

**SESSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2009
HIGHLIGHTS**

The Session voted to hire Mr. Michael Hopkins-Gross as our new Choir Director effective November 15. Please welcome Michael to RPC as he joins our Church family.

The Session accepted the Mission Self Study Committee report. The report will be forwarded to the Pastor Nominating Committee without comment. The report will not be presented formally the congregation. However, a copy of this report is available from the church office. Comments should be directed to the members of that committee whose names are listed in the report.

RPC Treasurer, Ms Carol Collins, met with the Session. The working relationship between Ms Collins and our church is excellent. We thanked her for the professionalism and dedication.

The Pastor Nominating Committee has met several times. Ms. Alice McGinnis, Presbytery Liaison, and Rev. Pullen are leading these formative meetings. Please continue to hold these folks in your prayers.

Chaplain (Major) David S. Bowerman will lead our worship service on November 8 as we celebrate Veteran's Day. Please remember to bring in photos from your time of military service. We will again have a display in Custis Hall that morning.

Our Confirmation Class continues. Our youth will be an integral part of our worship service throughout their journey of faith and questioning. Please support them as they lead us in worship.

The weekly Bible study classes continue under the guidance of Rev. Pullen.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are quickly approaching. Once again the Deacons will take the lead in preparing food baskets for many families during these holidays. Please watch for further details to help in this Mission endeavor.

Rev. Pullen will be on vacation from November 23-27. Pastoral care will be available in her absence. Details will be published in mid-November.



HELP BY PHONE for the
November - 2009

Oatmeal	Dry milk
Grits	Coffee
Cold cereals	Tea
Pancake mix	Cocoa
Pancake syrup	Spaghetti
Dried Beans	Jelly
Pudding	Fruit
Beef stew	Tuna
Macaroni & Cheese	Pork & beans
Jello	Pasta
	Applesauce

Rice
Vegetables
Macaroni & Cheese
Jello

Spaghetti Sauce

Items bolded are low at the pantry. Also they are in need of baby and children's clothing. If you have some to donate either leave them in the church office or contact Peggy Lint at the church office.

Giving Thanks

For the hay and the corn and the wheat that is reaped,
For the labor well done, and the barns that are heaped,
For the sun and the dew and the sweet honeycomb,
For the rose and the song and the harvest brought home
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the trade and the skill and the wealth in our land,
For the cunning and strength of the workingman's hand,
For the good that our artists and poets have taught,
For the friendship that hope and affection have brought --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

For the homes that with purest affection are blest,
For the season of plenty and well-deserved rest,
For our country extending from sea unto sea;
The land that is known as the "Land of the Free" --
Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving!

~Author Unknown

Christian Education

What's New--What Interim?

Interim periods can be retrenching or backward-looking...but not this year at RPC, not with Christian Ed.

New curriculum for children

--SPARK! for ages 3 through Kindergarten
--One Room Sunday School for grades 1 and up

New weekday Bible studies

--10:30 AM and 6:30 PM Wednesdays
--Fall-Psalms, Spring--Revelation
--Join us anytime!

New Youth Worship Assistants

--confirmation class members helping during worship in pairs

New website look coming

--Adult Education page
--Prayer page

Along with the usual Wednesday children's groups, Monday prayer breakfasts, Second Session and planning for upcoming retreats!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Nov 15, 11AM to 4PM Worship Adventure with Confirmation Class
Wednesday, Dec 2, Art Day in ASC
Fri-Sat, Dec 4, Hanging Greens Sleepover
Saturday, Dec 5, Volunteering & Shopping a Serve in
New Windsor, MD 8:00-4:00
Sunday, Dec 13, Youth Pageant
Monday, Dec 28, Community Place Café

Blessings, Dr. C

Musings from Mary

Dear Friends at Riverdale,

November is the month of Thanksgiving. Once again, our deacons provided Thanksgiving food baskets for families in our community. The families were most appreciative of the food. Even if the recession is winding down, the repercussions are harsh for millions of people who have lost jobs, homes, cars or savings or medical bills.

Have you ever felt sorry for yourself? Have you ever looked around at other people who seemed to have it all and wondered why your life was not like that? As humans, we all fall into the trap of feeling sorry for ourselves from time to time. Maybe our marriages are not good, our kids give us trouble, our finances take a hit, or our health begins to fail. From years of pastoral experience I can say this: sometimes what looks good on the outside is not so nice on the inside. All that glitters is not gold. Consider the Apostle Paul. From what we know of Paul in the New Testament, he had it all. He was “a Pharisee of the Pharisees.” He came from what was a well-to do family and had the advantage of Roman citizenship. After he became a believer in Christ, he suffered many hardships for the sake of the gospels, and was eventually executed in Rome for his beliefs. Yet Paul counted all the worldly things as lost for the sake of Jesus. Through his faith, he found himself “content in all circumstances.”

What does it mean to be content? In our Declaration of Independence, it states that we are entitled to “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness” not happiness itself. Our founding fathers were wise to word the document in this way, because they could not promise that everyone could obtain happiness. The older I get, the more I want to simply my life and get rid of all the “stuff” I have sitting around that I do not need anymore. I get more satisfaction these days from the love of my husband and child, the adoration in the eyes of my three elderly dogs, or just digging around in my garden.

I also know that in life and in death, I belong to the Lord. I am grateful for the faith that sustains me every day.

From our family to yours, have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

With thanks to God,

MARY

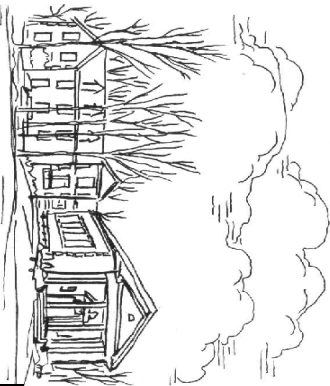
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Come &
Worship

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School

1st Session 9:45am

2nd Session 12:00pm

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

All are welcome!

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The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it;
for he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the waters.
Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to an idol
or swear by what is false.
He will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God his Savior.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Psalms 24:1-6



Deacons Thanksgiving Baskets

On Sunday, November 22nd the Deacons will be collecting canned goods and/or money donations for their Thanksgiving baskets. We will be making 23 Baskets and would appreciate any donations you wish to make. Donations will be dedicated at worship on Sunday, November 22nd.

Community Flu-Shot Clinic

Riverdale Presbyterian Church
At
November 5th
6:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Flu shots will be available to adults 18 years or older at this clinic at a cost of \$25.00 (cash or check) per person, or free for seniors with a Medicare Part B card. This flu vaccine is **not** the Swine Flue vaccination and we do now have access to this vaccine at this time. Pneumonia shots will be available as well. Cost is \$35.00