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Faith CONNECTIONS

FIRST @ First Sunday Church

Dinner @ 6:00PM Worship @ 7:00PM

THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SEASON IS MEANT TO BE A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD WHO COMES TO TRANSFORM AND RENEW OUR LIVES.

Unfortunately, the busyness, the hectic schedules and sometimes challenging family dynamics can make it difficult to remember the reason for the season. You are invited to the next FIRST Sunday @ First Church on **December 7** with supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:00PM. Worship, beginning at 7:00 in the sanctuary, will offer reflections on the song Mary sings when she finds out she is going to give birth to Jesus. A meditation from Rev. Chakoian with communion to follow and contemporary music leadership by the Adult Worship Band will give us a much needed opportunity to be refreshed for the weeks ahead.

The congregation joyfully called **Amy E. Pagliarella** to the new

position Associate Pastor for Children's Faith Formation at a meeting of the congregation on November 16, 2008.

Amy joined the staff in August 2007 as the Director of Children's

Ministries and quickly became dear to the families with whom she works.

She will **be ordained** as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday,

December 21, 2008 at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. The congregation is warmly invited to be a part of this celebration.



This has been a very difficult and uncertain time for many in our country.

We know that many families here are affected by circumstances over which they have no control.

We are blessed with the opportunity to come together in community to support each other as we are reminded of the certain hope we have in Christ Jesus.



Wednesday Morning Taizé Services at 7:00AM

Every Wednesday morning during Advent (**December 3, 10, & 17**), you are invited to participate in a Taizé style communion service from 7:00-7:30 a.m. This will be a contemplative time of singing, praying, reading scripture, listening in silence and sharing the bread and cup. Join us each week as we set aside space for God to speak to us and renew us during what can be a hectic season. We will share breakfast together in the South Parlor after the service. Graciously hosted by church members through the Parish Life Committee. For more information, contact Rev. Corey Nelson.

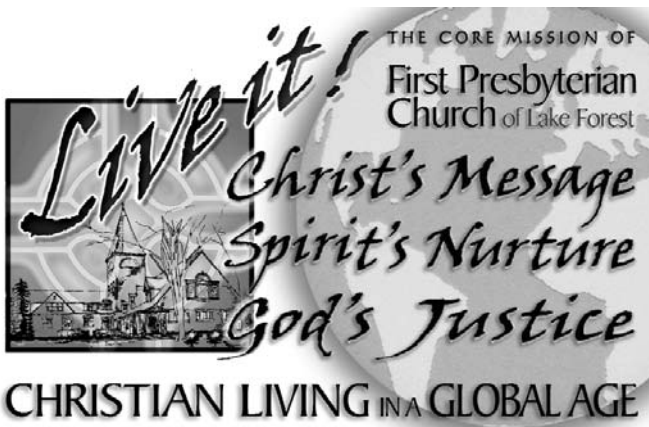
Longest Night Service— December 21 at 7:00 PM



What is the "Longest Night Service?" For many people, Christmas is a difficult time. Some have recently lost a loved one, some are lonely, some have lost a job, and some are suffering from illness, or the pain of a broken relationship. Others feel financial stress or the burden of past memories. These and other life circumstances can seem even more painful when the surrounding cultural messages are signaling "Be of good cheer!" During this darkest time of the year we remember that Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." In response, we will gather together for a time to acknowledge the darkness within our lives and look towards the light of the Christ child that is coming amongst us.

Join us for a time of contemplative music, scripture, stories, silence, reflection and healing prayer. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one, or as a sign of hope. Afterwards, we will join together for a time of fellowship and refreshments. You may know someone who would like to attend this service. Invite them to come with you. Perhaps you too need a quiet time for reflection and prayer. For more information, contact Rev. Corey Nelson.

RECOGNIZING
THE POWER OF CHRIST
TO TRANSFORM LIVES,
THE CORE MISSION OF FIRST CHURCH
PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE
PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE
& PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE



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Dear friends,

As we head into this Christmas season, the roller coaster ride of the economy is on everybody's minds. It's hard not to be anxious, even if we have yet to be directly impacted. Now more than ever, the words the angel Gabriel whispered to Mary are words that we too need to hear: "Do not be afraid."

In worship throughout this month ahead, we will be focusing on Mary's response to God's unexpected calling. *The Magnificat* is a glorious testimony of faith: faith in our God who lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things.

Yet for some, these may feel like empty words. It's important to remember that Mary did not sort through her doubts and faith alone. She turned to her cousin Elizabeth, who walked with her in her season of confusion, mystery and wonder in the face of an unknown future.

If this is a season in which you find yourself facing the unknown, maybe it's time for you to reach out too. I know that our community in the North Shore often presses us to pretend that everything is always fine, even when it is anything but fine. But our church is a safe and important place to be our true selves. Whether it's knowing that we're lifted up by the Prayer Chain or that we have a home in a Small Group Bible Study, we find our way in our community of faith. And our staff and Stephen Ministers are here to help sort through the doubts and confusion of the financial downturn and losses, the strain of physical or emotional crisis, or even the hope of major changes on the horizon. Reaching out is as simple as a phone call or email to any of our pastors.

In the long run, as Mary discovered for herself, there is nothing like our family of faith to accompany us in life's changes. I encourage you to find your "Elizabeths" with whom to share your joy, your cares, and the untold mystery of God's presence in your life.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

CHRISTMAS CAROL BAND Do you play a band instrument?

Reverend Corey Nelson is dusting off his old trumpet and inviting you to join him and others for a little "sidewalk carol band" on December 21 before and after services. Sheet music will be provided. We will be offering a few minutes of music as people come in and out of worship services. It would be wonderful to have people of all ages and abilities join us, whether you are a music student now or haven't played in 20 years! If you would like to play, please contact Corey. A rehearsal will be scheduled at a time which is convenient for those who sign up.



Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

Reverend Christine Chakoian
 Children's & Women's Choirs, Youth
 Choir, Lakeminstor Ringers,
 Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 & 11:00AM
Luke 1: 46-56; Amos 5 or 8

**SUNDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 7**

TRY IT THIS MONTH..

**FIRST @ First Church
Sunday**

Dinner @ 6:00 Worship @ 7:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

Reverend Christine Chakoian
 Children's Christmas Pageant at 9:00AM
 Eggs Benediction at 9:00 & 11:00AM
Luke 1: 46-56, Malachi 3: 1-16

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CHURCH OFFICE 847-234-6250
HOURS: Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00PM
 Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE

Annual Deacon Women's Christmas Tea

SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF DEACONS

**Monday,
December 8**

at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Please join Reverend Christine Chakoian as she shares an inspirational message of the season



In lieu of admission, a donation for the children of the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County would be greatly appreciated. A "wish list" of items needed will be provided when making reservations. Let's enjoy this special evening together!

Sign-up at church (847) 234-6250.

A Church-School Partnership:

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest and Neal Math & Science Academy



The Neal School Painting Project was a

huge success! Over 100 volunteers worked 495 man hours to clean, repair and paint the cafeteria and adjoining hallway and stairwell. It looks wonderful. Thank you to everyone who helped with donating supplies, providing snacks, meals and beverages, and of course, everyone who came up and worked...it really was fun! Special thanks to several people; Mitch Engel, who managed the entire project, Carl Stevens, whose skill, attitude and commitment are unmatched and, finally Bryan & Brett Ford who reached out into the community to engage non-Church members to participate in this Mission activity.

The First Church Mission Committee has made the North Chicago Education Initiative one of four focal points for our Sesquicentennial Celebration. Supporting education is in the DNA of our congregation. With this success at Neal School, we are beginning to realize the opportunity to create another education legacy with our neighbors in North Chicago that will last for another 150 years. It will take time, patience, prayer and commitment.

Already, members of the congregation have offered donations for much needed school materials like microscopes, calculators and computers. Church members are volunteering to help in the school's green house. Others have offered their time and talent for technology projects, tutoring and hospitality. Thank you, thank you thank you!

Mitch Engel, Kris Engel, Jim Mayhall, Bonney Pope, Bruce Taubensee, Dave Henkel, Pam Henkel, Linda Smith, Scott Smith, Corey Nelson, Stew Kerr, Leah Drummond, Dan DeLozier, Kristie Finley, Bruce Taubensee, Patrick Taubensee, Barb Hetler, Carl Stevens, Stew Kerr Sr, Donna Short, Chris Edwards, Mike Kurasiewicz, Liz Gescheidle, Will Gescheidle, Margie Juedes, Peter Keller, Jim Robertson, Bob Price, Beth Mynhier, Jim Mynhier, Bryan Ford, Dick Mentzinger, Margaret Pairitz, Mark Pairitz, Brent Engel, Steve Smith, Diana Melichar, Serkland, Selene Serkland, Brett Ford, Brian O'Callaghan, Tyler Mchale, Garrett Pannier, Seth Yurkony, Jack Murphy, Kenny Pollard, Art Chantler, Donna Short, Don Spooner, Scott Bates, Fred Stewart, Scott Buhl, Roger Carlstrom, Jim Tuck, Mike Conklin, Andra O'Neill, Drew O'Neill, Spike Paul, Bob Reaumont, Paul Reaumont, Tyler Reaumont, Chloe Colnon, Drew Mayhall, Dave Mayhall, Susie Mayhall, Diane Fondreist, Missy Romanoff, John Glennon, Boy Scouts, Beth Jones, Sean Jones, Greg Ford, Connor Ford, John Swaine, Dorothy Chantler, Judy Boggs, Kathy Glennon, Addie Morrison, Harold Morrison, Diane Allen, Megan Anderson, Carolyn Kinney, Bob Troyer, Margrit and Les Hammar, Dona Georgeson, AJ & Gene Wroch, Mary Ann Havey & Ellen Havey



Family Faith in Action SUCCESSES!

On Sunday, October 19, over 85 people turned out to help at the first Family Faith in Action project, the **Elawa Farms Turtle Pond** event! Families traded church attire for jeans and assisted by moving dirt from the pond construction area, and pulling non-native plant species from the site. The pond will eventually become a home for rescued and injured turtles. This event wraps up the Sunday School unit on Creation, during which the children raised \$150 toward the turtle pond construction. Thanks to all the hard working families who participated!

Many thanks also to the children who staffed the **Benny's World** lemonade stand at Elawa. Sales of lemonade, cookies, shirts and bracelets raised \$125 for pediatric brain tumor research, specifically Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). To date, less than 10% of children with DIPG survive beyond 1 - 2 years after diagnosis; none have ever survived after 5 years. Research is the only way to gain more knowledge about DIPG and find a cure for this devastating illness.

Stone Soup Supper was the next Family Faith in Action project which took place on Sunday, November 16. Over 60 people came to hear the famous children's story about the importance of sharing and how everyone's contributions matter. We connected the story with Jesus' teachings as well as the Sunday School unit, "But I'm just a Kid!...God calls us all."

The group also discussed food pantries, what they are and why they are needed, plus why our church supports their efforts. The participants donated 50+ big grocery bags of food for the Shields Township Food pantry. Several young families volunteered to deliver and sort the food donations from Stone Soup Supper and from the congregational-wide food drive.

Those in attendance at the supper also enjoyed a tasty version of stone soup along with cheese, rolls, fruit, brownies, and cookies. Many thanks to Karil Curran, Anneliese Crawford and the team for leading the event!



PROMOTE GOD'S VISION

Pear trees ap-pear

You may have noticed the eight pear trees which now grace our west entrance walkway. This allee of trees was planted in November through the use of Memorial Funds. The Memorials Committee is offering members of the congregation the opportunity to dedicate a tree in memory of a loved one. If you are interested in this please contact elder Susan Milanak at milanak@comcast.net or (847) 234-9664.

Memorial Funds are designated to be used to purchase items for the church which pertain to worship, the beauty of the sanctuary, chapel and parish house, and those the committee has deemed useful for the ongoing ministry of the church. These trees create a new entrance to the church to match the landscape enhancements of two years ago. We will also be receiving gifts of a new bench and limestone planter for Cornerstone Courtyard in the near future. We are thankful to our Memorials Committee for their thoughtful use of funds given to honor the memory of our loved ones.



Christmas Flowers

Giving in memory or honor of a loved one at Christmas is a wonderful tradition at First Church.

Monies collected are used to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Envelopes are available from ushers, in the pew racks, at the hospitality office and on the name tag tables in the halls. **Please print clearly** on the envelope for whom the flowers are given and from whom. Place it in the offering plate or return it to the office **no later than Wednesday, December 17**. We try very hard to be accurate so appreciate your help in writing clearly. The names of your loved ones will be listed in all the Christmas Eve bulletins. Thank you for your generosity of spirit and giving.

Meet & Greet with Rev. Christine Chakoian
FOR ALL 5TH, 6TH & 7TH GRADERS
Sunday, December 7 at 10:10AM in Fellowship Hall West.

Wax Up Your Skis or Snow Board!
Junior High Presbytery Winter Retreat
January 23-25, 2009
A two-night retreat for 6-8 grade youth
in the Chicago and Blackhawk Presbyteries at **East Bay Camp**
Bloomington, IL

Check the church website for registration info

Junior High church group shopping & supper
Sunday, December 14 at 3:30 PM

The 6th and 7th graders will meet at the Target in Vernon Hills to *shop for Christmas gifts for children in the Cabrini Green Tutoring Program* in Chicago. We will have an early supper at Portillo's. Pick up will be at Portillo's at 5:30. Please bring money for supper only. Target is located in Vernon Hills at 313 East Townline Road. Portillo's is just across the parking lot from Target.

Questions? Contact Kristie (847) 234-6250 or kfinley@firstchurchlf.org

FIRST CHURCH WINS MASONRY AWARD

First Presbyterian Church front door project won a Silver award from the Illinois Indiana Masonry Advisory Council. The competition is stiff, and includes projects from all over the two states. Over one hundred applicants competed for the Illinois Indiana Masonry Council "Excellence in Masonry" competition. The Illinois Indiana Masonry Council gives recognition to architects for accomplishment in masonry design. The jury is compiled of representatives of the architectural profession. The awards ceremony was held November 1 at the Field Museum in Chicago with over 800 architects, masons, masonry suppliers, etc. who attended the dinner. The architect for our project was Diana K. Melichar, AIA, President of Melichar Architects. The following website lists all the 2008 applicants www.excellenceinmasonry.com/projects08/projects08.html. The First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest is number 95.



Magical Market & Gift Bazaar & Cookie Walk

Come to a holiday boutique offering a wide variety of gift items, many created by local artists and the "not to be missed" Cookie Walk. Fill an empty box with cookies and your Christmas baking is complete!

Thursday, December 11
Fellowship Hall
9:00AM ~ 3:00PM

15% of all proceeds will go to benefit Reading Power, a successful local tutoring program in North Chicago.
Contact Lee Gantz (847) 295-9684

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First Presbyterian Church Preschool Enrollment News

Pre-enrollment for 2009-2010
began November 1, 2008.

Please call Sarah Pasquesi, Assistant

Enrollment Chair, at (847) 482-9055 or email pasquesi2@aol.com to place your child on the January registration mailing list. It is necessary for all new students as well as for siblings of current or past enrollees to call or email.

Registration materials will be mailed to everyone on this list Friday, January 9. Completed registration materials must be post marked no later than Friday, January 16 to be in the first lottery pool.

A parent *information session* will be held on Tuesday, January 6 at 12:30 pm in the South Parlor. This session will last approximately 1 hour and will include a PowerPoint slide show, Q & A session and Preschool tour. Childcare will be available by reservation only for \$5 per child. Please call Katie Eveleigh at (847) 735-1656 or email eveleigh@sbcglobal.net to reserve a childcare spot.

ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



The Giving Tree

The First Church Annual Giving Tree sponsored by the seventh grade Sunday school class is full of **names of children and adults from Casa Central**, an agency that supports Latino Children in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood. If you wish to provide

someone with a Christmas wish, please select a tag from the tree, cut it in half, write your name on one half and leave it on the tree. The Giving Tree, which will be up on November 30, will be located just outside the sanctuary. Please return the gifts unwrapped with the corresponding tag **no later than Monday morning December 15**. Gift delivery will be handled by Kristie Finley, Youth Director.

Senior High Gift Card Collection

The Senior High Youth Group will donate gift cards for those in need this holiday season. This year's collection will **benefit the Night Ministry Youth Program in Chicago and the Neal School in North Chicago**. The Night Ministry is an organization that offers a range of services and outreach to Chicago's at risk and homeless youth. The purchase of school supplies for the students at Neal School will allow them to start the New Year off prepared. Senior High students and their families support this effort by bringing gift cards of varying denominations from Target, Wal-mart, CVS or Walgreens to their annual Christmas party on December 14. Kristie Finley and the youth group will coordinate delivery of the cards.

College Mission Trip to Neal School

This year our College Mission Trip will be working close to home. We will be doing repair work at **Neal School on December 29 and 30**. Even though we are not traveling this year, we will spend quality time together rehabbing during the day and sharing an evening meal out together. Please contact Kristie Finley for details.

Advent College Care Packages

Youth Faith Formation is sponsoring the assembly of care packages during Advent for our college sophomores, juniors and seniors (the youth group just sent packages to the freshmen). These are welcome reminders of our church's care for them. **Parents and others are invited to participate on December 2 at 6:30 PM**. Reserve your spot by contacting Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org Please **contact Sarah Seccombe with your college student's current address** at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.



Deacon's Christmas Basket Program

As the weather turns colder and we begin to see signs of the holiday season, it is also time to consider how we might help brighten the Christmases of children and families in our area. The Christmas Basket Program provides our congregation with the opportunity to adopt a Lake County family and play "Santa" for their children. To participate, you may complete the response form provided below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. You may also sign up at the sign-up table between services outside the church office from November 16 through December 7. A deacon will contact you with your family information.

Wrapped and labeled gifts for your adopted family should be dropped off at the Salvation Army's facility in Waukegan by Wednesday December 10. If you'd like to meet your recipient, you may come to the Christmas program and cookie reception being held for the adopted families on Saturday 12/13 from 2pm-4pm at the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center. Additionally, we will continue a gift certificate program. The Salvation Army assists families with older children, individuals and senior citizens by providing gift certificates for food and other necessities. Your cash donations will be used to purchase Wal-Mart and Jewel Food gift certificates. If you would like to participate in this manner, just send your check for any amount, made out to First Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons, along with your form, to the church office.

Wrapped and labeled gifts for your adopted family should be dropped off at the Salvation Army's facility in Waukegan by Wednesday December 10. If you'd like to meet your recipient, you may come to the Christmas program and cookie reception being held for the adopted families on Saturday 12/13 from 2pm-4pm at the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center. Additionally, we will continue a gift certificate program. The Salvation Army assists families with older children, individuals and senior citizens by providing gift certificates for food and other necessities. Your cash donations will be used to purchase Wal-Mart and Jewel Food gift certificates. If you would like to participate in this manner, just send your check for any amount, made out to First Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons, along with your form, to the church office.



Deacon's Christmas Basket Program

Name: _____
(If a group, please give name of group & indicate a contact person)

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Christmas Basket Family Size: _____
(# of children)

We will call you and choose a family which best suits your preference.

_____ I would like to participate in the gift certificate program.

My check in the amount of \$_____, made out to the *First Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons*, is enclosed.

Please place this form in the offering plate or mail it to the church office, attention: Deacon's Christmas Basket Program.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST
FINANCIAL REPORT**

For the period ending October 31, 2008

	CURRENT MONTH	Year To Date CURRENT	Year To Date BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET 2 0 0 8	Year To Date DIFFERENCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
TOTAL INCOME	\$103,639	\$1,756,920	\$2,084,417	\$2,434,471	\$ (327,497)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$202,016	\$2,068,941	\$2,094,078	\$2,434,471	\$ 25,137
NET INCOME	\$(98,377)	\$(312,021)	\$ (9,661)	\$ -	\$(302,360)



**2009 Stewardship
TAX PLANNING UPDATE**

Enacted on October 3, 2008,
PL 110-343 (the Emergency Economic

Stabilization Act 2008, Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008, and Tax Extenders and Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008) extends expired charitable contribution provisions for both individual and business taxpayers. Individual taxpayers who have reached age 70 ½ can roll over money in individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to qualified charities such as your church on a tax-free basis through 2009. As much as \$100,000 may be donated annually. Please consult with your tax advisor on how your IRA rollover can support First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest while saving you tax dollars.

Set forth above is summary financial information for October 2008 and the year-to-date period through the end of that month. The \$98,377 negative result for the month is the result of lower weekly contributions. The Year-to-date loss of \$312,021 is over budgeted loss by \$302,360, primarily due to contributions being \$327,497 behind budgeted income. The good news is that our expenses are held within budget, in fact below budget by \$25,137 demonstrating administrative control.

“What shall I return to the Lord for all of God’s bounty to me?”

Psalm 116:12

“I do know that God is generous, and He wants us to be generous. I know these economic times make us a bit uncomfortable as we navigate important financial decisions. I know that our generosity as a church makes a difference in a broken world. And I also know there is great joy in giving generously and in being part of something bigger than ourselves.”

Bob Crawford in his Moment for Stewardship October 19

If you have not fulfilled your pledge commitment for 2008, please do so by December 31, 2008 or at your earliest convenience. With gratitude,

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE 9:00 & 11:00 SERVICES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SING NOEL**

Presbyterian Women invite you to join them as they go caroling at Westmoreland on Wednesday, **December 10** at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch. This annual event warms the heart of those who are visited and warms the hearts of the singers as well. We are called to love our neighbors and this season of Advent offers many opportunities to reach out to our friends and members who live at Westmoreland. When we all sing together we blend beautifully. We will continue the merriment at lunch following at the home of A. J. Woroch (485 Greenvale in Lake Forest). Contact Kerry for your lunch reservation, (847) 234-6250 or kspera@firstchurch

Please be a part of this year's **Christmas Pageant!**

We are looking for children age three and older to play the roles of angels, sheep, and shepherds in the annual Christmas Pageant.

No experience required!

Sunday, December 14 at 9:00AM

Families, participating children must attend the following:

Costume Pick Up..Wednesday, December 10,

4:00pm - 5:00pm First come, first served!

Rehearsal..Saturday, December 13, 9:00-10:00am

This is a **mandatory practice** for all pageant participants

Pageant..Sunday, December 14 at 9:00am service

Participants should arrive by 8:30am in costume

This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to lead the congregation in experiencing the Christmas story.

Call with questions - Tiffany Notz at (847) 295-1810 or Amy Pagliarella at (847) 234-6250



We are grateful to each of the individuals and families listed here who, as of Tuesday, November 18, have expressed their support for the mission and ministries of First Presbyterian Church through their pledge for 2009. **Thank you for your generous support!** If you did not receive a pledge card, you may pick one up in the office or you may pledge online at www.firstchurchlf.org/stewardship. Every gift makes a difference!

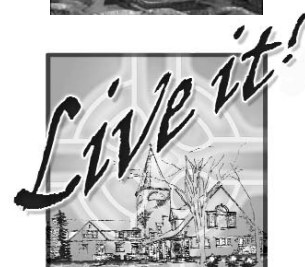
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Jim and Audrey Altounian
Edward Anderson
John and Megan Anderson
James Andress
Ruth Andrew
Luben and Astrid Atzef
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Elaine Barner
Steve and Meg Barnhart
Allen and Peggy Bartine
Jon and Sharon Bayer
Jane Beers
Frank and Prue Beidler, III
Lorraine Bellingham
Tim and Carolyn Bennett
Bruce and Patty Bennett
Paul Bergmann
Jacquie Berkshire
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The Christmas Joy Offering is about people.....people whom God is calling. Your generous gift to this offering on December 21 will express your joy at playing a vital role throughout the lives of those who seek to use their gifts as God calls them. Thank you!



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- PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE
- PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE
- PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE

Proclaiming Christ's Message

Worship happens at First Church every Sunday morning, on the first Sunday of the month in the evening, seasonally during Advent and Lent here in our sanctuary or chapel. Our pastors bring worship to Westmoreland every third Sunday of the month from 11:30 to noon. Approximately twenty five residents attend the chapel service at **Westmoreland Nursing Center** including hymns, prayers, individual blessings and a brief meditation. Pianists from our congregation include Carrol Herber, Lynda Kraemer and Ben Stephens. They lead worship with the pastors for the most popular part of the service, singing favorite hymns. This service enhances the spiritual lives of the residents, opens them to fellowship and strengthens their connection to the broader community represented by the pastor and musician. Our deacons gift this worship service at Westmoreland through Lake Forest Hospital Chaplaincy ministry annually. This year a new communion table and pulpit were purchased by First Church. Reverend Emily Rosencrans, chaplain at Lake Forest Hospital, led a dedication service on November 18 attended by Reverend Corey Nelson and deacon Maureen Olsen. If you feel called to help in this ministry, contact any of our pastors.