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# Faith CONNECTIONS

## WORK TRIP 2009

We send prayers along with the Senior High youth and advisors as they journey to Iowa to participate in flood relief work in the Cedar Rapids community. The extent of the destruction is still impacting the community. Many of the residents in the low lying areas do not have the funds to repair their homes which have remained untouched since the floods. The work trip will be working with the United Methodist Committee on Relief in Marion, Iowa. All of the church relief organizations are working together to assist the communities affected by the floods. The youth and advisors will share their experience with us in worship Work Trip Sunday, June 28 at 10:00AM.



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

## 750 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UPDATE



In July 2005 the congregation was presented with the rare opportunity of purchasing property contiguous to the church. Any future expansion requires additional land, so we overwhelmingly voted to purchase the property at 750 N. Sheridan Road.

An ad hoc committee to recommend a plan of action for the property was appointed in October 2008. The committee is composed of representatives from relevant Session committees and staff members: Beth Mynhier - Long Range Planning & Governance; Skip Heizer - Finance, Vicky Murphy - Buildings & Grounds, Doug Valassis - Personnel, John Johnson - Treasurer, Herb Smyers - Business Manager, and Lynnette Hinch - Executive Director.

Four options for the property were considered: using it as a manse; leasing it; selling the property; or demolishing the buildings to expand church parking. The committee concluded that the best option is to use the residence as a manse for the Pastor/Head of Staff, while preserving the back portion of the property for future campus plans. The Session approved moving forward in December 2008.

The buildings on the property at 750 N. Sheridan Road are within the historic district, & as such, the future of these buildings is impacted by decisions of the City of Lake Forest Zoning Board of Appeals and the Historic Preservation Commission. Helpful conversations are underway with the City of Lake Forest.



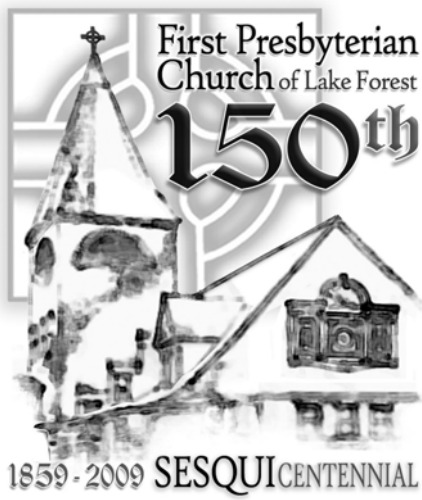
The viability of this property for the Church long term use is dependent on its integration into our overall campus plan. Phase I involves resolution of the buildings of the 750 property. Phase II involves the development of the backyard of the 750 N. Sheridan Road parcel and use of the Proxmire white cottage. Phase III of the campus plan addresses remodeling portions of the administrative wing and Parish House for more effective use.

The Finance Committee recommends retiring the debt in total within the next three years and would like to explore a limited, targeted campaign for Phase I during the Sesquicentennial celebration.

Pastor Chakoian and her family are happy in our church and in their home. They are committed to seeking a solution that advances the larger mission of the congregation and promotes the best stewardship of the congregation's resources. They are flexible, within a reasonable period of time, so long as they do not jeopardize their family's financial security and future retirement plans.



For further information, contact any member of the ad hoc committee listed above. We will keep you posted.



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Dear Friends,

"There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit that gives them," the Scripture tells us. It's a hallmark of Presbyterianism that clergy serve side-by-side with ordained officers of the church. All of us answer the same questions of ordination; the only exception is the last one concerning the particular office. Last month our new deacons were asked, "Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need?" and of the elders we asked, "Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church?" The questions change over the years, as our constitution is altered, but the gist of it stays the same.

Fifty years ago, on June 17, 1959, Kent Kinney was asked these questions: "Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the Holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son? Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account? Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all private and personal duties which become you as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, as well as in all relative duties, and the public duties of your office, endeavoring to adorn the profession of the Gospel by your conversation, and walking with exemplary piety before the flock over which God shall make you overseer? Are you now willing to undertake the work of an Evangelist; and do you promise to discharge the duties which may be incumbent on you in this character as God shall give you strength?"

Kent had come to the faith at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church in California. He was ordained in Baltimore at Faith Presbyterian Church. The preacher was Richard C. Halverson, who then became chaplain of the U.S. Senate. He had known Kent from the Hollywood Church - in fact, Kent had lived in their home for awhile.

Kent served as an assistant pastor at Faith, then was called back to Princeton Seminary to work in Field Education, since the Dean was retiring. He was there for two years. Then he started a new church in Holland (Buck's County), Pennsylvania (six years); from there he went to Clinton, New Jersey (eight years). From there he moved to Missoula, Montana where he served for 13 years - the church that was featured in "A River Runs Through It". He has been in Lake Forest since August 1, 1989 - almost 20 years.

His beloved bride Carolyn reflects on these years: "It has been quite a ride. Two of our children, Matthew and Rae Anne will probably be at the service. Jon would love to be there, but as you know is very far away. I wouldn't trade anything for the years that we have shared in ministry. Kent has been so faithful to his calling - always caring of his flock. When we were getting married he told me I would never be first in his life - God would always be first. It took a lot of pressure off - playing second fiddle to God!"

All of us have been deeply blessed by Kent's heartfelt faith, utter humility, deep compassion, and wise sense of humor. **Please join me in celebrating 50 years of Kent's ministry on Sunday, June 14, at our 10:00AM service, and at a reception following worship.** Here's hoping we have many more years to enjoy his ministry here!

Every blessing,

*Christine Chakoian*



## Sunday Worship

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

**Summer Schedule begins  
10:00AM Worship**

*Graduating Seniors lead Worship,  
Communion,  
Eggs Benediction,  
Commission Work Trip  
participants*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

**10:00AM Worship**

*Reverend Christine Chakoian  
Baptism*

*Celebrate Reverend Kent Kinney's  
50 years of ordination in worship  
and at reception following!*

## Faith Connections

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**HOURS:** Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00<sub>PM</sub>

Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

The McCormick Theological Seminary and The Adult Faith Formation Committee, in commemoration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of John Calvin & First Church's Sesquicentennial, present a series of three



programs on

## JOHN CALVIN & THE REFORMED MOVEMENT

SUNDAY JUNE 7

### "The Protestant Reformation & John Calvin in the 16th Century"

A look at the key figures of, and the reasons for, the Reformation.

SUNDAY JUNE 14

### "Reformed Theology: Resistance & Reconciliation, Part I"

A look at what we believe in the context of our confessional heritage.

SUNDAY JUNE 28

### "Reformed Theology: Resistance & Reconciliation, Part II"

The conclusion of the series with emphasis on today's world and where we go from here.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Jennifer Ayres, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics and Dr. Kenneth Sawyer,



Associate Professor of Church

History at McCormick Seminary

to launch First Church's year-long study of Calvin and the Reformed movement.



All three lectures will be held at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. There will be time for questions and discussion following each lecture, so bring your questions.

## Middle School Retreat

Try to imagine yourself homeless and trying to navigate the confusing world of bureaucracy as you apply to get a birth certificate, state identification or other documentation to move from a shelter to find a job and housing. This is the situation some of our sixth and seventh graders found themselves in on the Chicago Presbytery's Homeless Immersion Experience Retreat. This program was presented by the Interfaith Council for the Homeless in Chicago, one of the mission agencies we support.

We started with a supper of beans and canned vegetables. We learned about homelessness in Chicago and how to budget to give our students an idea of what it costs to live and work in the real world. Each participant was assigned an identity and tasks they needed to complete to move out of homelessness. The average age of a homeless person in Chicago is nine. This was shocking to the students because they envision the homeless as a thirty year old man. It was eye-opening for everyone.

The next day the youth worked at the Jonquil Hotel on the border of Chicago and Evanston. This is a community that serves the homeless and assists them in moving to permanent housing and independence. The youth helped with the resident's children and rehabbed housing that will become homes. Everyone came away from the retreat with a new perspective and sensitivity to the larger world around us.

## BIRTHS

We welcome Benjamin David Rattin, born on May 12, 2009 to Ann (Cain) and Mark Rattin. He joins proud grandparents Wyn and David Cain.

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert G. Knight, Jr. died June 22, 2009. A memorial service was held May 20 in the sanctuary, Reverend Christine Chakoian officiating.



## The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, July 11-15, 2009 in Louisville,

Kentucky gives women the opportunity to nurture their faith in community with women from around the world. Reverend Christine 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. Visit <http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering> to register. Partial assistance for registration costs is available to those in need attending the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, July 11-15. Please contact Kristie Finley by June 4 at [kfinley@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:kfinley@firstchurchlf.org) or (847) 234-6250 ext 227.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, October 17, 2009

## FAITH CONNECTIONS

We have heard from 71 households in the congregation who wish to receive Faith Connections by mail. We are beginning a transition to email and web access to the bi-monthly newsletter for those who are equipped with technology. However, **we will not leave out anyone** who does not have a computer. If you would like to continue to receive Faith Connections by mail, fill out this form and return to Donna Birney at the church or (847) 234-6250. Thank you for helping us into the 21st century!

I wish to receive Faith Connections by mail:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

We welcomed forty new members who joined the church at the culmination of a year of study in confirmation. On Sunday May 17 the congregation celebrated the youth who chose, after their study, to join the church and the youth who, after the study, determined that they are not ready to join the church. Each of these 8th and 9th grade students are a part of the household of God and ready to continue their ministry through worship, Bible study and youth group.



# Confirmation



Corbin Heizer, Nolan O'Neil Dohnalek, Emily Charlotte Johnson

These two photos were omitted from the original newsletter - sorry.



John Christopher Luttig, Jack Green



Olivia Katherine Hill, Amanda Christine McDonald, Abigail Wray Kordell



Hanna Roberts Olsen, Philip C. Barnhart, Emily Kinsey Lungmus



Matthew John Stevens, Bryan James Bunning, Colby Forbes Wangman



Lucy Fiske Parker, Jennifer Mary McKiel, Katherine Ann Lachner



Melanie Elizabeth Blackmon, Morgan Larsson Jones, Helena Van Ness Moot



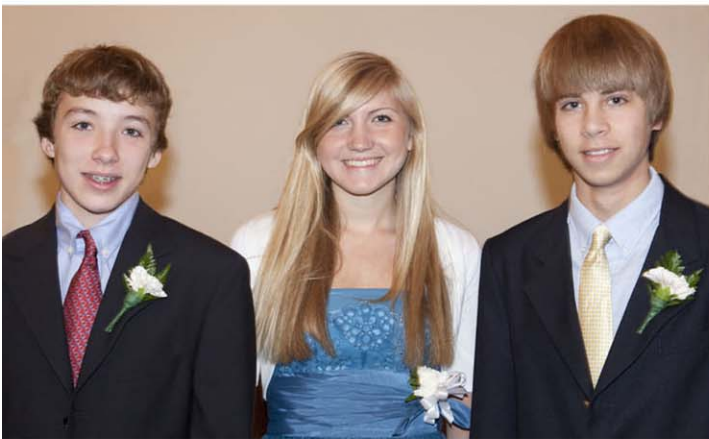
William Tucker Holman, John David Andrew Rosencrans, Will Reeves Gregg



Katherine Halliday Hurst, Elizabeth Murphy Burns



Lindsay Joyce Munson, John Michael Harmon, Janelle Louise DeWitt



Mark William Benson, Meghan Evelyn Shea, Clayton Jennings Paulsen



Katherine Therese Sentell, Austin Ernst DaValle, Jeanne-Marie DuToit



Allison Leigh Glennon, William Stephen Sawle, Amanda Curry Gottschalk



Miranda Counte Luce, Ethan James Ulmer, Haley Frances Killam



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JUNE 1, 2009

SUNDAY SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
AT 10:00<sub>AM</sub>

SUMMER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AT 10:00<sub>AM</sub>  
June 7-September 6

Come Join us  
this Summer!



The Core Mission of  
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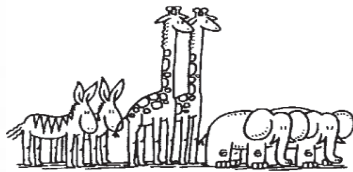
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**ENROLLMENT NEWS  
2009-2010  
REGISTRATION**

We are currently accepting registration forms from anyone wishing to enroll for the 2009-10 school year! If you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact Sarah Pasquesi, Assistant Enrollment Chair, at (847) 482-9055 or email pasquesi2@aol.com.



**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

Beginning **Sunday, June 7** First Church's worship schedule changes for the summer. We have **one service at 10:00AM** from June 7 through Labor Day weekend, September 6.

**Fellowship after worship will be offered as usual.** Summer coffee hour hosts are desired to provide goodies and serve them.

***The invitation to do this is offered to the entire congregation.... as an individual, a family, or group of friends.***

The job is fun and offers a great way to meet people. Guidelines are available to supply the detail of how to do this. Sign up on the poster outside the office for a Sunday that works best for you. Contact Karol Karlblom for further information (847) 234-4993.