

NEWS NOTES of RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

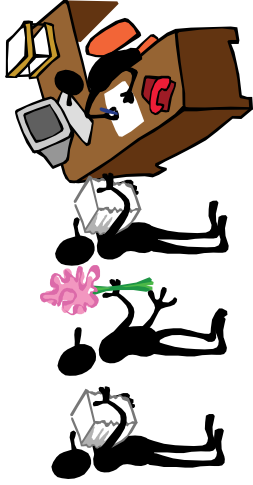
**Deacons Craft Fair
September 20th
9am to 3 pm**



Join us for the Book Sale,
White Elephant Sale and
Craft Sale.

Plus: good food and fellowship!

Funds raised will go to support
the Deacon's ministry to local
families in need.



**Appreciation
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Worship**

"We thank those who have helped
us during this pre-interim period."

September 7th

September 14 th

**NEW
BEGINNINGS**

**Welcome Breakfast
9:30 a.m.**

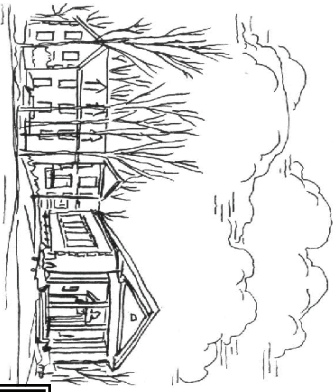
**Worship
11:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Mary Pullen
(RPC Interim Pastor)
Preaching**

**Sunday Worship Services
Regular Schedule begins
September 14, 2008
11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.**

All are welcome!

**Come &
Worship**



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Selected verses from Psalm 150

*"Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!
...Let everything that has breath
praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!"*

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RPC 2008-09 an Interim Period!

What will this year hold for us at RPC? Some things we know will happen and some surprises are ahead. This is an exciting time, a building time, a time to still invite friends and to welcome visitors.

We know:

Rev. Mary Pullen will lead us in some reorganization and envisioning, with an eye to the future.

Rev. Pullen will be available as Head of Staff and Pastor. She will preach, visit, manage us as we are now and prod, prepare and push us to get ready to call a new pastor.

The rest of the staff will work hard to provide programming with only changes as needed.

RPC leaders and congregation members are needed to work together along with the Presbytery's guidance to follow good interim process.

We don't know:

- How long things will take
- Who will serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) - a big job as elected from the congregation by the congregation.
- What needs to be done to get ready
- Where this will all lead us.

We can lift these "don't knows" to God in prayer and ask for guidance as we continue on the path to trust our faith that passes understanding.



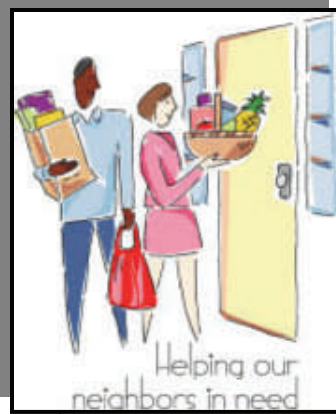
Preaching Schedule

August 17—Rev. Fred Feldner
 August 24—Rev. Jeanne Daniels
 August 31—Rev. James Atwood
 September 7—Rev. Fred Feldner



Chancel Choir will have their first rehearsal on Thursday night, September 4, beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. Our first performance will be on Sunday, September 14, when the service returns to 11 AM and we welcome Mary Pullen as our Interim Pastor. Our new Choir Director, Ryan Main, will be delighted to see some new faces as well as all the faithful regular choir members. Come see what exciting music we have planned!

RPC offers emergency shelter to small families (up to 4) in the room on the first floor across from bathroom and shower. The room has microwave, refrigerator and storage. Volunteers are needed to liaison with the residents (check in with them weekly, forward their needs and concerns) and sometimes seeks donations for the room to restock (Custodian Hugh Burton keeps it clean). Please contact the church office if you can help with this very local mission.



For the month of September, please choose from the following list for your continued donations of food to

Help by Phone, Limited.

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| oatmeal | peanut butter |
| grits | jelly |
| cold cereals | vegetables |
| pancake mix | fruit |
| baby foods | tuna |
| rice | beef stew |
| pudding | dry milk |
| pork and beans | pancake syrup |
| coffee | spaghetti |
| tea | cocoa |
| Jell-O | pasta |
| macaroni & cheese | |

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Labor Day
September 1,
2008



Christian Education

Mission Trip 2008 to Stony Point and NYC

“Doing Whatever is Needed”

The story of our work trip this year is how well the group from Berwyn and RPC worked and played together. Not all the work was exciting, but the group cheerfully did whatever was asked.

Our work in the words of the youth:

At Stony Point Retreat Center: We did weeding, powerwashing, painting, roofing, being helpful to SPRC, not being lazy and we found it exhilarating, intense and a great learning experience.

At the Soup Kitchen in NYC at Broadway Community, Inc: We were moving chairs, preparing food, serving food, cleaning up, seeing the other side of NYC, directly helping others, making the volunteer coordinator (a very busy man) very happy and meeting and working with other volunteers from West Virginia and a nearby group home.

At Midnight Run: making 120 lunches, giving out clothes, talking and listening to people on the street, noticing the number of people depending on MR, following the Bible message to help others, the needy...practicing Christian charity, asking “would you notice? Would you do anything?”

All together our youth called these servant opportunities “life-changing and eye-opening.”

We also had free time when in the their words we: got to know everyone, had fun, relaxing times, took pictures, went swimming “Marco Polo”, chatted and learned from each other, went deer hunting, had secret angels and group building activities and generally enjoyed all the time to “chill” together.

Because as a group we were “awesome”, worked together well, were friendly not clicky, had good team spirit with first-time workers working really well with returning youth acting as good mentors and leaders, our work leader Tyler said that we were one of his best groups ever. A very content group, we lived up to another of our trip mottos: “We work for God!”

Dr. C and friends: Ali, Cordelia, John, Alan, Nancy, Nathan, Martin, Morgan, Kara, Tim, TJ, Dave and Don.