | 14 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith Mtg. 9:30 a.m. RPPPreschool Board Mtg. 11:00 a.m. HR Committee 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen | 15 10:00 a.m. Koinonia Group Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bridges Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg. | 16 5:30 p.m. RPPPreschool Open House 6:15 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir | 17 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks) | 18 7:00 p.m. Altered Attitudes |
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