

The Pulse

August
2015



of Rocky River Presbyterian Church

♪ "Goin' to the Chapel..." ♪

One month left for "Early Worship"

Get a new experience of the worship service you're familiar with: try "Early Worship" some Sunday in August at 8:30 a.m. "Early Worship" occurs in our Walker Chapel. It features the same (but abbreviated) order of worship as the 10:30 a.m. service, but in an even more relaxed atmosphere. Coffee and pastries are provided; get a refill during the service!

But don't wait too long—Sept. 6 (Labor Day weekend) is the last "Early Worship" for this year.

—Worship Committee

It's "Back to School" time!

"Blessing of the Backpacks" in worship services Sun., Aug. 30

Your children are finishing their "summer reading" assignments. They're helping you check off their shopping list of school supplies. They're thinking about what they'll wear on that big "First Day of School."

How else can you prepare them?

Have your children bring their school backpacks to church with them on Sun., Aug. 30th. That's when we'll have a brief "blessing of the backpacks/book bags" during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. We'll pray for a fruitful, inquisitive, creative, successful and safe school year for the children.

—Worship Committee



Tell it at Family Room Worship Sun., Dec. 27

Share your original Christmas story

The Sunday after Christmas is a long way off... but it's not too early to volunteer to offer an original Christmas story that day!



On Sun., Dec. 27 we will worship in Fellowship Hall—our church's "Family Room"—in an informal setting. We'll sit at tables, enjoy a light breakfast before and during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

A feature of "Family Room Worship" each year is the sharing of an "original Christmas story" by a member of the church. What kind of story? ...it could be a fictional short story inspired by Christmas... reminiscences of your childhood Christmases... a personal reflection on what Christmas means to you.

If you want to offer this year's story at Family Room Worship on Dec. 27—or if you want to learn more about it—simply contact our pastor.

—Worship Committee

7TH and 8TH Grade Confirmation

This is a confirmation year, and any young person in 7th or 8th grade (or older) is eligible to participate. Each youth will be assigned an adult mentor who will meet with them throughout the process of confirmation. There will be a class on Sunday mornings for them—usually the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month. The young people will also meet periodically with Dr. Fancher and Lisa Watts as a group. This year we will have a one-night confirmation retreat on January 17-18.

If you would like your child to participate, please contact Dr. Fancher or Lisa Watts by August 18. The first organizational meeting for youth, parents and mentors will be held on Sunday, September 20, following worship in the West Room.

From Your Pastor

Does the church change lives?

If you were in worship on Sunday, July 5th, you heard first-hand the answer to the title's question: a resounding "Yes!"

Just a few days earlier, 9 middle-school and high-schoolers returned from a week-long "mission trip." Tracey Kirchner joined me as an adult advisor to these young "missionaries." We rented a 15-passenger van, crammed our sleeping bags and luggage into every nook and cranny, crammed ourselves into whatever space was left over, and headed off to Indy to sleep on the floor of a church, take cold showers in tents set up behind the church, eat food served assembly-line style in the church gym, and work all day in situations that were new and different and strange... and a blessing in so many ways.

On our group's last night in Indianapolis I asked the kids to write a paragraph or two about what this mission experience had meant to them—what was most meaningful? challenging? rewarding? eye-opening?

In these excerpts from their off-the-cuff essays I think you'll discover how the opportunity to participate in this mission trip changed the lives of the people the kids met... and the lives of the kids themselves.

This week in Indy the worship and devotions focused on "reframing Jesus"—seeing Jesus and our faith in a new way. That is exactly what this week did for me. Throughout the daily programs where we sang, worshiped and learned about Jesus I found a new aspect of my faith. It was one that was my own; I found that I created my own opinions. As I enter my senior year in high school, I found that as we get older and prepare to "leave the nest" we won't have the same guidance and leaders telling us what to believe about God in such a structure we live in today, but I found the scariness go away this week. There was a comforting feeling that with the guidance of God and our "reframing" of Jesus, we will all be okay because of the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

...Kids from the three different youth groups [ours, one from Kentucky and another from Illinois] were all split up and assigned to "work crews." We were paired with adults and kids we didn't know but by the end of the

week we were close friends... the hardest part of mission trips is saying goodbye.

...Many of the volunteers I was working alongside at the food pantry had to get food from the place itself. And those individuals were there volunteering every day as well.

...The week of any church-related event or mission trip never fails to be the best week of the whole year. From the moment the members of our crew met each other we were a family, laughing and joking around like we have known each other forever. This trip was a lot more special because I became so much closer with people from RRPC that I see every week but have never bonded with as well as we did this past week.

...Our worksite was a nursing home. On Monday morning (the first work day of the trip) we went in a little nervous and unsure of what the day would hold. By the last day we knew so many residents. We were hugged by many and thanked by all just for being there to engage in conversation, play some cards, or walk the halls. I was reminded: we are ALL children of God.

...This week has really opened up my eyes to reconnecting with God. Everybody has busy lives and can tend to forget what's most important, which is Jesus. I'm guilty of this, too. I do sports, school, and other activities and I catch myself focusing more on that stuff than Jesus. One word to describe this week is "eye-opening." I finally realized how important Jesus is in my life. He takes so much pressure off of you and walks with you through your life every single day. You're still going to make mistakes because it happens. However, no mistake you make is too much for Jesus to help you handle.

...My crew helped the regular volunteers at the New Wineskins food pantry organize pallets and cases of food (bread, fruit and veggies, canned goods, milk, yogurt, frozen meat, etc.) for Thursday afternoon when about 500 people lined up outside the building to come in and get food to feed their families. It was so much fun handing them the food with a smile on my face and seeing how grateful they were for anything they could get. Many of the regular volunteers themselves needed to go through the line to get food. It was a very humbling experience and I am SO glad I went on this mission trip!

...Though we were kids and adult advisors from three different churches, we worked well together from the first time we

met. We joked a ton on the way to and from the mission site and during our jobs. Even though some of the things we had to do were boring, we found a way to make it fun.

...The mission camp host staff pulled me aside one day and encouraged me to consider becoming a staff person myself after I've had at least a year of college. I was flattered, but I also plan to do just that so that hopefully I can continue working for God's good plan and keep my faith strong.

...My first mission trip experience was nothing short of amazing. The three different youth groups were divided into 8 crews of adults and kids all mashed together for a common goal: serve others! My crew was assigned to go to a nursing home and help the staff there. We set out on Monday morning hardly knowing each other, or what we were getting into. By the end of the week I was horrified with the idea of leaving the crew I had gotten so close to, or the nursing home and senior citizens I had grown to love. Though not all the residents we talked to were Christians, I saw God working to bless their lives through us. I would like to thank the RRPC congregation for their prayers and support through the week. I am so grateful for the opportunity that I was given.

Through these excerpts I hope you realized that these trips we send our kids on are not merely fun and games (though they have lots of fun and play many games). Our young people leave the familiarity of home under the protective wings of adult advisors. They experience some independence within the limits of the controlled environment. They worship not because they're under mom's or dad's watchful eye, but because they themselves are drawn to worship. They begin to find their own voice to express how they understand and experience God in their lives as teenagers. They give up a week of their summertime's paid employment (or summer camp or just lounging around) for the experience of being put into strange situations with other kids they've never met in order to serve people whose situations are quite different from their own.

They're changed by it.

And they love it.

And by your prayers and donations, you make it possible.

Jon

August Birthdays



August 1	Paul Burstadt
August 2	Nancy McGillicuddy Barbara Cashmere David Timmons
August 3	Emmy Young Hannah Bennett Andrew Brown
August 5	Jennifer Bohannon
August 6	Elizabeth Richmond
August 8	Beatrix Stickney
August 9	Fred Garibaldi
August 10	Claire Springer
August 11	Gillian Esdon Max Sabolich
August 13	Courtney Roberts
August 15	Eric Watts
August 17	Marc Hustek
August 18	Mazzi Drinkwater
August 19	Cassie Arnold
August 20	Jane Titus
August 21	Clara Kogeler James Cook
August 22	Dick Heath
August 23	Ruth Wiedemer
August 25	Elizabeth Cseh
August 26	Thea Steinmetz Josh Hustek
August 28	Lowell Good Karol Hoeffler Beth Williams
August 29	Paul Chato
August 30	Mary Lou Busby

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

Sanctuary Flowers

Do you have a loved one you would like to honor for a birthday or anniversary. Would you like to memorialize that special person who has passed away? By signing up for a Sunday to provide our sanctuary with flowers you can do this. The cost is only \$30.00 and you may take the flowers with you after our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Your "in honor of" or "in memory" attribution will be listed in our bulletin announcements as well as on the card with the flowers. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please contact Crystal in the church office if you have any questions.

Thank You!

"...Everything was so well done by the Deacons for my husband Tom's memorial service reception. My husband had to be smiling. Thank you for everything!"
—Sandra Hovan

"It's So Nice to Meet You"



And here at Rocky River Presbyterian, we look forward to Greeting Everyone!

Won't you consider offering 20 minutes of your time (10:10 to 10:30) on a Sunday morning to welcome people to church? We are all glad to have each other here!

A smile and a hand shake are the only things required. It's a simple and easy way to offer friendly fellowship to all.

Contact Sara Gresh (440-541-6308 or sarag1215@yahoo.com) with questions or if you would like to be a Sunday morning Greeter - or - just sign up yourselves on the poster in the Garden Hall.

This is an opportunity for all, young and mature, new members and longtime members!

Artist Concert Series Presents

Sunday, Sept. 13 3:00 p.m.

Cecilia McKay Harp

Cecilia has been playing the harp since she was eight years old. She studied privately under Professor Laura Erb (of the Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music) and began performing almost immediately after starting lessons. She has appeared with the Lorain County Civic Orchestra, the TrueNorth Symphony and Chorale, and in many musicals. In addition to concert appearances, Ms. McKay also plays for private engagements such as weddings, receptions, memorial services, anniversary celebrations and corporate functions.



Get Ready. . . .

The new Church School year will begin soon!

The summer is flying by at an unbelievable rate, and September will be here before we know it. We will be returning to the school year schedule for church school on Sunday, September 13. The classes will be as follows:

2, 3 and 4 year-olds—room B-10

Young Children and Worship (5 year-olds/kindergarten, 1st grade)—room D-7

2nd and 3rd grades—room D-3

4th, 5th and 6th grades—room B-4

7th and 8th grades (confirmation class)- D-5 (2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month)

As always, we have a well-staffed nursery for children under two. Kids in Sunday Service (KISS) will continue to be the first Sunday of each month, with classes for all children under 5. Worship folders and totes are available in the sanctuary every Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to volunteer to help out with church school this year, contact Lisa Watts at the church!



2015 Vacation Bible School A Great Week for All!

If you happened to be in the church June 22-26, then you probably saw a huge angel and a telephone booth in the sanctuary. It was all part of this year's VBS, "Message Received: Hearing God's Call," sponsored by RRPC and St. Christopher's Parish. Each day 122 children participated in worship and heard a Bible story relating to the lesson of the day. We shared snacks and games, made wonderful crafts, and praised the Lord with beautiful music.

Our children raised over \$1000 for our chosen mission recipient, HOPE Mission in El Salvador. Our donations will help to send five elementary-aged students to school for a year. Nine area churches were represented. Many thanks to the dedicated adult and teen volunteers who made the week possible—you are wonderful!

Middle School and High School Fellowship Groups Begin the Year on September 13

Both middle school and high school fellowship groups will start off their year with meetings on Sunday, September 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm. The high school group will meet in room D-4 (youth room) and the middle school group will meet in the middle school room, D-5. Each group will meet almost every Sunday evening through the year. Watch the CE bulletin board for a calendar and updates on events. This promises to be a great year!

Adult Education Starts a New Year

Are you interested in a little something "extra" on Sunday mornings? Do you want to dig a little deeper into your faith? Make plans to join us for Sunday morning adult education classes. We will start meeting on Sunday, September 13 at 9 in the West Room, and meet most Sundays through May. We have an exciting line up of leaders and topics so be sure to watch your Pulse each month for specific information. Be sure to check us out for fellowship and a cup of coffee!



Bibles in the hands of children All 3rd graders receive Bibles Sept. 27

Watch the faces of our 3rd graders as they receive their very own Bible! On Sunday, Sept. 27 our Pastor and Director of Christian Education will present every 3rd grader with their own copy of the Bible. The version they receive features the translation of the Bible called "The Common English Bible."

Each Bible has a personalized bookplate in the front indicating that this Bible is a gift from the youngster's family and from their church. After they receive their Bibles, the children retire to the Parlor with the Pastor, where he leads them in a brief "tour" of the Bible.

If you want your 3rd grader to receive a Bible, be sure to contact Director of Christian Education Lisa Watts right away.

~ Christian Education



Community health screening and fair
“Ask the Experts: Aging Well”

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location:
LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility -
25777 Detroit Rd, Westlake, OH 44145

Suffer from diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep problems? Do you deal with vision issues or have a family history of heart disease? It's time to “Ask the Experts.” Visit this annual event where the Cleveland Clinic's panel of experts will fill you in on the secrets for living well at any age.

5:30-6:30 p.m. Registration, health screenings and wellness information

6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner and expert panel Q&A session

Cost is \$15 which includes meal

Reservations required:

- Visit Clevelandclinic.org/agingwellwest or
- Call (877) 390-1732 & mail payment to
 Cleveland Clinic Administrative Campus
 Attn: Regional Marketing East
 3050 Science Park Dr., AC311
 Beachwood, OH 44122

Take me out to the ballgame!

Church outing to Lake Erie Crushers baseball coming Sat., Aug. 22

Invite friends and neighbors to join you and other RRPC folks at All-Pro Freight Stadium in Avon for the affordable, fun-filled and laid-back atmosphere of minor league baseball. Our Lake Erie Crushers will take on the Joliet Slammers at 7:05 p.m.



Reserve your tickets with cash or check (payable to “Todd Celmar”) for only \$8 per ticket—leave your payment in the church office.

—Board of Deacons

You'll never forget your offering again!

Electronic Fund Transfer now available for your monthly church offering

Save yourself the time of writing your offering check every month. Our Financial Secretary can assist you with setting up a monthly Electronic Fund Transfer from your bank account directly to the church. There's one piece of paper to complete, and no fees to pay. And, you can adjust or stop the EFT at any time. For information, email or call our Financial Secretary Dave Wolfe at (440) 333-4888 or dwolfe@riverpres.org.

—Stewardship Committee

Summer sermon series continues

“Beyond the Ark”—Vaguely Familiar Stories from the Old Testament

We know the Creation Story. We can describe Noah and the Ark. We've seen movies of Moses dividing the Red Sea.

But what about other Old Testament stories that strike us as “vaguely familiar” but we can't recall much about them?

That's what we'll do for 10 weeks this summer:

- A prostitute became a hero? Yes!
- Tumors and mice fashioned from pure gold? Yes!
- A man mistakes his daughter for a goat? Yes!
- A Bible book that doesn't even mention God? Yes!

Discover how all that and more can possibly have significance for how we try to live faith-filled lives today... continuing this summer from a pulpit near you!

—Worship Committee

If it can't wait until Trash & Treasure...

Neighboring church accepting clothing, household good donations

Rocky River United Methodist Church has begun a mission outreach program called the Twice Blessed Free Store. Once a week the store offers free clothing and household goods to individuals and families. Although the store is located in the West 65th Street/Bridge Ave. neighborhood of Cleveland the Free Store accepts donations right at Rocky River United Methodist Church during regular business hours.

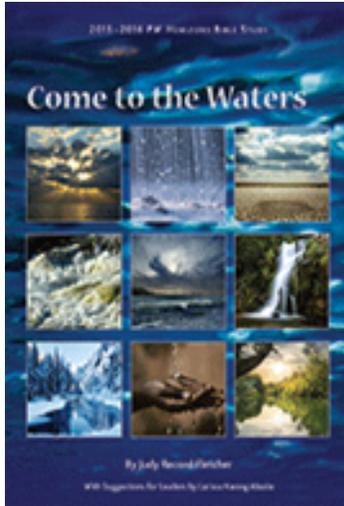
If you have items to donate and you can't hold onto them until our Trash & Treasure Sale, take them to RRUMC for the Free Store:

- ⇒ men's/women's/children's clothing (especially season-appropriate items);
- ⇒ bedding, towels, small appliances, dishware, cookware, storage containers;
- ⇒ toiletries, baby diapers, etc.

—Mission Committee

Looking for work?

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Rocky River seeks a part-time secretary. Call (440) 331-1773.



HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP

**Presented by the Author:
Rev. Judy Record Fletcher**

Saturday August 22

9:00 am Registration, 9:30 program to 2:00 pm

Rocky River Presbyterian Church

**21750 Detroit Road
Rocky River OH 44116**

REGISTER before August 12 \$8.00 in advance \$10.00 at the door
Fee includes morning refreshments & lunch

Make checks payable to PW-PWR and mail to registrar,
 Nancy Sabo, 2020 Tillotson Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004 or register by phone at: 440-992-4632.

~ Indicate if child care or special dietary needs will be required ~

Please print name, church, address, phone number, and Email address

Name: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ Email _____

Questions: Contact PW PWR Moderator: Sara Gresh - sarag1215@yahoo.com or work #216-241-6145



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thinking Ahead. . . Trash & Treasure!

It is not too soon to start thinking about Trash & Treasure. RRPC is a busy place and the September meeting of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve will take place at our facility during the Trash & Treasure sorting and pricing week.

TRASH & TREASURE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We need lots of help in five important and different areas.

- ⇒ First: You can drop off your gently used books, furniture, household items, toys, games, and clothing. **This year the donations are being accepted from Sunday, September 27 through Wednesday October 7.** If possible, we ask that you do some sorting before you drop off to Fellowship Hall - perhaps even labeling bags or boxes with their contents, especially with regards to size and gender of clothing.
- ⇒ Second: You can help on **Sorting Sunday scheduled for Sunday October 4** right after worship services.
- ⇒ Third: You can help by providing baked goods for the bake sale. We pretty much sell everything that's donated so there is no such thing as too many baked goods.
- ⇒ Fourth: You can help the day of the sale. Over **40 people are needed to staff all of the different areas of the sale** including cashiers, money counters, and helpers.
- ⇒ Fifth: You can help with clean up after the sale arriving about 2:00 p.m.

Our proceeds, as always, are distributed to mission organizations. We need all of your help and prayers to make this event our most successful ever. Please sign up on the poster outside Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see or contact Presbyterian Women Moderator, Sara Gresh e-mail: sarag1215@yahoo.com or phone: 440-541-6308



Semi-Circle

Semi-Circle will meet on **Monday, August 10th** at 11:30 a.m. We will be meeting for the summer at Nelly Belly Restaurant in the Metro Parks-Rocky River Reservation. If you have questions you may contact Nancy McGillicuddy at 440-724-1738 or by email at nmack@hotmail.com. Visitors are always welcome!

Women of Grace

To be announced for the month of August, watch your Sunday bulletin for a date! Thank you.

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, August 20th** at 7:00 p.m. in the West Room. All are **welcome!** If you have any questions you may contact Gretchen Koch or Sara Gresh.

Expressions of Faith

Our group meets twice a month: **Tuesday, August 11th** and **August** at 9:30 a.m. in the West Room. We welcome anyone who knits or just enjoys a cup of coffee with friends. For more information - Mary Murphy (440-785-8614).

“Come to the Waters” Horizons Bible Study Workshop



Priscilla Circle would like to extend an invitation to ALL members & friends at RRPC to attend a workshop presented by Rev. Judy Record Fletcher, the author of the upcoming Horizons Bible Study entitled ‘**Come to the Waters**’. Members of Priscilla Circle have earned a footnote in the study as one of the groups that previewed the study material prior to its publication! We are honored that the author of a prestigious Bible Study is coming to present at the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. Horizons Magazine continues to win publishing awards each year and numerous organizations other than Presbyterian Women use our studies. It is NOT necessary to have a copy of the Bible study book to attend this workshop. We hope you consider coming to learn more about water - one of our most precious and life giving resources. Please join us Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Details about the snack, lunch & a registration form are in this August issue of The Pulse.

~ Ellen Schickel

Healthy Happenings

... Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings! The first 3 years of your child's life are the most important for learning to talk. Watch for signs that your child is learning to talk on schedule. Children start learning how to talk before they start using words. They learn by watching, listening, and responding to people around them. In the first few months, your baby listens to your voice and tries to make the same sounds you do. When you respond to your baby's sounds, you are helping your child learn how to communicate. Smiles, babbles, and cooing sounds are your baby's way of "talking" to you. Over time, your child will learn many more sounds and words.

Watch for signs (called developmental milestones) to see if your child is learning to talk on schedule. Here are some milestones to look for:

- ✓ By age 4 months, your baby starts to babble.
- ✓ By age 6 months, your baby responds to sounds by making sounds.
- ✓ By age 1, your child says a few simple words – like "mama," "dada," and "uh-oh!"
- ✓ By age 18 months, your child says several single words.
- ✓ By age 2, your child puts words together, like "more milk."
- ✓ By age 3, your child says 2 to 3 sentences at a time.

If you think your child may have a speech or language problem, talk to a doctor. The doctor may send your child to a specialist for tests. The best way to help your child with language delays is to find and treat problems early. With early treatment, there is a good chance your child's speech and language will improve. Take Action! Try these tips to help your child learn to talk.

Talk to your child. Beginning at birth, talk and sing to your child. This will help your child learn to make sounds.

- ✓ Smile and talk to your baby when she "talks" to you with coos, gurgles, and babbles.
- ✓ Respond to your child's words and sounds. For example, your child might point to a banana and say "ee, ee." You can respond by asking, "Do you want to EAT the banana?"
- ✓ Use words as well as hand signals or signs. Using both together can help your child understand what you mean.
- ✓ Talk to your child throughout the day. Whether you are outside or at home, name things and describe what you are doing.
- ✓ Always respond to your child's questions.
- ✓ Don't talk baby talk. Speak real words to your child.

Read to your child. Listening to you read aloud can help your baby learn sounds. Being read to can also help children understand language and learn new words. You can start reading to your child as early as age 6 months. Choose books with:

- ✓ Simple stories and big pictures in bright colors
- ✓ Numbers and counting, the alphabet, shapes, or sizes
- ✓ Rhymes
- ✓ Point to the pictures and name what you see.
- ✓ Ask your child to point to things on the page.
- ✓ As your child gets older, ask questions about the story.

Watch for developmental milestones. Babies and young children develop at their own pace. These checklists of developmental milestones can give you a general idea of what your child will be learning at each stage and what to expect next. 2 months, 6 months, 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years and 5 years. Get more developmental milestones for other ages.

If you have concerns, talk with your child's doctor. If you are concerned about your child's speech and language, talk with your child's doctor. Ask for a hearing test and a speech and language evaluation for your child. Your doctor may also suggest you contact the early intervention program in your community. Early intervention programs provide services to help children under age 3 who have a disability or developmental delay.

Catherine A. Patton RN, BSN

440-333-4888 ext: 105

Parishnurse@riverpres.org

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Presbyterian Women's Church Wide Gathering

Theme – One Body, One Spirit,

June 17 to 21 in Minneapolis MN
1 Corinthians 12: 12-13

The theme celebrated the fact that we all share an identity in Christ, even though we have varied ideas and interests. Paul wants believers to understand that a variety of gifts are given by God and each unique gift is to be honored. It is not ours to decide who is acceptable and who is not, whose gifts are good and whose are not.

This was an event giving me the opportunity to experience community with Christian women from across the country and from 17 countries around the world. It gave me the chance to share my ideas and interests, to renew old friendships, make new friends and have lots of fun.

There were a wide variety of opportunities to learn and to refresh my faith through worship, music, educational opportunities like the workshops, and get-to-gathers, the plenary sessions, the PW Business meeting, the Spirituality Center and the Activities Hall that had the Presbyterian Bookstore, the Global Market Place and numerous other exhibits.

Approximately 75 women from our Synod attended and 4 from our Presbytery. Carol Winkler, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati was elected as Moderator. The oldest woman was 94 and the youngest was a 3 month old. There were activities for all.

My hope is that 3 years from now some women from RRPC will join me at the next Church Wide Gathering. If you set aside a few dollars each week or month, the cost 3 years from now will not be that great. Overall, it was a time to renew my inner spirit and to engage in sharing interests and ideas.

~ Sara Gresh
Presbyterian Women, Moderator



Chancel Choir & Handbell Rehearsals resume

Choir Rehearsals resume Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 pm in the choir room.

Chancel Bells resume Thursday, September 24, at 6:15pm in the narthex.



It's not too late to join
the River Pres-Bees team

Relay For Life of Tri City
Saturday, August 8, 2015

2 p.m.-8 p.m.

Gemini Center Gymnasium □
21225 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park, OH

- ♥ **Become a team member** by paying a \$10.00 commitment fee.
- ♥ **Volunteer!** Volunteer to help in our tent, walk laps, bake etc.
- ♥ **Purchase a luminaria** in memory of someone.
- ♥ **Purchase a Colors of Hope Bracelet**

Check our table after the 10:30 a.m. service or call Lisa Poole or Heidi Shaver.

June's Session highlights

The June Session meeting was the first meeting for new ruling elders **Zack Hoon, Jim Flynn** and **Dan McKenzie**.

After the death of Odessa Walker, widow of our congregation's founding pastor Dr. James E. Walker, the Walkers' family asked that their parents' bequest to our church be designated for education funding assistance for RRPC members and staff. After several consultations with the Walker family through our Finance and Memorial Committee, the Session approved a policy for managing the "**James and Odessa Walker Education Assistance Fund**" which will become active in 2016. More information about the fund will be provided then.

Session also approved some updates to our church's Investment Policy which guides how our endowments are managed. The Communications/Information Technology Committee received Session's **approval to enter into a contract with "GoMedia" of Ohio City to design and develop a new website for the church.** As reported last month, our Comm./IT Committee is trying to identify funding sources (since this project is not in our 2015 budget). Already an anonymous donor has given \$1,000 toward the project's budget of \$5,000. Additional gifts of any amount toward the "Website Project" would be welcomed.

—Moderator of Session

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>2 Communion / Food Sunday 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship</p>	<p>3 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>4 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>5 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks) 4:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal Mackay / Westrate</p>	<p>8 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Wedding- Mackay /Westrate (nm)</p>
<p>9 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship</p>	<p>10 11:30 a.m. PW Semi Circle Mtg. (Nelly Belly) 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>12 9:15 a.m. RRPC Staff Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer 6:30 p.m. Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>13 8:30 a.m. Senior Men's Bible Study & Breakfast</p>	<p>14 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p>	<p>15 12:00 p.m. Sunrise Assisted Living Car Show (RRPC parking lot)</p>
<p>16 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship</p>	<p>17 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m. RRPNS Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>19 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>20 7:00 p.m. PW Priscilla Circle Mtg.</p>	<p>21 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p>	<p>22 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. PWR Women's Gathering "Come to the Waters"</p>
<p>23 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery 11:30 a.m. Time of Fellowship</p>	<p>24 5:30 p.m. Community Meal @ Faith Presbyterian 7:00 p.m. Women's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>25 9:30 a.m. Expressions of Faith 7:30 p.m. Alanon/Alateen Mtg.</p>	<p>26 10:30 a.m. Koinonia Prayer 7:30 p.m. Men's AA Mtg.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:00 a.m. Friday morning Men's Group (RR Starbucks)</p>	<p>29</p>
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