

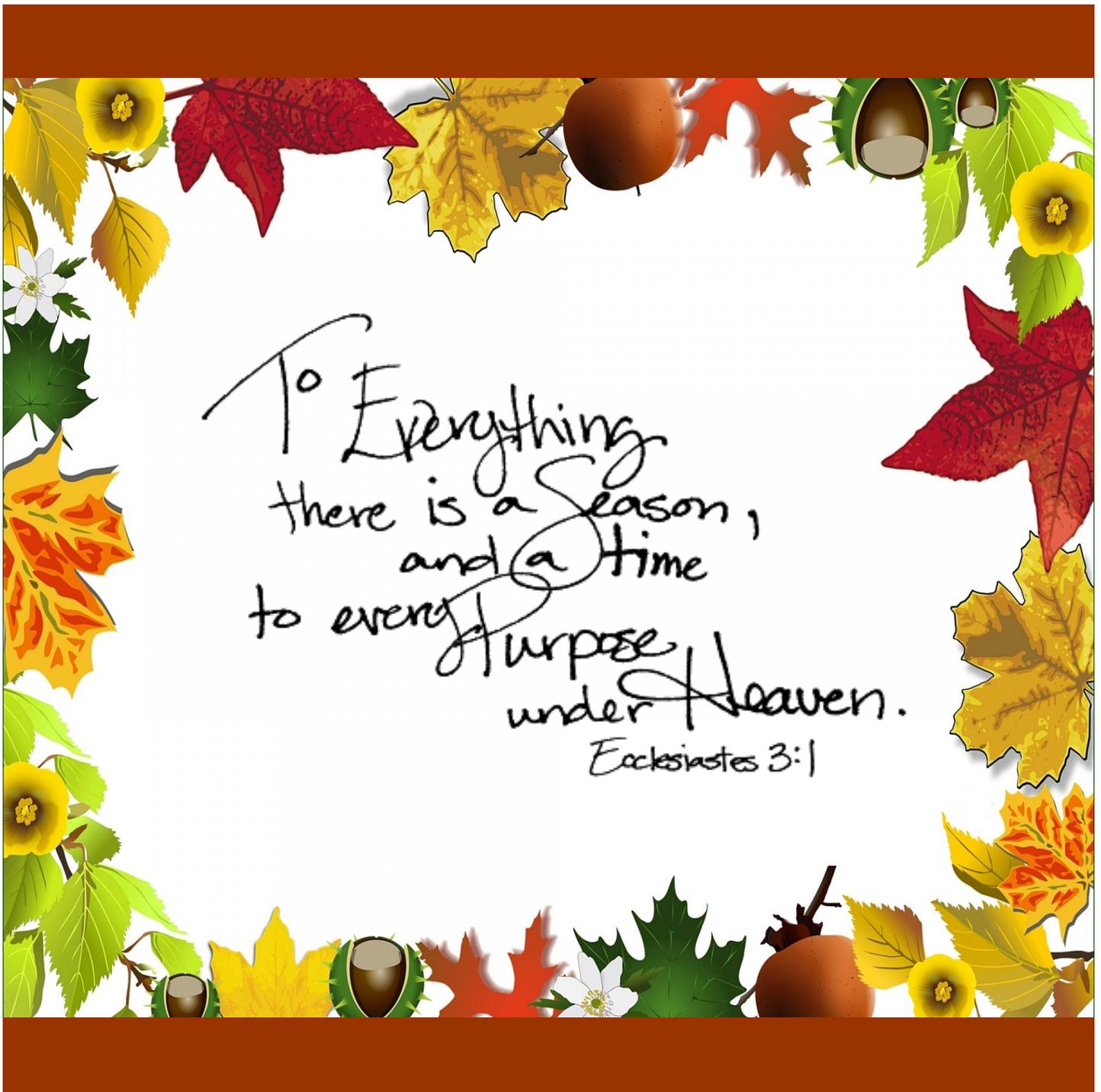


# The Vine

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## *A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR*

Happy Anniversary, RBC! On September 1, you and I celebrate one year together as pastor and congregation! And what a year it has been.

They say that a new pastor shouldn't make any major changes in the life of the church during their first year together. We never had that opportunity. Everything at every turn of the road has been different for all of us. Worship online, hybrid worship, masks, not singing in worship, not shaking hands or hugging, exploring the sale/repurposing of our property- it feels like there has not been a lot of consistency.

Except there has been consistency. RBC has consistently supported one another and me. We have consistently been adaptable and creative. We have consistently remained connected- whether virtually or in person. We have consistently worshipped. We have consistently prayed with and for one another. And Jesus Christ has been the same—yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

It looks like our second year together might be just as topsy turvy as the first—with the Delta variant running rampant, our financial sustainability in question, and the unpredictability of God's plans, we might be in for another wild year. But we have much to be grateful for, and on those days when it seems like everything is changing, just remember what has stayed the same.

I'm grateful to be on this journey with all of you! Happy Anniversary, church! Here's to many more happy and unpredictable years together!

Faithfully,

*Pastor Sarah*



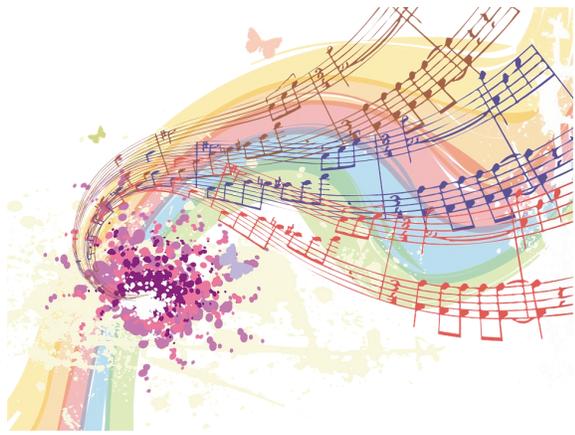
Finally, we are ready to kick things back off! The new school year has arrived, and we are done waiting to normalize our in-person youth group! (Hopefully! As long as covid numbers allow.) Starting September 12<sup>th</sup>, we are back to meeting regularly on Sunday nights for our programmed youth group gatherings. We will kick things off with a fun event and play some crazy games, eat some food, and just celebrate the new school year! While we have already welcomed in new 6<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the Summer, we will continue to welcome not only the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders, but any and everyone who we may have not seen yet or have not seen in a while! It is time to build back up the excitement for youth group and all that this special time has to offer.

In addition to our regular Sunday night program coming into effect, we are in the works on planning events for this school year such as retreats, lock-ins, service opportunities and more!

We will continue to hold in place safe practices, such as masks and respecting each other's space. But we are excited for this new school year, and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for our students and our ministry.

—Ryan Seckman





## *New Staff Position*

RBC has formed a new staff position, the Minister of Music. The Minister of Music coordinates all aspects of music for RBC- including congregational singing, the choir, praise teams, bell choir, and special ensembles. In this new age of hybrid worship, they will also coordinate virtual music and utilize technology to expand our worship through music. They will create quality, worshipful experiences of music here at RBC.

I am delighted to announce our own Alex Cifelli as RBC's first Minister of Music. Alex needs no introduction- his incredible talent, experience, and commitment to RBC make him the perfect fit. What I appreciate about working with Alex is that he has an amazing talent and desire to produce quality music, while also balancing that with a deep understanding of worship and offerings unto God. He approaches the music from a holistic worship perspective; he knows that first and foremost, our music is worship - but that doesn't mean we can't sound great while doing it!

We do not yet have any answers as to when choir will resume at RBC. The Worship Team and Covid Team are continuously monitoring the data and recommendations for singing in groups indoors. In the meantime, we continue to re-imagine how we might safely use our gifts to bring glory to God. Our goal is to create meaningful worship experiences, while keeping everyone safe. We appreciate your prayers as we navigate this new territory!

—Pastor Sarah



So long, Terry!

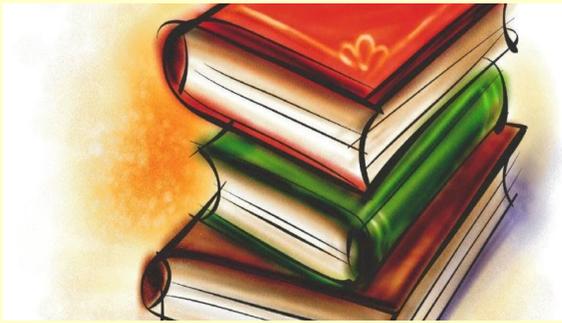
We are sad to say goodbye this month to our beloved administrator, Terry Myers. Terry has been a bright spot here at RBC and has held us together through many transitions over the last few years. We will miss Terry greatly, and wish her and her husband Tom all of God's blessings in the next chapter of their lives. Thank you, Terry!

## *AND WELCOME...*

We are delighted to welcome Kate Ligouri as RBC's new Office Manager. Kate and her husband, Josh, have a 4-year-old son, Benjamin. Last year they moved from Phoenix, AZ back to Josh's hometown of Royersford.

They are an active family who like to travel and go to sporting events. They are currently remodeling Josh's grandfather's home, who was the first police captain in Royersford.

Kate's office hours will be Monday-Friday, 9AM—1PM. Stop by the office (masked, of course!) and say hi to Kate! She's excited to meet you!



## RBC BOOK CLUB

The RBC Book Club meets on the third Thursday each month. Join us in the RBC parlor at 7:15 pm (if Covid-19 numbers climb, we will meet on Zoom.) We are continuing our theme of reading books set in different places in 2021. Contact Karen Mason for more information at [K26mason@gmail.com](mailto:K26mason@gmail.com).

### **September 16: “The Sun is a Compass” by Caroline Van Hemert**

*Author Caroline Van Hemert is an ornithologist who felt unfilled, so she and her husband made a bold choice; they would make a 4,000 mile trek from the Pacific rainforest to the Alaska Arctic. Their goal was to immerse themselves in nature and, hopefully, recapture their sense of wonder. “The Sun is a Compass” tells the story of their journey which included rowboats, canoes, and rafts, skis, and sturdy hiking boots – and both the dangers and joys they faced along the way. This celebration of nature and of the human spirit is a reminder of the miracles all around our world.*

### **October 21: “A Passage to India” by E. M. Forster**

*When Adela Quested arrives in the Indian town of Chandrapore in search of “the real India,” she quickly grows disillusioned with its prejudiced colonial community. Determined to escape the insular English enclave, she and her elderly companion, Mrs. Moore, seek the guidance of the charming and well-respected Dr. Aziz, a young Muslim physician. But a mysterious incident occurs while they are exploring the Marabar caves with Aziz, and the doctor soon finds himself at the center of a scandal that rocks Chandrapore to its core. E. M. Forster’s beautifully rendered characters illuminate the tensions of British-occupied India and make “A Passage to India” a masterpiece not only of historical impact but of deep humanity.*

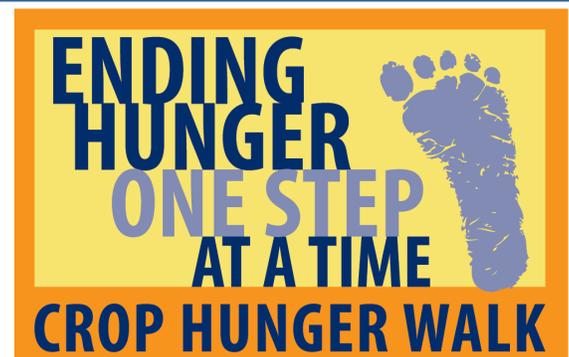
The annual CROP Walk will be held virtually again this year—you can choose to walk on your own, or just imagine yourself walking along with others!

If you'd like to raise money for your walk, you can register online to be part of RBC's team: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/roversford-baptist-church>

You can also go to that website to donate to our team!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the United States, raising funds to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

What a great opportunity to support our community, our world, and get a little exercise, too!



# ***A Quick Update From Mark Hite, Your Friendly Local Moderator***

Fellow RBC'ers, here's a quick update on Finances, the Sympara Group, Listening Sessions and Thoughts About Moving Forward...

## **Finances –**

- Giving is pretty much on target with what we said we'd give when we participated in the Canvass in January/February. We said we'd give a minimum of \$328,000 and *we are currently on target for \$326,000*. Thank you! Keep it up!
- Our budget for 2021 estimates spending at \$400,000, but we rarely spend our whole budget. Based on past experience, \$380,000 seems like a reasonable number. Based on our spending year-to-date, that still looks possible.
- The probable difference between giving and spending for 2021 is (~\$50,000). That's a shortfall of (~\$4,167) per month.
- But we started the year with a surplus (built up during the time we were without a pastor), and we added \$32,000 to the surplus when we got the Payroll Protection Plan forgivable loan back in April (we've just submitted the loan forgiveness document and expect it to be approved).
- The current surplus as of the end of July is \$73,429. *If giving holds steady and spending holds at ~\$380,000 per year*, we have roughly until January of 2023 before we reach a financial crisis point.
- *If...* These are all estimates and there are no guarantees about either giving or spending. Unexpected building maintenance and repair expenses are the biggest "wild card".
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## **Sympara Exploratory Group**

A group of 8 of us (Pastor Sarah, Kay Rolfs Massaglia, Nancy O'Neil, Deb Savage, Reid Trulson, Mary Panetta, George Reitnour and Mark Hite) have been meeting with Daniel Pryfogle of Sympara several times per month since June.

Sympara is a consulting group that specializes in helping churches like ours explore how to repurpose our property for community service by working with a non-profit developer. This typically takes the form of an affordable housing development. The aim is to help the church solve their financial issues while blessing their community at the same time.

As part of this process, Daniel, Pastor Sarah and I met with the Director of Planning and Zoning for Limerick Township, who was very helpful and forthcoming. In summary, what we learned from him is that the zoning process for this kind of project would at best be longer than we can afford to wait, and at worst might not be approved at all. Daniel felt that, unless we have the financial resources and gumption for a potential long haul, we should probably not move forward with this kind of project.

In this process, we have learned about the experiences of a number of other churches, and we will still be engaging in interviews with representatives from several of those churches. We're hopeful that these conversations will be fruitful for RBC, even if we're not recommended to proceed down the affordable housing path.

## **Listening Sessions and Thoughts About Moving Forward**

We held listening sessions after worship on August 15 and August 22 and on Zoom on August 24. We invited folks to share whatever you wanted with regard to the exploratory process we're in, and our life and future together as a community of disciples.

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Questions? Concerns? Hopes? Ideas? Worries? Fears? Feelings? Words of encouragement?

All in all, about 40 people attended and 17 spoke (a few of them more than once). *I'll provide a summary of their thoughts at the end of this note.*

It was a good start, *and it was only a start*. There will need to be much more congregational “processing” as we work to discern a way forward. The Leadership Council and the Sympara Exploratory Group will be looking to engage all of RBC in a process that is as open and complete as we can make it. While we don't feel like we have time to dally, we feel we do have time to do this well. We'll be working continuously to design and update this process. Stay tuned.

How can you help? Participate! And encourage others to participate. There should be no “they”; only “we”. Please feel free to communicate in any way that works for you (phone call, email, letter, in-person conversation); with anyone that works for you (Pastor Sarah, Mark Hite, anyone on Leadership Council or the Sympara Exploratory Group).

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you may go.” Joshua 1:9

### **RBC Listening Session Notes – Mark H – 8/15/2021**

Opened with overview of situation from Sarah, along with ground rules for sharing.

We read/spoke RBC Mission Statement together.

Sharing Summary:

- Can we reach out to SF Area School District? They may have interest in property.
- RBC is steeped in the arts – visual, musical, dramatic – in contemporary American culture arts are often pushed aside – we have this beautiful space – is it possible to re-purpose, use, celebrate that space?
- This couple has seen 2 repurposings: church becoming a community coffee house in WV (small space); church becoming a restaurant in Ireland!
- Observation – circumstances we face are something God is using to work transformation in us!
- Is there a “central something-or-other” that can join us up with another congregation?
- **Sarah** (in response) – RBC and FBC Pottstown are “on each other's radar”
- Feelings – joy – our work together sometimes feels like building beautiful sand castles – we live together, we are together, whether here or in another place – let's enjoy our time together!
- This is not the first RBC transformation this person has seen – she was around for the move in the '60's when this building was begun. RBC is able to deal with changes – God is with us and will see us through!
- Is there a way to turn some of our space into counseling space dedicated to helping people dealing with crises – gender issues, safe spaces for domestic violence victims, for example?
- “Random thoughts” – loves all these ideas – joining with another congregation; we have wonderful memories and they will always be ours; but we are in the present and moving toward the future – that *can* happen in another space!
- Biggest concern is that we be good stewards – that we not sleep through this process – stewardship of time, money, safety, each other.

### **RBC Listening Session Notes – Mark H – 8/22/2021**

Sarah opened with same review of process-to-date as last week; reviewed ground rules; we spoke the Mission Statement together.

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## Sharing Summary:

- Understands the financial issues, but would love to see us figure out how to repurpose the space in some way that allows us to continue here in this space. It's great space. We can't fill empty chairs if we don't have them. Our hearts are here.
- "Repurposing" sounds really interesting. How can we focus on/capitalize on our proximity to the schools?
- Recognizes (and personally feels) the strong emotional attachment to the building. But gets the huge challenge in front of us. Appreciates the work FT and Sympara group have been doing. The important thing is to find ways to serve the mission God has for us.
- We have to face the reality that things can't continue as they have. How to attract more folks from the community? How to continue to serve the community? How to attract people with families? How to do this differently, not so we feel comfortable but so those who aren't here can be attracted?
- Home is wherever the people we're with are. I can't be with you guys the way I want to because of the financial strains and concerns. So for me I need to lighten up and let go of this building.
- Interesting to hear the differing perspectives being expressed. Some think we can stay here; others think we can't. How to pull that together?
- Wondering about families from the past who have left. Is leadership keeping data about why people have left? Can that be shared?
- Genesis 12 (Abram & Sarai embark) – a story about going to an unknown place without much info to go on – God is at work more in the way of transformation than of changing places – even their names change (Abraham and Sarah). What may ultimately be going on at RBC may be more about transformation than about place as well. We don't have to be open to this kind of transformation, but Reid thinks there is a huge blessing to our ability to see the Spirit at work in all this.
- An elephant, not in the room but maybe peeking through the window – all the stuff going on in the world around – finger-pointing, recrimination. While it doesn't feel like that at RBC, it is the surrounding context. Does change mean that what we went before was a waste? No. What does it mean, if we are going somewhere, to "get there well"? Grateful for people's thoughtfulness – thinks God still has interesting things for us and is glad we're exploring to discover them.

Closed with prayer by Sarah.

## **RBC Listening Session Notes—Mark H —8/24/2021 on Zoom**

- This couple see retirement and moving to be near kids on the near horizon. They want to encourage RBC – change can be not so bad when you're all working together.
- Want to see RBC prosper – that's in God's hands *and* the members' hands. He likes many of the ideas he's heard so far. Related stories of two pastors he's known who thought they were working with a dying church, only to see it grow.
- Are there other churches in the Spring-Ford area dealing with financial issues who might be interested in sharing space? Noticed a church building at Twp Line and Rittenhouse with a sign that says "Two Churches / One Roof"

Note – Mary Panetta, Nancy O'Neil and Deb Savage were also on the call. There was also some discussion of ideas for fostering engagement in the ongoing process.

Closed with prayer by Mark.

## **KEEPING RBC A SAFE SPACE DURING COVID**

*Some thoughts from Reid Trulson*

“Are we there yet?” Who among us hasn’t heard that question from a child in the back seat who is weary of the journey, chafing at the car’s safety restraints and itching to move about. The question is urgent because the destination promises an end to all the restrictions of being cooped up in the car.

We often answer the question by urging patience and suggesting things we can do together in the car. The best suggestions do more than merely keep us occupied. They are games, conversations, activities or songs that can engage our creativity, expand our minds, and refresh our spirits. Our destination *will arrive*, but there are choices to be made that affect the way we experience the journey.

Our entire world is on an unchosen journey seeking freedom from COVID. There are markers, “milepoints” if you will, by which we can measure how close we are coming to that destination. A positivity rate of 5% indicates that the virus is under suppression, while a rate of 1% indicates that the virus is under control. Because the positivity rate in our area was under 1% for several weeks this summer, RBC was able to phase out many of our COVID safety protocols. We moved from being entirely online into being a new hybrid church offering both in-person and online worship.

However, the more highly infectious Delta variant of COVID has brought a new wave of infections and hospitalizations into our area. As of this writing, our County is recording some days with a positivity rate that exceeds 5% indicating that the virus is no longer under suppression.

All of us yearn to return to freedoms of movement and activity that are being curtailed by the virus. “Are we there yet?” The answer clearly is “No, not yet.”

As we draw closer to the goal of bringing COVID back under control, our church remains committed to loving both God and our neighbor by keeping RBC a safe space. We continue to carefully monitor the data and make decisions based on the best available science along with the health guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and from our state and county public health departments.

We did not choose this journey, but we can choose the way we experience it. We can choose to follow practices that are effective protections against the virus – getting vaccinated, wearing a mask in public, maintaining physical distance from others who are not vaccinated or not in our family circle, frequently washing our hands for 20 seconds at a time, avoiding crowded indoor gatherings. We can choose to do things together that engage our creativity, expand our minds, and refresh our spirits – Sunday morning worship, Monday night prayer, Wednesday night book discussion, outdoor picnics, conversations and walks....these only begin the possibilities.

And we can choose to follow the scripture’s call to exercise patience and endurance (Colossians 1:11-12) remembering that endurance produces character, and character produces hope (Romans 5:4).

Our destination *will arrive*. May we complete the journey with wisdom and joy.



**The Fall 2021 *Secret Place***  
**devotional booklets are now available at RBC.**  
**Also available in large print.**

# WORLD MISSION OFFERING 2021



Dear IM family,

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We have passed the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic rapidly shutting down life as we knew it. For more than a year, many of us have lived with the latent stress of the pandemic, racial violence, political uncertainty, and economic hardship. Even as some things open back up and parts of life return to some semblance of normalcy, there are many problems that are not yet resolved.

In 2020, COVID-19 brought most of IM travel to a halt, and we sent our main office staff to work remotely. Then, we braced for the worst of it. What will we do if giving follows nationwide economic trends? The hard thing about unprecedented pandemics is that it is very difficult to predict what is going to happen next.

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24)

So, we prayed. We prayed a lot.

I have always found it surprising that Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. A mustard seed is small enough to get stuck in my teeth and yet it can radically change the whole flavor of a dish!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32)

**The World Mission Offering celebrates mustard seed faith.**

Last year, through your generosity and sacrifice, IM had a strong financial year. Our auditors

commended us for the efficiency with which we do mission. In other words, for the amount of money we are spending, we are doing a lot for God's kingdom. Working closely with our board, I was very glad to receive this feedback. Along with a forgiven PPP loan, we entered into this year with a much more hopeful and positive outlook than we felt when the pandemic started, and we were determined to use our God-given resources and time to take care of things that needed our attention.

We used the time of travel limitation to focus on administrative work that has needed attention for a long time, including embarking on a long-overdue finance system migration. We have been able to examine processes and improve them, and on the field we have continued to be involved in meeting human need and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. We also began work on refreshing our strategic plan, Responding to the Call, so that it is adapted for mission in the next three to five years of the 21st century.

**Just like the mustard seed starts out small but gets nourished into exponential growth, we have seen ideas burgeon into full projects this past year and relief work change lives.**

Early on, an international partner said, "How do we talk about washing our hands when people here don't have clean water to drink?"

We continue to hear words like these as invitation from Jesus Christ himself to work to bring life-giving good in communities around the world.

We have also seen training, equipping, and relationship-building take on new and creative forms. In some cases, we celebrated how an online platform allowed far more participants than we would normally get at an in-person event. For two missionary commissioning services and a couple of IM family memorials, this was very significant.

**Similarly, when a faithful servant like you begins to pray about how to steward God's kingdom resources entrusted to you, God's Spirit grows your mustard seed investment into something large enough to provide rest and refuge for others.** Your partnership through the World Mission Offering means that your gift is multiplied with others' gifts to bring economic development, theological education, health and wellness, and numerous other changes in people's lives for the glory of God.

Our donor services office recently received a phone call from a kind lady who said that she and her husband had been praying about where to give their stimulus money, and God put IM on their hearts. The staff who received the call gratefully and excitedly relayed this story to the rest of the home staff. We felt so encouraged by God through you, our IM family!

Thank you for your deep investment in the mission of God through IM. Your steadiness in the midst of a changing world and great uncertainty has made it possible for us to continue the discernment journey together with many who are seeking God's call into cross-cultural mission around the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you and your community can contribute to this year's World Mission Offering. IM continues to trust our Lord to provide for the work that God calls us to in God's mission, and we trust that your mustard seed gift will be multiplied until it is like the mustard tree.

Together with you in God's mission,  
Rev. Sharon T. Koh  
Executive Director/CEO International Ministries



## FROM THE GREEN TEAM

### *How much is enough?*

It feels like the crises and the bad news are coming at us from all directions these days. Between racial injustice, extreme weather wreaking havoc, the pandemic out of control again, the withdrawal from Afghanistan an exercise in frustration each time we hear another report, and on top of that, our church facing an uncertain financial future, it is enough to get us down. Plus it seems that the environmental news gets worse every day. A new report released August 9th by the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change through the UN) places the world in the red zone, saying that climate change is widespread, rapid, and intensifying. It is causing more intense rainfall and flooding as well as more draughts; the sea level will rise more, causing more coastal flooding; further warming will amplify permafrost thawing, causing the loss of snow cover, the melting of glaciers and sea ice; warming the ocean, affecting the ecosystems and the people that rely on them; and also causing amplified heat especially in urban areas. Hope is also in the report, saying that “stabilizing the climate will require strong, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gases, and reaching net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.” They also say that limiting CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases “could have benefits both for health and the climate”. So, what does that mean?

The latest issue of “Yes!” magazine outlines just how we can work together to help turn this disaster around. The whole issue reflects on the fact that there is already enough of everything we need to sustain our people and our earth. Of course, it addresses the changes that need to occur, beginning with our mindset, to make this turnaround happen. Communities around the world are already finding ways to come together and support each other, to provide enough food, water, energy, homes, healthcare, and jobs that are enough. And in the process they are also finding the support and encouragement that has been in short sup-

ply in many lives. The question we all need to ask ourselves is: How Much Is Enough? In a society devoted to continuous economic growth, it is implied that there is never enough. Stan Cox writes that “The Earth has been telling, asking, and shouting ”Enough?!” at humanity more loudly every year for the past three decades, but the nations of the world have not been listening.” For example, most countries of the world greatly exceed the recommended distribution of 1,300 watts of energy per capita, including the US which uses an average of 9,029 watts per capita. If we used less, then those countries without enough would be able to gain increased access to resources to reach the recommended 1,300 watts.

But enough of bad news, and, what does this mean for us? As for the question, “How much is enough?”, it leads to ask the next question, what are you willing to give up? It is hard to resist a society that encourages the pursuit of more, from our food portions to the size of our homes, from our accumulated stuff, to the way we travel and fill up our lives with “more”. Can we take a step back to get off the hamster wheel of consumption, contemplate how much we really need by taking intentional times of rest, looking at how our choices affect others, and actually becoming freed from the vices of “more”? Choosing less materialism and less tasks frees us up to look around at others and notice what is needed. Our greatest offering could perhaps be to give the gift of time, which is in short supply when our time is consumed by consumption. Instead of buying and wanting more, which is documented that it does not lead to more happiness, we can seek how our gifts can be used to build community. One example is this: Rebecca Rockefeller and Liesl Clark created a Facebook group called “Buy Nothing”, a gift economy operating on a local scale to bring neighbors together through sharing and community. Established in 2013, it now has more than 4 million participants in 6,500 groups, located in 44 countries across the globe. Apparently there was a hunger for building community support! We can slow down and look around, ponder on the question of what enough looks like for us, and how we can ramp it down. Consuming less can be painful, but also very freeing. And it will become necessary if our world is to continue to sustain us. Think about it. How much is enough for you?

# RBCNS LOOKS FORWARD TO WELCOMING CHILDREN BACK TO THE CLASSROOM THIS FALL!

The past year has taken a toll on everyone especially the school at RBCNS, LLC. Our classrooms were shut down in March of 2020 and today we are planning to be back in person after a year of virtual teaching. The teachers are busy planning the year and are excited to be with the little ones.

So many things have happened to make in-person work this year for the school. Our director has been creating Health and Safety Plans with the Pandemic Team. We are making sure we are taking all the necessary precautions to keep our staff and students safe and healthy. She has also been working on hiring teachers and is excited to announce that with the prayers from the RBC community and some amazing candidates we have a full staff for the year! She has also filled the classrooms with a waitlist for each classroom. The RBC community

with the help of some school volunteers and PJPII High Schoolers has rallied around the school and cleaned out the playground to make it fabulous for our students to use come September 8<sup>th</sup>!



**Playground**

Our teachers in our 2-yr old class: Mrs. Amit and Mrs. Matoney will have 12 students and are planning on socialization, numbers, shapes, and colors. The teachers in our 3-yr old class: Mrs. Millhouse and Mrs. Earley are planning on thematic units for each month, with some introduction to handwriting, learning centers, and math. Our Pre-K and Enrichment teachers: Mrs. Moffa and Mrs. Young will be working on building their academics



**2 & 3 year-old Classroom**



**Pre-K Classroom**

through

Theater, Math, Science, and Art! We all report the week of August 30<sup>th</sup> and cannot wait to go through the materials and clean everything up to start out the new year!

Thank you for all the love and support over the last year and a half! Our school has truly felt it and we are looking forward to having the classrooms and halls filled with the love and laughter of little ones!



**INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES AND TABCOM  
CREATION CARE PRESENT**

# **What's in Your Cup?**

## **Roundtable Conversations**

**Join us for conversations about the origins of the contents of our cups. How does God call us to respond to the intersection of faith, food, and social justice?**

**August 3 @ 4pm EDT: Tea with Justevia teas  
September 7 @ 4pm EDT: Honey with Dwight Bolick  
October 5 @ 4pm EDT: Sugar with Ketly&Vital Pierre**



**To register, please email  
volunteers@internationalministries.org**





**SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS:**

Sophie Scales	3
Sharon Brownback	11
Mark Hite	11
Barry Hess	15
Millie Collins	16
Karen Hite	17
Abigail Cenet	20
Emma Cenet	20
Mary Glassman	20
Alex Cifelli	29

**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS:**

John Phillips	1
Lara Cifelli	4
Emma Trulson	14
Gene Wheeler	21
Becky McDaniel	25
Sue Groves	28
Ryan Crist	30

*If there are any additions/changes that need to be made to the birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office.*



Alverna & Jeff Bedford	Sept. 12
Beth & Steven Smith	Sept. 12
Danielle & Ryan Crist	Sept. 25
Josh & Sarah Strosahl-Kagi	Sept. 26
Kori & Nicholas Theusch	Oct. 8
Howard & Lissa Hess	Oct. 19
Becky & Micky McDaniel	Oct. 22
Linnie & Sandy Smoyer	Oct. 24

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