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RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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PASTOR'S REPORT

A year of thank you's can summarize my ministry in 2010. As a kind of spiritual "coach," my greatest accomplishment is to inspire others to respond to God's calling. Of course, it is dangerous to name individuals, because there are always many who will not fit in a short report, but I will ask for forgiveness, in advance, from all those whom I neglect below.

A thank you to Liz Musick who frequently consulted with me on matters regarding worship and who came out to play piano whenever I led worship at the Scottish Home. Without Liz's gentle reminders and her volunteer solicitations, much would have been neglected in worship. Of course, more help is always needed, and I am especially interested in anyone who would be willing to read a script during our "sermon" time.

A thank you to Jon Jansky for his dedication to ensuring that our physical space is never a limitation to God's ministries. Also to Jim Sit who always is willing to help in many uniquely esoteric ways.

A thank you to Doris Hayes for her dedication to the ministries of compassion through our Deacons. Though all the Deacons did a lot of work, Doris especially took on many little tasks that no one else wanted to cover.

A thank you to all the brave souls who kept our money matters in order. What a huge job of record-keeping, organizing, promoting, etc.—all done by volunteers! Special recognition goes to Fred Kitch, Cindy Reynolds Rayfield, all the Stewardship Committee, and also the Finance Committee for a ministry that does not yield much appreciation from others.

The staff members, once again, performed their various ministries with much grace, patience, and enthusiasm. A special recognition to Jenny who pours her all into the children's ministries (wasn't that Christmas Pageant incredible).

As far as new ministries in 2010, there were many, but I will mention only three. The pulpit exchange in January and the "pew exchange" in September were both ideas that I suggested to our Covenant of Churches, and I am proud of our participation in both. The Columbarium Task Force has been hard at work putting together plans to be brought before Session for their approval (I am hoping to complete construction by summer). And the dialogue with Muslims project has yielded many new friendships that I hope will continue to grow and bear fruits of understanding and cooperation.

Your brother in Christ,

Scott Jansen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE was led by session member Carrie Staubus. Jenny Kolinski began her second year as Director of Christian education.

Fall 2010 launched the ninth year of RPC's Passport to the Promised Land Sunday School program for school-aged children, Kindergarten – Junior High. Attendance averages 40 children per week. This program is based on the rotational model, which takes one Bible lesson or story for each unit and teaches it to the children in a different way each Sunday for the four to five Sundays of that unit. A typical rotation will often consist of a cooking class, an arts and crafts class, a gym class, a Bible study class and more recently, time in our new computer lab all using the Cornerstones curriculum.

The creation of a new computer lab honoring Lynda Nadkarni and in loving memory of John Lewe has added an exciting new element to our Sunday school rotation. Jim Sit has worked many hours to make this wonderful classroom happen. He continues to develop the lab so it will accommodate up to ten children working at one time. Thank you Jim for sharing your time and skills to make this happen!

A special thank you to those who have given of their time and talents to teach a rotation (or more)in 2010: Bev Aieta, Jeanine Buttimer, Allie Burke, John Cain, Susan Deems-Dluhy, Nancy Dvorak, Patti Friend, Melissa Gilbert, Jill Glawe, Tara Gregus, John Haugland, Ellen Hamilton, Mary Jansen, Nancy Jensen, Connie Kelly, Alex Krug, Matt Lisle, Susan Lisle, Susan Lynch, Lorraine Meyer, Annie Mitchell, Ben Mitchell, Lynda Nadkarni, Joe Ourth, Hannah Pecis, Vince Pecis, Nicole and Rachel Rocconi, Kathi Roccanova, Noemi Sanchez and Carrie Staubus.

An extra-special thank you to our shepherds for the 2010/11 school year who lovingly guide their classes each week: Shannon Buhle, Frank Fieseler, Mack Fieseler, Marika Floros-Nadkarni, Amanda Gregus, Lynda Nadkarni, Serina Ranft and Noemi Sanchez.

Godly Play, held after the Children's Sermon, is available for children in Preschool through 1st grade. It is a Montessori-based worship education which recognizes that children have the potential to experience God in deep and meaningful ways. The goal is to encourage that potential through the telling of Bible stories and allowing children to work with the story materials. Leaders and children worship together utilizing song, sign language, artwork, and prayer as responses to God's love. between 8-12 children attend Godly Play weekly. Each week requires a leader and greeter to deliver the service of worship. Our dedicated Leaders and Greeters have been Lisa and Ellie Carlson, Marika Floros-Nadkarni, Amanda Gregus, Courtney Hooglander, Jenny Kolinski, Lynda and Kathryn Nadkarni, Hannah and Adeline Pecis, Cindy Reynolds Rayfield, Brooke and Abby Schwarz, Carrie Staubus and Melinda Yachnin.

In addition to these programs, childcare is provided Sunday mornings for infants and toddlers by a two-person team of paid staff. Between 4-10 children per week are cared for in the toddler room. Currently, the infant room is not staffed due to the lack of infants requiring its use. We are blessed by Barbara Eberhardt and Keri Nekovar's loving care of our toddlers each Sunday.

Wednesday Night Live! (WNL!) was put on hold for 2010 as we tried something new. Working with the Fellowship Committee, a variety of monthly programs was created called "RPC Weekend Connections" in hopes of drawing more people. During its first 3 months we hosted a Movie Night, a Games Night and enjoyed the Messiah and Wassail bowl as part of this community based program. We look forward to a Book Chat in January and a Family Square Dance in February.

Confirmation for the freshman class began in September and will run through March 2011. Attending are Joe Aieta, Dani Andersen, Isabella Cain, Mike Chaney, Grace Cody, Kelly Haugland, Emily Kedzie, Alyssa Lancaster, Lily Lisle, Abraham Ourth and Hannah Pecis. This class is lovingly coordinated by John Cain and Joe Ourth.

Our first official "Wicky Wacky Sunday" was held in June with over 50 children participating in a variety of ways from singing to reading, musicianship to artistry. This special service was held in honor of Nancy Dvorak and her tremendous work with the RPC Preschool. Nancy was also presented with a special dedication of the children's section of the RPC library renamed "Nancy's Book Nook" in her honor. A beautiful mural was painted by Nancy Hejna and many new books were donated by past and present church and preschool families in appreciation for her loving service. 2010 wrapped up with a most memorable children's Christmas program on Dec. 19. From artists to actors, and musicians to readers and acolytes, almost 60 kids participated in this old fashioned Christmas Pageant.

Vacation Bible School returned to Riverside this summer, hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The program transported children back to Biblical Days and a family structure with a marketplace allowing them to experience life as Jesus did. Approximately 70 children from the community attended with many volunteer participants from RPC, Ascension Lutheran, St. Mary and Sts. Peter and Paul.

Frank Gangware is the RPC liaison to the scouting programs. 2010 has seen the continuing growth of both the Cub Pack and Scout Troop, with 76 active Cub Scouts and 55 Boy Scouts participating. Both programs are blessed with trained adult volunteer leadership that is both deep in numbers and long in effectiveness, a true blessing and the primary reason for the current enrollment numbers. The church and our community have benefited in many ways from these organizations, with Cub and Boy Scouts participating in a wide variety of local volunteer programs. A day of service with the local forester, participation in several Eagle Scout projects, volunteer service at the library and other local churches, food preparation for our Night Ministry and participation in the RB High School Day of Service are some of the many activities in which the scouts have been active.

2010 Eagle Scouts are Peter Falk, Elliot Louthen, Christian Flasza, Sam Cox, Ben Mitchell and Fitz Robling. Venture Crew 24 continued in 2010 with adviser Pat Rohm and adult leaders Cindy Gustafson, Deb Cox, and Carol Falk. The group is currently comprised of 8 high school boys and 5 high school girls. In the past year the crew has gone camping, climbing, and on a mission trip to the Appalachians.

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Kolinski Director of Christian Education

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Adult Education Committee in 2010 was composed of five members: Lorraine Meyer, Joe Ourth, Stan Schade, Ron Smith, and chaired by Melinda Yachnin. The committee met three times during the year to create plans and programming for Human Scene (the adult Sunday school class at RPC), and to plan and re-evaluate Wednesday Night Live!

Two major endeavors occupied the attention of the Adult Education Committee during 2010: the first was to enhance the educational offerings for adults on Sunday mornings. In this vein, the committee invited several active attendees to the Human Scene both to participate in the committee's planning meetings and to teach some of the classes themselves. The committee made a conscious effort to include a variety of classes for spiritual and intellectual nurture, and to rotate topics among: theology, Bible study, mission efforts of RPC, spirituality, and current events. During the summer months, the Human Scene continued to meet but in a more informal format, so that attendees could discuss a range of topics and continue the fellowship that this class provides. Attendance during the year has increased, and now has between 15-25 people a week.

The second major endeavor for the Adult Education Committee was to re-evaluate the purpose and format of Wednesday Night Live! In the winter of 2010, WNL met weekly for 8 weeks, and while the dinner was well-attended (25-30 people per week), the class that followed only had 6-10 participants, which is significantly less than had been the case when WNL was inaugurated years ago. After looking into the reasons for this shift, it became clear that the needs and schedules of church members had changed in the intervening years, so that one more weekly commitment had become difficult to manage. The original purpose of gathering the church community for a mid-week fellowship/educational opportunity was no longer served.

In a series of meetings with Children's Education and Fellowship committees, it was decided to update the format and purpose of WNL!; this fall Weekend Connections was launched in its place. The hope is that this monthly gathering, open to the wider community, will offer an occasional chance to have fun and fellowship with neighbors and church members alike. The format (longer sessions on a weekend evening, more opportunity for discussion) allows for a more in-depth exploration of a wider variety of topics. Weekend Connections' first gathering was about the Power of Forgiveness; the next session will be a book study.

The various Bible studies, women's and men's forums, continue to be fairly self-sustaining. Pastor Scott Jansen continues to be a valuable and supportive guide for the committee's work, and a popular teacher in the Human Scene.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Yachnin Chair of the Adult Education Committee

YOUTH GROUPS

The Junior and Senior High youth groups had another great year! The biggest news of the year is that in August, we officially joined forces with Ascension Lutheran Church to have a combined youth group. We meet regularly on Sunday evenings at both RPC and Ascension and all are welcome. Our goal was to have at least one service project, one social event and one regular meeting per month and to focus our meetings and discussion on fellowship and faith.

Last winter, our activities included making soup and sandwiches for The Night Ministry and participating in serving the food to the homeless in Chicago, We also went bowling, led a Scottish Home service, went roller skating, worked at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, attended a Chicago Wolves Hockey game, made hygiene kits for disaster relief in Haiti, played Laser Tag, and led a wonderful Youth Sunday where our youth took center stage as the worship leaders and we recognized students who gave outstanding service to the church. We had meetings where we had good discussions on important topics such as divorce, homosexuality and Christianity, gossip and cyberbullying and the theological implications of the movie "Avatar." I also took 5 junior high kids on a weekend retreat to Lake Bloomington in January.

Our senior high families held several fundraisers in the spring to help finance our annual mission trip including the Youth Café where we sold food and drinks at our Open Mic Night, a car wash and a barbeque. The Mission Trip in July included 22 Senior High youth and 4 adult leaders to Long Island NY, where we visited the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch. We painted fences, pulled weeds, worked in a thrift store and ministered to boys who were residents of the ranch. We got to go to the beach and spent one day seeing the sights of Manhattan. Lisa Marciniak, George Dluhy and Fred Mitchell were the adult leaders who provided wonderful leadership to our group.

Since the Senior High Mission trip, we have had a summer outing to Great America, attended a White Sox game, taken a bike trip to Waterfall Glen, held an awesome Halloween Party at the manse attended by over 40 kids, raised nearly \$1800 in the CROP walk, led the British Home service, helped out with Caring Christmas and made care packages for our college students. For the third year in a row, we cooked an Italian Dinner for over 100 people as a church fund-raiser in September. We ended the year with lots of fun by having our Annual Christmas Dinner for the senior high kids and a trip downtown for the junior high kids. We had some good discussions about issues facing teens and are already beginning to plan for Mission Trip 2011.

Amanda Gregus and Alex Krug have served as youth deacons until Alex left for college in August and Amanda has continued to serve in that capacity since then. Molly Chaney has agreed to serve in that role with Amanda in 2011. Brian Jansen is serving on the Finance Committee and others participate regularly in worship. I am proud of the role that the youth group has played in our church and we look forward to continuing to be a vital and vibrant force at RPC in the years to come!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Gregus, Youth Advisor

CARERS COMMITTEE

The CARERS Committee is a subcommittee of the Deacons. Our goal is to reach out and help those less fortunate than ourselves both in the local area and Chicago area.

This past year we have helped the First Presbyterian Church in the Woodlawn area collecting and giving food for their "Food for Life" program to help feed approximately 200 needy people every Tuesday.

We helped fulfill the needs of the Interfaith House at 3456 W. Franklin Blvd. in Chicago. This is a respite center for homeless persons. Their mission is to help these people who are recovering from recent illness or hospitalization.

We collected and sent personal sundries, snacks, small games, and books to our men and women in the service to let them know we are thinking of them.

At Christmas we joined with others in sending cards to incarcerated people in the hope of bringing them some Christian joy during the holiday season.

We also collected baby needs for mothers who are alone and struggling to care for their little ones.

We are a small, hard working, devoted committee. However, we would be unable to carry out this work without the generous help of our congregation.

WE THANK YOU ALL!

Respectfully submitted,

Margy Martin Co-Chairman

2010 CARERS Committee:

Marge Abbott Carol O'Meara Marilyn Slanec

Marjorie Lewe Mary Lou Schwarz Wilma Steenland

Margy Martin Lynn Shannon-Labotka Monica Wood

BOARD OF DEACONS

Who's Who on the Board of Deacons:

Class of 2010:

Lloyd Bradbury, Doris Hayes, Mary Jansen, Kathi Roccanova, Sylvia Schade, Bill Vogel and Amanda Gregus

Class of 2011:

Mary Crang, Richard Crang, Betsy Gardner, Thea Kiwiet, Bill and Colleen Muller (Betsy Gardner will be stepping down this year, as will Thea Kiwiet)

Class of 2012:

Marge Abbott, Allan Chard, Kate Chard, Frank Gangware, Glenna Linder and Marilyn Slanec

Ministry Coordinators:

British Home Services: Betsy Gardner CSLA-Trip to Columbia: Richard Crang

Deacon Doings: Kathi Roccanova

Deacon Piggy Bank Task Force: Marilyn Slanec Flower delivery: Marge Abbott/Kate Chard

Habitat for Humanity: Doris Hayes/Kathi Roccanova

Human Scene speaker Rev. Dan McNerny: Marilyn Slanec/Sylvia Schade

Joys & Concerns: Kathi Roccanova/Doris Hayes Membership Updates: Kathi Roccanova/Doris Hayes

Memorial Services: Doris Hayes

RPC Communion and Home Communion: Mary Crang

RPC Connections: Doris Hayes

RPC Every Member Pledge Drive/Home Visits: Kathi Roccanova/Doris Hayes

Secretary: Shared by Mary Jansen and Richard Crang Senior Website/Pro-Se Bread Distribution: Lloyd Bradbury Share the Harvest: Mary Jansen/Bill & Colleen Muller

Sister Brenda Williams: Sylvia Schade

Treasurer: Bill Vogel Events Chairpersons:

All Church Bake-Off: Mary Jansen and Doris Hayes

Caring Christmas: Mary Jansen, Doris Hayes and Frank Gangware

The Board of Deacons' year started off with the traditional get-acquainted charcoal-broiled steak dinner held in the Social Hall to welcome the new board members and their spouses, preceding the Board's first meeting of the new year. The retiring board members attended the dinner to say farewell (and then stayed to help clean up as a parting gift). After dinner, the Classes of 2011, 2012 and the new Class of 2013 met in the Parlor to hold their first meeting of the new year.

What follows is a brief report on the many programs and tasks the Deacons have performed throughout the past year.

British Home Report

The 2010 Deacon Ministry at the British Home has been running smoothly overall. Three or more deacons run a service the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm in the parlor of the main British Home building. It is attended by eight to twelve residents generally, though attendance is sometimes higher near major Christian holidays. This year our schedule included several challenging dates to staff, such as Easter Sunday, July 4 and Labor Day, but the deacons rose to each occasion, most often accompanied by Liz Musick on the piano. The Chancel Choir stepped in to take over the service in January for a lessons-and-carols event that drew many more residents than usual, plus their visitors and some of the British Home staff. The "messages" devised by the deacons were highly varied in format and content, from Richard Crang's delightful musings on the significance of the Easter Lily to Allan and Kate Chard's tales of their recent trip to Israel. The Youth Group is scheduled to take over the December service.

On the British Home "to-do" list:

- A revamping of our spiral-bound hymn booklets to add some missing favorites, drop a few hymns that are rarely requested, and make some corrections.
- A search for additional hymn accompanists who would agree to be on call, or to take particular months. Liz does a fantastic job and is beloved by the deacons and the British Home residents alike, but RPC makes many other calls on her time, and this particular task should be shared more than it is.

Caring Christmas

Deacons hosted our annual Caring Christmas event Sunday, Dec. 5th This tradition brings folks of all ages together for an evening of fun and fellowship while creating crafts and decorating cookies. This year we made some beautiful Rose Window crafts under the direction of Mary Jansen. Tara Gregus led a group in frosting and decorating dozens of cookies. Frank Gangware cooked up a delicious pot of chili that fed our hungry volunteers. We put together 30 CC packages that were then delivered by the BOD to seniors in our church family.

Communion Report for 2010

Communion was served the first Sunday of each month with the assistance of four deacon servers and four elders servers. The exception to this situation was when communion was conducted by intinction, which was during the months of July, August and September when communion fell on weekends where the congregation was considered to have very low attendance due to Fourth of July, summer vacations and Labor Day respectfully. Since Easter this past year fell also on the week of communion, intinction was performed with the first service while the second service was held *via* the traditional serving method. It was mentioned though this incident only occurs once every 4 years, it might need to be addressed by the deacons and elders on how both services could be served traditionally during this period.

This year, home communion was recommended to be done every 3 months for a total of 4 times during the year with the goal of seeing approximately 4 individuals or families per session. This year, individuals seen during the month of March were George Armstrong, Willa Vogel Lahey, Marjory Thompson; and during the month of June Roy and Dorothy Thorsen, Olga Cykner and Betty and Ray Jirsa. No one was visited during the month of September since none of the members of the church were either able to be reached or could visit during that time. It is presently planned to visit Charlotte Graf and George and Kohar Havelka in December.

Also this year, 20 new glass communion cups were ordered to replace some of the broken cups and to complete the communion set full again, and a thousand plastic cups were ordered for home communion and as needed for communion services.

CSLA and CRLN - Report on Joint Activities

In January of 2010, Riverside Presbyterian Church (RPC) entered into a three-year covenant with Congregations in Solidarity with Latin America (CSLA) which is an affiliate organization of Chicago Religious Leadership Network (CRLN). As a part of this covenant, RPC deacon representatives attended regularly-scheduled meetings and other sponsored events. In April, Richard and Mary Crang helped greet and escort a delegation of three prominent Colombian Presbyterian Church officials during their visit to Chicago. In addition, Richard Crang was selected to be a mission member on a fact-finding trip to Bogotá and Barranquilla, Colombia. The mission trip (from July 23 through August 2) was arranged by the support staff of CSLA/CRLN led by its moderator, Gary Cozette, and which was comprised of eight individuals from CSLA partner churches.

Richard's role was largely in Bogotá at the Colegio Americano, a private comprehensive school of the Presbyterian Church in Colombia encompassing pre-school instruction through grade 11 (the highest secondary school level in Colombia) where he gave a lecture presentation on "Ecology and the Current Mass Extinction" to approximately 450 upper-division students. He gave other talks, attended a number of informative meetings with church and government officials, and discussed possibilities for greater interchange of educational efforts between the Colombian and American partners. He also met with farm workers and pledged to be of political assistance in aiding them in their claims of land reclamation. A presentation of the mission trip was given on October 3 at RPC as a part of the Human Scene program. Other talks are also planned.

Richard and Mary Crang also hosted Rev. Dayro Aranzalez (Executive Vice President of the Colombian Central Presbytery) during his Chicago stay while on a U.S. religious/humanitarian trip in October. Currently, the Crangs are working with Rev. Aranzalez on a detailed proposal to unite educational efforts between Riverside/Brookfield students and those at the Colegio Americano in Bogotá. This proposal, with the support of RPC, should be completed by early 2011, and aims to establish common international course instruction via the Internet using novel instructional approaches while addressing social and humanitarian issues. These efforts will continue through 2011, with talks and activities with U.S. government officials aimed at improving educational and societal issues in Colombia.

Deacon Doings Report

After each Deacons meeting, a short description of the Deacons' activities from the month past and any news of events being planned by the Deacons is sent to the Vision editor to be included in the next edition of the Vision. This is done as a way to let the congregation know what their Deacons are doing for them and the church as a whole and also to remind everyone that the Deacons are there to serve them and our church.

Flower Delivery

Under the direction of Marge Abbott and Kate Chard, chancel flowers are delivered to folks in our RPC family who are celebrating a birth, mourning a loss, recovering from an illness or just need a lift in their spirits. Recipients of the visits are always grateful to have been remembered.

Habitat for Humanity

Early Saturday morning, June 19th (despite the lack of power many were experiencing from the storms the day before), nine members of RPC loaded into cars and drove to Rockford to participate in the Habitat for Humanity project taking place there. Some of the group found themselves holding sheetrock over their heads for hours, while securing it above; others went to work at the future home of Martha Kingambo, an African refugee now living in Rockford. That group sanded, primed and painted parts of the home she will eventually live in. Martha herself will complete at least 300 hours of "sweat equity" as part of her commitment to the project. During a short break, Martha shared her story. She and her four children escaped from Zaire shortly after her husband was murdered during a political uprising. Tears filled her eyes as she recounted those difficult times. It was her faith in God, she said, that kept her strong enough to keep going and eventually brought her to Rockford. I think everyone present that day was moved by Martha's story and very grateful to have been part of this organization that was going to enable Martha and her children to live in a home of their own. While this trip was spearheaded by Deacons, our group included Pastor Scott, Doug Harvin, Diane and Claire Chaney, Marilyn Slanec, Doris and Lindsay Hayes and Kathi and Lisa Roccanova.

Joys and Concerns

Each week in church, with the exception of Communion Sunday, Pastor Scott asks the congregation if they have any Joys and/or Concerns they would like to share. A microphone is passed around and people will frequently share what joys or concerns are affecting them or their loved ones. These Joys & Concerns are recorded by either Doris Hayes or Kathi Roccanova and then later in the day they are sent out to all the Deacons via email. This is done so that any Deacon who was not present in church or didn't hear the particular Joy or Concern that was voiced will be able to read it and if it is something that requires action on their part; i.e., a visit, a call, a card, they can then do so.

Memorial Service

The BOD had the privilege of assisting with several memorial luncheons this past year. We helped the following families: Lewe, Cady, Martin and Michaels-Hoglund. Our assistance

included but was not limited to setting up the Social Hall, providing/serving refreshments (tea, coffee lemonade) and the cleanup afterward.

Mission Outreach

In regard to the Mission Outreach activities of the Board of Deacons, the deacons oversaw the following events and expenditures in 2010:

Provided speakers for RPC's Human Scene classes -

- February The Rev. Dan McNerney speaking about Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF) activities.
- July Richard Crang's pre-trip assessment of conditions in Colombia and travel plans with the CSLA summer delegation to Colombia.
- September The Rev. Gary Cozette (\$200) speaking about Colombia, CSLA (Congregations in Solidarity with Latin America) and RPC's 3-yr. Covenant Partnership between CSLA and IPC (Presbyterian Church of Colombia).
- October Richard Crang's post-trip summary of the CSLA delegation's trip to Colombia.

Expenditures from the various church accounts having to do with RPC Mission Outreach -

- \$15,000 for Church-wide Mission Giving (RPC annual budget)
- \$1000 for RPC's partnership in the CSLA covenant with IPC.
- \$1100 for half the basic cost of Deacon Richard Crang's trip to Colombia in July.
- \$200 for some of the hygiene items needed for the Youth Group's health kits for the hurricane relief efforts in Haiti.
- \$1000 for the Lakeshore Christian Camping, Inc. LLC's efforts to purchase/save The Presbyterian Camps near Saugatuck.
- \$200 from the 2009 Local Peacemaking Fund was given as an honorarium to Gary Cozette (see Sept. Human Scene speaker), program director of CRLN, who advocates for US policies that promote peace, justice and human rights.
- Money from the local portion of the 2010 Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering was sent to the Center for Labor & Community Research, Austin Polytechnical High School that Deacon Bill Vogel directs.
- \$1040 to help support Sister Brenda Williams, who volunteers her time as a chaplain, counseling inmates of the Women's Division of the Cook County Jail.
- \$24 for three copies of the Presbyterian <u>2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study.</u>
- Monthly Loose Coin Offering sent to the Presbytery of Chicago's Hunger Fund (Jan. thru Oct.) and to the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago (Nov. and Dec.).

Other Mission Outreach activities and events -

- Deacon Amanda Gregus was the recruiter for RPC participants in the Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches CROP Walk on October 17th. Funds raised benefited Church World Service and the BEDS PLUS shelter program.
- Deacons Sylvia Schade and Marilyn Slanec, accompanied by new member, Evaine Stahrr, attended the annual luncheon meeting of the CRLN (Chicago Religious

- Leadership Network) at St. Pat's Catholic Church in Chicago; and the 8th Annual Ramadan Dinner given by the Muslim Educational Cultural Center of America (MECCA) at a banquet facility in Darien.
- Pro Se Services requested that their program be expanded from strictly Panera
 Bread distribution to an emergency food pantry for perishable items donated by
 the Greater Chicago Food Depository and local food stores. Ms. Knox met all the
 requests of the RPC Session and Board of Trustees to create this new food pantry,
 starting during the winter, with food storage in the manse refrigerator, freezer and
 kitchen storage closet.

Pro-Se Bread Giveaway

This is a non-profit organization that has received permission from RPC and support from the Deacons to use the sanctuary for the purpose of offering bread to those in need. Deacon Lloyd Bradbury acts as the liaison between RPC and Dinae Knox, Executive Director of Pro Se Services. Each Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, folks from the Riverside community and neighboring towns are invited to stop in. One needs to present an ID with a local zip code to be eligible to receive the free bread. The Session has given their approval for Pro-Se to go ahead in 2011 with an expanded food pantry.

RPC Connections

This is a ministry that was started by the Deacons last Spring. The goal is to stay in touch with our college students twice a year. We send out cards/notes of encouragement and invite each student to worship at RPC when they're in town.

RPC Family Bakeoff

Deacons hosted an all church family bakeoff in the fall of 2010. It was a great time of fellowship for all. The Social Hall was transformed into a tasting/bidding arena. There were certificates awarded to all participants and prizes for the top 3 entries. This event raised \$288.76 which was designated for the CSLA (Churches in Solidarity for Latin America) for their Pedal for Peace project.

Senior Resources

Lloyd Bradbury desires to improve communication for the seniors at church and in this community. He understands firsthand the need to be informed and have access to a directory with resources. Lloyd has developed an active website and is in the process of building a team to assist him with keeping it updated. Sylvia and David Schade are assisting Lloyd with this ministry. You can access the website by using the following link: http://rpc123blogspotcom.blogspot.com/

Share the Harvest Program

The Share the Harvest Program was introduced to RPC in 2008 and continues to be a big part of our summer ministry. As described by the program chair, Linda Wygant, the program is designed to "provide our brothers and sisters who are hungry with healthy fresh vegetables they would otherwise be unable to afford." RPC gardeners and patrons of farmer's markets have generously donated fresh vegetables and fruit to the Share the

Harvest basket in the Education Hall during the growing season. The produce is then delivered, along with goods from a circuit of other participating churches, to the food pantry at Saint Francis Xavier's in LaGrange. The Share the Harvest Ministry is not only a wonderful way to distribute extra produce in the garden but it also helps to supplement the diets of those living in poverty as well as helping to strengthen the ecumenical bonds between churches in our community.

Sister Brenda Williams

On the recommendation of the former chaplain in the Women's Justice Services of the Cook County Jail (with whom the deacons have worked in the past), we supported Sister Brenda Williams with a \$20 per week donation for a year. She volunteers two hours of one-on-one spiritual counseling each week to benefit women who are incarcerated. She has published an inspirational book, "Listen to His Whispers" that contains poems she wrote. She also sends out a weekly thought list at bjpoet2@yahoo.com.

2010 Presbytery of Chicago (POC) Year of Presbyterian/Muslim Dialogue.

The Rev. Jay Moses of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton is the POC coordinator for promoting dialogue between Presbyterians in our area and members of local mosques. Through him, members from RPC participated in events hosted by the Islamic community of Chicago this year:

At the Aqsa Mosque in Bridgeview, Roberta Gates, Beverly Aieta, Betsy Gardner, Sylvia and Stanley Schade, and Rev. Scott Jansen heard a talk given by the former US Congressman, Mark Siljander, about his book, <u>Let's Build Bridges</u>, <u>Not Walls</u> in which he describes his personal reversal in attitude towards Muslims after interacting with various Muslim leaders, both on a national and international basis.

Marilyn Slanec, Evaine Stahrr and Sylvia Schade attended the 8th Annual Ramadan Dinner hosted by MECCA (the Muslim Educational Cultural Center of America). They heard two religious perspectives on Environmental Stewardship, one from Rev. Dr. Claire Butterfield, Executive Director of Faith in Place, and the other from a local imam. There was also a pre-Presbytery Assembly presentation where Presbyterian commissioners learned about an organization called, Muslims for a Safe America. In another forum, they heard about a small interfaith project that the Village Presbyterian Church of Northbrook has begun by the Rev. Dan McNerney with a group with the Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago.

And another significant event has begun in Riverside. Scott Jansen and Marilyn Slanec joined two others this fall from St. Mary Church and the United Methodist Church of Riverside at the Chicago Islamic Center for noon prayers and a meal and to consider attending the annual winter national Islamic gathering in a Rosemont hotel.

This purposeful interaction with Muslims is a result of the Presbytery of Chicago's directive in 2009 to form a dialogue covenant between Presbyterians and Muslims; to look toward our similarities, rather than our differences; to interact peacefully and with open hearts and minds. Sylvia Schade and Roberta Gates went to the Lombard mosque to witness the signing of the dialog document.

The goal early in 2011 is to host a Covenant of Churches dialogue event for the Riverside community with some Islamic Center leaders.

The Deacons had a great year and are looking forward to serving our congregation, community and the world in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Hayes & Kathi Roccanova

RPC NIGHT MINISTRY OUTREACH

RPC's Night Ministry Outreach has been operating since 2003.

On the 2nd Friday of each month, RPC prepared and served Starlight Soup Suppers (soup and sandwiches in the winter) or Moonlight Picnics (hot dogs, chips and cookies in the summer) to Chicago-area homeless in conjunction with the Night Ministry's mobile clinic. All total, we served 60 gallons of soup, 1,200 sandwiches and 1,200 hot dog suppers, all prepared by RPC members and friends!

Here's a list of the shoppers, cooks, heaters and servers who volunteered this year – church members and friends.

Mike Aieta Lou Heine **Riverside Ragdolls** Jordan Ballerine Mike Heine **RPC Youth Groups Daniel Corcoran Emily Hejna** Dominick Salerno Patti Corcoran Michelle Hejna Kathy Salerno Kathy & Steve Feary Nancy Jensen Carrie Schade Girl Scout Troop 58183 Jr. High SS Sylvia Schade Tara Gregus Tom Kedzie Chris Schiller Jacki Grisafe Thea Kiwiet Marilyn Slanec Patti Grisafe-Sinott Jenny Kolinski Susan Strauss-Lynch Cindy Gustafson David Wilson Mary Koon Chris Halline Barb Wolf Max Marciniak Ellen Hamilton Elizabeth Musick Benson Yachnin Andrew Hart Lynda Nadkarni Melinda Yachnin John Haugland

Thank you and God bless you to all the volunteers that supported this very worthwhile ministry in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Hamilton

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The members of the Committee were:

Representing the Session: Mike Heine Representing the Trustees: Caroline Tecson

At-Large: Jeanine Buttimer, George Dluhy, Fred Kitch,

Fred Mitchell, Cindy Reynolds Rayfield,

Brad Staubus and Jim Ulrich

Gifts made to the endowment fund:

	Opening	2010	Closing
	Balance	Additions	Balance
Unrestricted	\$351,323.72	\$1,886.17	\$353,209.89
Property [Bldg.] Maint.	33,500.00		33,500.00
Church Budget	5,000.00		5,000.00
Mission Outreach	15,250.00		15,250.00
Education	3,100.00		3,100.00
Music	3,225.00		3,225.00
Total:	\$411,398.72	\$1,886.17	\$413,284.89

Between 12/31/09 and 12/12/10, three contributions were received totaling \$1,886.17.

Earnings from the fund allocated for 2010 programs were \$1,577.17. Additional funds were received from the endowment of a former member in the sum of \$342.54. The total earnings/receipts applied to the Church's 2010 programs were \$2,182.38. Earnings on non-designated gifts invested in investment funds of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation and other investment companies were reinvested. The Pastor Home Equity Fund year-end balance was \$50,000. The loan made in January, 2010, to cover the Church's 2009 budget shortfall has been paid in full, as scheduled.

Distribution of 2010 earnings/receipts was as follows:

General Budget	\$ 1,398.18
Property [Bldg.] Maint.	477.00
Good Samaritan	217.14
Education	44.14
Music	45.92
Total:	\$2,182.38

The RPC Endowment was established in 1980. Only the earnings on endowment contributions are eligible for allocation to our Church's programs.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Heine Endowment Committee Chair

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship committee has been fortunate to have a large committee of hard-working volunteers. We have communicated by email, when not able to gather for meetings. Heartfelt thanks from co-chairs Deb Jansky and Patti Perry go especially to: Lisa Marciniak, John Haugland and Connie Kelly, Marilyn Slanec, Lorraine Meyer, Susan Lisle, Noemi Sanchez (new member who leaped in to help!), Colleen and Bill Muller, Lynda Nadkarni, Jenny Kolinski, Allan Halline, Jon Jansky, the RPC secretaries, and a host of others who offered help, service, or simply said "yes" with a smile. We couldn't have gotten through this year without all of you!

The year began with dinners for eight weeks of Wednesday Night Live! (WNL!), from Jan 27 through March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). Volunteers fixed main dishes, salads, breads, and desserts, helped with heating, set up, and clean up, to serve approximately 30 participants each week. While fellowship over dinner was enjoyed, many attendees were in choir or bells, or other commitments, rather than participating in the WNL! education sessions. At the conclusion of the 8 week series, a suggestion was made to put the program on hold, and try alternative activities. The RPC Weekend Connections program evolved from this.

Coffee Fellowship coordination by the committee continued. Attendance has been high all year, often with tables nearly full in the social hall. In keeping with the "go green" effort started several years ago, the church china and cutlery was used on most Sundays. Many RPC members are now experts at operating the dishwasher. At the conclusion of the year, 3 cases of Libbey Duratuff glass tumblers (9 dozen or 108) and 4 washracks were purchased, to reduce our paper and Styrofoam cup use. Coffee (caffeinated and decaf), lemonade, and sugar have been purchased in bulk quantities, labeled "Fellowship", and stored in or above the kitchen cabinets. This avoids last minute shortages, since other events unexpectedly use Fellowship supplies (funeral receptions, Youth Group fundraiser dinners, etc.).

Craft night continued throughout the year, on the third Friday of each month (6-11pm), coordinated by Connie Kelly. This drop-in night in the Social hall has continued with small but steady attendance and shared fellowship.

The 2nd annual Open Mic Night was a big success on Saturday, April 10, 6:30-9:00. It was envisioned and organized by John Haugland. There were multiple acts, introduced by 2 emcees and a 15 minute intermission. Attendance filled the Social Hall (100+); John Haugland led off with a kickoff humorous song, did a big group piece (midway) and ended with a sing-along. As John said at the end, it felt like family in the room! John credited many individuals for their help: Jim Sit for stage set up and sound engineering, Connie Kelly and daughters for decoration, Jim Marciniak for playbills, Matt Lisle and Steph Sauer for emceeing, countless talented performers, and Tara Gregus, the youth group and Jeanine Buttimer for the Youth Café (mission trip fundraiser with hot dogs, pulled pork, pasta bowls, cheese, crackers and grapes, hummus, soda cans and water bottles, freeze pops, and cookies)! To John, and the many people who helped, a heartfelt thank you!

July 3rd booth in Guthrie Park (following Riverside Fourth of July Parade): The Fellowship Committee had a booth in Guthrie Park for the 2nd year in a row. This year there was a popcorn maker, set up and staffed by Jon Jansky, and co-chairs Deb Jansky and Patti Perry. A popper was obtained by Lynda Nadkarni, powered by a generator, lent by Carrie Staubus and family. Popcorn sales (at \$2/bag) were brisk, with the only down side being the steady noise of the hardworking generator. A game booth of rubber duck races (powered by squirt gun fire) was staffed by the Chris and Connor Halline (\$.25/race). The races were very popular with the pre-school and grade-school set, while numerous high-school boys stopping by were interested in placing bets. All participants were rewarded with candy. Proceeds after purchase of supplies were less than \$100.

Strawberry Social 2010 occurred on Wednesday, July 14 from 6 to 8 pm on the RPC lawn, under the able leadership of Lynda Nadkarni and Deb Jansky, and many volunteers. There was music and a water mister, thanks to Jim Sit. The move back to a Wednesday evening (after two to three years on Sundays) was viewed as a big success.

Expenses: Twilight Rental for tables and chairs

24-8ft banquet tables was 10.00 each = \$240.00

250 - chairs was \$1.25 each = \$312.50

Total \$552.50 Delivery - \$35.00 Grand Total \$587.50

Strawberries 60 lbs. ---\$96.00

Ice Cream 3 containers chocolate and 4 containers vanilla ---\$126.00

Appx. Total = \$810

Revenue:	From mailing of 4 tickets and request of \$20	\$1170
	From sales at the door	\$1550
	From raffle tickets	\$ 125
	Appx. Total	\$2845

There was just over \$2000 in profit. RPC was reimbursed (\$300) for secretarial support and mailing costs for mailing of tickets and requests for donations. Recommendation: keeping \$800 in the restricted account to cover all costs for next year, and use the remainder for the glass tumblers (purchased in 12/2010) which have been on the wish list for years, and lightweight folding tables, to save on rental costs in years ahead.

The RPC Weekend Connections program evolved from a summer meeting of Christian Ed and Fellowship Committee members, including Jenny Kolinski, Carrie Staubus, and Melinda Yachnin. It offers an alternative to Wednesday Night Live!, with various events, once per month, over the course of the next year. Events are open to RPC and to the community, appealing to different interests, ages, and schedules. Jenny Kolinski has offered to secure childcare at a nominal fee, with advance notice, and transportation has been offered by the committee members, with prior arrangement through the RPC office.

The Power of Forgiveness, an award winning documentary movie about dealing with tragedy, was shown and discussion led by Pastor Scott Jansen on Saturday, October 16 (6:30-8:00pm). Attendance was approx 15 persons. The movie was enjoyed but could not

be viewed in full, and was subsequently shown over two weeks for the Human Scene, 9:00-9:50am, in November, 2010.

1000 Tree Planting by the Riverside United Methodist Church (RUMC) on November 13 was supported by the Fellowship committee. Organized by Tom Sisulak of RUMC, this program seeks to educate and plant native seeds in the Riverside area. Lisa and Jim Marciniak and Marilyn Slanec participated. Turnout was less than expected due to rainy weather (about 25 persons). The Native American speaker was ill, but the Riverside Forester spoke, and reported that seedlings from previous years are now up to 2 feet tall. The attendees planted their seeds in assigned sites and a chili supper was shared afterwards.

Game Night took place Nov 14, 6-8pm. Open to church and community, approximately 50 people had a great time together. There were all ages in attendance, from preschoolers to senior members, and both Youth groups. Games included Yahtsee, Dominos, Connect 4, Bananagrams, and card and board games. The evening concluded with an all inclusive circle game, a favorite of the youth group, led by Tara Gregus, which had everyone scrambling for chairs and laughing. There were abundant snacks, lemonade and coffee.

Thanksgiving Pot Luck (November 21, following Sunday worship) led by Noemi Sanchez, there was a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for our church family. Connie Kelly made beautiful table triangle decorations with Bible verses. Several people who live alone expressed heartfelt thanks for the meal with their church family. It was the first year of what is hoped to become an RPC tradition.

Christmas tree set up. Lisa and Jim Marciniak set up and decorated a church tree again this year outside the sanctuary. They and the Fellowship Committee invited the congregation to hang family cards on the tree, and donate saved mailing costs to RPC.

Messiah Wassail Bowl (December 12) Near-blizzard conditions this year could not dampen enthusiasm for the annual production of Handel's Messiah, led by Sally Sloane. The traditional Wassail Bowl reception immediately followed it, with decorations and direction from traditional hosts, Jon and Deb Jansky, and a host of volunteer bakers, set-up and clean-up helpers. Special thanks go to Noemi Sanchez, and Marilyn Slanec for set-up and clean-up, Mike Aieta, and John Haugland for endless dishwasher duty, Connie Kelly, Lisa, Jim and Stuart Marciniak, and many others for cleanup assistance as well. Thanks to Cindy Reynolds Rayfield for decorations, and to innumerable RPC members who helped serve punch, pour coffee, and refill platters of treats.

As we finish this year, we look forward to activities for 2011. Our activities often centered around food, and we look forward to more pot-lucks and eating opportunities! Some specifics:

Book discussion (Sun. Jan. 16, 2011, 6-8pm) – Scott will lead a discussion of a book he has recommended: "Razing Hell: Rethinking Everything You've Been Taught About God's Wrath and Judgment" by Sharon Baker. Lorraine Meyer and Susan Lisle have investigated obtaining copies of the book for January book club and have offered information and assistance through the Sunday bulletin.

Winter Valentine's Potluck dinner and Square Dance is scheduled for Sat. February 12, 6-9pm. The caller and 3 musicians are confirmed (\$400 and they'll join us for dinner before). We seek to involve all with contra, line and square dancing. It is open to all ages. We will need to wear gym shoes only on the gym floor for dance, per the trustees. A dinner potluck is planned, and there will be a small charge to cover the band and caller fee. Fellowship funds may need to help cover the fees if not sufficiently covered by door charge, but this is viewed as a building year for what may become another recurring event.

The 3rd annual Open Mic night will be Sunday, March 6, 5:00-8:00pm, to accommodate schedule conflicts of organizers and to maximize youth group participation (in the Social Hall at RPC).

An Earth Day Celebration is planned for Sunday, April 2, 2011, 2 pm. with two (brief) movies and discussion: *The Man Who Planted Trees* and *Blessed Unrest* (recommended by John Haugland).

Nature Hike (Let's Celebrate Spring's Arrival!) is planned for Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 2 pm.

Preparation for a float or booth for Riverside's Fourth of July Parade and Guthrie Park Celebrations will tentatively take place in June, 2011: specific date and time to be determined.

Annual Strawberry Social may tentatively be Wednesday, July 13 or 20, 6-9 pm.

Again, our committee could not have done all of our activities this year without many volunteers and persons who said yes with a smile. Thank you to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Perry

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Alfred Kitch
Cindy Reynolds Rayfield
Tony Miezio
Dennis Sadilek
Pastor Scott Jansen
Courtney Hooglander

Jim Ulrich
Mike Heine
Fred Mitchell
Brian Jansen
Jon Jansky
Wayne Penn

Financial accountability and predictability are the main concerns of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee has the responsibility of reviewing RPC financial statements on a month to month basis that are presented to the Committee by Fred Kitch, RPC Treasurer. The Committee reviews and monitors all receipts and expenditures in an effort to track the month to month progress of complying with the goal of a balanced budget

Once again, the economic environment in 2010 created a challenge for RPC. Through the incredible generosity of RPC members and the continuous efforts of the Trustees, Deacons, Elders and especially the Stewardship Committee, RPC was able to end the year with a nominal operating deficit of \$10,810.00. The Endowment Fund has generously allowed the General Operating Fund to borrow the \$10,810.00 needed to balance the budget from a special use fund. This loan will be repaid with interest over the course of the year.

The 2011 RPC Budget was presented to Session by the Budget Committee at the December Session Meeting. The 2011 Budget does contain a projected deficit. The strong 2010 finish and the continued commitment that members pledged to the Stewardship Committee during the 2011 Pledge Drive have given us faith that this deficit will be overcome.

I would like to remind all RPC members that the Per Capita for 2011 has increased to \$30.11 per active member. The Per Capita is paid to the Presbytery and is an expense in RPC's 2011 Budget. Envelopes for the Per Capita are included in your envelope box for your convenience.

The Finance Committee is looking for member participation in our monthly meetings. They occur the second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Appreciation goes out to all members of the Finance Committee for their participation and support throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Miezio

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Riverside Presbyterian Church welcomed a total of fifteen new members during 2010, seven who joined after completing their confirmation classes and eight who joined after attending new member sessions led by Pastor Scott Jansen. In addition, two children were baptized during the year. Photos were provided, whenever possible, for the *Vision* newsletter.

The seven confirmands: Allie Burke, Jake Fieseler, Emily Hastings, Brian Jansen, Karl Jantze, Andi Krug and Annie Mitchell. The eight new adult members: Terence Akebe, Russel Brown, Bonnie Carlson, Greg Peacock, Noemi and Daniel Sanchez, David Schade, Evaine Stahrr. The two baptisms: Nuala Macree Lubeck, on August 22, and Joshua Alexander Yachnin, on February 28.

RPC was saddened by the deaths of fourteen of its members during 2010, including: Janet Benson Ashby; Henrietta Cady; Tom A. Cokins; Donald Falconer; William F. Graf; Ken Holt; Kent & Marlene Huebner; Etheleen Jackson; Raymond J. Jirsa; John Charles Lewe, Jr.; Carl J. Martin; Pat Hoglund Michaels; and Rudolph Slapansky, Jr.

A concerted effort was made to contact non-participating members to encourage a resumption of participation in the life of the church. When this was not possible, because of distance or some other reason, alternative options were discussed. In total, sixteen names were removed from the rolls and forty others placed on the inactive list. (Note: inactives are exempted from the per capita tax.)

The project, undertaken last year by Patti Perry Halline to update our membership records, was continued this year. The deacons again helped to follow up on members for whom we had incomplete information. Data compiled by the deacons and this committee was forwarded to the church office staff, who used it to update the Shepherd's Staff computer database.

A buffet supper followed by games was hosted for new members and their children at the home of Mike and Bev Aieta in August. The party was enjoyed by all who attended, and Mike and Bev deserve a big thank-you for being such gracious hosts.

A new brochure highlighting our rotational Sunday school and other youth opportunities was prepared for use by the preschool at their open house events. It is hoped that preschool parents, by learning more about our church, and especially our children's activities, will be motivated to join RPC. Thanks go to Jenny Kolinski and Melinda Yachnin for their help with this project.

Additional thanks go to Colleen Muller, who wrote follow-up notes to visitors who signed the friendship pad and provided handmade baptismal bonnets.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Gates

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active members as of Janua	ary 1, 2010	4	68
Additions:			
New n	nembers	8	
Confi	rmands	7	
		+15	
		4	83
Losses:			
Letter	of transfer	2	
Death	S	14	
Other	losses	54	
(Includes transfer to	inactive roll, resigna	ution and removal a -70	by session)
Active members as of Dece	mber 31, 2010	4	13
Infant/child baptisms	2		
Adult baptism	0		
Weddings	0		
In Memoriam			
Janet Benson Ashby	•	Marlene Huebr	ner
Henrietta Cady		Etheleen Jacks	on
Tom Cokins		Raymond Jirsa	l

Mary Ann Sadilek Clerk of Session

Donald Falconer

T. Kenneth Holt

William Graf

Kent Huebner

John Lewe

Carl Martin

Patricia Hoglund Michaels

Rudolph Slapansky

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Beverly Aieta Debra Jansky Alice McLean Rosalyn Pearson Shelley Reichle
The Memorial Committee wishes to thank all of those who made donations to the Memorial Fund throughout 2010. The Committee presents the following:
Funds given in memory of Henrietta Cady were designated for the planting of a tree in the Prayer Garden.
Funds given in memory of John Lewe were designated for the Computer Lab.
Funds given in memory of Carl Martin were designated to the planting of a tree in the Prayer Garden.
Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Aieta, chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee began meeting in September to plan for recruitment of officers for 2011. We met primarily on a bi-weekly basis and also communicated via telephone and e-mail. Nominations were solicited from the congregation via weekly bulletin, Vision notices, and at the congregational meeting, as well as from committee members. The committee recruited the following slate of candidates, which was presented to the congregation for approval at a congregational meeting held on December 5, 2010:

Session

Cindy Gustafson

Keith Pearson

Jim Sit

Bill Vogel

Melinda Yachnin

Claire Gangware

Hollie Miezio (replacing Steve Teune – Class of 2011)

Deacons

Lloyd Bradbury

Mary Jansen

Noemi Sanchez

Svlvia Penn

Thom DeVries

Tricia Willinger

Paula McCracken (replacing Thea Kiwiet – Class of 2011)

Evaine Stahrr/Doris Hayes (replacing Betsy Gardner – Class of 2011)

Trustees

David Schade

Diane Chaney

Jim McLean

Paul Sterner

Dennis Sadilek (filling open position – Class of 2012)

Endowment Committee

Mike Heine

Nominating Committee

Tony Miezio

Kemp Clarke

John Kiwiet

2 Elders (to be determined)

1 Deacon (to be determined)

1 Trustee (to be determined)

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Lisle (co-chair), Vicky Vogel (co-chair),

Joe Dvorak, Hollie Miezio, Henry Vogel, Doris Hayes, and Scott Schwarz

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Personnel Committee members on 12/31/10 included Shannon Buhle, Joe Dvorak, Kathi Roccanova, Stanley Schade, Pastor Scott Jansen and Serina Ranft, Chair.

RPC Staff highlights from 2010:

- Pastor Scott Jansen completed his third year with RPC in July of 2010. His creative and detailed sermons continue to encourage and inspire us. We want to thank him for taking an active role in committees and programs.
- Dr. Sally Sloane continues in her role as Minister of Music. Her contract has been renewed though 2011 to lead the chancel, bell and children's choirs. Sally's dedication to this position has made our music program outstanding to us at RPC and the community.
- Jenny Kolinski our Director of Christian Education who started in summer of 2009 has proved to be an exceptional fit and a great asset to our children's programs.
- Tara Gregus continues as Jr/Sr High Youth Advisor. She brings a renewed energy and enthusiasm to these youth ministries. This year her duties have been expanded to include youth from Ascension Lutheran Church.
- Linda Hutcheson continues to tirelessly lead the church office. This is Donna Jones' second year working in the office on Thursdays and Fridays. Linda and Donna are very effective at job sharing the position of Administrative Assistant; their dedication and hard work keep church operations on track.
- o Mary Koon was hired to lead the Girls' Group this year. We are especially glad to have her in this role as she was the one who developed the program in 2008.
- Nancy Hopkins continues to be our Webmaster and Vision Editor. The Vision has never looked better, and the website has become a crucial communications tool for RPC.
- This is Fred Kitch's third year as Treasurer. We are grateful for his dedication and attention to detail, performing a difficult job with a sense of humor.
- Cindy Reynolds Rayfield continues to work tirelessly in her role as Financial Secretary. We appreciate Cindy and the Finance Committee for their hard work and dedication, in so many unseen tasks.
- o Joel Hastings continues his role as Building Manager. Joel's unique skills and experience make him an invaluable asset to RPC.
- Lindsay Hayes staffed the office during Christmas and summer breaks. We appreciate her flexibility and good nature.

The Personnel Committee would like to thank the hard working and dedicated staff of Riverside Presbyterian Church –we are blessed to have a staff that works with one another harmoniously as they manage and lead our church family.

Respectfully submitted, Serina Ranft, Committee Chair

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The last "Gathering" of the Riverside Presbyterian Women was Wednesday, April 14, 2010 in the Heritage Room at the Scottish Home with a delicious buffet luncheon and outstanding program, arranged by Marjorie Lewe, Elizabeth Musick, and Carol Sprunger. "Simplify, simplify," was the mantra of Henry David Thoreau, and his landmark book "Walden", which was discussed by Roberta Gates.

Horizons Bible Study usually met the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall at RPC. The study through June 2010 was "Joshua, A Journey of Faith". The current study through June 2011 is "Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today." The excellent leaders are members Elizabeth Musick, Sylvia Schade, and Joyce Van Cura. Three new ladies have joined this nice study group. All ladies are invited.

Special Projects: Blankets +, dedicated on Sunday, February 21, 2010 for Church World Service, raised \$660.00 from church members and was again handled by Carol Sprunger. In November, to benefit the Erie House, Lucille Christensen, Edith Wakely, and Carol Sprunger handled the sale of 72 one pound \$8.00 bags of pecans, totaling \$576.00. \$2.05 of each bag sold goes to the Team Tutoring Program for College Bound High School Students at Erie Neighborhood House.

Coordinating Team, a dedicated group, Lucille Christensen, Kohar Havelka, Dorothy Jansky, Marjorie Lewe, Elizabeth Musick and Carol Sprunger discussed the future of Presbyterian Women and decided to discontinue the Scottish Home "Gatherings."

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Sprunger, Moderator

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT

\$185.87

Balance, December 31, 2009	\$265.84
Receipts:	
Study Books	\$136.40
Disbursements:	
Study Books	\$136.40
Program	50.00
Guest	14.00
Flowers	<u>15.97</u>
	\$216.37

Balance, December 31, 2010

RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

Years ago my predecessor quoted Calvin Coolidge's statement that "Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence" and as time marches on that statement still rings true. The Preschool celebrated its $40^{\rm th}$ anniversary during this past year with a gathering of present and past Preschool students and their families for a Wicky Wacky Sunday. This event also marked the departure of Nancy Dvorak who devoted 29 of those years to the program.

Riverside Presbyterian Preschool serves both children of the congregation (9) as well as the surrounding communities of Berwyn, Brookfield, LaGrange Park, Lyons, North Riverside and Riverside. There are 59 children enrolled with two sessions (morning and afternoon). The sessions are $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours in length and meet 3 days a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The staff meets for an additional half day on Monday for weekly and monthly planning. The staff shared 27 home visits at the beginning of the school year to introduce themselves and make the children feel welcome in their first school setting. Our play-based curriculum creates a learning place that is physically and emotionally safe and fun for all our children age 3 to 5 with a developmentally appropriate and high quality education. This active ministry of the Church is proud to provide a great educational beginning to so many children.

The quality of the program is based upon the quality of the teachers. We have dedicated and caring teachers who make the program the top quality one that it is. "Catch 'Em Being Good" continues as our main philosophy and is evident each time I walk from classroom to classroom watching the teachers interact with our children. Lisa Manganiello, Susan Lisle, Barb Sitton and newcomer Marcie Westel are part of the creative team that work 3 ½ days each week with Sandy Haddad coming in for 2 days. The teachers continue to earn continuing education hours by attending Early Childhood Conferences and are certified in CPR/First Aid training. Additionally we have Jeanine Buttimer who does a terrific job as the Preschool Bursar.

The Preschool is administered by the following Board: Lisa Hennelly, Chairperson, John Cain, Courtenay Erb, Scott Jansen, Victoria Manchen, Mike Murphy, Aimee Sahlas, and Carrie Staubus. We are very grateful for their time, leadership and support! Retired board members Lisa Carlson, Jill Glawe and Joan Kanatas were honored by dedicating special books in their honor for the classroom library.

Our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), administered by a committee within the Board, has supported many families. with parents adding an extra amount to their monthly tuition check. This fall the profits from the Riverside Foods Benefits Days were dedicated to the TAP Fund. What a wonderful way to lend a hand if you can.

Hundreds of parents signed up to volunteer in one form or another for the Preschool. Whether it's sewing, laundry, recycling cans for BEDS or play yard clean-up (to name a few) we have an endless supply of families to rely upon. The Teachers Appreciation Committee supplies the teachers with wonderful holiday lunches and provided the teachers with a lovely Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in April. Other parents give of their time

and talents through various fundraisers which keep tuition and field trips costs down. They include Gold C Books, Geranium Sale, Candle Sale, and Book Fair and Raffle. Our monthly book orders and Campbell's Labels provide the Preschool with supplies.

Along with parent volunteerism we keep in contact with our parents through our monthly Parent Partnership calendar, the "Good News Gazette" report in November and Parent/Teacher conferences in January.

Each year brings some old and new adventures. Each year we visit the Riverside Police and Fire Departments as well as the Public Library. Our annual trip to the Brookfield Zoo this year had us visiting our adopted animal "Jazzy" the monkey. We visited the Cernan Space Center to watch "Dinosaurs in Space", had a visits from 'Pizza Tony' who made us all pizzas, *Karen's Nature Tales* spoke about Critter Coverings, Metra's Operation Lifesaver, the Humane Society and ended the year with the marionette show *Dave Herzog's Furry Follies*. We celebrated Wicky Wacky Wednesday, had a Mother's Day Tea, A Dad's Night, a Rainbow End-of-the-Year Program and decorated a Christmas Tree in Centennial Park.

Our many community outreaches include recycling aluminum cans for BEDS sending in over \$180, with matching funds from Riverside Bank, the Ring Leader Program: saving plastic rings from can holders to protect the environment, saving cancelled commemorative stamps to support bird sanctuaries in Illinois and visiting the British and Scottish Homes at Halloween time to perform holiday songs and deliver a gift to each resident. We are proud of each and every one of these outreach programs.

With each new year we create a new theme to keep our creative juices flowing. 2010-2011 finds us with "Preschoolers on the 'Moo've" which has been udderly great so far (we've adopted a cow named Emma). We ended 2010 with the Christmas Program "The Night Before Christmas" with visits from Santa played by Jack Wiaduck and Jay Van Cura and his merry sidekick Rudolf played by our very own Sandy Haddad. Musical accompaniment was provided by our newest addition Marcie Westel. With the efforts of the teachers every Preschool family received a priceless gift from their child - a framed handprint marking the year.

The months have flown by as I have taken on this newest role in my life. I realize I'm in marvelous place surrounded by the support of not only the staff but also Reverend Scott Jansen, the Church family, the Church Treasurer Fred Kitch, secretaries Linda Hutchinson and Donna Jones, and Joel Hastings our Building Supervisor. Each day I'm thankful for their endless contributions and support. Thanks to all for making this such a special place to be!

Lisa Manganiello Director

PRESCHOOL BUDGET

It's worth noting upfront that although school years span calendar years, the Preschool's budget falls with RPC broader finances. A snapshot of the Preschool's fiscal health is viewed on an annual basis that actually is made up of two different school years. A few highlights for calendar year 2010:

- Personnel costs changed throughout the year as related to Director Nancy Dvorak's retirement and a few other personnel changes
- Tuition for both the spring and fall was kept the same at \$200 per month
- Total revenues for 2010 were \$129,313
- Total costs for 2010 were lower than 2009 and totaled \$119,066 (Checks + Outflows Inflows)
- The Preschool is very happy to report a positive fiscal result for the year of \$10,247

		KIVERSIDE PRI	SBYTERIAN C	HURCH PRESCHO	OL			
			FY 2010 Finan	cials				
	Account	Beginning			Intra-RPC	Γransfers	YTD	Ending
Number	Description	Balance	Deposits	Checks Written	Inflow	Outflow	Net Activity	Balance
Total Revenue (Tuition + Fund Raisers + TAP)	18,032.93	129,314.44	9,358.45	863.51	700.00	120,119.50	138,152.4
Total Personnel			0.00	86,698.86	0.00	0.00	(86,698.86)	(86,698.8
Total Fersonnel			0.00	80,098.80	0.00	0.00	(80,098.80)	(00,090.0
Total Fringe			0.00	5,819.08	0.00	1,100.12	(6,919.20)	(6,919.2
Total Supplies,	Operations, Facilities		0.00	9,453.52	0.00	6,800.04	(16,253.56)	(16,253.5
Pre Sc	hool Totals	18,032.93	129,314.44	111,329.91	863.51	8,600.16	10,247.88	28,280.8

Respectfully submitted, John Cain

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee Members:

Mary Ann Sadilek Mike Heine Ellen Hamilton Bill Vogel

Daniel Sanchez Paula McCracken

Beverly Aieta Cindy Reynolds Rayfield

I had hoped that the Stewardship Committee would improve the congregation's understanding of stewardship as something greater and more important than simple fundraising. However, the reality of the budget and improvement projects superseded this and focus was on shoring up funds for RPC.

Per Capita:

RPC paid \$13,155 in total for each of our confirmed members in 2010. \$3,090.18 was received. This then reflects \$10,000 of the year-end deficit. The 2011 amount is \$14,215.00 which is \$30.31 per person. An effort was made this year to increase members' understanding of this expense of the church and their responsibility for making a special offering to support it.

Deficit Fundraising:

- A treasure sale was held on September 18 (\$2,125.89)
- A spaghetti dinner and auction was held on October 3 (\$2,438.23)
- A year-end mailing was sent on December 15 (\$15,146)
- Sale of wreaths in December (\$83.52)

Pledge Drive:

We decided to follow the every member outreach program for a third year. Total number of Pledges made for 2010 was 135 (7.5% <u>less</u> than last year) Total dollars pledged was: \$279,378 (2% <u>less</u> than last year). The percentage of Previous Pledging Members who increased their pledge was 24%. 19 members were first-time pledgers. 133 members (almost 50% of membership) do not pledge.

Cheerful Givers:

The Stewardship Committee using suggestions from the Trustees, determined what projects would have focus and provided minutes for mission on said needs.

Memorial Committee:

This sub-committee was chaired by Beverly Aieta and has a separate report.

Special Offerings:

There was a small focus on giving other than to the deficit and special projects through the four special offerings: Christmas Joy (\$518.00), One Great Hour of Sharing (\$863.11), Pentecost (\$440.25) and Peacemaking (\$542.00). There is one additional offering, Tools and Blankets which is coordinated by the Presbyterian Women. (\$660.00)

Other Oversight:

An additional function of the committee is to coordinate any activity of the church where funds are being sought – whether or not the end result of the activity is a profit. A form resides on the RPC website and is available in the office as well. Any individual or group who plans to have a money-changing event must complete the form for approval by the committee. The goal of this is to assure that our members and friends are not being overburdened by requests for support of RPC and RPC related groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Nadakrni

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the aspects of maintenance, repairs and improvements to our historic church buildings and grounds. Trustees operate within a budget, and for larger projects under the approval of the Session. Our goal is to maintain a pleasant and functional facility that serves the needs of our church ministries and also serves as a welcoming resource for the community.

It was my privilege to have served with the 2010 Board. They are V.P. Nancy Jensen, Sec. Susan Dluhy, Lou Heine, George Meyer, Fred Mitchell, Chris Schiller, Caroline Tecson, Henry Vogel, Wayne Penn.

We are fortunate to employ a part-time custodian, Krzysztof Gieron, and building supervisor, Joel Hastings, who perform many duties. We appreciate their contribution to maintaining and improving our building.

We also appreciate the many church members who have contributed to our efforts during our monthly All Church Family Work Days.

The Trustees continue to manage normal property maintenance issues such as snow removal, the fire alarm system, pest control, lighting and heating and cooling systems, utilities and insurance.

Special projects for 2010:

- Sidewalk repair.
- Floor tile in Gym stairwell
- Organ repair.
- Continued work in the Prayer Garden.

In addition to the above, the following major capital projects continue:

- 1. The Stained Glass windows Restoration.
- 2. Rose Window brick paver fundraiser.
- 3. Funding for a handicap washroom.

We have worked to reduce expenses by doing many projects in house. Members of the trustees have truly given of their time and talents in every way.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Jansky

RYAN WOMACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Board of Directors of this fund formally met two times this year. The Board awarded \$11,900 in scholarships to 34 recipients.

The recipients are as follows:

Lindsay Hayes

Chris Allen Peter Jansen Stephanie Sauer Christine Armstrong Cody Kazarian James Sit **Seth Kazarian** Jordan Ballerine Michael Sit **Kelsey Buttimer** Alex Krug Martha Sitkiewicz **Phillip Dluhy Dylan Krug Anna Tess** John Franzo **Andrea Leibrandt** Alexa Vogel Lauren Vogel William Gangware Jordan Messner **Jacob Gregus Emily Mussio** Morgan Vogel

Chris Nelson

Chris Halline Katherine Pike
Conner Halline Lisa Roccanova
Lily Henderson Nicole Rocconi

The 20th annual fundraiser was held at Riverside Golf Club in October. This event was a huge success, raising over \$17,553 in profit for the fund. Everyone attending had a wonderful time.

William Vogel

Sara Wert

This Scholarship Fund was set up to help the youth of our church realize their hopes and dreams for the future, in furthering their education and to keep Ryan's memory alive.

Respectfully submitted from this Board,

Randy Womack, Chairman Lonnie Womack, Secretary

Lisa Cavaliere Ron Pike

Nancy Chmell
Jessie Coleman
Joe Dvorak III
Shelley Reichle
Dennis Sadilek
Lou Scannicchio

Joe Dvorak IVJoe TessCarol FranzoPeter TessMike HeineChris UlrichChristine LongBill Vogel

Michelle Luethje
Milt Nieuwsma

Carrie Norwood

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

During 2010 the Worship & Music Committee sought, in the Mission Statements of Riverside Presbyterian Church, to be welcoming to all, and to Celebrate God's Presence, help to Nurture spiritual life, Carry the Light of Christ into the world, and Serve God by serving others.

The membership of the committee, comprised of five in January, 2010, expanded to eight later in the year. The team was grateful for co-chair Steven Teune's diligent service and accepted his request in August for a leave of absence with regret.

Many volunteers, including adults, youth, and children, faithfully served as liturgists, acolytes, and ushers on each Sunday of the year, as well as for additional services during Lent and Advent. All Elders currently on Session and others who volunteered from time to time rotated in serving the Lord's Supper each month, alongside Deacons. W&M coordinated these efforts. Thank you to all who assisted!

The colorful paraments adorning the pulpit were changed according to the liturgical year, reminding us of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, as well as the seasons of penitence and preparation, the Day of Pentecost, and times of spiritual growth.

On behalf of the committee, the W&M chairs invited guest ministers to RPC as pulpit supply on several Sundays. On the last Sunday of the year, Lynda Nadkarni, an RPC member-Elder, was invited to fulfill that function, and she graciously accepted. Our Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen, kindly offered excellent guidance and counsel in planning for these occasions, for which we are grateful.

The committee offered assistance as needed for several special services, including those of Ash Wednesday, Maunday Thursday, Palm Sunday, Easter Day, Jazz and Youth Sundays, a Blessing of the Animals service (held outside), a pulpit exchange, the Children's Christmas Program, and Christmas Eve. All were enthusiastically supported. Two services were held on both Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve. It was noted that the later Christmas Eve service was attended by more people than in the past few years, perhaps due to the change in hour (from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m.). The four RPC choirs, as well as a number of instrumental and vocal soloists, participated regularly in most worship services, adding greatly to the spiritual nurture of all. We are grateful to our Minister of Music, Dr. Sally Sloane, for her very, very fine leadership.

Twice during the year, at Easter and Advent / Christmas, W&M supervised the plant programs in which members are given opportunity to purchase Easter lilies or poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones, to ornament the church, or to contribute to the Endowment, Memorial, or Music Ministry Funds. In 2010, such honor / memorial gifts were added to the performance of "Messiah". Sarah Dudak created beautiful cards to correspond with the instruments which are played during the presentation.

Palm fronds were provided for Palm Sunday and live, green wreaths ornamented the outside doors of the church this Christmastide. On other Sundays of the year, individuals and families are encouraged to provide flowers for the sanctuary, signing up on the calendar provided in the office entry-way.

An additional responsibility of the committee is to maintain certain articles used in our worship space (sometimes with aid from helpful Trustees and the Pastor), such as the candle-lighting devices and Advent Wreath, and to purchase supplies used in worship as needed (candles, pens, identifying ribbons/name tags for liturgists, acolytes, and ushers).

In the fall the Session assigned W&M the task of reviewing fees for Memorial Services conducted at RPC. A report to Session on this subject will be forthcoming in early 2011.

We again are grateful to so many persons who generously volunteer extra time to enhance our worship of God here at Riverside Presbyterian Church. Our committee could not accomplish our ministry without your help.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Musick, Chair Mike Aieta
Betsy Gardner Donna Ulrich
Sarah Dudak Lorraine Meyer
Dr. Sally Sloane Virginia Yang

MUSIC MINISTRY

2010 comprised a wonderful year of ministry through music here at RPC. That ministry reached out to members of our congregation and beyond with the help of many hands and voices. Of the many churches that I have served, the members of the RPC Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir are certainly my favorites. They are a talented group, even by metropolitan church standards. Most importantly though, they are a group of people who are full of goodwill, fond of fellowship and giving of their time and talents. I have been blessed.

Messiah 2010 - After some research on Mary Ann Sadilek's part, it was discovered that this was our 25th year of Messiah concerts. No wonder that our church is famous in the area for this production. We tried something new this year and it has proven to be very successful. This year's Messiah was dedicated as a Memorial or Honor to those we have loved and lost, those we honor today or those who have inspired us. Many church members and chorus members listed their loved ones in a Memorial insert and contributed financially to the Messiah production. Messiah 2010 was a financial and musical success, despite the untimely blizzard conditions. The Wassail Bowl reception was as stunning as usual thanks to the Fellowship Committee.

The Riverside Singers and Ringers have had a terrific year at RPC. We continure to expand the ranks with many new 5 and 6 year olds. Donna Ulrich, LIz Musick and I meet with the children each Wednesday afternoon throughout the school year. We work on musical skills of course, but it is our hope to instill in the children the importance of participation in the worship experience and a sense of spirituality through music.

The RPC Handbell Choir has exploded in their ability to learn new music. The group started in 2004 with no experienced ringers. We could barely get through Level I Handbell material. We now have several experienced ringers who can handle advanced ringing techniques and play Level 3 + material on a regular basis. The Choir played this past December in the Riverside Christmas Walk. This was great exposure for the church programs (yes, we brought our flyers) and also a fun gig for the Bell Choir.

The RPC Chancel Choir is the backbone of our music program. This faithful volunteer group provides music almost every Sunday throughout the school year and during special services throughout the liturgical year. We have also sung for a couple of services at the British Home and helped host coffee fellowships after Sunday services. Some of the members of the Choir have also volunteered reorganizing our music files and library - no small task.

RPC's pipe organ was built in 1904. What is truly amazing is how well the instrument still functions despite its age. The RPC organ continues to inspire me as I am enjoying more practice time than I have had in many years. The Trustees scheduled some much-needed repairs to the organ in December just in time for our standing-room-only Christmas Eve program featuring the four choirs, lessons and carols at 4 pm. Planning is under way for a concert featuring the RPC organ and the Bell Choir to raise funds for future organ repairs.

Thanks, from the bottom of my heart to our RPC musical angels: Mary Ann (Minister of Music Emeritus) Liz & Donna (the Saints of the Ringers & Singers) Karena (our Artist in Residence), Virginia (our Chinese laundress), the many musicians who shared their talents with us during the summer of 2010 and the talented youth of RPC who we are blessed to hear each Youth Sunday and look forward to hearing more from in the future.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Sally Sloane, BM, MM, DMA, Minister of Music, Riverside Presbyterian Church

SESSION

The session of RPC consists of the pastor and the elders in active service, and is responsible for the mission and government of the church. Through its various committees, the session organizes the aspects of church life, including worship, Christian education, membership, stewardship, and fellowship.

Elders serve as chairmen of the RPC committees and bring recommendations and concerns from the committees to the session for discussion and approval.

A joint meeting of the elders and deacons was held to discuss items of mutual concern.

An ongoing effort is encouraging more RPC members to pledge their financial support to the church's ministries and to more fully participate in the work of the church by sharing of their time and talents.

RPC was delighted to have Mary Koon, our former Seminary Intern, accept the position of Girls' Group advisor.

Some highlights during the year included approving the merger of the RPC Junior High and Senior High youth groups with the Ascension Lutheran Church youth groups, approving the use of the RPC Sanctuary by Pro-Se Services for distribution of bread to the needy, reviewing the Confirmation process, and reviewing the fees for funerals/memorials.

An amendment to the RPC bylaws to provide for the election of youth officers was submitted by the session and presented to the congregation, which approved it at a special meeting.

A task force has been exploring the possibility of having a Columbarium in the church.

The following elders served during 2010:

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Patti Perry Halline	Roberta Gates	Mike Aieta
Ellen Hamilton	Elizabeth Musick	George Dluhy
Mike Heine	Lynda Nadkarni	Deb Jansky
Tony Miezio	Mary Ann Sadilek	Matt Lisle
Dennis Sadilek	Steve Teune	Serina Ranft
Melinda Yachnin	Vicky Vogel	Carrie Staubus

Mary Ann Sadilek Clerk of Session Annual Congregational Meeting Riverside Presbyterian Church Riverside, IL 60546 Sunday, January 31, 2010 Church Sanctuary

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen

Clerk: Mary Ann Sadilek

The annual meeting of the congregation was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen and called to order at 11:04 am. The clerk declared the presence of a quorum.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive the 2009 Annual Report, to discuss any matters of concern and to approve the compensation for the pastor.

Opportunity was provided for questions about or corrections to the report. The clerk noted that the correct membership figure for "other losses" should be 13 and the year end active membership 468. Dennis Sadilek thanked all involved in preparing the annual report and all who participated in RPC's many activities during the year.

Rev. Jansen read the names of members who died during 2009: Marjorie Whitney Prass and Isabel Matousek, and they were lovingly and prayerfully remembered.

At this point, Rev. Jansen and his family excused themselves from the meeting so that the matter of the pastor's compensation could be discussed.

Serina Ranft, chairman of the personnel committee, presented a motion to accept the proposed salary and benefits package for the pastor for 2010. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the congregation.

Rev. Jansen then returned to the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am and closed with prayer by Rev. Jansen.

Mary Ann Sadilek Clerk Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen Moderator Called Congregational Meeting Riverside Presbyterian Church Riverside, IL 60546 Sunday, September 12, 2010 Church Sanctuary

The called congregational meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen and called to order at 11:05 am. The clerk declared a quorum present.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider an amendment to the RPC bylaws as follows:

To insert a new article

ARTICLE V – YOUTH OFICERS

- 1. Confirmed members under the age of 25 may be elected to serve as youth deacons, elders, and trustees.
- 2. Terms for such youth officers shall be determined on a case by case basis, considering the availability of qualified individuals and the needs of the church.
 - 3. No board shall contain more than three youth officers at any one time.

To renumber the remaining Articles as follows
Current Article V will become Article VI
Current Article VI will become Article VII
Current Article VII will become Article VIII
Current Article VIII will become Article IX
Current Article IX will become Article X

It was moved and unanimously passed to approve the proposed amendment.

Tara Gregus encouraged youth to contact her if they were interested in serving on one of the boards.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and approved, and the meeting was closed at 11:09 am with a prayer offered by Rev. Jansen.

Mary Ann Sadilek Clerk of Session Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen Moderator Called Congregational Meeting Riverside Presbyterian Church Riverside, IL 60546 Sunday, December 5, 2010 Church Sanctuary

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen

Clerk: Mary Ann Sadilek

The called meeting of the congregation was opened with prayer by Rev. Jansen and called to order at 11:03 am. The clerk declared that a quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was the election of church officers for 2011. Matt Lisle, cochairman of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

Elders

Class of 2013

Cindy Gustafson, Keith Pearson, Jim Sit, Bill Vogel, Melinda Yachnin

Class of 2011

Hollie Miezio

One opening remained in the class of 2013 and opportunity was provided for nominations from the floor. Claire Gangware offered to serve and was added to the slate. There being no further nominations, the proposed slate was unanimously elected.

Deacons

Class of 2013

Lloyd Bradbury, Mary Jansen, Noemi Sanchez, Sylvia Penn, Thom DeVries, Tricia Willinger

Class of 2011:

Paula McCracken, Doris Hayes/Evaine Stahrr (shared position)

Youth Deacon: Molly Chaney

There were no nominations from the floor and the proposed slate was unanimously elected.

Trustees

Class of 2013

David Schade, Diane Chaney, Jim McLean, Paul Sterner

Class of 2012

Dennis Sadilek

There were no nominations from the floor and the proposed slate was unanimously elected.

Nominating Committee

Tony Miezio (one year term)

Two openings remained for members-at-large and Kemp Clarke and John Kiwiet volunteered to serve and were added to the list of nominees.

Since there were no further nominations, the proposed slate was unanimously elected.

Endowment Committee

Mike Heine (4 year term)

There were no nominations from the floor and Mike was unanimously elected.

Matt Lisle then thanked the members of his committee: Vicky Vogel (co-chairman), Joe Dvorak, Doris Hayes, Scott Schwarz, Hollie Miezio and Hank Vogel.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am and closed with prayer by Rev. Jansen.

Mary Ann Sadilek Clerk of Session Rev. Dr. Scott Jansen Moderator

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			Actual
	2010	2010	Compared
Account Description	Budget	Actual	to Budget
General Fund Receipts			
Pledged	320,000	267,307	(52,693)
Loose Offering Other Income	4,000	2,440	(1,560)
Budget Shortfall	6,000	8,504	2,504
Interest Income	20,529 500	18,530 293	(1,999) (207)
Endowment Income	1,000	1,398	398
Preschool Contribution	6,800	6,800	0
Garage / Rummage Sale		2,126	2,126
Spaghetti Dinner		2,438	2,438
Total Income	358,829	309,835	(48,994)
General Fund Disbursements			
Pastor			
Salary	41,597	42,101	504
Housing Allowance FICA Reimbursement	33,000	33,000	0
Pension	5,707 9,252	5,707	0
Major Medical	15,034	9,252 15,034	(0) (0)
Medical Deductible	2,500	2,500	0
Professional Expenses	2,000	716	(1,284)
Continuing Education	1,000	545	(455)
	110,090	108,854	(1,236)
Youth and Education Staff	110,050	100,054	(1,250)
Senior / Junior High Youth Advisor	11,709	11,985	276
Director of Christian Education	15,000	13,625	(1,375)
Continuing Education - Dir Christian Ed	1,000	0	(1,000)
	27,709	25,610	(2,099)
Worship and Music		,	(-,000)
Minister of Music	32,015	32,015	0
Continuing Education - Minister of Music	525	185	(340)
Worship Supplies	0	407	407
Professional Music	860	1,577	717
Supplies, Music and Tuning	1,500	1,547	47
Guest Preachers	-600	600	0
Substitute Organists	0	0	0
	35,500	36,330	830
Inter / Outer Reach	200	202	
Covenant of Churches Christian Education	200 3,500	200	0
Child Care	6,000	2,360 2,797	(1,140) (3,203)
Youth Activities	1,000	606	(394)
CARERS Committee	200	0	(200)
Membership Committee	400	40	(360)
Stewardship Committee	1,000	1,107	107
Fellowship Committee	100	0	(100)
	12,400	7,110	(5,290)
Buildings and Grounds			
Building Supervisor	13,203	6,602	(6,601)
Custodian	12,852	12,852	0
Utilities	33,578	23,133	(10,445)
Property Maintenance	17,000	17,000	0
Insurance Building Projects	15,238 0	12,189	(3,049)
Building Projects		0	0
062	91,871	71,776	(20,095)
Office	0.000	0.053	
Newsletter Editor Administrative Assistant	2,853 17,792	2,853 14,480	0 (3,312)
Office Supplies and Printing	4,000	5,135	1,135
Office Equipment Maintenance and Lease	10,600	6,923	(3,677)
Postage	2,000	1,453	(547)
Telephone	2,900	3,698	798
Per Capita - Received	0	(3,399)	(3,399)
Per Capita - Paid	13,155	13,155	(0)
Workers' Compensation	2,500	2,144	(356)
Taxes - FICA / Medicare	6,863	6,015	(848)
Miscellaneous Staff Expense	0 300	210	0
Stati Expense		210	(90)
Of and 1004 275 day	62,963	52,668	(10,295)
Church Wide Mission Church Wide Mission	15,000	15 000	0
Descon Misc. Request	2,300	15,000 2,300	0
Denous Times Decinent			
	17,300	17,300	
Total Normal Operating Expenses	357,833	319,649	(20 104)
Total Normal Operating Expenses	301,033	317,047	(38,184)
Special Funds			
Special Funds - Principal	964	964	(0)
Special Funds - Interest	32	32	(0)
Total Expenses	358,829	320,644	(38,185)
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Budget Deficit (Shortfall) / Totals	0	(10,809)	(10,809)

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	2010 Receipts	2010 Disbursements	Ending Balance
Special Funds		3		····
Memorials	5,999.39	2,995.00	2,485.85	6,508.54
Mary Frick Memorial - CARERS Committee	985.00	0.00	985.00	0.00
Wedding Ministry	102.20	0.00	0.00	102.20
Cheerful Giver - Planting Prayer Garden	35.00	150.00	1,105.00	(920.00)
Cheerful Giver - Bench	0.00	470.00	0.00	470.00
Continuing Education	253.43	44.14	297.57	0.00
Rotational Model	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adult Education	155.48	0.00	0.00	155.48
Seminary Student	5,553.20	4,000.00	4,600.20	4,953.00
Capital Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Projects - Gym Floor Resurfacing	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
Capital Projects - Computer Lab	764.00	60.00	0.00	824.00
Property Maintenance	4,421.59	17,477.04	21,764.93	133.70
Library Fund	(23.00)	0.00	0.00	(23.00)
Stained Glass Windows Restoration - Brick	6,200.00	0.00	0.00	6,200.00
Stained Glass Windows Restoration	13,002.87	1,000.00	0.00	14,002.87
Handicap Accessibility	13,906.25	0.00	0.00	13,906.25
Contingency Fund	0,00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Organ Fund	6,087.00	100.00	2,018.43	4,168.57
Hunger Fund	80.97	974.85	926.00	129.82
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	863.11	863.11	0.00
Local Peacemaking	339.52	335.50	539.52	135.50
Pentecost	0.00	440.25	440,25	0.00
Christmas Joy	542.00	538.00	562.00	518.00
Local Pentecost	508.34	176.10	666.44	18.00
Tools of Hope and Blanket Program	20.00	740.00	660.00	100.00
Peacemaking	0.00	542.00	542.00	0.00
Music Fund	0.00	2,866.39	2,083.85	782.54
Pass thru Mission Funds	0.00	230,78	230.78	0.00
Sunday School Mission Project	917.42	145,74	130.00	933.16
Night Ministry	1,041.29	10.00	1,051,29	0.00
Mission Outreach Committee	1,124,25	0.00	1,000.00	124.25
Mission 2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retreat - Adult - Men Good Samaritan	175.00	3,216.00	1,997.00	1,394.00
	457.22	217.14	249,41	424.95
Retreat - Adult - Women Ministers' Emergency Fund	630,00	0,00	0.00	630.00
Retreat - Family	0.00	0.00	0,00	0.00
Youth Mission Projects	(42,50) 1,132,26	220.00	0.00	177.50
Youth Activities Fund Raisers		11,566.00	11,693.85	1,004.41
Wednesday Night Live! (WNL!)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	1,043.62 407.48	895.00	1,938.62	0.00
Fellowship - Strawberry Social		772.02	409.73	769,77
Flowers	667.53	2,295.00	1,336.84	1,625.69
Flowers - Easter Memorial	704,26 94.10	1,100.00	1,078.50	725.76
Flowers - Christmas Memorial	674.00	545.00 260.00	530,00 809,04	109.10 124,96
Building Use - Security Deposits	176.00	200.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous Clearing	0.00	0.00	0.00	376.00
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Church 700's Account Totals	68,135.17	55,645.06	63,195.21	60,585,02
Deacon Fund	3,958.46	1,478.06	3,704.09	1,732.43
Womack Memorial Scholarship	76,527.54	37,644.68	35,906.10	78,266.12
Endowment Contributions	3,000,00	3,875.88	6,875.88	0.00
Endowment Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Endowment Loan Repayment - Principal	2,208.12	963,91	2,208.12	963,91
Endowment Loan Repayment - Interest	38.80	31.59	38.80	31.59
Endowment Borrowing	(963.50)	963.50	0.00	0.00
Pre School - Net	18,166.44	130,177.95	120,063.58	28,280.81
Unknown Deposit	0.00	(89.50)	20.00	(109.50)

Final 2011 RPC Budget (01/10/2011)

	2010 Budget	2011 Proposed	Difference
General Fund Receipts			
201 Pledged	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 285,000.00	-5% 134 Pledges for
201 Unpledged	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	-65% \$278,454 total
201 Easter Offering			
201 Mothers Day Offering			
201 Thanksgiving Offering			
201 Christmas Offering			
201 Wreath Fundraiser			
202 Loose Offering	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	0%
203 Other Income	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	0%
204 Budget Shortfall	\$ 20,844.12	\$ 47,832.25	129%
205 Interest Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0%
206 Endowment Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%
207 Preschool Contribution	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 7,200.00	6% 5000000
208 Fundraising		\$ 5,000.00	500000%
208 Garage/Rummage Sale 209 Funeral			0% 0%
210 Oper. Budget Reimbur.			0%
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<u>Total Income</u>	\$ 359,144.12	\$ 363,532.25	1%
General Fund Distributions			
<u>Pastor</u>			
591 Salary	\$ 41,596.68	\$ 39,596.68	-5% Reduced \$2k per Scott's Request
592 Housing Allowance	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	3% Increased \$1k per Scott's Request
593 FICA Reimbursement	\$ 5,706.65	\$ 5,630.15	-1%
594 Pension	\$ 9,251.60	\$ 9,436.63	2% Per 2009 2% Increase
595 Major Medical	\$ 15,324.78	\$ 15,631.28	2% Per 2009 2% Increase
596 Medical Deductible	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	40% Increased \$1k per Scott's Request
597 Professional Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0%
598 Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0%
Adj. for 2010 594 & 595 Error	ć 440 270 74	\$ 491.53	594&595 Not Given 2% Increase in 2010
<u>Total Pastor</u>	\$ 110,379.71	\$ 111,286.26	1%
Youth and Education Staff			
605 Senior/Junior High Youth	\$ 11,708.58	\$ 11,708.58	0%
606 Dir. Of Christian Education	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	0%
608 Cont. EdYouth & Ed.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	-50% Shared
<u>Total Youth and Ed.</u>	\$ 27,708.58	\$ 27,208.58	-2%
Worship and Music			
612 Minister of Music	\$ 32,014.74	\$ 32,014.74	0%
613 Continuing Education	\$ 525.00	\$ 263.00	
614 Worship Supplies			
615 Prof. Music-Easter	\$ 860.00	\$ -	-100%
615 Prof. Music-Jazz			
615 Prof. Music Messiah			
615 Prof. Music Memb./Dues	ć 1.500.00	ć 1.500.00	00/
616 Supplies, Music & Tuning	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	0%
617 Guest Preachers 618 Substitute Organist	\$ 600.00 \$ -	\$ 600.00 \$ -	0% 0%
Total W & M	\$ 35,499.74	\$ 34,377.74	-3%
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Inter/Outer Reach						
619 Covenant of Churches	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	0%	
620 Christian Education	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	0%	
621 Child Care	\$	6,000.00	\$	4,000.00	-33%	
622 Youth Activities	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,100.00	10%	
623 CARERS Committee	\$	200.00	\$	200.00	0%	
627 Membership Committee	\$	400.00	\$	200.00	-50%	
628 Stewardship Committee	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	0%	
629 Fellowship Committee	\$	100.00	\$	-	-100%	
<u>Total Reach</u>	\$	12,400.00	\$	10,200.00		
Building and Grounds						
630 Building Supervisor	\$	13,203.00	\$	6,602.00	-50% Joel 1/2 Time	
631 Custodian	\$	12,852.00	\$	13,109.00	2%	
632 Utilities	\$	33,578.00	\$	30,143.00	-10%	
633 Property Maintenance	\$	17,000.00	\$	17,000.00	0%	
634 Insurance	\$	15,238.00	\$	16,595.00	9%	
635 Building Projects	\$	-	\$	5,850.00	3 Projects (1/2	Concrete Cost)
Total Build & Grnds.	\$	91,871.00	\$	89,299.00	-3%	
<u>Office</u>						
639 Newletter Editor	\$	2,852.94	\$	2,852.94	0%	
640 Admin. Assistant	\$	17,791.86	\$	17,791.86	0% Wednesday	
641 Office Supp. & Printing	\$	4,000.00	\$	5,000.00	25%	
642 Office Equip. Maint. & Leas	\$	10,600.00	\$	7,000.00	-34%	
643 Postage	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	0%	
644 Telephone	\$	2,900.00	\$	3,900.00	34%	
645 Per Capita - Received						
645 Per Capita - Paid	\$	13,154.85	\$	14,215.00	8%	
646 Worker's Compensation	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00	0%	
647 Taxes - FICA/Medicare	\$	6,863.44	\$	6,358.46	-7%	
649 Miscellaneous	\$	-	\$	-	0%	
650 Staff Expense	\$	300.00	\$	300.00	0%	
<u>Total Office</u>	\$	62,963.09	\$	61,918.26	-2%	
Church Wide Mission						
655 Church Wide Mission		15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	0%	
656 Deacon Misc. Request	\$	2,300.00	<u>\$</u>	3,000.00	30%	
<u>Total Mission</u>	\$	17,300.00	\$	18,000.00	4%	
Special Funds		405.55		40.040.00		
662 Special Funds - Principal		\$964.00	\$	10,810.00		
663 Special Funds - Interest		\$58.00	<u>\$</u>	432.40	4% Simple Inte	erest
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Total Expenses	\$	359,144.12	\$	363,532.25		