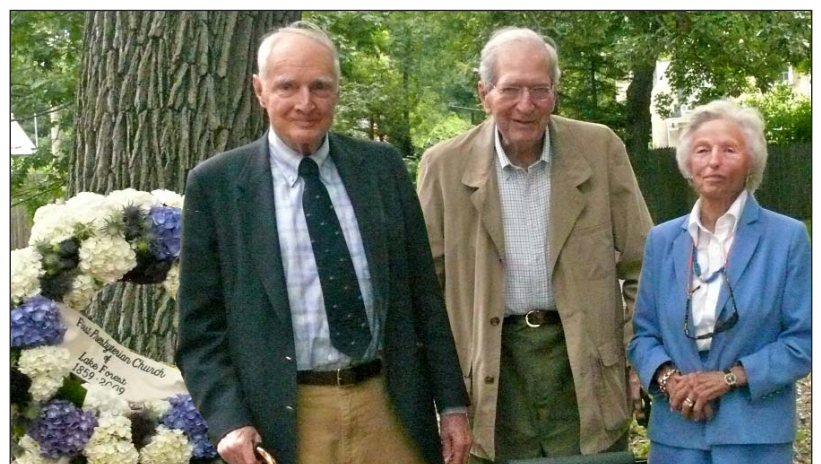


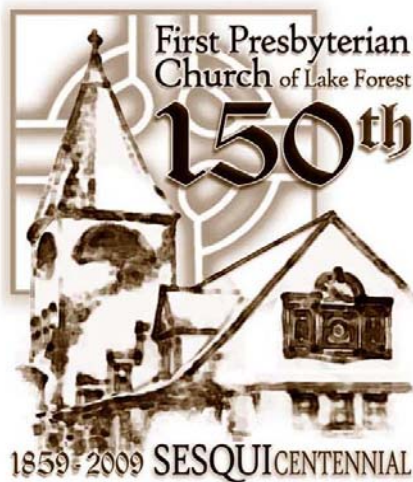
Faith CONNECTIONS

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The kick-off Charter Signing Ceremony was a wholly gratifying beginning to our church's year of celebration. It was rewarding and meaningful because of the tremendous contributions of talent from so many...

From expertly setting up the site; to installing and checking the sound system, to putting finishing touches on the gorgeous fresh flower wreath in which each flower was chosen for its symbolism, to creating a welcoming and historically accurate strawberry shortcake reception, and seeing our youth-designed Sesquicentennial tee-shirts modeled so elegantly, to verifying and ascertaining last minute speaker needs, to assuring that guests were seated and comfortable, for the artistically designed program that has already become a sought after keepsake, and paying tribute to our charter family descendents and honored guest, to a glorious solo and music leadership, to fitting homage to our founders' descendents under a witness tree, and hearing Chris as God to bless our congregation for the next 150 years, and having a handsome co-moderator, Tim Christie, who knows our history by heart, and celebrating with homemade strawberry shortcakes under the steeple. My heartfelt thank you, Jeanne Lane, Co-moderator of the SESQUICENTENNIAL





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Dear Friends,

It was a marvelous moment. Over 150 people gathered in Triangle Park to kick off our Sesquicentennial.

The 150th Anniversary celebration of our Charter was marked in grand style. Balloons greeted church members and dignitaries as they gathered on the grass along Washington Street. Festivities opened with the singing of the Doxology -

just as worship opened for scores of years in our church. Kent Kinney offered prayers.

Then Scripture read by Corey Nelson was followed by historical remarks - as was the custom for the 25th and 50th anniversaries under Dr. McClure. A proclamation from the city was read by Alderman David Grumhaus. A hymn was sung, then a prayer offered by Amy Pagliarella. Then, as soloist Kathy Ferrin sang Praise Ye the Lord our honorary chairs laid a commemorative wreath under the "Witness Tree" - just a sapling at the time of our founding, now majestic and full-grown.

For me the wreath-laying was the highlight of the day. The wreath, whose flowers symbolized purity, innocence, holiness, faithfulness, gratitude and hard work, was hand-made by Bevan Duncan and Maureen Olsen. Kent Chandler and Frank Farwell, both great-grandsons of church "father" John V. Farwell, were accompanied by Margaret Hart, granddaughter of galvanizing pastor James Gore King McClure. Following the charge and benediction, we adjourned to the church's new Cornerstone Courtyard for a marvelous reception hosted by Megan Anderson and Nancy Laesch.

It featured strawberry shortcake - the same refreshments enjoyed on the day of our founding.

There are many people to thank, but particular appreciation goes to Jeanne Lane whose gracious attention to detail was everywhere evident in this event. She and Sesquicentennial co-chair Tim Christie share myriad responsibilities for the anniversary year ahead - and we look forward to numerous celebrations to come.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

Fall Rummage Sale - October 24, 2009

8:00^{AM} - 3:00^{PM}

-WORKERS AND SHOPPERS NEEDED-

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Summer Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

10:00^{AM} Worship

Rev. Chrstitine Chakoian
Susan Noble, Soloist

School Supply Drive
for Neal School in
North Chicago

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

10:00^{AM} Worship

Rev. Corey Nelson
Ron and Nik Arden,
Music

School Supply Drive
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God did wonders!

More than 2,500 Presbyterian women (and a few men) attended Presbyterian Women's Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, July 11-15. Five were from our own First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest - Christine Chakoian, Diane Allen, Rita Fossell, Fran Kent and Joann Meigs.

Christine lead workshops on "Mother Theresa, Martha Stewart and Me" and "Seasons of our Lives." Workshops were helpful and insightful.

"God Will Do Wonders among You," was the theme and included workshops, the commissioning of PC(USA) mission co-workers, celebration through worship and singing, inspiration from speakers and fellowship with sisters in faith from around the world. Participants shopped in the World Marketplace, ate good food and made new friends. Voting delegates to the business meeting incorporated Presbyterian Women and elected a leadership team led by Marta Rodriguez from Puerto Rico. She is the first Hispanic Latin American woman to serve as moderator.

The next Gathering will be in July, 2012 - near Orlando, FL. Start saving now to have a wonderful, possibly challenging, spiritual, educational, missional, worldwide experience in one sacred opportunity.

Presbyterian Women HONORS HELEN KOHR

Presbyterian Women (PW) of First Presbyterian Lake Forest were pleased to publicly honor and acknowledge Helen Kohr and the gifts she has offered to the organization through leadership and encouragement. Helen received an Honorary Life Membership

which is given to those who show special effort in supporting PW.

She received a certificate and a pin.

A contribution assisting the growth of women in leadership was made. The pin is in the shape of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of the new creation called Presbyterian Women. The caring, supportive hands represent building

an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ, who is the center of our lives.

The pin design was adopted in 1988 when the organization, Presbyterian Women, was formed out of the two streams of women - Women of the Church of the Presbyterian Church U.S. (southern stream) and United Presbyterian Women of the UPC USA (northern stream). These two denominational streams had merged together to form P.C.(U.S.A.) in 1983.

Helen Kohr certainly represents those aspects of Presbyterian Women. Blessings and thanks to Helen as she continues her ministry.



CALVIN'S CORNER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS

After studying at the cathedral school in Noyon, Jean Cauvin entered the University of Paris at the College of La Marche at age 14, "the usual age, if not a bit late." He entered university with the intent of studying theology and taking holy orders, and was already tonsured in preparation. He studied Latin at La Marche in preparation for his study of theology and at this time first Latinized his French name to "Ioannis Calvinus." thus becoming "John Calvin" for ever after. At La Marche he studied with Maturin Cordier, one of the University's greatest teachers and whose love of Christ, teaching, and Latin was impressed on the young Calvin. For Calvin, Cordier would always remain the "model of the Master," and Calvin was so impressed with his skills and methods of teaching that he recruited him to the Geneva Academy many years later.

After a year at La Marche, Calvin transferred to the College of Montaigu at the University of Paris, the school of theology.

Next: Montaigu

Save the Date

DINNER & RECEPTION
FOR HONORED GUEST

DR. HERB ANDERSON

September 19

Reception at 6:00

Dinner at 7:00

Sign-up will
begin soon.

Dr. Anderson

will also be
preaching

September 20.



** If you have any old pictures of Dr. Anderson please bring them to the church office, we'll make copies and return them to you.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Reverend Christine Chakoian speaking on

WOMEN MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN THE CHURCH

YOUTH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

• Do You have a little Work Trip left in you?

Join us at the Neal School! Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9 we will be painting and cleaning in preparation for the beginning of their school year.

- **Save the Date! August 16** following worship the senior high Work Trippers invite the congregation for Burgers, Basketball and Bucks as we celebrate this year's trip and raise funds for our mission projects throughout the year. We will break in the new grill and basketball hoop generously donated by the Frank and Prue Beidler Family! Questions? Contact Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250



We have recently learned quite a bit about the **750 N. Sheridan** property through visits to the Lake Forest Historical Society, searches through city records, and conversations with long time Lake Forest residents.

The 750 House was designed by Richard E Schmidt of the firm Garden and Martin and was built for Octavious and Mary Newell in 1909. It was called "Little Cote" because it is a house in the Cotswald style. Mary Newell and her daughter Madeleine lived there for many years. During their tenure in the house they were active in our church. Their chauffeur lived in the rooms behind the garage. The second owner, landscape architect Knight C. Cowles, bought the property in 1928 and added a playhouse for his daughters as well as a reflecting pool. We should note that the playhouse is in considerable disrepair and the pool is no longer existent. The next owner was Mr. Alexander C. Bell who lived in the house with his wife Tita. Mr. Bell taught at the Bell School, which was located where we now have our Sheridan Road parking lot. Mr. Bell's father was the school's headmaster. The Bell School later merged with Lake Forest Country Day School. Prior to the Church's purchase of the house in 2005, there were five additional owners: Sally Keider, Suzanne Grubert, Terry and Kathleen Vanballegoijen, Grover Windsor, and Leslie Ardell,

If you know something about this property you would like to share, or if you have other questions or comments related to the 750 property, feel free to contact any of the 750 Ad Hoc Committee members noted below.

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HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

.....OR 36 ORGANS IN 14 DAYS!

From the organ console atop the screen at Westminster Abbey, one can see from end to end and hear the sound of the mighty organ roll from end to end of the massive cathedral. We are the special guests, locked in after the worshippers and tourists have gone home, awaiting our turn to play the huge instrument of five manuals and thousands of pipes, and watching the evening sun drift through the many stained glass windows. This is but one of the extraordinary experiences I had as a participant in the English and French Organ Music Seminar which was held in London and Paris from June 23-July 8. The seminar is organized by Christina Harmon who lives in Texas but seems to know every prominent organist in England and France. The seminar was attended by approximately 30 organists from all across the United States. We observed and played organs in huge cathedrals, small out of the way churches and private residences. In England we attended services and had the opportunity to play the organs at St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and Canterbury Cathedral. In Paris we sat in the organ loft for Mass at Notre Dame and Sacre Coeur and heard the famous Toccata by Widor played for the postlude on Widor's organ at St. Sulpice. I played in group recitals at Southwark Cathedral in London and St. Roch in Paris. We participated in Master Classes given by some of Europe's leading organists.

One of the most exciting experiences was to play music written by Maurice Duruflé on the organ at St. Etienne-du-Mont where Duruflé was the organist from 1930 until his death in 1986.

Following our playing session and master class we visited the Duruflé apartment across the street from the church. We heard Frédéric Blanc play the three manual organ tucked away in the tiny living room where Duruflé composed the Requiem which our Sanctuary Choir performed here in May.

The apartment is on the top of the five story building and we had lunch on the rooftop from which we could see all of Paris laid out before us.

Many people in our congregation joke with me about running up and down the stairs to our choir loft. This has only been training for the many, many stairs we climbed in the London Underground and the Paris Metro and the tiny circular staircases up, up, and up to the mighty organ lofts perched high above the cathedrals in England and France! I am so grateful to have had this most amazing experience.



Jill Hunt

Attention all 5th, 6th & 7th graders!

We are looking for middle schoolers interested in serving as acolytes this fall. If you are interested please contact Susan Milanak at milanak@comcast.net. Training for new acolytes will be held on Thursday, August 20 at noon, immediately following Vacation Bible School. If you have served as an acolyte in previous years you do not need to attend acolyte training.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Our August Meal-a-Month collection will be adapted into a school supply drive for Neal Junior High in North Chicago. We hope to receive enough supplies to assemble a bag for everyone of the 600 students to be distributed on the first day of school on August 24. Details of supplies needed will be posted on the bags on August 2 and 9 for distribution after services.



*Come down to the bayou
for Crocodile Dock,
August 18-21.*

Children age 4 through grade 4 will experience a burning bush, the Passover, a Red Sea parting and more, as we learn from the Israelites to follow God without fear. Lively games, crafts, and tasty snacks accompany each morning of learning and storytelling. Registration forms at firstchurchlf.org Older children and adults are encouraged to volunteer.

Summer Sunday School

Are we there yet? Not quite...it will take us 40 years to reach the promised land. This summer, we become the Israelites who followed Moses through the wilderness. Each week, we are joined at the campfire by storytellers who share the great stories of our ancestors.

Pick up a passport at church and collect a stamp each Sunday – prizes will be distributed at the end of the summer. You won't want to miss a week!



August	Joseph in Egypt 2	Baby Moses 9	Moses and his family 16	Promised Land 23
				Joshua 30

Rally Day Sunday September 13
 worship and Sunday School 9:00am Parent Orientation 10:00am

Communion
Baptism

MEAL A MONTH

The July collection of food for our Meal a Month ministry was delivered by Reverend Corey Nelson to Christopher House in Chicago. Christopher House is a multi-site family resource center dedicated to serving low-income children and their families with programs including early childhood and youth development, parent enrichment, counseling, adult literacy, and emergency services. They offer a food pantry two evenings a month and the day of delivery, their food pantry was open. Corey had lots of help unloading his car and the staff and clients were grateful for the generosity of food he brought. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The MEMORIALS COMMITTEE *wants you!*

The Memorials Committee is looking for new members. The Committee encourages, promotes, and oversees memorial money gifts to the church. Our committee meets quarterly. Our next meeting is August 19 at 3:30PM at the Parish House. If you are interested in joining our committee please contact Susan Milanak at (847) 615-9078 or milanak@comcast.net.

THANKS TO ALL! JAM FOR JAMAICA WAS A SUCCESS!!

Please accept my sincere thanks for your generous contributions to the Mt Olivet Boys Home in Jamaica! Through donations from friends, family, and members of the congregation I raised \$2,500! Your donations will help make a real difference in the lives of many. I leave for Kingston on August 1, happy for the chance



to represent the Presbyterian Church USA, and as importantly, the faith community that has so generously supported me and this mission. I'm looking forward to sharing my mission experience with you and ask that you keep me in your prayers.

*Peace and Blessings,
Claire Curran*

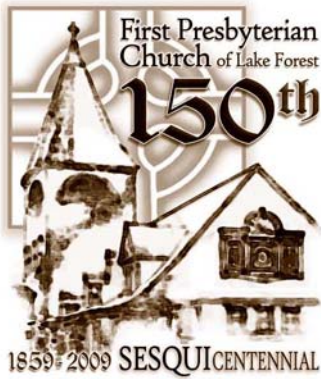
BIRTHS

We welcome *John Hunt Saalfield*, born on June 18, 2009 to Missy (Tibbits) and John Saalfield. He joins his brother Ray and proud grandparents Marilyn and Ray Tibbits.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard See Holson, Jr. died on July 23, 2009. Mr. Holson was a loyal supporter of First Church. He will be missed by his wife, Joyce and their children Rick, Jim, Peter & Hillary and grandchildren. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on July 28, Reverend Kent Kinney officiating.

Michelle Ann (Bagan) Morgan died on July 17, 2009. Michelle joined the church in 1984 and has lived in Callifornia for many years. She touched the lives of many. She will be missed by her husband Michael and her parents Carol Bagan and Tom Bagan and her grandmother Beth Lucy. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on July 31, 2009 Reverend Christine Chakoian officiating.



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AUGUST 1, 2009

**SUNDAY SUMMER
WORSHIP
AT 10:00 AM**

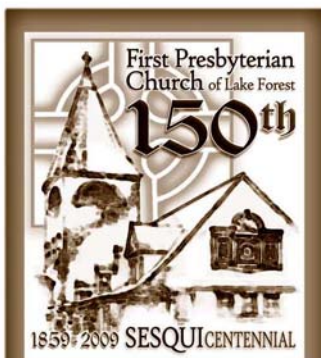
**SUMMER
SUNDAY SCHOOL
AT 10:00 AM
June 7-September 6**



**SESQUICENTENNIAL
Charter Signing
Recognition Ceremony
July 24
1859-2009**



The wreath, made by Bevan Duncan and Mauren Olsen, laid in memory of the founders of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest is composed of blue and white hydrangea - white to represent purity, innocence and holiness; blue the color of the sky, symbolic of heaven. Rosemary is included representing faithfulness and gratitude; and thistle, the national "flower" of Scotland is a symbol of hard work. The banner is made of natural colored linen with the wording in forest green.



The Core Mission of
First Presbyterian
Church of Lake Forest

•
PROCLAIM CHRIST'S
MESSAGE

•
PROVIDE A
COMMUNITY OF
SPIRITUAL NURTURE

•
PROMOTE GOD'S
VISION OF JUSTICE

2009~2010 SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

- August 5 - Sesquicentennial Float in the Lake Forest Day Parade**
- August 9 - Movie about Calvin's legacy featuring Reverend Christine Chakoian**
- September 13 - Sesquicentennial Rally Day Celebration**
- September 19 - Sesquicentennial Kick-Off Dinner at the Deerpath Inn**
- September 20 - Dr. Herb Anderson will preach**
- October 17 - Presbyterian Women's Retreat led by Reverend Chakoian**
- October 25- Brass and Organ Concert; Millar Brass and Jill Hunt, organ**
- November 1 - Rick Spalding will preach**
- November 15 - Rev. Dr. Cliff Kirkpatrick will preach; Sesquicentennial Mission Conference**
- November 29 - Advent Supper & Wreath Making Workshop**
- December 26 - Senior High Work Trip Alumni Reunion**

Summer Book Read!

Followed by a BOOK DISCUSSION on September 27

Just when you thought you were done with homework for the summer, along comes First Church's Faith Formation Committees with - **MORE HOMEWORK!** Seriously, please join us this Summer in reading *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, And The Heart Of The Middle East*, by Sandy Tolan. Available in the church office for \$12 or at local bookstores.

