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# Faith CONNECTIONS

## Work Trip Car Wash

The Senior High Work Trip is an important part of the overall mission ministry of First Church as well as a mountain top experience for the youth who participate. The Annual Car Wash will be held

**Saturday,**  
**May 30** from  
9:00 to 1:00 in  
the church  
parking lot to  
raise funds for  
the trip.



The youth and advisors visit a different site each year, usually outside the state of Illinois. This year's trip will be June 14 to 20 and we will go to Iowa to assist with the recovery efforts from the floods last spring. Our time is filled with meaningful work, fun and living our faith. We build wheelchair ramps, rehab homes for the elderly and handicapped and put up siding, paint, roof and repair homes or just clean up the community. Our nightly worship experiences, led by the youth, form a strong connection with their faith. Please fill out a pledge card in Sunday bulletins and on name tag tables around the building and get your car washed...it is free! Contact Youth Faith Formation Director Kristie Finley for information at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250.

## RUMMAGE SALE

SPONSORED BY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**Saturday, May 2**  
from 7:00AM to 4:00PM

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

## North Suburban Symphony Lake Forest, Illinois



### SANCTUARY CHOIR & NORTH SUBURBAN SYMPHONY PRESENT SPECIAL CONCERT

The North Suburban Symphony will present its final concert of the season, *The Glory of Requiem*, in the sanctuary at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest on **Sunday, May 17** at 4:00PM. Featured on the program is the last installment of a two season cycle of Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*. *Concerto number 6 for two solo violas* will feature Ron and Cynthia Arden - music director and concertmaster of the North Suburban respectively. The concert highlight is Maurice Durufle's moving and sonorous *Requiem* performed in partnership with the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir and featured soloists Gregory Berg and Kathleen Ferrin. Tickets: Adults - \$15. Seniors/Students - \$10. For ticket information call (847) 234-4150. Tickets available at the door.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH ELLEN HYNDMAN

## SOMETHING OLD & SOMETHING NEW

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** resumes with the beginning of **two new programs, one from the Old Testament and one from the New.**

A study of the Apostle Paul begins with a DVD lecture series by *The Teaching Company's* Luke Timothy Johnson, Woodruff Professor of New Testament at Emory University. After the DVD lecture series concludes at the end of the summer, Ellen will begin teaching Acts with emphasis on Paul, followed by the Letters of Paul.

Interspersed with the DVD series, Ellen will teach the book of Job in May and June.

SCHEDULE:

May 3 - Ellen teaches Job  
May 10 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
May 17 & May 24 - Ellen continues Job  
May 31 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
June 7 - Ellen continues Job  
June 14 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
June 21 & June 28 - Ellen finishes Job  
July 5 - no class  
July 12 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
July 19 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
July 26 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
August 2 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
August 9 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD

August 16 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD  
August 23 - Luke Timothy Johnson DVD

September - Acts begins





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Dear Friends,

One of the blessings of our church is the way we roll up our sleeves to help each other. Especially in these difficult economic times, it helps to know we're not alone. We're in it together, offering encouragement and very practical support.

In February we offered a *Community Symposium: Economic Crisis Close to Home*. The strong response from those who attended the symposium led us to follow up on an ongoing

basis. *Help When You Need It* is a new program that is offered on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 at the church. One speaker will present at each session with time for questions and discussion after. The first Thursday will focus on financial and job related topics and the third Thursday will focus on relationship and emotional topics.

The first session is Thursday, **May 7** at 7:00 pm at the church. Jan Leahy, Executive Director of the Career Resource Center will offer a session on *Jump Starting Your Job Search*. Ms. Leahy will focus on tips to positively impact your job search. Thursday, **May 21** at 7:00 pm Reverend Emily Rosencrans will present *How to Minimize Stress with Relaxation, Rest and Exercise*. These sessions are for everyone – spread the word and consider inviting a friend.

I want to thank our organizing team under Kristie Finley's leadership. For more information, or to make suggestions for speakers or topics, don't hesitate to contact Kristie or myself. And if there's any other way our church can help, by all means, give a call. Christ said, "Love one another, as I have loved you." Reaching out in times like these is the least we can do.

Every blessing,

*Christine Chakoian*

## Summer Worship Hours

Beginning **Sunday, June 7** First Church's worship schedule changes. We have one service at 10:00AM June 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.

## Sunday Worship

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

**9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

Reverend Amy Pagliarella  
 Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 & 11:00AM  
**God's agenda for creation**

**FINAL SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE, MAY 3**

**FIRST @ First Church Sunday**

Dinner @ 6:00 Worship @ 7:00PM  
 Reverend Corey Nelson

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

**9:00 & 11:00AM Worship**

Reverend Christine Chakoian  
 Sanctuary Choir at 9:00  
 Baptism  
**God's agenda for relationships**

## Faith Connections

is published bi-monthly and mailed to 1300 members and friends of



**First Presbyterian Church** of Lake Forest.

Submission due dates are the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Please send submissions to [kwolff@firstchurchlf.org](mailto: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

## Confirmation

### Confirmation Sunday is May 17!

This year we welcome two classes of confirmands into membership from eighth and ninth grades. The students spent the last several months studying the Word of God, learning the history and traditions of the Christian church and about our Presbyterian Church. They assisted with clean up after the fall Rummage Sale and will be helping after the spring sale as well.

Thank you to David Holdsworth and Karil Curran who mentored these young people throughout the year. They offered a great commitment of time and care. Join us in 9:00 worship on Sunday May 17 when Confirmation will take place. A reception follows in Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we welcome these youth into adult membership in our faith community.



## MEAL A MONTH

Thank you for your generous response to our neophyte Meal a Month ministry. The April collection benefitted the food pantry at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Round Lake, IL. Finance staff member, Kerry Spera, delivered 78 bags of food! **On May 3, the Girl Scouts of Beth Jones' troop will pass out bags they have prepared with menus attached. You are invited to fill the bag and return it by Sunday, May 10. The food will be delivered to Catholic Charities in Waukegan.**

The Board of Deacons are ministry partners with Catholic Charities, supporting them through an annual grant to their emergency fund.

The need is great. Thank you for responding to Christ's call to this ministry!

## First Sunday @ First Church Sunday, May 3

Supper at 6:00 pm Worship at 7:00 pm

### **"WWJG: Where Would Jesus Go - A Spiritual Tune-up for Summer"**

We will explore ways to recharge your faith over the summer months through worship, learning and service.

Eggs Benediction lead music. Supper served by Margie Juedes, Linda Martinat and Diane Allen.

**This is the last Sunday evening service of the program year.**

**It is a casual service so come in your jeans.**

**To celebrate ice cream will be served after the service!**

## IN MEMORIAM

Harold A. Petit died on April 8, 2009. Mr. Petit attended the church for many years. He will be missed by his wife Ruth Ann, and their children Brent, Brad and Beth. A funeral was held in the sanctuary on April 17, 2009, Reverend Kent Kinney officiating.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save the date:

Saturday, October 17, 2009

WOMEN'S RETREAT

## How to Remember First Church With a Special Gift of Legacy

Reaching out and extending our blessings beyond our own lives is an intrinsic part of Christian stewardship. If First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest has played a vital role in your life---in times of joy and difficulty--you can help to continue its vital ministry and mission. If you, a family member or a friend are interested in learning more about making a special gift to First Church's Legacy Endowment Funds or how to include the church in your estate planning, please contact Roger Burgis, Endowments Committee Moderator, Burgis7@aol.com , (847) 615-2652 (H) or (847) 480-5423 (W).

## 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 20** from 9:30 to noon. To register for training or for more information, contact A.J. Woroch at (847) 234-8861.

## FAITH CONNECTIONS

We have heard from 61 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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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>



The Core Mission of  
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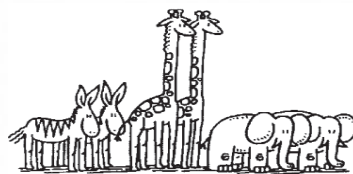
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PROVIDE A  
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First Presbyterian  
Church Preschool  
**ENROLLMENT NEWS  
2009-2010  
REGISTRATION**

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.



**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

First Church has been blessed with new members who have found Christ's love in the life and ministry of the church. **A three part new member class, open to all who are interested in learning more about membership and what it means to be a member** of First Pres, will be held on

**Saturday, May 16** from 8:30<sub>AM</sub> to noon,

**Thursday, May 28** from 7:00 to 9:00<sub>PM</sub>

and **Sunday, May 31** from 10:30<sub>AM</sub> to noon.

Reverend Chakoian shares information about the church....universal to our particular congregation on Saturday. Reverend Nelson leads a discussion of the mission and ministry of First Church on Thursday. Both sessions enhance the experience as we get to know each other and look at our own faith journeys. On Sunday morning those who have decided to join are received into membership by the Session before being welcomed at the 11:00 service. Child care is offered at all three sessions. Please contact Beth Gillies to register for the classes and let her know your child care needs at egillies@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250 ext 223.