

# The SPIRIT

of Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

March 6, 2013

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



## Adult Choir presents *Requiem*

The adult choir will present *Requiem*, by Bradley Ellingboe, **March 17**, during 9:00 and 11:00 worship. This work has become one of RCLPC choir's favorite large choral works. Our eyes always light up at the mention of John Rutter, but Ellingboe's work combines moments of powerful drama, with passages of intense beauty that take our breath away. Joining the choir will be Sue McKenzie, flute, Marissa LeFevre, oboe, Alexi Hagedorn, cello, Molly Madden, harp, Anthony Houston, timpani and percussion, and Ashley Puenner, organ. I hope you will mark your calendars and invite your friends as we continue our Lenten journey through the experience of this deeply moving music.

## April Is Earth Care Month!

### *Writers and Illustrators of All Ages Invited*

The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect it and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family.



**All ages are invited to create an original prayer, poem, or picture/poster in honor of God's creation, our place in it as God's human family, and/or our obligation as stewards of the earth.**

Prayers, poems, and pictures/posters will be collected in a box on the Earth Care table in Fellowship Hall. **Due date is April 7.** Your product needs to fit on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper. Please put your name on your work. Our products will be shared on Earth Day Sunday, April 21.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Ray, Lois Johnson, or Rick Johnson. ~Earth Care Team

*"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Psalm 24: 1*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10  
!! SPRING AHEAD !!**

## Holy Week Schedule

### Maundy Thursday March 28th, 6:30pm

Join us in Fellowship Hall as we feast and pray together, considering God's promise and call to abundant life. We also remember Jesus' commandment to us ("Maundy" comes from "mandatum"= commandment) that we love one another the way he loves us—extravagantly and without reservation, even to the end. In Jesus' re-definition of the Passover feast, we see God's abundance, the joy God desires for us, and the true meaning of love—to be broken and poured out for others. We'll share a simple meal of soup and bread and explore the story together. ***Please sign up in the Connecting Link so we know how much food to prepare.***

### Good Friday March 29th, 7pm

We gather in the Sanctuary to remember that sometimes the world prefers darkness to light.

### Easter, March 31st, 8, 9, 10:15, and 11:15am: *Hallelujah!*

Breakfast will be served by the Men's Group in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 - 11am.



## RCLPC Rummage Sale Fast Approaching

Tell me, what can you do these days that guarantees you are a WINNER? *Predict the Cubs will win the series...* um... I love your optimism! Lottery ticket purchase... *what are those odds again?* Here at RCLPC we are offering you a CERTAINTY and you can't find that very often!

The Rummage Sale is fast approaching (May 3 and 4). Hopefully you are gathering all those items that you feel would best belong to someone new. Since you've lost so much weight, you can now pass all those baggy jeans on to someone who still eats chips and cupcakes. Those blue dishes are still pretty but your kitchen is now green. Since we actually had winter this year and you upgraded your snow thrower, you can pass that old one on to someone who still uses a shovel! How about all those books you no longer need now that you got a Kindle for Christmas? Just a few suggestions and ideas to get you thinking about what treasures you have to offer.

What has all this got to do with being a WINNER? The Internal Revenue Service reminds us TAX DAY is just a few weeks away. As you gather all your records, hopefully you have your receipt for your donations to the RCLPC Sale from last year. Donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE you know. The Goodwill Valuation Guide (available on line) is an eye-opener to what you can deduct for each item. Examples: those jeans mentioned above... \$4 to \$21, plates \$.50 -\$3.00, books \$.75 to \$2. (these are estimated values). When you donate items in good condition to RCLPC, you can take deductions like this and next year on Tax Day perhaps you will feel like a WINNER!



As we fill the church with all your items and witness the excitement as shoppers fill our rooms and hallways to take home their treasures, we at RCLPC will be WINNERS. The proceeds will help RCLPC to continue God's work in the world... and we pray others will then also feel like WINNERS.



Hopefully you will also consider joining the FUN in preparing for this event. Ask anyone who helped last year and I think you will hear we had a great time. We worked hard but made new friends, laughed a lot and felt more connected to our church family and the community...and yes, WE felt like WINNERS!

## Box-It for RCLPC

We're asking all of RCLPC to "BOX-IT-UP" and give to the Rummage Sale this spring. We have boxes available in the area outside the church office and in the Connecting Link. Please take one (or three, or five?) and fill it up. Hold on to those boxes until post Easter, after March 31st.

Bring the boxes to Fellowship Hall during April and pick up your tax deduction form... it's so easy!

Now that we all have the Spring Cleaning itch...

First – Remember the Rummage Sale

Second – Box-it up and (if you can) separate your items into categories such as clothes, house wares, children's items, etc.

Third - Bring the boxes to Fellowship Hall during April

Fourth – Tell your neighbors and friends to do the same

If you have large items that can't fit in a box and need to be picked-up, we will gladly provide transport for those items.

Other items we will be in desperate need of:

Bags – both paper grocery store type and plastic;

Time and Talent...YOURS – Sign-up for one of the "work teams" in the Connecting Link.

As Always, Thank you for being a "CAN DO" Congregation! Questions? or Suggestions? Contact, Jodie LeFevre, Deb Steele or Kathy Rabe



# HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR SPRING CLEANING?

## Earth Care Notes

Stop by the tables in the Connecting Link to pick up a copy of the weekly Lenten devotional from Presbyterians for Earth Care: *From Ashes to Resurrection, From Soot to Hope*. If you'd prefer to go paperless, visit this link -- <http://presbyearthcare.org/docs/2013PECLentenDevotional.pdf>.

Another Lenten resource available on the table is *Tread Lightly for Lent 2013*, daily suggestions as we think about Christ's love and our repentance. You can also find this material at -- [http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/environment/pdf/lent\\_calendar2.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/environment/pdf/lent_calendar2.pdf). ~ Earth Care Team

## Rain Barrels

Spring is not far, and gardening season will be close behind. If you're interested in a reasonably priced rain barrel, visit The Land Conservancy website at [www.ConserveMC.org](http://www.ConserveMC.org), to see the details.

~Earth Care Team



*The "W" (Women's Group)  
Jumps Into Spring*

Saturday, March 9th  
at church, 9 to 11am

"Birds On Your Doorstep -  
Creating a Year Round Habitat"  
*presented by our own resident  
"BIRDer" Linda Popp*



Plan a morning of breakfast and FELLOWSHIP with the lovely ladies of RCLPC and our own lovely Linda as she shares her vast knowledge of attracting and enjoying the many birds we have in our midst.

Linda will share pictures while teaching us how to create habitats to enable us to enjoy these magical creatures. There is much to learn and how lucky we are that we have a teacher willing to share!

Please email Jodie LeFevre – [jodlzl@aol.com](mailto:jodlzl@aol.com).

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Do you love working with young children? Do you miss having a toddler around the house? Are you 14 or older and love babysitting? If you answered yes to any of the above or just want to act like a kid again, then volunteering in the nursery may be just for YOU. I am in the process of compiling a list of people interested in helping out when one of our staff is unavailable or during extra events at the church. If interested, please sign up in the Connecting Link and I will reach out when the need arises. Thank you. ~ Raechel Sowa

### Deacon Notes:

The bread basket ministry delivered a basket to Cindy and Mike Harvey this month.

***Sunday, March 10  
Move your clocks  
ahead one hour!***



# The Presbyterian Church in El Salvador

It was exciting to learn that PC(USA) has a presence in El Salvador as I have been going there every year since 2005. Kristi Van Nostran has been a mission co-worker here for two years. Kristi's work here is called Joining Hands, which is part of PC(USA)'s hunger program. She "joins hands" with other solidarity organizations, church leaders and community groups and follows the lead of Salvadorans. The church's focus here is food sustainability, and its role is to accompany the Salvadoran people as they attempt to rebuild their agricultural economy. Although with imports, there is plenty of food available here, the vast majority of people can't afford to buy it, and farmers can't afford to buy non-native seeds and chemical fertilizers every year. The only sustainable agriculture here is organic with the use of native seeds.



*Kristi Van Nostran and Ann Legg*



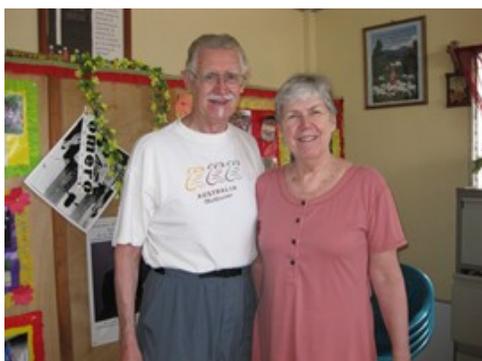
*Julian Peréz Peréz*

On Thursday, Kristi, Julian Pérez Pérez and I traveled to the municipality of Berlin in the department of Usulután. Julian, an organic farmer was to be the guest speaker. Julian's family has been farming for many generations, and the seeds he uses have been handed down from generation to generation. Julian brought samples of his native seeds, some organic compost and several bottles of natural products for fighting plant fungi and promoting foliation. There seemed to be some interest as the group decided to have an interchange of native seeds in April.

The Presbyterian presence that day was very strong. Katherine Pater is a young Presbyterian pastor and graduate of Harvard Divinity School who was ordained to her job in Berlin. Katherine works with churches (mainly Presbyterian) in Iowa that have sister relationships with communities in the Berlin area.



*Katherine Pater*



*Warren and Linda Erickson*

Also present were a Presbyterian couple, Linda and Warren Erickson of Iowa, who are teaching English to schoolchildren in a small community in the area for a month. So, sitting around the table at lunch were 5 Presbyterians in a country that I thought had no Presbyterian presence!

# Home of the Sparrow Easter Basket Donations

Spring is just around the corner...or so we hope!! That means it is time for our wonderful church-wide mission project of collecting donations for Easter baskets for families of Home of the Sparrow. The Sunday school classes will be helping to put the baskets together and fill eggs on Palm Sunday, so **donations are needed by Sunday, March 17th**. We will again be looking to fill around 60 baskets. With compassion and generosity RCLPC has always met the challenge.

The following items will be needed: baskets, plastic eggs, individually packaged candy and snacks (peanut free), small toys, reading and coloring books, crayons, markers, small stuffed animals, card games, puzzles, socks, play dough, bubbles, fast food gift cards, etc. There are 36 children, 15 girls and 21 boys, and their ages range from 3 months to 17 years old. There are presently 25 moms that we are asking \$10 gift cards for (Target, Wal-Mart, etc.) or donations so that we may purchase additional cards. In addition to gift cards, the moms could also use some lotions, bath gels, etc.

Thank you so much for your consideration in helping with this mission project and for helping to make a joy-filled Easter for the Home of the Sparrow families. Donations can be dropped off in the box across from the office and gift cards can be placed in my mailbox near the stairs. Monetary donations can be dropped in the offering plate and marked "Easter Baskets" and will be used to purchase items for the baskets. Any questions, feel free to contact Karen Nelson at 815/477-4862 or email me @ nelsvenska55@sbcglobal.net.. Thank you so much.



## More Businesses to Choose From...

Don't forget to order your gift cards! All orders benefit our Missions. There are so many businesses to choose from we cannot list them all on our order forms. To see all the businesses, please check out the RCLPC website and click on "Volunteers" on the homepage and then click on the **Mission Gift Card links** at the bottom of the Missions Group. There will be thousands of businesses to choose from. Pick up a order form on the bulletin board in the Connecting Link and add the business to the bottom of the page if it is not on either page. After you finish filling out your order form please write your check to RCLPC and write Scrip Cards on the memo line. Place your order in Joan Jensema's box near the front door. Orders usually take approximately a week to receive. **The next few deadline dates are...** Sunday, March 10, Sunday, April 7, Sunday, April 21, Sunday, May 5, and Sunday, May 19. **Orders must be turned in by Noon on these dates.** Thank you for supporting our Missions!!

## Session Highlights

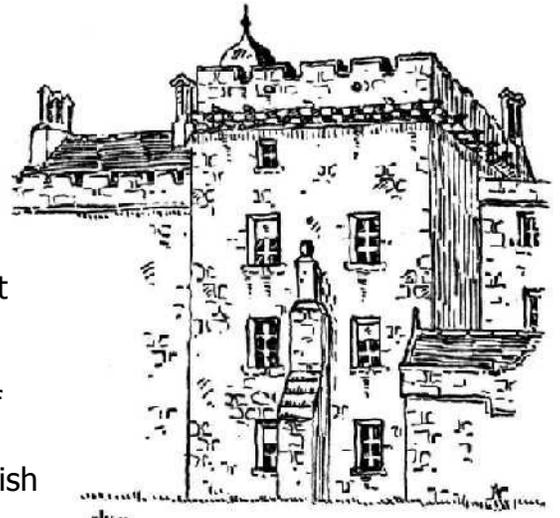
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- ◆ Due to Holy Week, the March Session meeting will be held on March 18, rather than March 25.
- ◆ Laurie Jensen was approved to be Financial Secretary.
- ◆ A congregational meeting will be held at 10:00am on May 5 for the purpose of electing leadership.
- ◆ Installation will be held during the services on May 19.
- ◆ To date, three applications have been received for the position of Director of Youth Ministry. As the process moves along, the Search Team will review applications and select applicants to be interviewed.
- ◆ The youth basement area has been designated as a tornado shelter.
- ◆ Stronghold, the Blackhawk Presbytery's camp and retreat center, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, August 3, with activities planned for the entire family from 10-4:30.

# From Wauchope to Walkup

I recently had the pleasure of spending some time with Mrs. Margaret Nienstedt, great-great-great-grand-daughter of Christopher Walkup, one of the founders of our congregation. Margaret kindly shared some information and documents which she had, relating to RCLPC's history and the history and origins of the Walkup family. Walkup family history indicates that the name is an "Americanization" of a Scottish surname Wauchope and originated in the Dumfries area. Intrigued by the Scottish connection I did a little research. Here is what I found:

- 1) Dumfries is the major city for the Scottish-English border area. About 60 miles east is Wauchope National Forest. Many small castles were built in the area due to constant border wars and livestock rustling which plagued the region for several hundred years.
- 2) Between the present forest and the city there are some archeological remains:
  - a) Wauchope Castle. Built in 1285 by Lindsey family, adjacent to a stream known as Wauchope Water. The castle was in ruins by 1580.
  - b) Sometime between 1580-1600 a manse for the minister of Wauchope Parish was built on the site of the castle ruins.
  - c) That congregation was later united with Staple-Gorton Parish and then in 1702 further united with Langholm Parish.
  - d) Langholm village is still in existence, though the parish of Staple-Gorton, Wauchope and Langholm ceased in 1975.
  - e) Wauchope House. Ruins of a large farm house demolished in 1932.



Walkup family history also states that in 1610 they were "non-conforming Presbyterians" and moved to Northern Ireland. As the Presbyterian Church was only founded in 1560, I was unsure what they were "non-conforming" from. However, in 1603 King James VI of Scotland became James I of England, Scotland and Ireland. His translation of the Bible into English is the most famous part of his determined attempts to control the religious views of his subjects. Less well known aspects of his policy were: an attempt to radically alter and control the Scottish Presbyterians; purge the English Episcopal church of all Puritans and the destruction of Catholicism. Between 1605-1610 he systematically confiscated all property from Northern Irish Catholic families and installed troublesome "expelled" Scottish Presbyterians and English Puritans on their lands.

If the Wauchopes were Presbyterian in 1610, there is a good chance that their family reaches back to the very beginning of our denomination's history. Their later move from Northern Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1724, then to this area in 1835, means they (and RCLPC) have a direct link back to a very important historical period, and to the very formation of our denomination.

Pastor John Dillon

## Grief Support Workshop

Are you or is someone close to you struggling with a loss? Please join Tom Tews, Retired Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, for a grief support workshop, with a focus on: How to make sense of it all; Road to recovery; Grief process; Grief work; Depression; How to help; and 5 wishes. The workshops are held on Wednesdays at 7pm at the Pointe Outreach Center (5650 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake). Sessions will be held on: March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10, and April 17. Please call Querhammer & Flagg Funeral Home at 815-459-1760 for more information and to reserve your space. The cost is \$5 per person, per session; you need only pay for sessions you are able to attend.