

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session voted to reduce the size of the Board of Deacons from 30 to 27 members. This change will be presented to the congregation at a future Congregational Meeting (yet to be called) as a By-Laws change is necessary. The reasons for the change will be published in advance of the future called meeting and in greater detail.

The Session endorsed the actions taken by Rev. Pullen to improve security in and around the church building. These actions include placing deadbolt locks on the offices of On Our Own and on the office of the Swahili radio ministry. These offices are on the third floor of the education wing. An additional entry buzzer was installed by the Board of Property Management. Also, the Session endorsed a policy of having groups using the building lock the outside access doors when their events are to begin and to assure these doors are locked upon departure.

The Hospitality Committee will sponsor an informational expo as part of the September 13, 2009 Rally Day Breakfast. The purpose of this expo is to provide information to members and visitors about the varied ministries and opportunities for service within Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Details will be coming throughout the summer months.

The Session adopted a policy, effective July 1, 2009, that all groups and individuals of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and those from outside Riverdale Presbyterian Church wanting to hold a fundraising event using the Riverdale Presbyterian Church property or its name must seek permission from the Session through written application at least sixty (60) days prior to the event. All groups and individuals currently holding such activities must also make application. If you are considering such an activity, please be in contact with Rev. Pullen for guidance.

The Session decided that with permission of the individual, e-mail addresses will be included in future Riverdale Presbyterian Church telephone directories. If an individual chooses not to have his or her email address published, he or she may choose to have the email address available in the church office. This person could then give Peggy permission to provide the address to church members who request it. A letter will be sent to each member to inform him or her about this program and to solicit the individual's preference regarding disclosure of this email address

NEW IN CHURCH LIBRARY

The Lord is My Shepherd: Healing Wisdom from the Twenty-third Psalm by Harold S. Kashner is a book of practical spirituality, inspiration and encouragement going line by line and discussion both context of the time it was written and use for the present day.

All the Miracles of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer surveys 200 miracles with information about God's supernatural work.

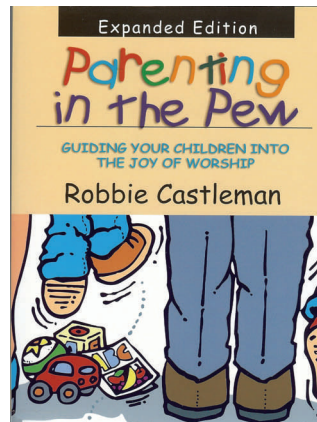
All the Parables of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer discusses 250 parables from the Old and New Testaments with information on how to interpret them.

101 Hymns Stories by Kenneth Osbeck give us factual, inspiring facts about selected favorite hymns.

Big Action Bible Skits by Christine Young gives you 10 Old Testament skits and the colorful transparency backdrops.

Teen Devotional Bible - give youth a daily context for Bible reading and quiet time with God.

Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship by Robbie Castleman shows us how we can help our children enter into worship.



Christian Education

Christian Education Summer Schedules

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School and afternoon camps with University United Methodist and Berwyn Presbyterian, will take place June 22-26. VBS theme will be: "Studio Go!" A gameshow emphasizing real teamwork, real service and real fun with Bible stories, crafts, song, games and friends from 9:30 AM to noon for ages 4 through going into 6th grade. Several afternoon camps will continue the fun with sports and art until 2:30 PM. Service Camp for students going into grades 7 and up will follow VBS from noon-2:30PM. Registration is necessary for all programs and volunteers are welcome. Registration forms online and in the church office.



Summer Youth Connection

Six weeks of fellowship, food, and talking about faith challenges begins June 11... Sunday worship and fieldtrips, Thursday night activities AND food... Sunday trips have to be signed up in advance to reserve limited seating on vans. Schedule and permission forms will be available soon. Program will be lead by Dr. C. with Ryan Rhodes, Megan Matthews, Brian Young and Alan Tanwi.

Summer Adult Sunday School

By popular demand, Adult Sunday School will return to the series "Listen for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith". We are on the last stories of Volume 4: The Ugliest Pilgrim by Doris Betts- June 7, The Family Markowitz by Allegra Goodman- June 14, Mr. Green by Robert Olen Butler- June 21 and Watch the Animals by Alice Elliott Dark- June 28. The stories are compiled in a book available in the church office. Classes will begin at 8:45 AM with a video clip of the author discussing the story followed by group discussion.

Blessings, Dr. C

NEWS NOTES of RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Strawberry Festival



**Sunday,
June 7th
4:30 -
5:30 p.m.
on the lawn**

Friends,

During the summer months of July and August the choir is on vacation, and we feature soloists or small groups in our services. You don't have to be a member of the choir to sign up; in fact we'd like to hear some new voices or instruments making some different music. If you are willing to share your talent, check the sign-up sheet on the door of the choir room, and put your name on the Sunday you would like to perform. You can do one or two numbers.

Also, if you would be interested in providing the prelude or postlude, that is possible, too. Just talk to me after a service and tell me what you'd like to do.

Thanks,

Gerald Piercey

Followed by the

Music at Riverdale Concert

10:00 p.m.

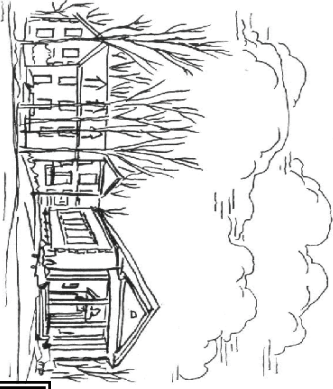
All are welcome!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Monday, June 22nd the church summer office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Peggy Lint our Office Administrator is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We are also working on a new church directory. You will be receiving a letter in the mail requesting your input for the directory. If you have any questions please give Peggy a call during office hours.

Come &
Worship



Sunday Worship Services
10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

Sunday School
- 8:45 a.m.

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Musings from Mary

Dear Friends at Riverdale,

Spring in all its glorious beauty is with us. With the exception of the pollen that coats everything, I really enjoy seeing all of the flowers bloom. It reminds me that God created a wonderful world for humans, full of natural beauty.

On May 24, we remembered in our morning worship those who had passed on since last Memorial Day. It is right that we should do so. We should remember that this past year, women and men have died in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world in the service of their country. Whatever your view on the morality or justice of the war, the fact remains that these people made the ultimate sacrifice. They leave behind families, friends, and loved ones who will forever mourn their passing.

Since I arrived at Riverdale in September, I have conducted seven funerals. We share the sorrow of those of our church family who lost loved ones this past year. As humans, we mourn the loss of the physical presence of the person we lost. As Christians, we celebrate through our tears that the person now dwells forever with the Lord. One day, we will see each other again. Christians take comfort knowing that death is not the end. As we have died to sin in the waters of baptism, so we rise to new life in the Resurrection of Jesus.

I understand that things slow down quite a bit around RPC in the summer. I hope all of you take some time for rest, reflection and relaxation.

One of the goals for RPC of course, is the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee, or PNC. My hope is that we can have the PNC elected either this summer or by the early fall at the latest.

May God bless all of you this summer.

In Christ,

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