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# Faith CONNECTIONS

Reverend Corey Nelson and the  
Membership Committee  
will be co-hosting a series of  
*Lenten Meals*

for members and friends to  
gather, break bread,  
and get to know one another.

BRUNCH @ 12:30 PM

Sundays; February 10,  
March 2 and March 9

DINNER @ 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 14  
Saturday, February 16  
Saturday, February 23  
Tuesday, February 26  
Thursday, February 28  
Monday, March 3  
Friday, March 7

Each participant will be invited  
to bring a portion  
of our community meal.

Sign-ups will be on  
Sunday mornings or  
make reservations with Kerry  
in the church office during the week.

*Lent* begins  
February 6  
WEDNESDAY MORNING  
COMMUNION SERVICES

Led by Lay and Clergy

SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL FROM 7:00-7:30 AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FROM 7:30-8:00 AM

Ash Wednesday, February 6, in the chapel at 7:00  
with Dr. Don Dempsey

February 13 with Reverend Corey Nelson

February 20 with Reverend Patrick Day

February 27 with Reverend Kent Kinney

March 5 with Reverend Christine Chakoian

March 12 with Reverend Dr. Don Dempsey

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER,  
FAITH JOURNEY & WORSHIP

February 6 - Sign Up for supper by calling Kerry at (847) 234-6250

6:00 PM Supper in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Faith Journey - Reverend Corey Nelson

7:00 PM Worship - Sanctuary for communion by intinction  
and imposition of ashes

Childcare is available beginning at 6:00 PM in *the Ark*

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



Dear friends,

Lent is traditionally a gloomy season in the church -- lots of talk of sin and repentance, cloaked in the garb of sackcloth and ashes. In our cheery "whatever feels good, do it" society, perhaps that's not such a bad thing. It might make up for a cultural shortage of reflective self-assessment and good old appropriate guilt.

But I propose a different Lent this year: rather than just the narrow sub-set of judgment, we focus on the larger question of discernment. By examining Jesus' mission in his own life, we will look towards discerning our own.

In worship and in small groups we will walk through the gospel of Luke, touching on these ministries of Jesus:

- \*Calling the World to New Life
- \*Preparing Leaders
- \*Teaching
- \*Inviting All to the Table
- \*Calling for Righteousness
- \*Confronting Evil
- \*Bringing New Life
- \*Meeting Us in the World

Join me in exploring our own personal calling as we follow Jesus in his life's mission.

Every blessing,

REVEREND COREY NELSON LEADING  
A FIVE WEEK FORUM ENTITLED

## Visions of Justice: Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



PARTICIPANTS CAN CHOOSE TO ATTEND THIS DYNAMIC, INTERACTIVE FIVE-WEEK COURSE ON EITHER SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00PM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 17 AND 20 RESPECTIVELY.

WEEK 1: Biblical Visions of Justice: Isaiah, Luke/Acts

WEEK 2: Historical Visions of Justice: standing on big shoulders

WEEK 3: Contemporary Visions of Justice:  
globalization & ethics on a collision course

WEEK 4: Three Models of Mission:  
compassion, justice & transformation: case studies

WEEK 5: Discerning God's Vision for Me & Us: discerning next steps



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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

*Reverend Christine Chakoian*

*Communion*

*Scout Sunday at 9:00*

*Sanctuary Choir and*

*Lakeminster Ringers at 9:00 & 11:00*

**Jesus begins his prophetic mission**

**Luke 4: 14-44**

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

*Reverend Christine Chakoian*

*Eggs Benediction at 9:00 & 11:00*

*Baptism at 11:00*

**Jesus calling to new life**

**Luke 5, 6, 7**

### IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

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# PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING February 3, 2008

Senior High Youth Group will be collecting donations after the 9:00 and 11:00 morning worship services. The youth encourage us to

**“love the Lord our God...and love our neighbors”**

by giving one dollar each on Super Bowl Sunday. All funds collected are designated to an agency that our Senior High Youth Group selects. This outreach began in a senior high youth group in South Carolina and enables young people to see that by God's grace, they can make a difference in the world. The 2007 collection, interrupted by the unexpected evacuation of the building due to a sprinkler bursting, was given to the Shields Township Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this giving and educational mission ministry.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

All Scouts and their families are invited to join us for **Scout Sunday February 3** to celebrate the many contributions of young people and adults to the community through Scouting. All Boy, Cub, Tiger, Venture, Girl and Brownie Scouts are asked to meet, in uniform, at 8:45<sup>AM</sup> in the South Parlor. Scout Sunday patches will be provided to participants in Scout Sunday by the Family Life Committee.

## Stephen Ministry

On Saturday, February 16, popular guest speaker **Diane Stephens**, an adjunct professor at Garrett Theological Seminary, will present the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education program. Diane has offered prayer inspiration to the congregation for the last two years. Her topic on prayer for this year is **“The Prayers Jesus Prayed.”**

This open-to-the-public, pre-Lenten presentation offers a wonderful opportunity for not only Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders, but also our entire congregation, to study and reflect upon the prayers Jesus prayed in the Gospels. Bring a friend and keep planting seeds for future Stephen Ministers.

Coffee & Fellowship at 10:00<sup>AM</sup> and the program at 10:30 in the Parish House.



*Sign Up Now!* by Monday,  
February 4



## La Trattoria

First Church's annual dinner sponsored by the Membership committee.

This fun event will be held on

**Saturday, February 9, 2008**

from 6:30-9:00<sup>PM</sup>

at the Lake Forest Club.

\$36 per person

Reservations to Kerry Spera (847) 234-6250 or  
kspera@firstchurchlf.org

Contact Jacquie Berkshire at  
sunnyberk@aol.com for more information.

## The Membership Committee

of First Presbyterian Church is seeking to re-organize and renew its **Greeter Ministry Program.**

We are looking for volunteers to provide a warm smile, an outreached hand, and a willingness to welcome people, as an important part of providing a community of spiritual nurture.

An organizational and informational meeting is being held for people who have served as Greeters in the past and also for those who are interested in serving in this capacity in the future.

Date: **Sunday, February 10**

Time: **10:15<sup>AM</sup>**  
(between church services)

Place: **South Parlor**

Come and join us to learn more about this important Outreach opportunity of "Greeter Ministry" here at First Church.

If you have further questions please call Craig Earnest of the Membership Committee (312) 213-3193 or Reverend Don Dempsey at (847) 234-6250.



# PROVIDE SPIRITUAL NURTURE

As part of First Presbyterian's Year-Long Series  
"Stories You Can't Live Without: Proclaiming Christ's Message Today"

The Adult Education Committee

presents

Dr. Richard Mallette

Speaking on

## Hamlet and the Scriptures

"It hath the primal eldest curse upon it," says Claudius of his killing of old king Hamlet: "a brother's murder." The curse of Cain hangs over this villain, as do other prohibitions from the Old Testament.

Both Deuteronomy and Leviticus forbid a man's marrying his dead brother's wife, for example, a ban taken seriously by Shakespeare's original audience. The laws of retaliation in the Hebrew scriptures echo throughout the play ("revenge," says Hamlet, "should have no bounds").

This talk will embed Hamlet in seminal texts of the Old Testament privileged by Elizabethan religious culture. We will then look at ways in which the play also dramatizes extensions of literal Mosaic law, some of which we may hear reverberating in the Christian scriptures.



Richard Mallette is Professor of English at Lake Forest College, where he has taught Shakespeare for many years. He has written extensively on the role of religion in early modern English literature, particularly in Shakespeare, Spenser, and Milton.

## February 10, 2008

At **7:30** PM

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest  
South Parlor

Please RSVP to Kerry Spera at 847-234-6250 ext. 233  
(email: [kspera@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:kspera@firstchurchlf.org)) by February 4 as  
Dr. Mallette will hand out written materials for the attendees.

## STAFF REFLECTIONS

Kristie Finley, Director of Youth Ministries spent four days at the Princeton Forum on Youth and Theology recently.

*"I was fortunate to start my new year off with this wonderful combination of worship, study and fellowship. The joy of sharing my ministry with other youth ministers made the time away worthwhile. It is affirming to hear your call loud and strong again."* Ted Smith,

a theologian at Vanderbilt, presented an eye-opening lecture on the changing culture and the cool factor. Ted's premise is that we always look for ways to be cooler than the next person which has us looking for greener, cooler pastures. He linked this to St Benedict's idea of stabilitas, the special vow of stability a

monk makes for life to the particular monastery in which his vows are made. Staying in one place, being stable, was presented as a way to clarify a call. Often times it does not seem exciting or cool to stay where we are, but in fact that may be exactly

what God is calling us to do. *"This hit home for me. I have been feeling that the frenetic pace around me was making me feel slightly lost and not so cool, like I was being pulled to look for something more important, more exciting. I cannot think of anything more important for me than to pay attention to God's call to me, to be present here. I am very grateful to the congregation for this opportunity to retreat and refresh,"* Kristie stated.



## Kindergarten Bible Sunday January 13, 2008

Connor Grant Armstrong, James Edward Barbour, Lila Elizabeth Brown, Henry Thomas Carrabine, Andrew Creighton Crawford, William Hartley Curran, Grace Mae Gescheidle, Katherine Chisnell Gilcrest, Brier Ann Gunderson, Charles Heist Haggerty, Connor Michael Higgins, Andrew Miles Levin, Gavin Becker Maxwell, Morgan Elizabeth McGlynn, Jada Corrine Muldrow, Susanna Lynne Noble, Scott Edwards Notz, Hannah Sweet, William Alexander Thomas, Caroline Reynolds Zeeman



# PROVIDE SPIRITUAL NURTURE



A "Day" at the Farm... Galvin Day enjoys a 'Day at the Knollwood Country Club Farm' ...one of the unique auction items from 2007

"We're fishin' for a few  
Unique Auction Items!"

All-Church Auction '08 for

**Bid for Better Lives**

sponsored by the Board of Deacons

**April 19**

Knollwood Country Club

**What is the history of the all-church auction?** April 23, 1982 was the inaugural All-Church Auction. Members of our congregation from the Rummage Committee and the then called "Supper Club" wanted to give back to our community by raising funds to distribute to organizations who served the disadvantaged. They came up with the idea of an auction as a way to raise funds. Over the years, the event has grown and changed, but the spirit of gathering together as a congregational family to help our neighbors in need has remained constant. Although this event has been organized by the board of Deacons for some years, this year we want to emphasize how important the participation of "All" in the "Church" is to the success of the event!

**Where do the Auction proceeds go?** 100% of the proceeds from this event benefit Lake County Missions. These agencies work energetically to promote social justice and make real changes in the lives of the under served in Lake County. In the coming weeks, we will be highlighting many of the agencies who benefit from the auction. Look for news in Faith Connections, the bulletin, and the pews! You will see the real work that is being done at A Safe Place, Habitat for Humanity, P.A.D.S., Soup Kitchen, The Haven, Reading Power, and many others!

**How can I contribute?** By attending the auction, encouraging others to attend, soliciting for needed auction items, donating auction items, helping to organize, set-up, clean-up... there are many ways to help!

**What kinds of auction items do we need?** Items are needed from Airline miles to Zoo tickets and everything in between! Some generous ideas to consider are the use of vacation homes (both near and far!), sporting event/theater tickets, and restaurant gift certificates. Equally important are your creative donations of parties, events, musical talents, special lessons or instruction (cooking, golf, crafts, etc...). These items are what really make the auction come alive!

**What if I have an auction item (talent, idea or question!) that I would like to donate?**  
Please contact Auction Chairperson Cesilie Price at (847) 615-8806 or [cprice4@aol.com](mailto:cprice4@aol.com).

**How can I get involved?** The Board of Deacons welcomes and encourages your gifts of time & talent in helping to make the auction a success. Please contact Cesilie for more information on how you can help.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR Habitat for Humanity

**Volunteers of all skill levels, age 16 and older, are needed to build a Habitat for Humanity house in Waukegan.**

First Church along with five other local Presbyterian Churches is sponsoring a house in at the Carter Crossing Site in Waukegan.

Groundbreaking was in November and the foundation is now in. Volunteers from First Church are needed on the following Saturdays: Feb 16, Mar 8, Mar 22, and April 26.

To volunteer please **contact deacon**

**Carl Stevens,**  
cell (224) 522-5506.

We will meet at the Carter Crossing site in Waukegan at 8:00<sup>AM</sup> and work until 4:00<sup>PM</sup>.

**Directions:** Carter Crossing is at Washington Park Ave and 12th Street in Waukegan. North on Green Bay Rd to Route 137. Right (east) on 137. Left (north) on Lewis Ave. Right (east) on 14th street. Left (north) on Washington Park to 12th Street.

9:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT

9:00 & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT

OF EACH MONTH.

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## CHRISTOPHER MARTINAT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship has been established in loving memory of Christopher Martinat, a 1998 Lake Forest High School graduate. In recognition of Chris's love of nature and the outdoors, this scholarship will fully fund the tuition for a month-long NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) experience in the Rocky Mountains for one selected student. Rocky Mountain courses are typified by travel at relatively high altitude (8-12,000 ft.), spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing and opportunities for rock climbing and fishing.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE AND RESIDENTS OF LAKE FOREST, LAKE BLUFF OR KNOLLWOOD.

Application packets are available February 1, 2008 at The First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, The Guidance Department at Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Academy and Woodlands Academy. Completed applications, which include an essay, should be **returned no later than Friday, March 14.**

A selection panel will interview semi-finalists and a recipient will be announced no later than Friday April 4. For additional information contact Linda Martinat (847) 615-0820.

This fund was established by generous donations to the Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship and will provide a NOLS outdoor experience for a selected student every year into perpetuity. A very special thanks to all who made this memorial possible.