

## PNC UPDATE

Your PNC is immersed in the process of reviewing the numerous resumes received in response to the posting of the Church Information Form (CIF) online at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) Church Leadership Connection (CLC) web-site. To date, nearly 100 Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) have been received and are being reviewed with thoughtful, prayerful considered care and discernment.

### What is the Pastor Information Form (PIF)?

The PIF is the standardized format in which information describing individual candidates is made available to the PNC. PIFs reach our PNC through two primary mechanisms: (1) Matching performed by the CLC which identifies PIFs that are maintained in a database. The principal basis for this matching is comparison of Primary Skills listed in both our CIF and the candidate PIF. This highlights the importance of this section of the CIF. Your PNC dedicated several weeks to the task of deliberating thoughtfully the dozens of possible primary skills to be selected from in order to develop a list of the 10 believed to best describe the type of candidate being sought by RPC. (2) Self-Referrals: these PIFs come directly to the PNC from candidates who have read our CIF online or have otherwise been informed about the pastoral opening at RPC and wish to make known to our PNC their interest in the available opening. Our PNC corresponding secretary sends a letter of acknowledgement on behalf of the PNC to each self-referring candidate informing them we are in receipt of their application materials. To date, approximately one-third of all the PIFs received have been self-referrals.

### What candidate information is in the PIF?

The PIF is the primary source of information describing applicants currently being reviewed by your PNC. Information in the PIF includes:

- Applicant Contact Information
- Ecclesiastical Status / Presbytery Membership
- Ordination Date
- Summary of Formal Education
- Summary of Continuing Education
- Level of Experience
- List of Primary Skills
- History of Past Experience
- Description of Other Services Outside of Pastoral Responsibilities
- Description of Characteristics Describing Type of Church of Interest to the Candidate

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Accomplishments in Candidate's Present Call  
Description of Candidate's Leadership Style  
Key Theological Issues Identified by the Candidate  
References

The average length of a PIF is 10-pages meaning your PNC is carefully sifting through nearly 1,000 pages of information in its effort to find that shiny gem, that individual waiting for our call.

### How are PIFs Reviewed?

By consensus, your PNC agreed it is simply not possible for each committee member to perform a thorough review of every PIF received. The PNC has established 3-review teams, each responsible for reviewing an assigned subset of PIFs. This arrangement is made possible by the trust we have in the judgments of our fellow PNC members, a trust built during the initial stages of the Call process. Every PIF is read by members of one of the review teams. The review teams meet both during the regular weekly meeting time as well as at other times during the week to discuss their review findings. The narrative portions of each PIF are reviewed carefully keeping in mind the candidate characteristics and qualifications outlined in our CIF. After evaluation, Each PIF receives a rating score of either: YES (very interested, initiate further contact with the candidate); MAYBE (candidate possesses many of the qualities and experience being sought, however, did rise to the level of inspiration elicited by PIFs receiving a YES rating); NO (feel these candidates are not a strong match for the attributes sought in their next pastor by RPC).

All PIFs receiving a rating of YES by one of the review teams are circulated to all members of the PNC for evaluation, discussion and consensus affirmation of the YES rating.

### What happens next?

The subgroup of applicants with PIFs that receive a YES rating will be contacted by a designated PNC member by telephone. During the conversation we express our interest in their application, ask if they have read our CIF online and whether they are interested in finding out more about RPC. Depending on the candidate's response, supplemental materials such as recordings of sermons, sample bulletins outlining worship service format or publications written by the candidate will be requested by the PNC for further candidate review consideration.

## Christian Education

### SUMMER CAMPS AND VBS

[Riverdale Presbyterian Church](http://www.riverdalepresbyterian.org) (301- 927-0477, [www.riverdalepresbyterian.org](http://www.riverdalepresbyterian.org)) offers a variety of summer programs for kids: Vacation Bible School, Service Camp, and Summer Youth Connection. Please contact RPC to enroll or for more information. You do not have to be an RPC member to participate.

**Summer Youth Connection**, with activities and trips for youths entering grades 7 to 12, will begin on **June 10th**. Meetings are held each Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 PM and include many types of group fun, from street hockey, ultimate frisbee, and capture the flag, to water games, service projects, and movie nights. Off-site activities are enjoyed each Sunday after the Church Service, car pooling to enjoy lasertag, bowling, go-karts, and the like, and even a trip to the beach.

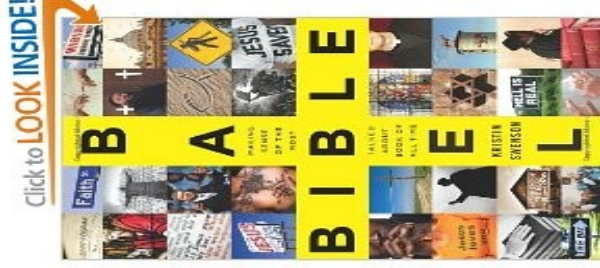
Register now for RPC's FREE **Vacation Bible School 2010**: "Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God". We're happy you will join us for an action-packed week planned with songs, stories, games, crafts and exciting adventures. From **June 21st to June 25th**, VBS will be held at UP's Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 9:30 AM to NOON. Children ages 4 to entering grade 6 will make crafts, play games, sing songs, hear Bible stories, and meet new and old friends. The program is co-sponsored by Berwyn Presbyterian Church and University United Methodist Church. **Volunteer help in any way is always welcome and appreciated.** Registration forms are available online and at all three churches. We will offer afternoon camps (after supervised "bring your own" bag lunch) from 12:30-2:30: The Magic of Puppets (going into grades 3-6, \$35) Sports (going into grades 3-6, \$35), Service Camp (going into grades 7-9 (free)). Camp availability is on a first-come first-served basis.

Dr. "C"

# NEWS NOTES of RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL and Music @ Riverdale**  
**Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on the lawn**

Immediately following the Strawberry Festival, **Music at Riverdale** will present its final concert of the season. Back by popular demand Music at Riverdale is pleased to present --The Chromatics. The Chromatics are a unique high-energy vocal band that delights audiences with a combination of outrageous originals, crazy covers, melodic insights into modern life. Their high energy sound and vibrant presentation will leave you asking "where's the band?" But, there is none -- all this musical mayhem is produced with nothing but six intricately linked voices. Please join us for an evening of music, merriment and family entertainment.



## New in the Church Library:

Bible by Kristin Swenson is based upon the most recent scholarship and is a readable introduction to the Bible - what it is, where it comes from, and what's in it.

**All are welcome!**

**2nd Session 12:00pm**  
**11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary**

**1st Session 9:45am**

**Sunday School**

**Sunday Worship Services**

**Come & Worship**



**Summer Sunday Worship Schedule**  
**10:00 a.m. begins on Sunday, June 20th**

*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim  
the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night  
they display knowledge.  
There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard.  
Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
Their word to the ends of the world.*

*Psalms 19:1-4*

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## Musings from Mary

Dear Friends at Riverdale,

Summer is here at last. In January and February, I thought it would never get here. June 6th is youth Sunday, and on June 13th, our own Dick Redfield, Rees Richardson and Gerald Piercey will lead a wonderful program of handbells, trumpet and organ music. Please plan to attend this uplifting service.

The past few weeks, the news has been full of natural disasters that have occurred around the world. There was massive flooding and loss of life in Tennessee, destructive tornadoes in Oklahoma, the volcanic ash cloud in Iceland. The oil rig disaster with the death of eleven workers is an ecological disaster of massive proportions.

In the midst of all this death and destruction, it is easy to get discouraged. Where is God in the midst of all this death and destruction? Does God no longer care about the earth and the humans who populate it? After all, God created the heavens and the earth and seas and gave life to all creatures, humans included.

In Genesis God proclaims his creations to be good. After he creates humanity, they are given stewardship of the earth and told to care for it. Many times, humans have not obeyed God's command to care for the earth and as a result, accidents such as the oil rig disaster happen. We should continue to pray for the families of those who died in the explosion. We should also pray that the oil spill is quickly contained and the leak is stopped. No one wants to have the oceans polluted and sea life destroyed.

I have always loved the ocean - to think of it being contaminated and polluted upsets me. My happiest memories are of time spent at the beach, swimming in the salt water or walking along the shore. I feel the presence of God in the beauty of an ocean sunrise or sunset. I am spiritually uplifted when the sea breeze floats across my face and lifts my hair. The beach is my sanctuary.

Perhaps some of you have special places in the outdoors which are your sanctuaries. For me, it's the beach, but it could be the mountains, or a park, or a lake, or a hiking trail or a canoe trip through the swamp. Or it could even be the peaceful beauty of your own backyard.

Wherever our sanctuary is, God is there. God calls to us and comforts us. God never leaves us alone or deserts us. During the summer, take a few extra minutes to truly appreciate and enjoy the natural world God has given us. Let's all love our world and take care of it.

Randy and I pray that all of you will have a happy summer!

*Mary*