

Faith CONNECTIONS

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August 16

following worship the Senior High Work Trippers invite the congregation for

Burgers, Basketball & 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 Bidler Family!

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

SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS

September 13 – 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 & 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

150 YEARS OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND THE WORK OF THE KINGDOM

As we celebrate our Sesquicentennial anniversary, we will spend this year focused on our past, present and future. First Church has a strong identity that has been consistent over our 150 years. Dr. McClure's description of us from a century ago - that we gather for "**Worship, Fellowship and the Work of the Kingdom**" -

is mirrored in our most recent mission statement - to "**Proclaim Christ's Message, Provide a Community of Spiritual Nurture and Promote God's Vision of Justice.**"

In the year ahead our "worship and fellowship" will once again focus on the study of Scripture - the foundation that informs our faith. Each week in worship and adult small groups we will use selections from the Revised Common Lectionary, supplemented by a study guide from the curriculum "*Seasons of the Spirit.*"

The lectionary is a three year cycle of scripture readings used by Christian churches around the world to guide planning.



Reverend Dr. McClure

Highlights in worship for the year ahead include a number of guest preachers:

September 20...Herb Anderson, our pastor from 1967- 1978.

October 4 World Communion Sunday, Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Seminary.

November 1All Saints Day, Rick Spalding, chaplain at Williams College and a descendent of founder D.R. Holt. Rick grew up in our church.

November 15...Cliff Kirkpatrick, retired Stated Clerk of our denomination and former head of the Worldwide Ministries Division.



Herb Anderson



Cynthia Campbell



Rick Spalding



Cliff Kirkpatrick

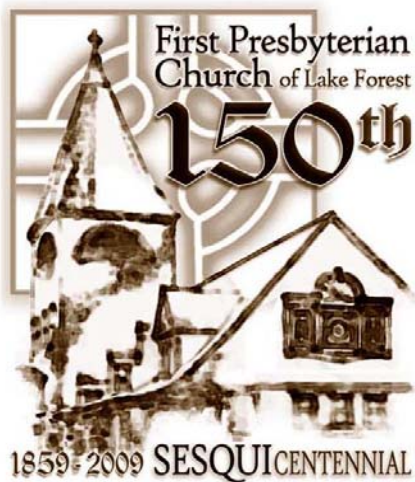


Emily Rosencrans

In small group ministry, please welcome Reverend Emily Rosencrans, chaplain at Lake Forest Hospital and volunteer Parish Associate here at First Church. She will be assisting with leadership training and oversight.

It will all begin on September 13 with Rally Day.

There will be Information Stations around the church to learn more about and to sign up for a small groups which begin the week of September 20. It promises to be a rich year for spiritual growth.



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Dear Friends,

As students are busy preparing to go back to school, we are gearing up here at the church. To some extent every year is like this - Sunday School teachers begin to plan their lessons, the choir begins to rehearse in earnest, small groups prepare to begin anew.

But not every year includes major Anniversary celebrations!

Our Sesquicentennial - kicked off this summer - picks up with Rally Day, September 13. The day starts with a bagpipe and drum procession from Lake Forest College, the site where we gathered for worship before our first sanctuary was built. All who are able are encouraged to march together to our church in festive celebration.

The parade is a symbol of our engagement with God's enduring mission here. This fall, as we celebrate the legacy we received from the saints of prior years, I encourage you to consider your own commitment. Renew your love of God by planning to worship every Sunday you can. Refresh your fellowship in Christ's family by joining in the spiritual nurture of small groups. Revive your energy for the work of the Kingdom by engaging in mission projects like supporting the Neal School.

Our congregation has been a faithful presence here for 150 years. But our church is only as vital now as you, its individual members, partner with God to make it so today. Celebrate the past by being part of the present!

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian



TIDBITS FROM ARCHIVES

Per Session Records of August 1958, Robert Huhn became Minister of Music at First Pres. He was the choral director at Lake Forest College as well.

Summer Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

10:00AM Worship

Hymn Sing

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00AM Worship

Rev. Amy Pagliarella

Vacation Bible School children to sing their VBS songs in worship

Meet Claire Curran in the sanctuary after worship to hear about her just completed mission trip to Jamaica

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Submission due dates are the 1st and the 15th of every month.

Please send submissions to kwolff@firstchurchlf.org faxed to (847) 234-6283 or dropped off at the church office.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST CHURCH

First Church offers a variety of ways for musical involvement for 5 yr olds thru 105 yr olds! Singers, handbell ringers, and instrumentalists-all are welcome to come and participate. Sanctuary Choir sings at both 9:00 and 11:00AM worship in a rotating schedule. Other choirs lead worship approximately once a month. Come share your talents or learn a new music skill. Beginning dates for each group are listed below.

Contact our music staff with any questions-or just come and join us!!!!

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Wednesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., beginning September 2
High School through adults
No audition necessary. All who enjoy singing are welcome!
Directed by Tom Tropp

HANDBELLS

CHANCEL BELLS, Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning September 8
Beginning and experienced ringers. Have fun learning a new skill!

LAKEMINSTER RINGERS, Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 p.m.,
beginning September 2
Adults, experienced Ringers
Both handbell choirs directed by Jill Hunt

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS - Wednesday is the day! Begins September 9

4:00 - 4:40 p.m.

CHERUB CHOIR, 5 yrs old by Sept. 1 thru 1st grade
Directed by Jill Hunt

CAROL CHOIR, 2nd thru 5th grades
Directed by Susan Noble

WOMEN'S CHOIR, all women in the church are invited
Directed by Tom Tropp;

Child care will be provided

4:45-5:30 p.m.

JR. HIGH CHOIR, 5th thru 8th grades Directed by Susan Noble

EGGS BENEDICTION

Sunday, 6:00-7:00 p.m., beginning September 13
Worship band for high school musicians-instrumentalists and vocalists.
We are particularly looking for a pianist and bassist this year,
but ALL are welcome!
Directed by Lesley Byers

Watch for special announcements throughout the year for other musical opportunities which include *Festival Choir, Adult Worship Band, Jr. High Worship Band and Instrumental Ensembles.*

Please contact our Music Staff:

Jill Hunt, Director of Music/Organists.....jhunt@firstchurchlf.org

Tom Tropp, Director of Sanctuary Choir & Women's Choir.....tropp@firstchurchlf.org

Susan Noble, Director of Carol and Jr. High Choirs.....sbnoble@comcast.net

Lesley Byers, Director of Youth Music.....lesleypbyers@aol.com

Kelly Stewart, Sunday School Music and Sanctuary Choir section leader



CALVIN'S CORNER MONTAIGU

The College of Montaigu, the school of theology at the University of Paris, was infamous to the citizens of Paris for being ancient, dilapidated, filthy, foul-smelling, and for serving to the students both spoiled food as well as thrashings for lessons inadequately learned. There were four famous alumni of Montaigu: Desiderius Erasmus, the Dutch humanist, Francois Rabelais, the French humanist, John Calvin and Ignatius Loyola. The former two pre-dated Calvin's time there by a few years but Loyola's seven years there overlapped with one of Calvin's.

Erasmus and Rabelais hated Montaigu, the former indicating later in life that the only thing he carried away from it was "a body poisoned with infected humors and a great abundance of lice". Rabelais thought it should be burned to the ground - along with the faculty. The Master at Montaigu while Calvin was there was the infamous Pierre Tempete, referred to by Rabelais as "the horrible tempest that troubled Montaigu" ["tempeste" being French for "tempest"]. Tempete "enjoyed a solid reputation, arduously earned by means of thrashing students." In spite of the Tempest and the general condition of the place, both Calvin and Loyola, in contrast to Erasmus and Rabelais, loved their time there.

Next: On The Road

IN MEMORIAM

Betty L. (Wenger) Springer
died on August 6, 2009.

Mrs. Springer joined the church in 1966. She will be missed by her family and friends. A memorial service was held in Kokomo, Indiana where she will be interred in the family plot.

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.



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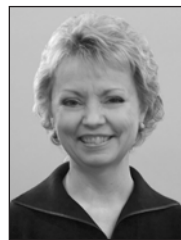
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Attention all 5th, 6th & 7th graders!

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.



Sanctuary Open House -- Children Welcome!

It's the Sunday morning conundrum for parents of young children. We hesitate to bring kids to worship because they don't know how to behave

... yet they can't learn how to worship if they're never there!

Young children and their parents are invited to a sanctuary "Open House" on Sunday, **August 30** at 11:00 AM (meet at the baptismal font immediately following worship). Through hands-on activities, children will experience the font, communion table, Bible, and more.

All ages are welcome; this is particularly recommended for ages 2-6 and to help children make the transition from the nursery to worshipping as a family. Materials will be available at firstchurchlf.org/children for those who cannot attend but who wish to "tour" the sanctuary.

Contact apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org.

150th T-Shirts for Sale

through the church office
Monday through Friday
and every Sunday morning
throughout August.



Get your shirt now as a keepsake of First Church's



150th year and to wear at fun events throughout the coming year of celebration!

Register now for Sunday School!

Sign up on-line at
http://www.firstchurchlf.org/children_youth



SESQUI ALL-CHURCH DINNER

HONORED GUEST DR. HERB ANDERSON

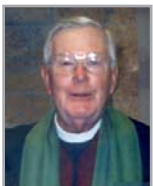
September 19 Reception at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

at the **Deerpath Inn** in Lake Forest

All-Church Dinner **RESERVATION FORM**

\$48.⁰⁰ per person
Reservations are limited

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



Dr. Anderson will also be preaching September 20.

Name _____ Phone _____

DINNER Reservations are requested for _____ guest(s) at \$48.00 per person \$ _____

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

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Invite a friend and be a part of the action this fall!



Fridays, 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.
beginning September 11.

For more information contact
Steve Smith (847) 234-4474 or
Rev. Corey Nelson (847) 234-6250

SUNDAY SUMMER
WORSHIP
AT 10:00AM

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

Fall Rummage Sale

October 24, 2009

8:00AM - 3:00PM

-WORKERS AND SHOPPERS NEEDED-

If you have questions or wish to help,
contact Dawn Neal at dneal60@prodigy.net
or (847) 234-7632

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday,
October 17, 2009

Reverend Christine Chakoian speaking on

WOMEN
MOVERS AND SHAKERS
IN THE CHURCH

First Presbyterian
Church of Lake Forest
150th
1859-2009 SESQUICENTENNIAL

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

The Book Discussion

on this Summer's Book Read

is fast approaching, on **September 27 at 7:00PM**
in Fellowship Hall. **There is still time to obtain and read this
fascinating book before the discussion if you start now!**

Reverend Corey Nelson will lead the discussion.

Even if you don't get around to reading the book, please come anyway
as the discussion should be lively.

Encourage your teen to read the book and come and participate.

Please join us in reading *The Lemon Tree: An Arab,
A Jew, And The Heart Of The Middle East*, by Sandy Tolan.

"The Lemon Tree tells the story of two families: the Khairis, who built a beautiful stone house in the village of al-Ramla in 1936, and the Eshkenazis, who moved into the house after the Khairis were driven from it by Israeli troops in 1948. And it vividly recreates the events that set in motion the intersection of their fates.

By its end, Bashir Khairi and Dalia Eshkenazi are still arguing, talking — and mostly disagreeing. But their natures — intellectual, questing, passionate and committed — may represent the best hope of resolving one of the most intractable disputes in human history." (Seattle Times)

Books may still be ordered from local bookstores, Amazon.com, the author's web site (<http://sandytolan.com/the-lemon-tree>) and are available in the church office for \$12.

If ordering from Amazon.com or a bookstore, please be certain you order the book by Sandy Tolan as there are several others with nearly the same title on Amazon.com.

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