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Faith CONNECTIONS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADULT & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Present

PhD Candidate

Mark Chakoian speaking on



**Ethics In
Everyday
Life: How
To Think
Morally
In Your
Daily Life**

Ethics!

What is it?

Ethics seeks to explain the good life. It explores the meaning of right & wrong, good & bad. Through ethics we examine how we conduct our lives, and reflect on what it is that we truly value. Ethics is about more than matters of life and death: it's about how we live out our lives on a daily basis! Ethics makes us ask ourselves:

What do we value and why?

What should we do about it?

What will we actually do about it?

Please join us for this informative discussion given by Reverend Chris Chakoian's nephew, Mark. He is currently a PhD candidate in Philosophy at Loyola University, where he teaches an Ethics course.

Sunday Evening

April 19, 2009

at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

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



HOLY WEEK

APRIL 5 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 & 11:00AM The Sanctuary Choir and the children lead a palm processional; Holy Week events including Jesus entering Jerusalem, Jesus and the money changers, Jesus being questioned by the church leaders, the woman who anointed Jesus with oil and preparation for the last supper will be presented through scripture, narrative and music. The service will conclude with our sharing in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

7:00PM FIRST SUNDAY @ FIRST CHURCH will focus on the passion of Christ's last week in a relaxed, intimate setting preceded by supper at 6:00PM



APRIL 9 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30PM This moving service is marked by the shadow of Jesus' betrayal. It is held the night of the Passover meal when we are reminded that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, modeling how Christians are to love one another through humble service. The word Maundy comes from the Latin mandatum which means commandment. In the institution of the last supper, Jesus commanded his disciples to remember him through the breaking of bread and formed the biblical basis for communion. The congregation will be invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction. Following communion, we will observe the ancient tradition of Tenebrae with scripture readings, hymns, and music by the Sanctuary Choir, extinguishing candles and stripping the altar in preparation for Good Friday.



APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY

12 Noon - 7:30PM A short service will be held in the sanctuary at noon in preparation for Jesus' Prayer Stations which offer a kinesthetic experience where the worshiper learns by becoming part of the last days of Jesus' life by wearing a crown of thorns, pounding a nail into the cross, tasting vinegar, gambling for Jesus' robe, tearing the temple curtain, asking Jesus to remember you and ending by lighting a candle. You are invited to come and go as you desire, spending time in quiet reflection on Jesus' Passion and all that you have experienced.



APRIL 12 EASTER

7:00AM An informal sunrise service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord will be led by Reverend Corey Nelson and Youth Director Kristie Finley with music by Eggs Benediction.

9:00 & 11:00AM A joyful service of celebration will be led by Reverend Christine Chakoian with music leadership by the Sanctuary Choir and a brass quintet.



**CHRIST IS RISEN!
ALLELUIA!**



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Dear Friends,

Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. We mark this sacred time beginning on Palm Sunday, in the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and finally, in the glorious celebration of resurrection on Easter Sunday. Some ministers may wring their hands at the Easter crowds who show up just for "high holy days." Not I. I welcome our "flock" with open arms, whenever they come, and hope that the embrace they feel may prompt them to remember how good it feels to be in their church home.

Easter is as festive, crowded, and celebratory as we get, and I love it. But for those of us who are here all the time, it's often in the quiet corners that we feel most profoundly God's presence in our lives. This last month was one of those times for me.

As many of you know, I was out for nearly three weeks with pneumonia and concurrent assorted infections. At the same time, Corey Nelson was out on jury duty for two weeks and Amy Pagliarella has been out on maternity leave. (We welcome her back April 2, in time for Holy Week!)

But ministry doesn't stand still. So what happened? Rev. Kent Kinney (ostensibly part-time) picked up all the visitation. Donna Birney coordinated pastoral concerns coming in to the office to make sure nothing got dropped. The whole "ministry" staff – Kristie Finley, Jill Hunt, Lynnette Hinch, and Liz Gescheidle shared outreach as needs appeared. The whole staff held the place together – from building to bulletins, from ministry to management. And Reverends Emily and Andrew Rosencrans, along with Corey, filled the pulpit in my absence.

And you, the congregation, rolled up your sleeves as the "family of faith" that you are. Deacons took communion to the homebound and delivered meals to the sick (including me!); Stephen Ministers counseled their care receivers; the knitting circle sent a dozen of their Prayer Shawls to comfort the distressed; the Prayer Chain faithfully brought joys and concerns to the throne of grace; Small Groups studied Scripture together and held one another in prayer; Rummage sorted donations; volunteers reached out to PADS, Soup Kitchen, the Neal School, and more. And in the meantime, committees and boards kept the clockwork moving.

I want you to know how proud I am to be pastor of this church – for you truly are a family of faith to one another. And I appreciate the many cards, emails, calls and prayers that came my way – for you truly are my family of faith too.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

Office hours change

In an effort to standardize our business practices, the church office hours are now 9:00AM-5:00PM, Monday through Friday. The phones will be turned on when the hospitality minister arrives at 9:00AM. Our pastors want to be available to the congregation when there is an emergency. A message indicating which pastor is on call and how she or he may be reached will greet you if you phone before 9:00AM. This change will not affect the work of the pastors or church staff.

Sunday Worship

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5
PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

*Reverend Christine Chakoian
Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 & 11:00AM
PALM PROCESSIONAL*

**PALM SUNDAY EVENING
APRIL 5**

**FIRST @ First Church
Sunday**

Dinner @ 6:00 Worship @ 7:00PM

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12**

EASTER WORSHIP

**7:00AM Reverend Corey Nelson,
Kristie Finley & Eggs Benediction**

9:00 & 11:00AM

*Reverend Christine Chakoian
and Sanctuary Choir & Brass*

John 21: 1-14

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CHURCH OFFICE 847-234-6250
HOURS: Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00PM
 Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

SPIRITUAL NURTURE

HANDS OF PEACE, a unique interfaith program bringing together Palestinian, Israeli and American teens for dialogue and friendship presents a lecture by **Dr. Ron Miller** titled **A Bigger God: Addressing the New Atheists**



on **Tuesday, April 21, 7:30-9:00PM** in the sanctuary. Dr. Miller is a Co-Founder of Common Ground and Professor of Religion at Lake Forest College. He will be addressing the controversial recent works on atheism by writers like Sam Harris and Christopher Hitchens, focusing on the

insights they can bring to contemporary religious conversation.

Tickets: \$20 Students and Seniors, \$25 Adult ticket at door, \$10 for members of First Church.

To purchase tickets online:

WWW.HANDS-OF-PEACE.ORG

or call Mort Stern at 1 847 559 1864.



HANDS OF PEACE

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY GROWS

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Hebrews 13: 2

This is the theology behind the Hospitality Ministry that puts a smile on the face and in the voice at each phone call and visit. We are interested in adding new hospitality ministers. Have you thought about becoming a Hospitality Minister? If so, training will be held on **Wednesday, May 6** from 9:30 to noon. To register for training or for more information, contact A.J. Woroch at (847) 234-8861.

ILLINOIS SAINT ANDREW SOCIETY



SUPPORTING SCOTTISH HERITAGE SINCE 1845

Tartan Day Event

Scottish influence in Lake Forest will be explored in an afternoon co-hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest and the Illinois Saint Andrew Society on **Sunday April 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** at the church. **Dr. Arthur Miller**, Archivist and Librarian for Special Collections at Lake Forest College, will present **Scottish Civic Pride about the founding Scots in Chicago and Lake Forest and their philanthropic ties.** As First Presbyterian celebrates its sesquicentennial in 2009, this event brings together and highlights the contributions of Scots to the Chicago area, specifically to the Illinois Saint Andrew Society. Scottish music, dance and refreshments will be featured. A charge of \$5 per person will be collected. For information or to make a reservation contact Kristen Guthrie by phone (708) 426-7127 or email events@chicago-scots.org or online at www.chicago-scots.org.

Back by popular demand, Presbyterian Women invite you to the



Spring is an exciting time for fellowship in preparation for the All-Church Auction, Rummage Sale and mission giving from these faithful works.

Come see the fabulous fashions to be found at the Rummage Sale

Friday, April 17
at noon in Fellowship Hall

\$15.00 for Lunch, Fashion Show & Raffle ticket
(jewelry donated for raffle. additional raffle tickets \$2.00)

Lunch and all other items were donated and 100% of proceeds go to Mission
Reservations with Kerry at kspera@firstchurchlf.org or 847.234.6250

SAVE THE DATE:

Vacation Bible School
August 18 - 21



"WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT"

Featuring Chadder's Bayou Adventure.
Parents who are interested in helping with planning please contact
Liz at lgescheidle@firstchurchlf.org

Family Faith Formation

Powerful Words, Powerful Results written by Hal Urban will be the focus of our **April 28, 7:00PM** Family Faith Formation Night facilitated by Kristie Finley, Youth Director. Dr Urban, a parent and award-winning teacher and author, shows us simple and immediate ways that we can use language to change lives--both our own and those around us. Come to the South Parlor that evening to discuss ways to build character in our children and ourselves. Dr. Urban will speak to the community on Thursday, April 23 and the Lake Forest Library is sponsoring a book discussion on *Life's Greatest Lessons: 20 Things that Matter*, another of his books on Monday April 13, 9:30 to 11:00. Contact Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org for information.

All-Church Auction 150 years of giving

SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF DEACONS

We hope you can join us for
a wonderful evening



**FELLOWSHIP,
DINNER &
AUCTION**
to support
Lake County
Missions

**Saturday,
April 18**

KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

6:00PM Fellowship & Silent Auction

8:00PM Dinner & Live Auction

**Don't miss this well-attended gathering
that supports many Lake County missions.
One hundred per cent of the proceeds from
this event benefit these ministries.**

Sign up for a *Dinner Reservation* that includes appetizers during the silent auction, dinner and the live auction. If you are unable to spend the evening, *sign up for a Fellowship Reservation* to enjoy the fellowship and appetizers, and the opportunity to bid on silent auction items, including some vintage selections from our rummage donations.

Return the attached completed registration form to Kerry Spera at First Church or register on line at www.firstchurchlf.org. (The registration form appears on the home page of the website.)

If you have questions about reservations, contact Nancy Hensel at nphensel@comcast.net or (847) 295-2913.

Program booklets will not be mailed in advance. A preview of our auction items will be available on our church website (www.firstchurchlf.org) and in the church office, the week prior to the Auction.

MEAL-A-MONTH BAGS

Our next collection will be April 5, Palm Sunday. The menu of needed items will be on the outside of the bag. Thank you for your generous response in reaching out to our neighbors. For more information, contact Reverend Corey Nelson.

All-Church Auction **RESERVATION FORM**

Name _____

Phone _____

Auction Fellowship (Hors d'oeuvres only) \$30 per person \$ _____

DINNER Reservations are requested for _____ guest(s) at
\$80 per person \$ _____

Angel Package \$100 Single/ \$200 Couple
(Includes reservation and program recognition) \$ _____

Archangel Package \$250 Single/\$500 Couple
(Includes reservation and program recognition) \$ _____

Friend of the Deacons up to \$500
(donation only with program recognition) \$ _____

Caring Partner \$500+ Individual or Business Name
(donation only with program recognition) \$ _____

Pre-purchase of DRINK tickets ~ \$1/ea
(tickets will be ready for you when you check in) \$ _____

(Approximate drink prices: soda - \$3; beer - \$6; wine - \$8; mixed drink - \$9)

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make your check(s) payable to
First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest
or **CREDIT CARD:** VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____

CARD # _____

EXP DATE _____

Cardholder name/signature _____

(FOR PROGRAM RECOGNITION PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 3 - THANK YOU)

Seating will be pre-assigned;

you may (please circle one of the following):

A) reserve a complete table (limit 10 people) to confirm this request,
checks or charge for all guests must be received together

B) request to be seated with others (less than a full table)

OR

C) "mix and mingle" and we'll seat you with others

We will do our best to accommodate all requests but seating limitations may require some flexibility Please provide the names, addresses and phone number for all guests in your group. Thank you!

NAME(S) ADDRESS (must be completed for all parties requested at same table)
and PHONE

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT
to Kerry Spera at kspera@fiscchurchlf.org, (847) 234-6250
or REGISTER ON LINE **www.firstchurchlf.org**

PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE



The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women gives you the opportunity to nurture your faith in community with women from around the world; learn about mission opportunities and justice and peace issues; develop leadership skills; participate in workshops; hear from Bible study leaders and plenary speakers; meet new friends, including Global Partners from

around the world; and much more! Pastor Chakoian will offer a workshop on Sunday and Monday titled Martha Stewart, Mother Teresa and Me. This workshop encourages women to explore their authentic calling—in the midst of the competing demands of family responsibilities and cultural expectations.

Adult registration for the full event includes 10 meals, all programs, tote bag and program book. Earlybird registration (January 15–May 15, 2009) is \$380. After that, registration will be \$430. One-day and weekend registration as well as registration for children (six months through 12 years) and youth (13–18 years) is also available. Some scholarships for adults are available; hotel, travel and other meals are additional. Visit <http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering> to register.

Dedicate Flowers at Easter

Honor a special beloved person with a dedication that will be listed in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 12.

Contributions can be made using the Easter Flower envelope found in the pew rack. It may be placed in the offering plate during worship or returned in person or by mail to the church office **no later than Wednesday, April 8**. Be sure to print names clearly on the envelope so they can be spelled correctly in the bulletin. The donation may also be given to the Glory of God, in celebration of a special occasion, in honor of our brave soldiers, or for any reason you may want to share with our congregation. Please make your tax deductible donation payable to *First Presbyterian Church Flower Ministry*.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING asks

Where is your Treasure?

This year, recognizing that the pain we experience from the global economic crisis will be magnified beyond our imagining for many of the world's poorest people, One Great Hour of Sharing offers us the **opportunity to reach across the globe and offer the compassion and justice that Christ calls us to do**. The offering will be received in worship on Palm Sunday, April 5. If you would like more information visit www.pcusa.org/oghs.



How does **STEPHEN MINISTRY** work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, Pastor Kent Kinney, our Stephen Ministry Referring Pastor, meets with that person, explains what Stephen Ministry is and helps determine whether or not Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. He then matches that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister calls that person and begins meeting with him or her for around an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister does not try to solve problems; rather he or she listens, cares, prays and help the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

BIRTHS

We welcome *Casey Francis Beidler*, born on March 9, 2009 to Frank and Megan Beidler. He joins proud grandparents Prue and Frank Beidler

We welcome *Alexandra Anaia Carris*, born on March 12, 2009 to Kimberly and Jim Carris. She joins her sister Christina and proud grandparents Sharon and Jim Kellock.

IN MEMORIAM

Joe K. Shigenaka died on March 8, 2009. Mr. Shigenaka joined the church in 1962. He was a chef for over 40 years at Lake Forest Hospital. He will be missed by his wife, Mary, sons Robert and Gary and grandchildren Brad, Jeff, Erin, Ryan and Mason. A memorial service was held at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville on March 14, 2009.

FAITH CONNECTIONS UPDATE

Thank you to those who have let us know the value of Faith Connections in connecting you with First Church. Currently, 41 people have requested that they continue to receive the newsletter by mail. Our effort to update and save money will only be effective if everyone who enjoys and reads the newsletter continues to receive it in the way most accessible to them. We will continue to send Faith Connections by post and through email. If you wish to receive Faith Connections through the mail, please fill out the form below and return it to Donna Birney at church or contact Donna at dbirney@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250. Thank you for your patience as we try new ways of serving.

Yes... please continue to send me *Faith Connections* through the post office.

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Address _____



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SUBMISSION DUE DATES
ARE THE 1ST & 15TH
OF EACH MONTH.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT
9:00 & 11:00_{AM}

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT
9:00_{AM}

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ALL THROUGH LENT
AND HOLY WEEK



Calling all First Presbyterian Church **PRESCHOOL FAMILIES AND ALUMNI!**

Please Join us during worship on Sunday, April 19 at the 9:00 a.m. service as we recognize our Preschool's 45th Anniversary, and honor the teachers and leaders who have given their time and talents to this important ministry. A celebratory reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.

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RUMMAGE SALE NEARS

The annual Rummage Sale sponsored by Presbyterian Women will be held on **Saturday, May 2** from **7:00_{AM} to 4:00_{PM}**

This ministry requires year-round participation by many people. Weekly sorting takes place every Monday and Thursday morning under the leadership of Chris Denniston and Deb Dintruff.

Dawn Neal, moderator of Presbyterian Women, sorts rummage regularly and has announced that **"As we prepare for the 59th sale, help is needed in every area including department chairpersons and workers."** Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make this vital mission, a focus of the Session in 2009, a reality. If you are able to volunteer contact Dawn Neal at dneal60@prodigy.net or (847) 234-7632.