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Faith CONNECTIONS

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Let us hope together, for all that we
have prepared for this Advent season...

3:00 PM Relaxed, joyous
communion service,
Adult Worship Band;
Morgan Luttig, soloist;
Rev. Corey Nelson preaching

5:00 PM Family oriented,
children's choirs,
lively service
Special message for children
Rev. Amy Pagliarella,
Kristie Finley and
Rev. Corey Nelson

NURSERY CARE FOR 3:00 & 5:00 WORSHIP

8:00 PM Meditation & carols
String Quartet;
Kathleen Ferrin and
Ronald Watkins, soloists
Rev. Christine Chakoian
preaching

11:00 PM Meditation & carols
Strings Quartet,
Sanctuary Choir,
Susan Noble, soloist
Rev. Christine Chakoian
preaching


December 28 One service
10:00 AM Rev. Amy Pagliarella preaching

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

*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.*

BEGIN THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT WITH A *Magnificat* EXPERIENCE

To bring closure on our Advent study of Luke 1, the Festival Chorus will present Durante's celebrated *Magnificat* in B-flat, along with a period-instrument ensemble of strings and harpsichord. For many years, this *Magnificat* had been incorrectly attributed to Giovanni Pergolesi (1710-1736). However, thorough musicological research in the late 20th century clearly established that Pergolesi was not the composer of this work, but that it most likely belongs to Pergolesi's teacher, Francesco Durante (1684-1755). Francesco Durante was a leading composer of the early 18th century Neapolitan school, and an outstanding teacher of international repute in his day. Unlike most of his contemporaries, Durante focused his compositional output on church music, rather than opera. As a result, his output was relatively small and, though brilliantly composed, his compositions are often overlooked today.

The Presbytery of Chicago and  First Presbyterian
Church of Lake Forest
cordially invite you to the Service of Ordination and Installation of



Amy Pagliarella

as Associate Pastor for Children's Faith Formation on

Sunday, December 21, 2008 at 4:00 PM

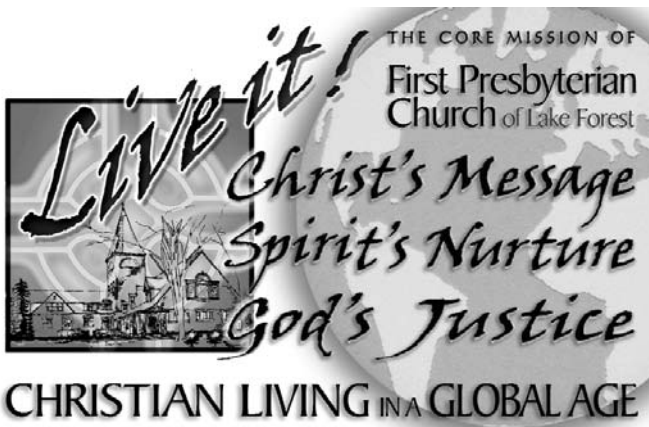
Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall

Children encouraged in worship; nursery care available in "The Ark"

Longest Night Service— December 21 at 7:00 PM

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."

Join us for a time of contemplative music, scripture, stories, silence, reflection and healing prayer. 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.



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Dear friends,



It feels like a very different Christmas this year. Normally the malls would be mobbed, the TV blaring ads for luxury cars, Society Pages brimming with news of extravagant parties. Instead it seems oddly quiet.

But in the quiet we have the opportunity to hear the Christmas story in a new way:

This year when the prophets proclaim, **“Comfort, comfort my people,”** we know we need God’s comfort, and we remember God’s constant presence.

This year when Gabriel announces to Mary, **“Nothing is impossible with God,”** we recognize our limitations, and we marvel at God’s power to save.

And this year when the angels sing to the shepherds, **“Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people,”** we acknowledge our real fears, and rejoice at the gift of our Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

When the pretense of control is swept away, and the illusion of self-sufficiency removed, we discover the treasure that has been there all along: the gift of life, the joy of sharing, the incomparable riches of love.

Merry Christmas, and a blessed New Year.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the **Christmas Joy Offering** is one of three special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that First Church receives annually to support a specific cause that help those in need. The receipts from the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to the Racial Ethnic and Women’s Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education. In 2007 Presbyterians around the world generously gave \$5,215,040 of which 92% was split between the Board of Pensions (\$2,388,891) and racial ethnic colleges (\$2, 350,690). When the Christmas Joy Offering is collected on December 21, please give generously to this Advent remembrance of the bounty the Lord has given us. **Thank you**



Christmas Eve Worship Services

3:00, 5:00, 8:00 & 11:00

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CHRISTMAS CAROL BAND

Rev. Corey Nelson invites you to join him and others for a little “sidewalk carol band” on **December 21** before & after services. Music will be provided. We will be offering a few minutes of music as people come in & out of worship. It would be great to have people of all ages & abilities join us, whether you are a student now or haven’t played in 20 years! Call Rev. Corey Nelson for information.

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CHURCH OFFICE 847-234-6250

HOURS: Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00^{PM}

Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

PROMOTE GOD'S VISION



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, located just outside the sanctuary, cut it in half, write your name on one half and leave it on the tree. 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.

WORSHIPING GOD - together

As we come to the end of the year, this is an opportune time to thank so many who work quietly every week as worship leaders.

The acolytes, liturgists, ushers, greeters, musicians, worship planners and fellowship hosts ensure that when we gather for worship, we are welcomed in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They teach and guide us, they help us remember why we are here, they offer warmth to friend and stranger, they walk with us in our faith journeys and they direct us to God.

Thank you to the worship planners - Christine Chakoian, Kristie Finley, Corey Nelson, Amy Pagliarella, Kent Kinney, Jill Hunt, Jeanne Lane; to the bulletin production team - Kay Wolff, Sarah Secombe and the Hospitality Ministers; to the music team - Jill Hunt, Tom Tropp, Lesley Byers and Susan Noble; to Bill Loving and his team of trained liturgists; to David Barkhausen and Betty Sample who invite ushers; to Diane Fondriest, Dick Mentzinger and Missy Romanoff who serve as elders on the Worship committee; to Barbara Wang, Susan Milanak, Lynn Bertram and their team of trained acolytes; to Bob Doran and his team of trained head ushers; to Craig Earnest and his team of trained Greeter Captains and weekly greeters; to Karol Karlblom and Bill Lay who organize fellowship hosts each week.

Coming in January....

Our **Children's Choirs** will begin rehearsals in January for the annual Children's Choirs play entitled

"It's O.K. to Be Different"

to be presented in worship on **February 22**, 2009.

Wednesday rehearsals for Cherub Choir (K & 1st grade) and Carol Choir (grades 2-6) begin Wednesday, January 7, 4:00-4:45 p.m. We will also offer a Sunday morning rehearsal from 10:15-10:45 a.m. beginning January 4 for all children in grades K - 6 who would like to participate in the play. Children who wish to have speaking parts or solos must attend the Wednesday rehearsals.

For more information contact Susan Noble or Jill Hunt.

Is There Room at the Inn?

On Sunday, **December 21**, the Sunday School classes will participate in a Mexican Christmas tradition known as **La Posadas** (the Inns), which is an enactment of Mary and Joseph looking for lodging. The children will form a procession, and go door-to-door (room to room) within the church, seeking shelter:

*"In the name of Heaven, I ask you for shelter.
My wife is tired; she can go no further."*

Middle school students, acting as "innkeepers", will turn the children away:

"I am no inn-keeper! You two cannot stay here."

The head of the procession will carry a light inside a paper lamp shade that is called a Farolito, or, "little lantern". Only the final "house" will admit the children to the inn. It is here (Fellowship Hall West) that a party is waiting, complete with Christmas caroling and sweet treats.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to participate in the Christmas story. Please join us!

ADVENT WREATHMAKING SUPPER



Lunch Bunch

Come to Lunch Bunch for a magnificent program on **Friday, December 19** when our Sanctuary Choir



director, Tom Tropp will share the music of the **Magnificat**.

Come to South Parlor at noon.

Cost is \$5⁰⁰ at the door.

Email or call Kerry for your reservation at kspera@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250

Dear Presbyterian Church members,

On behalf of the Neal Math & Science Academy (Junior High School) faculty and students, we would like to thank you for painting our school cafeteria and music hallway. It is always a pleasure to have volunteers from our surrounding community give their time and effort to improve our schools. We value your partnership and assistance. Thank you again for your contribution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sidney Glassner, Principal and Mr. Steve Novak, Assistant Principal

A Church-School Partnership:

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





2009 Stewardship

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:21

These are unprecedented times in our world. They are also unprecedented times in the life of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not fulfilled your pledge commitment for 2008 and are able to do so, please pay the balance by December 31, 2008.

If you have completed your pledge and can help those who cannot by continuing with weekly contributions, thank you and may God bless you and your gifts to support our church.

With gratitude, Your Stewardship Committee

2009 Stewardship Results to date

2009 Stewardship Pledge Goal
\$2,280,000

Total dollars pledged to date
\$1,706,582

Total number of pledges
404

New to 2009 Stewardship: Fisherman's Fund

Announced to Support New Pledges

-EXCERPTS FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON DECEMBER 7, 2008:

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4: 18-20

These are unprecedented times in our world.

Financial turmoil, terrorist attacks, global and political transition. They are also unprecedented times in the life of First Presbyterian Church. Today we have some information to share with you about a new and unique opportunity for members and friends of First Presbyterian Church.

You have heard of the challenges we have faced financially this year. We will continue to watch our costs, but the real secret to achieving our church's mission and restoring our financial position is to increase pledging.

The simple act of saying "all we need to do is increase pledging" is easy to say; it is challenging to do. As you may recall, we had two stewardship goals this year. One goal was to increase the average amount of our pledges. The other goal was to increase the percentage of members who pledge. The generous offer we are sharing today is aimed at helping us increase the percentage of households who make an annual pledge to First Presbyterian Church.

Why are pledges important? In addition to supporting the vital mission and ministries of this church, pledging allows church leaders, committees, and staff to know in advance how much will be available to support the day-to-day operations of the church. This is the cost to 'wake up the church' ...not just on Sunday morning, but every morning in support of our mission to proclaim Christ's message, provide a community of spiritual nurture, and promote God's vision of justice.

If you have already submitted your pledge for 2009, we thank you for your continued generosity! However, more than 50% of our available pledging units (households) in our congregation have not made an annual pledge commitment. Now more than ever, the vital mission and ministry of this church, our church, depend on the gifts of all members and friends. (continues under new member photos)

HELPFUL INFORMATION ON CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Enacted on October 3, 2008, PL 110-343 (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 the church on a tax-free basis through 2009. As much as \$100,000 may be donated annually. Please consult with your tax advisor to see if this distribution would benefit you.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL INFO

The Office and Building will be closed all day on Thursday December 25 and January 1.

To Credit Contributions in the year 2008, they must be received by noon on Wednesday, December 31.

Any Contributions received after noon on December 31, will be credited to the 2009 statement.

The entire church staff offer you JOY in this most blessed season.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period ending November 30, 2008

	CURRENT MONTH	Year ToDate CURRENT	Year ToDate BUDGET	ANNUAL BUDGET 2 0 0 8	Year To Date DIFFERENCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 159,992	\$1,915,782	\$2,208,194	\$2,369,471	\$ (292,412)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 198,617	\$2,197,021	\$2,254,694	\$2,434,471	\$ 57,673
NET INCOME BEFORE RESTRICTED	\$ (38,625)	\$(281,239)	\$ (46,500)	\$ (65,000)	\$ (234,739)
RESTRICTED INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ -	\$ (60,010)	\$ 59,583	\$ 65,000	\$ (119,594)
	\$ (38,625)	\$(341,249)	\$ 13,083	\$ -	\$ (354,332)

Set forth above is summary financial information for November 2008 and the year-to-date period through the end of that month.

The \$38,625 negative result for the month is the result of lower weekly contributions.

The Year-to-date loss of \$341,249 is unfavorable to budget by \$354,332 primarily due to contributions being \$292,412 behind budget; and investment income \$119,594 unfavorable. The good news is that our expenses are held within budget, in fact below budget by \$57,673.

We are grateful to each of the individuals and families listed here who, as of Tuesday, December 2, 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.firstchurch1f.org/stewardship. Every gift makes a difference!

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Fisherman's Fund Highlights

The Fisherman's Fund is an endowment available to match --dollar for dollar-- all new annual pledges to the 2009 Operating Budget from individuals up to a grand total of \$150,000!

- Suggested minimum pledge: \$500 (or whatever your household feels is sacrificial)
- New pledges will be matched up to \$1,000
- New pledges: households who have never pledged or have not made a pledge since 2006 are considered new and are eligible to be matched
- Fisherman's Fund matching gift program will expire on March 31, 2009
- If you have already submitted a new pledge for 2009, it will be matched by the Fisherman's Fund
- To ALL who have already submitted a pledge for 2009, we thank you for your continued generosity!



2009 STEWARDSHIP

WE WARMLY WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE



Hank Chakoian is retired from dentistry but not from his love of the Lord. He was Clerk of Session at the Mt. Prospect church for many years and taught adult Bible study there. "I know that change is constant throughout our lives, but my faith and the love of our Lord is a constant that will never change."

Michelle Gramza is married to Brian and has 3 children; Davis (6), Vivienne (4) and Gavin (1). She enjoys spending time with her kids, playing tennis, skiing and reading. First Church felt homey to Michelle the first day she walked in and her children love their Sunday school classes.



Mark, Liz and Abby Jacob come to us from Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook. Lifelong Presbyterians, Liz's grandfather was a missionary & Presbyterian minister. Mark is a dentist in Northbrook, Liz a CPA, working part time & volunteering in schools.

Abby is a sophomore in high school & was confirmed at the

Village Church. Lucas is a 4th grader. Mark, a dentist, has served as an elder & deacon moderator at The Village Church, Liz, a CPA, served as a deacon, chaired the Stewardship Campaign & taught Sunday School. The Jacobs are excited to join this family of faith, hoping their faith will continue to grow & to be witnesses for Christ in everyday life & work.

Lisa Johnson loves teaching, photography and photo software editing including restorations of photos and posters. She especially enjoys listening to the life stories of older adults and teaching fifth graders through high school. Lisa looks forward to being part of an exciting family of God, giving back to the faith community and striving to do what God wants her to do while strengthening her life with Christ.



Patty Kreischer is a graphic artist and web manager at the Lake Forest Library. She enjoys her children and grandchildren, biking, tennis, drawing/painting, walking and her work at the library. She has been called to membership through her relationship with God and Pastor Christine's leadership.

Dan and Beth Nicholson have joined First Church to reaffirm their faith. They were introduced to the church when their son attended preschool here. Dan is in sales and takes pride in his craft. He enjoys football, hockey, weight lifting and kids. Beth's life work is her family including three children - Frank, Catherine and Matthew. She enjoys being with her children, running and gardening.

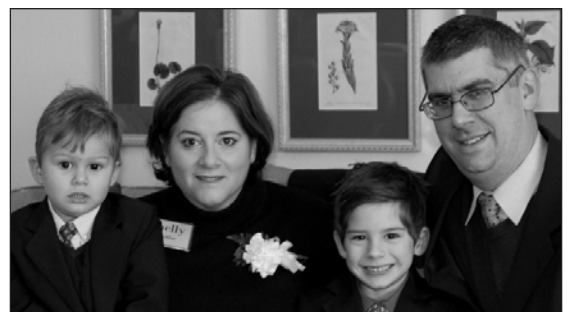


Harriet and Jim Perrin have had an active church life. Harriet raised four children, taught junior high and high school English and served as legal secretary to her husband who is a trial attorney specializing in the defense of civil lawsuits. She enjoys membership in the Deerfield area AAUW and currently serves on the Presidential Committee and enjoys singing. Harriet is looking for a church home where she can openly express her doubts, fears and hopes without feeling out of place and she can grow. Jim enjoys golf, reading, grandchildren and his springer spaniel. He loves the traditional service, music and the outstanding clergy at First Church.



Shelley Quillin is fulfilled in the raising of her two sons, Henry (5) and Wyatt (2), with her husband Jim. She enjoys yoga, reading, birding, singing and soap making. She has felt called to membership by Christine Chakoian and Amy Pagliarella.

Fredi Sage is a software engineering manager, retired. She enjoys painting and dogs. She has found the friendly, outgoing Christian community for which she has been looking.





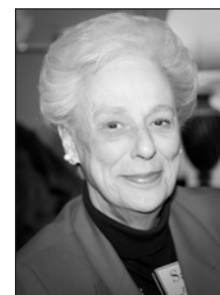
Jeffrey Savage works for AON in the employee benefit outsourcing practice. He and his wife Emily and son Charlie have lived in the area for 2½ years and are expecting their second child in January. He enjoys spending time with his family, never ending home improvements, running and cooking. Having grown up in a Presbyterian Church in Ohio that played a large part in his life, Jeff wants First Church to be an important part of life for his family.



Ruth and Fred Schneider have felt called to First Church as an affirmation of their faith through the voice of Christine Chakoian. Ruth maintains her license as a speech pathologist/learning disabilities resource teacher. She enjoys her family, sons Sammy (8) and Jeffery (9), cooking, book clubs, travel, scrapbooking and fitness activities. Fred is a management consultant who enjoys family activities, golf and friends.



Jamie and Kristin Wildman have found a comfortable church home at First Church and want to be part of the church community that will allow their children to experience and value church and God's teachings in their lives. Jamie is in corporate finance with William Blair & Company. He enjoys sports, is an automotive enthusiast and likes giving back to others. Kristin enjoys her homemaker role, traveling, tennis and spending time with friends and family.



**WELCOME TO ALL
THE NEW MEMBERS WHO
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INTO FIRST CHURCH**

Sally Zimmer was a member of First Church many years ago who finds church membership basic to her life. She is retired after working for Clark Retirement Community and New Mexico Conference of Churches. She enjoys her children, granddaughters and reading.

New to 2009 Stewardship: Fisherman's Fund (continued from stewardship page)

We encourage those who have not pledged in the past, to make a pledge commitment toward the 2009 Operating Budget.

To help us in the goal to increase pledging, a generous endowment has been offered to friends and members of our congregation. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of these donors, who are long time and active family members of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, who choose to remain anonymous. This year, these donors, in concert with the staff as well as the Stewardship committee, are pleased to offer the Fisherman's Fund, where the Fisherman's Fund will match-- dollar for dollar-- all new annual pledges from individuals up to a grand total of \$150,000! To be matched under this program, the suggested minimum pledge is \$500 because we know that for many households, a minimum of \$500 is not sacrificial; nevertheless it marks a serious commitment to the work of the Lord in this place. We also know that for some households, \$50 or even \$5 would be a sacrificial gift in these economic times. Therefore, the Fisherman's Fund will match any gift up to \$1,000. If you have already submitted a first time pledge for 2009, the Fisherman's Fund will provide matching for your pledge as well! If you have not pledged since 2006 and make a pledge toward the 2009 operating budget, your pledge will also be



considered a new pledge and matched accordingly. Matching from the fund will occur as your actual contributions are made over the course of 2009.

All pledges, great and small, make a difference... and the Fisherman's Fund is a wonderful opportunity to double the impact of your gift in this time of need. If you wish to support this opportunity, please fill out a pledge card and our business office will confirm your participation in the Fisherman's Fund matching gift program. You may also pledge online at www.firstchurchlf.org/stewardship. There are pledge cards in the pew racks as well as in the church office. Please note: because our pledges are used to plan, the Fisherman's Fund matching gift program will expire on March 31, 2009. **But the need for our church is now.**

We have an exciting 2009 ahead of us, full of promise and full of hope. Thank you for your time and consideration of this opportunity to make an even greater difference in the life of our church.

-Lynnette Hinch,
Director of Strategy, Development & Operations

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THE RUMMAGE ROOM will be closed for the Christmas & New Year holiday from Monday, December 15 through Monday, January 5.

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**
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The Core Mission of
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- PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE
- PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE
- PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE

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.



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 12:30pm 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.