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# Faith CONNECTIONS

## Broken Promises, Broken Dreams:

Stories of Jewish and Palestinian  
Trauma & Resilience



**Lecture & Discussion**  
with **Alice Rothchild**  
based on her latest book -  
*Broken Promises, Broken*  
*Dreams*, an intimate

journey grappling with the complicated  
historical legacy of Israel and Palestine  
and the author's relationship to these issues.

Ms. Rothchild is a graduate of Bryn Mawr  
College and Boston University School of  
Medicine. She is currently an Assistant  
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and  
Reproductive Biology at Harvard Medical  
School. She co-founded and co-chairs  
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Israel/Palestine, is a member of American  
Jews for a Just Peace, and is a co-organizer of  
the Health and Human Rights Project.

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Join us  
Saturday,  
March 21 at  
10:00 - 11:30AM  
in Fellowship Hall.

RSVP by contacting  
Kerry Spera at (847) 234-6250 or  
kspera@firstchurchlf.org or  
www.firstchurchlf.org/adult/index.html.

Dr. Rothchild's book will be on sale at this  
event and she will sign copies.



**March 18** Matthew 6: 5-6

Gig Hender and Reverend Corey Nelson

*The kinds of prayer that are best for one person are not necessarily best  
for someone else. Discovering our own ways of praying and gathering  
with others to pray both nourish our relationship with God.*

**March 25** Mark 2: 1-12

Nancy Orbison and Reverend Kent Kinney

*Intercession happens any time we bring anyone to Jesus and ask for his Spirit to be  
with them. When we do this, we become ministers who connect those we love to God.*

**April 1** Luke 11: 5-13

Nick Burlew and Reverend Christine Chakoian

*If we are really honest, prayer can change the way we live our lives.  
If we learn to listen, God can be honest with us.*



## HOLY WEEK

### APRIL 5 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

9:00 and 11:00AM The Sanctuary Choir and the children lead a palm processional.  
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 6:00 p.m.

### 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. Following communion, we will observe the ancient tradition of  
Tenebrae with scripture readings, hymns, and music by the Sanctuary Choir.

### 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.  
You are invited to come and go as you desire, spending time in quiet reflection  
on Jesus' Passion and all that you have experienced.

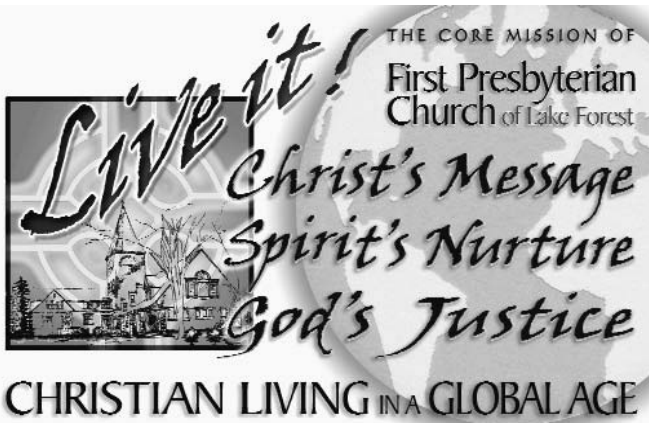
### APRIL 12 EASTER

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 and 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!**

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



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Dear Friends,

Once again the world around us is churning. The market is on a roller-coaster ride, tragic violence struck our neighbors at the Presbyterian Church in Wilmette, and the news brings its regular list of casualties overseas.

What are we to do? Now more than ever, we turn to the Lord as our comfort and our hope. "Leaning on the Everlasting

Arms" is something that none of us is too proud, too powerful, or too independent to need. Whatever your style of prayer -- in your recliner or on your knees, while you're running or sitting on the train -- what matters is that you pray. If you are at a loss as to where to start, my stand-by mnemonic device for prayer is "ACTS" -- start with Adoration; Confess your sins and shortcomings; Thank God for all the blessings you have received, and end in Supplication, the concerns that you have for yourself, your loved ones, and God's beloved world.

I hope that our Lenten worship and study series on Prayer continues to be helpful to you. In the meantime, if you have any prayer concerns or joys that you would like others to share in, I hope you'll consider letting the Prayer Chain know by contacting deacon Laura Sibley at [sibleylaura48@hotmail.com](mailto:sibleylaura48@hotmail.com) or (847) 615-9221.

And, as always, I hold you in my prayers.

Every blessing,

*Christine Chakoian*

## FAITH CONNECTIONS UPDATE

Thank you to those who have let us know the value of *Faith Connections* in keeping you up-to-date with the happenings at church. We need your input! We are working to save costs, be more environmentally friendly and to recognize the technological world in which we live. But, we do not want to keep *Faith Connections* from anyone. We will continue to send *Faith Connections* by post and through email. If you wish to receive *Faith Connections* through the mail, whether you have a computer or not, please fill out the form below and return it to Donna Birney at church or contact her at [dbirney@firstchurchlf.org](mailto: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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday Worship

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian  
 Children's Choirs at 9:00

Sanctuary Choir and

Lakeminstor Ringers at 11:00AM

Psalm 4: 1-8

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Corey Nelson

Eggs Benediction at 9:00 & 11:00AM

Matthew 6: 1-6

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian

Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 AM

Mark 2: 1-12

## Faith Connections

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Submission due dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

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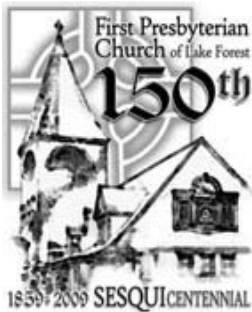
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**HOURS:** Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00PM

Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

# SPIRITUAL NURTURE



## HISTORIC CONNECTIONS

In 1971, the Centennial of the Chicago Fire, a plaque was installed on the Garland Building, the site of the former Second Presbyterian Church at the northeast corner of Wabash and Washington Streets in Chicago, by the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.

The architect of the Second Presbyterian Church was James Renwick of New York City. It was dedicated in 1851 and was totally destroyed in the Great Fire of October 9, 1871. The church was completely gutted but most of the stones remained in place. These are the very spotted stones which were moved to Lake Forest and used in the construction of our church – dedicated on June 1, 1888.

In 1971 the plaque was installed on the Garland Building. The text is: *On this corner stood the former Second Presbyterian Church, erected 1851, within whose walls Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest College, Ferry Hall School, and the city of Lake Forest as a religious and educational community were conceived. Destroyed by the great Chicago Fire, the stones eventually were transported to Lake Forest to form the edifice of the First Presbyterian Church there. Installed 1971, The Centennial of the Chicago Fire by the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.*

The plaque was ordered by Russell V. Kohr, Trustee, to be cast in nickel-silver, 32" wide x 17" high x 7/8" in depth, with raised polished surfaces and a black background.

Pictured at the dedication were Miss Lilace Barnes and Reverend Dr. Herbert B. Anderson, Pastor (right). The other gentlemen are not identified.

Sally Wimmer for the History and Archives Committee



## 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*.

## Want to find your Family Tree?

Join **Lunch Bunch** on Friday, March 27 when our member Dick Holmes will teach us how to get started. Come with questions or just come to be enlightened! Lunch is at noon in the South Parlor. Cost is \$6.00 at the door. For reservations call Kerry at (847) 234-6250, ext 233 by Tuesday, March 24.

## REPORT FROM SESSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23

Elder Doug Valassis was taken under the care of the Session as an Inquirer in the process for exploration of ordination. An Inquirer is in the first steps toward becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Doug is a student at McCormick Theological Seminary. The Session wished Doug well as he begins this special journey.

Emily Rosencrans, chaplain at Lake Forest Hospital and Minister of Word and Sacrament, was approved to serve as Parish Associate at First Church without portfolio and without remuneration effective as soon as we receive Presbytery approval.

A congregational meeting was called to close the position of Associate Pastor for Family Life (vacated by Patrick Day) and to open the position of Designated Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation. This position will complete the staffing for this age group, complementing the great work that Kristie Finley is providing in her leadership as Director of Youth Faith Formation.

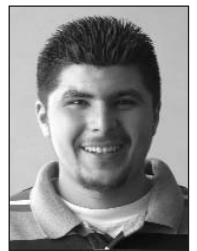
It was decided that we will not, at this time, pursue a Designated Associate Pastor for Adult Faith Formation.

## Welcome, Albert!

You may have noticed a new friendly face around First Church... that of our new custodian, Mario Albert Espat.

Albert, as he prefers to be called, joined our staff in October 2008 after spending the previous three years in the army in his native country, Belize. He has joined many of his family members here in Illinois, including two brothers, his mother Isabel Ortega, and three cousins (including Elmer Rosales, our Head Custodian). When asked what he likes best about working at First Church, Albert replied, "I like working among people. It's a really nice environment!" In his free time, Albert enjoys listening to music (Spanish and Country Western), watching comedies on TV, and playing with his dog, Chance, a rottweiler-pit bull mix.

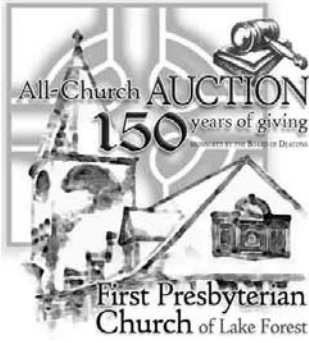
We are thankful to have Albert join our staff!



# All-Church Auction 150 years of giving

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*We hope you can join us for  
a wonderful evening*



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to support  
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**Saturday,  
April 18**

KNOLLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

**6:00 PM Fellowship & Silent Auction**

**8:00 PM Dinner & Live Auction**

**Don't miss this well-attended event.**

The evening provides a great opportunity to spend time with established friends and meet other members of our church community. The Auction committee has been busy planning a great dinner menu and lining up enticing auction items for both the silent and live auctions. An improved audio-visual format for the live auction is also in the works.

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, a **Fellowship Reservation** allows you to enjoy appetizers and fellowship, 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](http://www.firstchurchlf.org). (The registration form appears on the home page of the website.)

**REMEMBER THAT THE AUCTION  
SUPPORTS MANY WORTHWHILE CAUSES.**

**100% OF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENT  
BENEFIT LAKE COUNTY MINISTRIES.**

If you are donating an item to the Auction, donation forms are due **March 15**. Arrange to have your items picked up, or they can be delivered up to the week before the Auction. Contact Laura Sibley at (847) 615-9221 or [sibleylaura1948@yahoo.com](mailto:sibleylaura1948@yahoo.com) for additional information.

## 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

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

# PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE



The Children's Choir performed "It's Okay to Be Different" for the residents of Westmoreland Nursing Home on Wednesday, February 25, to everyone's delight. The children returned to church where Pastor Corey gave a lesson on how different it is to be a Christian in other parts of the world and also explained Ash Wednesday before celebrating with a pizza party.

## 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](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).

**Globally we are practicing being a good neighbors** through the *One Great Hour of Sharing!* Children received

- fish banks in Sunday School
- to fill with coins and return during the Easter Season.

There is a calendar that



provides insight of the issues people around the world experience. Giving to the "fish bank" is a way of giving to people around the world to alleviate hunger and to provide clean drinking water and other basics. If your children did not get a bank or calendar they are by the front name tag table. **Please encourage your children to fill their banks during Lent/Easter** and to bring them when Sunday School resumes April 19 OR to return them to the church at a convenient time.

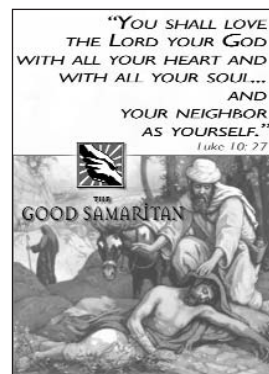
## MEAL-A-MONTH BAGS

Our first monthly collection of food for local food pantries was held on March 1. It was a huge hit as over 59 bags were distributed at the end of the services. The first grocery bag was returned before the 11:00 service ended, filled to the brim with needed items! The other bags were brought in throughout the week. The food pantry at Church of the Holy Spirit was the recipient of March's collection. Food pantry manager and member of Church of the Holy Spirit, Ann Frost, was "thrilled when pastor Nelson called to tell us of this collection." **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.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry Thrives

The knitters and crocheters who make up the weekly Prayer Shawl Ministry have been busy keeping up with the spiritual needs of the congregation. Their handiwork, created with prayer from the crafters and blessings from God, are delivered to people who have experienced a loss, a shock or an illness. Over 44 items have been given in 2009 including two baby blankets to the Linus Project which gives blankets to seriously ill children and several items for the All Church Auction. The Prayer Shawl ministry is supported by Presbyterian Women and has been ministering since 2006. You can join the **Prayer Shawl Ministry any Tuesday at 1:00PM in the South Parlor.** Contact Pat Johnson for information (847) 234-1116.



**As our Kindergarten through 4th Graders** study the parable of the Good Samaritan, we are practicing being a good neighbor both locally & globally.

Locally by making bagged lunches for **Sidewalk Sunday School** children at the Church of Joy in Zion, IL. The children's stewardship collected each week during community time is funding the 450 lunches that will be assembled during their Sunday School mission rotation and distributed after the worship service at the Church of Joy on Sunday, March 22. We are less than half way to the goal of raising \$400 so please remind your children to bring their stewardship money to Sunday School.



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

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT  
9:00 & 11:00<sub>AM</sub>

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT  
9:00<sub>AM</sub>

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
ALL THROUGH LENT  
AND HOLY WEEK



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, March 22, 2009

Every day, 38,000 blood donations are needed.

The American Red Cross aims to bring in 3 million blood donations nationwide this year.

The Board of Deacons is proud to assist the American Red Cross in realizing their goal, pledging blood donations from members and friends of First Church. Our donations will be used throughout Northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Eastern Iowa and Upper Michigan. Each unit is capable of helping save the lives of three people. We need your support to get there. Sunday, March 22, 2009 is designated Spring Blood Drive Day. The Red Cross will administer the Drive in Fellowship Hall. Appointments are being scheduled between 7:30<sub>AM</sub> & 12:30<sub>PM</sub> at 15-minute intervals. Please encourage friends and family members to join in our effort. To reserve your sitting time, please call Paul Bergmann at (847) 295 7957: paul.bergmann@comcast.net. For more information on the process and eligibility, please visit <http://www.givelife2.org>

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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<sub>AM</sub> to 4:00<sub>PM</sub>

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.