

The SPIRIT

of Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

July 10, 2013

Two– Minute Meditation

“Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.”

~ Psalm 100

Did you know that our worship follows an ancient pattern based on even older synagogue practice? It can be thought of as going on a date or an important meeting.

First, you make a time and a place and you keep that appointment (Sunday 9 or 11). Then you meet and greet (Gathering). You notice and comment on how splendid and well prepared is the “other” (Praise). Often there is a sudden lack of confidence— “Am I prepared?” “What should I have worn?” “Will this go well?” (Confession). Then we move to listening to what the other person has to say (Scripture). You try to understand and see things from the other perspective (Message). Then there is response (Offering and Commitment). Sometimes a meal is shared (Communion), or some action of shared love and commitment, a hug, a smile (Baptism or Ordination). This is also a sure sign of the other’s confidence and interest in you. Then an expression of joy (Praise), and a determination to act on the exchange of views (Sending). Finally, you make another date (next Sunday 9 or 11) to re-experience the joy and deepen the connection.

Prayer:

“Let the Spirit of God blow you from this place, so that you will be able to speak bold truths, see vibrant visions and spread the glorious good news of the salvation of God.” Amen.

~ Pastor John

Band of Sisters Film

The documentary film *Band of Sisters* is coming to McHenry County on July 12. This is an opportunity to learn about detained immigrants at McHenry County Jail. It is also the inspirational story of Catholic sisters who have become leaders in their strong commitment and work for social justice.

***Band of Sisters* will be shown at the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake on Friday, July 12, at 7pm. The cost is \$10.**

The Raue's new women's series is sponsoring the showing as its first event, and Sisters Pat and JoAnn, leaders of the Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants, will be there to speak following the film.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Raue box office at 815-356-9010, or at the Raue just prior to the showing on July 12.

Band of Sisters tells the story of Catholic nuns and their work for social justice after Vatican II of the 1960s. Its story reaches out on many levels. For people of all faiths yearning for an inclusive and contemplative spirituality, *Band of Sisters* challenges us to ask what really matters in life. And as we seek what matters, how do we go about changing our lives and the world around us?

~ Compassion, Peace, and Justice Team



Summer Food Truck and School Supplies

Once again our church will be helping neighbors in need by sponsoring a Northern Illinois Food Truck Distribution on July 22, between 10 am and noon. **If you can help out, please sign up on the sheet in the Connecting Link.**

Can you remember the feeling of excitement you had when you began another school year with new supplies? Every child deserves to have that feeling and the advantage of being well prepared at the start of school. For parents who are struggling financially, purchasing school supplies for their children is an added financial strain, if they can afford them at all.

You are invited to donate the typical school supplies children require. Look for the collection box in the Gathering Place outside the office. This is one of our mission outreach ministries where we can use many hands to make the day successful. Please help if you can.

~ Mission Outreach Ministry Team

School Supplies Include (but not limited to):

Blunt end or round tip scissors
Glue sticks
Zippered pencil bags
12-inch rulers with metric markings
Black & blue ballpoint pens
Back Packs
#2 pencils with erasers
Lined notebook paper, various widths
Pencil sharpeners
Colored pencils
Large erasers
Hand sanitizer
Tissues



Calling All Gardeners!

SHARE THE BOUNTY is ready for a new growing season. Any time you have extra produce to share, bring it along on Sunday morning. You'll find a table in Fellowship Hall where your 'bounty' can be displayed. Or you may be looking for homegrown produce. Help yourself, and place a donation in the jar. Proceeds go to buy supplies for PADS lunches.

Whether you bring plants and produce or purchase them, you share beyond the church's walls with those in need. Thank you for joining in this ministry!

~ Mission Outreach Ministry



August 1, 2013

9:00AM- Shotgun Start (register at 8AM)

Cary Country Club, Cary

\$100 per player

18 holes of golf with cart includes breakfast sandwich, lunch in club restaurant
(Italian Beef, baked mostaccioli, toss salad and garlic bread)

bag drop, goodie bags, plus

\$400 for top foursome and prizes for longest putt etc.

Proceeds to benefit the Youth and Other Ministries

To Register, complete a registration form or call Karen Hutchings 815.455.3909

Jim Holder 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Outing August 1, 2013

Yes, I will attend on August 1, 2013 at Cary Country Club. I plan to golf with:

No, I am unable to attend but wish to make a donation of \$ _____

I am unable to golf, but would like to attend the luncheon for \$25.00

I want to sponsor a hole for \$100

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Please include payment of \$100 per golfer; checks made payable to "RCLPC".



Jim Holder 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Outing to benefit RCLPC at Cary Country Club Thursday, August 1, 2013

Everyone wins and everyone can be involved.

Proceeds will aid our youth and other ministries so this is definitely an all church event.

How can you help?

- Registration table volunteer at outing
- Sell raffle and/or Mulligan tickets
- Attend the Award Ceremony Luncheon
- Donate sleeves of golf balls, dinner gift certificates, etc.
- Recruit raffle prizes
- Other _____
- Golf – organize a foursome or simply join one
- Sponsor a hole

Sponsorship - Has anyone asked what you do? If more people know what services and/or products you provide, will that be an advantage? You can support the Golf Outing by sponsoring a hole and marketing your business at the same time. Sponsorship is \$100. Save \$50 and combine a foursome with your sponsorship for \$450.

Sponsor sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I want to help with: _____

Remit to RCLPC, 8505 Church Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60012
Or email: khutchings991@comcast.net

Session Highlights

June 24, 2013

- ◆ The Search Committee continues to actively seek candidates for the Director of Children and Youth Ministries position.
- ◆ Two baptisms have been approved and will be held on July 14:
Riley Markay Poremba at the 9:00am service, and
Connor Kendall Rabe at the 11:00am service.
- ◆ RCLPC Corporation Officers were elected:
President - Bill Pittenger
Vice-President - Lou Rabe
Secretary - Lee Ekstrom
Treasurer - David Woodruff
- ◆ Clerk of Session will continue to be Lee Ekstrom.
- ◆ Columbarium elders will be Lori Thompson and Lou Rabe.
- ◆ The congregation will be invited to participate in the acquisition of the new PC(USA) hymnal.
- ◆ Nancy Koenig and Elizabeth Novak are the Session elders who will focus on greater community awareness of RCLPC.
- ◆ The church roof sustained hail damage, and bids will be sought for repairs.

Yoga classes will resume on July 29 on Mondays at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. Please use brown doors for entrance. Contact Grethe Christensen at 941-416-0976.



CPJ Table

Please visit the Compassion, Peace and Justice (CPJ) table found in the connecting link. During July we have information about the Presbyterian Church's Covenant Network. There are brochures available to take and several items (books, DVDs, etc.) which you may check out and return. Several years ago after education, much discussion and a vote by session, RCLPC became an official Covenant Network church. This means RCLPC is in full support of the Covenant Network's call and mission (*see below*). Also check out their website at covnetpres.org or feel free to contact or speak to any member of the CPJ team.

Call to Covenant Community

With the help of God's grace, the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is called to strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ by furthering the inclusion of persons identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) that was signaled by the adoption of G-2.0104b; by supporting sessions and presbyteries as they apply these ordination standards; and by working for the unity of the church, engaging in conversations with those with whom we disagree, seeking understanding and reconciliation. In this crucial time in church and culture, the Covenant Network remains committed to serving the church, believing that Jesus Christ has already made us one and that we are better equipped to carry out our larger ministry and witness when we are together.

Mission

The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is a broad-based, national group of clergy and lay leaders working for a church that is simultaneously faithful, just, and whole. We seek to support the mission and unity of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in a time of potentially divisive controversy. We intend to articulate and act on the church's historic, progressive vision and to work for a fully inclusive church.

The "W" (Women's Group) Goes Field-Tripping this Summer –

Sign up in the Connecting Link or email Jodie at jodlzl@aol.com

Ladies, it's time for us to have fun together again!

Join the adventure and sign up to join us for one or all of these fantastic outings.

Wednesday, July 24 – FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Enlighten and Volunteer at the Libertyville Location

We will meet at the church at 4:15 and depart at 4:30 to travel together to this most inspiring, ongoing project that "feeds God's starving children hungry in body and spirit." Please plan to experience this life changing experience. We will return to church by 8 p.m. (unless we gather for a cup of coffee at Panera Bread in Libertyville following this session)

Saturday, August 17 – BAHAI HOUSE OF WORSHIP (Baha'i Temple) in Wilmette

We will meet at Church at 9:00 and depart at 9:15. We will enjoy the majestic beauty, magnificent architecture and peaceful grounds of one of the 7 wonders of Illinois and the only Baha'i Temple in North America. We will stay for the 12:30 Prayer Service and then depart for a late lunch. We will return to church by 3:00.

The Power of "We": Collective Impact in God's Mission

World Mission partner conference at Big Tent in Louisville, KY

Thursday, August 1-Saturday, August 3, 2013

Come to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Big Tent event and discover for yourself how putting God's first things first can bring rebirth and renewal to your church through engagement in world mission!

How can Presbyterians engage in global mission for collective impact? What tools will help your congregation address poverty, do evangelism, and engage in reconciliation? Discover strategies to advocate for, empower, and partner with sisters and brothers throughout the denomination and around the world through mission. The Big Tent combines ten national conferences under one roof, gathering thousands of Presbyterian pastors, elders, and other church leaders to study, share, worship, and fellowship, and to build up the body of Christ. It's been called "a giant Presbyterian family reunion" – and the 2013 Big Tent brings that reunion to Louisville, Kentucky, home of the PC(USA)'s national offices since 1988. To see a schedule of events, see link below: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/world-mission-big-tent/>

If you are interested in participating in this conference, please contact Ann Legg at aglegg@sbcglobal.net or 815-338-4838.

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Blood Drive

Sunday, August 4

9:00am - 1:00pm

This drive will be held on Heartland's Mobile Coach.

To schedule your appointment, please call Karen Hutchings at 815-455-3909
or sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org

Walk-ins are ALWAYS welcome!

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Each donor will receive an Oberweis gift card for ice cream
and points in our Warm Hearts Club.



Giving helps others continue living!
Thanks for giving the Gift of Life!

