

Celebrating 100 Years

In 1909, a small group of dedicated and motivated Christians gathered in the Rogers Park neighborhood and requested that the Presbytery of Chicago help them to organize a new church. After canvassing the neighborhood and finding forty persons of Presbyterian persuasion, they began worship services and a Sunday school, and called the Reverend James L. McBride to become the pastor of their church-to-be. Immediately after the arrival of their pastor, a petition containing fifty-one signatures was prepared and sent to the Presbytery.

On January 13, 1910 a committee of the Presbytery of Chicago granted the new congregation their charter, and organized the Rogers Park Presbyterian Church. Since then, although waxing and waning in membership numbers at different times, our RPPC congregation has remained a faithful witness to God in this community; proclaiming the good news, reaching out in love, sharing our resources, and welcoming all those who would join us for worship, fellowship, and mission.

As we look back over the years, we are reminded that it is God's faithfulness to us that has enabled us to continue in our life and work. So our motto and theme for our Centennial Year is "**Faithful in all Seasons,**" as we recall and depend upon God acting for us and through us in this time and place.

We will celebrate our hundredth anniversary with a variety of events, beginning Sunday, January 10, 2010 with a renewal of our baptism in worship, and a birthday party to take place after the service. All are invited to come and bring family, friends, and neighbors as we share cake and stories. Everyone is invited to bring a present for the church. You will find our wish list below.

Our next scheduled event will be a special worship and dinner on May 16, 2010, to which former pastors and members will be invited



back, along with Presbytery staff and churches, local dignitaries, and community organizations and leaders. We are also planning a special

concert by the Chicago Children's Choir in the fall, the date of which is yet to be determined. Please mark these occasions on your calendar and plan to join in the celebrating. Also be alert for more information about activities and opportunities in upcoming newsletters and on our website at www.rogersparkpresbyterian.org. Our hope is that our RPPC Centennial Year will be a time in which we look back together with thanksgiving and look forward with hope - as we seek to be faithful in the seasons to come, and to depend upon God, who is ever faithful in all seasons.

RPPC's 100-Year Gift Registry and Wish List

Members may want to mark the Church's Centennial Year with a special gift, and there are many things needed to carry on the work of the church. Some suggestions are listed below for your consideration.

A Gift Registry will be maintained in the Church office, and will be put out on the piano in Fellowship Lounge on special occasions throughout the coming months, so individuals and families can sign up for things they would like to give.

Office/Administration

Envelops (No. 10, business size)
Ink cartridges
Manila folders
Photo paper
Postage stamps
Printer for computer
Reams of white and color copy paper (legal and letter size)

Fellowship Lunches

Coffee
Cups
Dish soap
Dishtowels
Juice mixes
Napkins
Paper plates
Paper towels (rolls)
Tea bags
Utensils (plastic)

Stewardship/Maintenance

Brooms
Mops
Light bulbs
Paper towels (trifold)
Salt for walks in winter

Snow shovels
Toilet paper
Vacuum cleaner

Clothing Pantry

Camcorder
Clothing racks
Disposal diapers

Capital improvements

Basic tools
Dishwasher
Drapes
Flooring for fellowship lounge and hall
Gift cards to Lowes
Lawn mower
New stackable chairs
New folding tables
Refrigerator
Stovetop with oven
Window air conditioners

Nurture

Sunday school supplies

Invitation

Stamps
Advertising space
Articles from writers

Worship

Banners
Candles
Cloth for communion table
Music
Stand for Christ candle

Note: (Contact the Church office if you have questions about items on our list.)