

What Makes First Church Special for You?

As part of celebrating First Church's 150 anniversary, your Membership Committee is asking everyone in our church family to share what they find special about First Church. Throughout our anniversary year, we will share our church families' responses in several ways, including the church's bulletin, website, and *Faith Connections*.

We want to hear from you! Please share, in 50 words or less, what makes First Church special for you. Please respond by the end of September to Donna Birney at church by email at dbirney@firstchurchlf.org drop this form in the offering plate, place in Donna's staff mailbox at church or mail it. If there are questions, please contact Cynthia Hessemer (847) 615-0302 or Donna Birney (847) 234-6250

Rally Day September 13 - I Love a Parade!

This is a *very special Rally Day* as we kick off the Church School year. In celebration of our 150th Anniversary we begin with a bagpipe procession from Durand Art Institute on the Lake Forest College Campus. We will meet at the lawn in front of Durand Art Institute on the North Campus of Lake Forest College at 8:30AM to join in a prayer of thanksgiving to our founders and God.

Why the procession? That is the site of the original Lake Forest Academy building at which we worshiped for our first four years, from 1859 - 1862 when we built our first sanctuary on this corner. (The Durand Art Institute was built in 1891-1892 after Lake Forest Academy burned in 1879). The Academy, the College, a Girls' School and our Church were all born of the same founders' dream.

Rally Day timetable:

- 8:15 AM - Special ushers arrive at Lake Forest College to assist parishioners & pass out bulletins
- 8:30 AM - Piper and drummer open worship and Reverend Chakoian leads prayer
- 8:45 AM - Procession to church begins
- 9:00 AM - Congregation seated and traditional worship begins in sanctuary
- 10:00 AM - Amy Pagliarella leads a Sunday School Parent Orientation in sanctuary and Kristie Finley leads a Junior High Parent Orientation in Chapel. Fellowship Hour on Cornerstone Courtyard
- 10:45 AM - Piper and drummer begin playing in church narthex prior to 11:00 AM service (No procession from the college prior to this service)
- 11:00 AM - Second service begins
- 12 Noon - Fellowship Hour in Cornerstone Courtyard

Sincerely, Jeanne Lane & Tim Christie - Sesquicentennial Co-Moderators



1859 This picture shows Lake Forest Academy looking east from Sheridan Road, where the Durand Art Institute now stands. This was the founding place for First Church. The original fourteen organizers met in the study hall to plan the new church, and their services were also held in this building on Sunday mornings. This building became the first unit of Lake Forest College. The third floor in the photo was added in 1865.



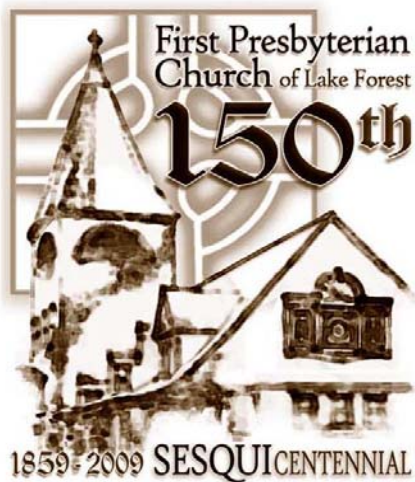
1877 The three sections of pews in the church were rented to the members to raise funds. Behind the pulpit platform, the two open doors look into the lecture room, which had been doubled in size this year to 40 by 30 feet. A new pump organ was purchased for \$250.



TIDBITS FROM ARCHIVES

from Trustee minutes dated
January 7, 1884:

The church attendance during the past year has been larger than ever before, the seating capacity having often tested to its utmost. The Trustees desire to thank those who have been so frequently and so willingly incommoded, that others might be provided with sittings.



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Dear Friends,

The more I know about our church, the more convinced I am that our small group ministry matters. From the beginning of our history 150 years ago, our congregation has cherished opportunities for fellowship and spiritual nurture. In fact, even before our church was chartered or our city was founded, two Chicagoans came to Lake Forest to provide adults with Bible study.

Many of you participated last year. I encourage you to continue with your group or join a new one this year.

If you have not yet joined a group, I encourage you to make a commitment this year to try one. This Anniversary year is a priceless opportunity to engage in your faith at a deeper level. It may be the best tribute we can give our founders.

This year most of our small groups will be using Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. It is based on the Bible passages for the coming Sunday's worship according to the ecumenical lectionary. User-friendly, it offers a number of options that meet the needs of different groups.

Sign up online at www.firstchurchlf.org or return the form in the bulletins beginning September 6 to the church office or at one of the Small Group Information Booths on Sunday, September 13 or 20.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Saturday, October 17, 2009

from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm.at University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein.

Reverend Christine Chakoian will be speaking on

WOMEN MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN THE CHURCH.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Please call Kerry and make your reservation. The cost of the retreat is \$10.00. If you have any questions, please call Jane Jensen (847) 367-7209.

Fall Rummage Sale October 24, 2009

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

-WORKERS AND SHOPPERS NEEDED-

Contact Dawn Neal at dneal60@prodigy.net or (847) 234-7632
 Laura Johnson at lauraj330@yahoo.com Beth Jones at bethfjones@comcast.net

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

10:00^{AM} Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian

SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 6

10:00^{AM} Worship

*Reverend Kent Kinney
Communion*

SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 13

RALLY DAY!

9:00 & 11:00^{AM} Worship

*Reverend Christine Chakoian
Sanctuary Choir
Children's Choirs
See details on front cover*

Faith Connections

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700 North Sheridan Road
Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

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 9:00-5:00^{PM}
 Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

First @ Five, worship *every Sunday* afternoon at 5:00 PM beginning Sunday, **October 4**; an informal, experiential service that will include communion every week, and upbeat acoustic music. Fellowship will continue following the service with dinner at 6:00 PM.

ARCHIVE CABINET AVAILABLE

The Archives cabinet (in the hall opposite the coat racks) has offered a wonderful history lesson on a rotating basis for years. It has been maintained with fresh information by the History and Archives committee. They are opening the opportunity to other committees to use this lighted space to display their ministries. As we celebrate our 150th year, this offers a wonderful way for stories to be told. Exhibits can chronicle functions, history and the people involved in them. They can be on display for four to six weeks.

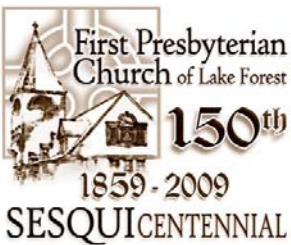
If a committee desires to use the Archives Cabinet contact coordinator Doris Knox at dorisdknox@yahoo.com or (847) 295-4513.

Save the Date:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 12:00-2:00PM

All-Church Mission Conference & Luncheon

Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick, President, World Alliance of Reformed Churches will keynote followed by presentations of the Mission Committee introducing new and continuing mission partners and opportunities for local and global mission participation.



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 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO THIS FESTIVE GATHERING IN RECOGNITION OF 150 YEARS OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE. THE EVENING'S MENU REFLECTS 150 YEAR OLD RECIPES THAT THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US MAY HAVE ENJOYED. SHARE STORIES, MEMORIES, REFLECTIONS OF YOUR CONNECTION WITH FIRST CHURCH

All-Church Dinner RESERVATION FORM

Seating will be assigned; you may sign up for a table of 10, request to be seated with others or mix and mingle

Please reserve _____ dinner reservations at \$48.00 each If you are paying by credit card please fill in this information:

Circle one: Visa, Master Card or Discover Card number _____ Expiration Date _____

If you are paying by check make payable to **First Presbyterian Church** with *Sesqui Dinner* on the memo line of your check.

Name _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Seating Preference: _____ Table of 10 (payment for all guests must be received)

_____ Request seating with others

_____ Mix and mingle (sit with others)

Names and Addresses of all to be seated together:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Questions? Kerry at (847) 234-6250

IT'S TIME FOR MUSIC!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS Our Children's Choirs begin rehearsals on Wednesday, **September 9**, 4:00-4:40 p.m. This is a week earlier than usual BECAUSE our children have been invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir on Rally Day, September 13 at the 9:00 a.m. service. Rally Day will be a great celebration to begin our 150th anniversary year. The children will join the Sanctuary Choir, bagpiper, drum, and Windy City Brass for the procession into the church and sing the anthem with them. This includes the **CHERUB CHOIR** (K thru 1st grade), directed by Jill Hunt, and **CAROL CHOIR** (2nd thru 5th grades), directed by Susan Noble.

NEW THIS FALL - We have reinstated our **JR. HIGH CHOIR** which will include grades 5-8 and will meet on Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30 p.m. following the younger children's choirs. Mrs. Noble will be directing this choir and she is anxious to see lots of Jr. High singers come and join her! This choir will also sing with the Sanctuary Choir and children on Rally Day.

Our Children's Choirs are open to all children. They sing approximately once a month in worship, at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, and will present their annual musical play in worship on the last Sunday of February. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Noble have lots of training and experience in working with children and music. The children learn age appropriate singing skills, prepare music for worship leadership, and have lots of fun!

So, don't wait! All young singers are welcome! **Come join us on Wednesday, September 9!**

WOMEN'S CHOIR Last year we started a new choir, our **WOMEN'S CHOIR**, directed by the Director of our Sanctuary Choir, Tom Tropp. This group had a wonderful beginning and sang in worship several times throughout the year. We began this group for mothers of our Children's Choirs, but any women in the church who enjoy singing are invited to participate. Child care is provided and fun and fellowship are guaranteed! The Women's Choir meets in South Parlor on Wednesdays, beginning September 9, 4:00-4:40 p.m. Come join us!

CHANCEL BELLS is open to anyone Jr. High thru adults who would like to ring handbells. It includes both experienced and new ringers. Being in a handbell choir is a great "small group" experience-you have your own very individual part but are certainly a part of a group effort to make music. Is this your year to learn a new skill-and have great fun doing it? Come join us Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning September 8 downstairs in the Bell Room.

SANCTUARY CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. We sing at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on a rotating schedule. No audition is necessary; we have a wonderful mix of trained singers and those who just love to sing! We have many exciting things planned for this 150th anniversary year, including a presentation of Mendelssohn's oratorio St. Paul next spring. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 2. **New singers are always welcome!**



CALVIN'S CORNER On the Road

John Calvin was always "on the road" in his life, often intending to go one place but winding up in another, never knowing what God had in store for him until he arrived. When he intended, in 1536, to go from Paris to Strasbourg, he wound up instead in Geneva. And when he left Geneva in 1538, he wished to go to Basel but wound up in Strasbourg. For all of the twenty-five years he spent in Geneva, he never quite belonged there, always the "foreigner," never a citizen, only being granted "secondary" citizenship ("bourgeoisie") in Geneva four years before his death.

His life on the road began at age 19, when he left Montaigu and the study of theology, almost certainly at the insistence of his father, who had recently been excommunicated. At his behest, Calvin next turned to the study of law, traveling from Paris to Orleans and Bourges to do so, and graduating with a degree in law in 1530. Before returning to Paris he passed through Noyon in 1531 and was there when his father became ill and died, thus freeing him from his father's wish that he practice law. He returned to Paris to the new College Royal, established by Francis I, which operated outside the control of the University of Paris and perpetuated the reforming trends of the time. His goal in studying there was to learn Greek, Hebrew and the sciences, these being the new learning of Humanism. He intended only to study and to publish—to become a humanist and an academic.

IN MEMORIAM

Millicent D. (Davies) Kreischer died on August 17, 2009. Mrs. Kreischer joined the church in 1956 with her husband Robert and four sons, Bob, David, Gary (deceased) and Craig. Millicent served as the Director of Christian Education at First Church for 26 years at the invitation of Reverend Herb Anderson and was tapped by Reverend Claiborne Bell to start our History and Archives ministry. She will be missed by her family including sons Bob (Sheri), David (Linda) and Craig (Donna), daughter-in-law Patty Kreischer, 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many, many friends. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on August 21, 2009, Reverend Christine Chakoian and Kathleen Flynn-Barnett co-officiating.

Acts in Action!!!
WE'RE JUMPING FOR JOY!
BECAUSE
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH ELLEN HYNDMAN RETURNS WITH A STUDY OF
THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
FEATURING
STEPHEN! LYDIA! PETER! BARNABAS! ELLEN HYNDMAN!

Join us Sundays at 10:15 starting September 13 in the Parish House!

AND PAUL SAYS:
YONZA!
(DON'T MISS IT!!)

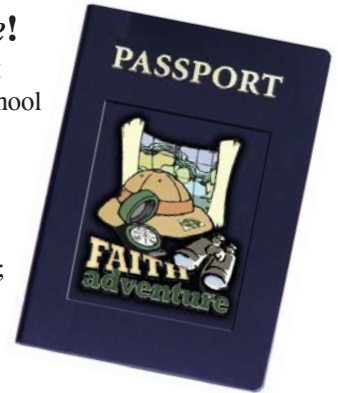
Children & Youth Faith Formation 2009



YOUR ADVENTURE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

Grab your passport and join us on a *Faith Adventure*!

We look forward to welcoming all children into a life-long adventure of living and growing in faith. *Faith Adventure* is the new name for our Sunday School program and features many new and exciting opportunities for families.



PRESCHOOL EXPLORERS:

Our pre-school is a mixed age class (3-4) that focuses on laying a strong foundation of faith. We play, hear Bible stories, and sing as a community; snacks and crafts are enjoyed in small groups in which children of the same age work with an individual teacher or shepherd. The Bible lessons follow the same schedule as worship and adult small groups, so that young children usually hear the same story that is read and preached in the worship service.

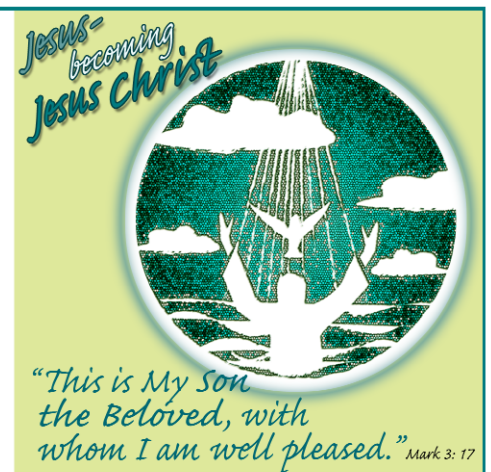
In *Faith Adventure*, **GRADE SCHOOLERS (KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 4) BECOME EXPLORERS!**

Children will continue to worship with their families at 9:15 before leaving for Sunday School. We open with a time of singing, prayer, and stewardship before "tour guides" (shepherds) lead children into our recently refurbished classrooms.

The 2009-10 school year theme is **Encountering Jesus**. We seek to understand who Jesus is and how to know him better.

The year begins with "Jesus - becoming Jesus Christ," as we learn about Jesus' baptism and his call to share God's word. Then we'll wonder about Jesus' miracles, asking how Jesus could turn "loaves and fishes" into a feast for 5000, or heal 10 lepers. This year-long adventure allows us to ask the big questions about Jesus and to build a relationship with him as well as with each other.

		JOURNEY #1			
		Garden of Eden Room 212	Tent Tales Room 215	Thou Art Room 215	Holy-wood Room 216
Sept. 20	2nd grade	1st grade	3rd grade	4th grade	
Sept. 27	3rd grade	2nd grade	4th grade	1st grade	
Oct. 4	4th grade	3rd grade	1st grade	2nd grade	
Oct. 11	1st grade	4th grade	2nd grade	3rd grade	
Preschool Explorers...Rm 207		Kindergarten Explorers..Rm 219			
5 th gd..Rm 010		6 th &7 th gd...Youth Lounge		Confirmation...Rm 012	



Parent Orientation - Parent orientation will be held immediately following worship on **September 13** so parents can hear about what their children are learning in Sunday School. The parents of preschool to 4th grade will stay in the sanctuary to meet with Amy Pagliarella our Associate Pastor for Children's Faith Formation while the parents of 5th - 8th grades will gather in the Chapel to meet with Kristie Finley, Director of Youth and Parent Faith Formation.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for the Middle School students will have a new look this year.

5th - 8th grades will start in worship at 9:00. At the Word for Children the 8th graders will move to their classrooms for study while the 5th, 6th & 7th graders will gather for Youth Chapel in the Chapel.

In Youth Chapel the students will participate in worship and receive the morning's lesson. After this time together the students will move to their classrooms for fellowship opportunities that will strengthen the morning's lesson.

6th, 7th & 8th graders! Please join us and other youth in the Presbytery at the *First Youth Multicultural Event: Who Am I in a Colorful World?* In Chicago on Saturday, **September 12**, 8:30 to 2:00. This event is sponsored by the Multicultural Church Ministry Team, the Advance Justice Mission Priority Leadership Team and the Presbytery of Chicago. Registration is required. Contact Kristie at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org or 847-234-6250.



THE CHAPEL

Children's Faith Formation 2009

Reflections on Vacation Bible School

Aaah, VBS. It's four exhausting, exhilarating days of constant activity -- wearing silly hats and costumes, singing lively (and repetitive!) praise songs, crazy snacks, games, and crafts, and ultimately hearing Bible stories that allow children to glimpse the eternal love of God. This year's VBS, Crocodile Dock, told the story of the Israelites and their escape from slavery in a way that allowed children to realize that we worship a loving, powerful, and trustworthy God. Each day, one of these truths about God was revealed, reinforcing the ultimate



message to **"Fear Not!"** because God is with us.

We reached 110 children this year, with an additional 15 attending the first ever "VBS Worktrip" for fifth graders.

What I love most about VBS is that it allows us to become "holy fools." We have a mission -- to help children as they grow in faith, build relationships with God and one another, and

experience the love of God and this church -- and if we have to wear crazy costumes and ham it up in campy skits to share the gospel, we will! For one week, the church is transformed (this year, into a bayou), and so are we. The needs of children become paramount. If just one child reports that he had "just about the worst day ever" because he left VBS with hurt feelings, that's enough to send staff and volunteers scrambling to re-work the child's group and to coach his crew leader to ensure that the next day is better.

And it is these volunteers who make VBS possible. I overheard one child ask "are we going to sleep here tonight?" because his mom spent so much time building the "Bible Bayou." The planning begins almost a year in advance, and there are folks painting and creating the scenes many months before we begin.

I am particularly moved by the youth helpers who shepherd the younger children between activities. For one pre-schooler, the voice of God speaking from the "burning" bush was a little too much, reducing him to tears and head-to-toe shaking. A youth helper escorted him from the room and brought him to me, but it was the youth who comforted him until mom was located next door. A homesick girl was inconsolable until we paired her with a "super cool" high schooler; they were giggling like old sorority sisters by the time they rejoined the girl's group.

At VBS, the volunteers become the ministers, fulfilling the promises that this church has made to raise its children in the faith.

Next summer's Vacation Bible School will take us sailing on the high seas as we hear the stories of Paul and the early Christians who spread the gospel. I can't tell you much more than that, but I guarantee we will have silly hats, crazy games, and lively songs...and that everyone who comes will experience the love of God.



THANK YOU to everyone who makes VBS a reality. And until next year, "Fear Not!"

Reverend Amy Pagliarella



Register now for Sunday School!

Sign up on-line at

http://www.firstchurchlf.org/children_youth

Youth Faith Formation 2009

5th Grade VBS Work Trip

5th Grade VBS Work Trip was a rousing success! A group of 15 5th graders led by 4 fearless adults brought great joy to the residents of Westmoreland Nursing Facility, unpacked and repackaged over 1,000 boxes of cereal at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, scrubbed, cleaned and unloaded backpacks full of school supplies at the Boy's and Girl's Club and packed 625 backpacks full for school supplies for the Neal School in North Chicago. The group started the week with the lesson in John 13 of Jesus washing the disciples feet and then lived a week of humble service in order to fully understand ministry beyond ourselves. The week was completed by participating in worship leadership and presenting the Word for Children.

5th Grade Youth Group

Next up for the 5th Graders is another trip to the Boy's and Girl's Club on Friday **September 18** as we help serve dinner after the World Wide Day of Play Celebration. 5th Grade Youth Group requires event sign ups due to transportation requirements. Contact Kristie Finley with questions at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250.

Middle School Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group starts Sunday **September 13** at 4:00-5:00PM in the Youth Lounge. Join us as we gather for fellowship, service, study and lots of fun!

Senior High Youth Group

Senior High Youth Group starts Sunday **September 13** at 7:00-8:15 PM. Join us in the Youth Lounge as we kick off a new season!

CALLING HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS!

*Wanna jam? High School aged musicians and vocalists, join the First Presbyterian Church worship band, Eggs Benediction. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, **September 13** at 6:00 PM sharp in the choir room. For additional information, please call or email Lesley Byers, Director of Youth Music Ministry, at (847) 736-1621 or LesleyPByers@aol.com.*



A Church-School Partnership:

First Presbyterian
Church of Lake Forest
and
Neal Math &
Science Academy



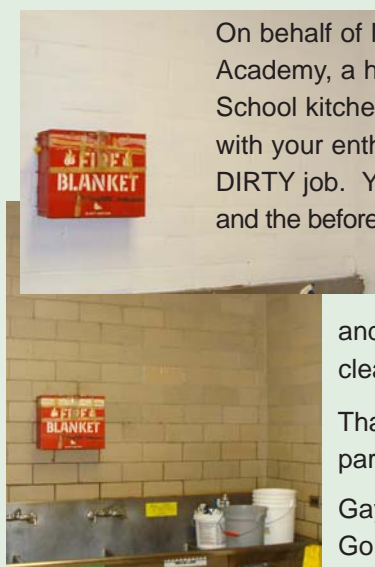
Dear First Church Friends and Dedicated Workers,

On behalf of North Chicago Community Partners and Neal Math & Science Academy, a huge thank you for your fantastic accomplishments in the Neal School kitchen. I just viewed Jim Mayhall's photos and am so impressed with your enthusiasm and roll up your sleeves attitude as this was truly a DIRTY job. Your smiling faces attest to your dedication and desire to serve, and the before and after pictures truly show what can be done with volunteers who put their hearts and muscles into helping others.

We are so grateful for each one of you, your children, and the time you took to make a dreary spot a little brighter and cleaner for the staff and children of Neal.

Thank you so much; we are looking forward to a new year of partnership and developing relationships with our friends at Neal.

Gay Mitchell
Gorter Family Foundation/North Chicago Community Partners



MEN'S FRATERNITY at Christ Church 100 N Waukegan Rd (corner of routes. 60 & 43) Lake Forest

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

- Develop a personal mission for your life that fits "the real you"
- Discover your unique design and what brings you alive
- Learn best practices of successful men
- Learn how to focus your life and get results
- Beat boredom and other opponents of authentic manhood
- Find your road to significance • Break out of the fog
- Find teammates to "get you there" • Deal with unfinished business
- Avoid shortcuts (that are really "dead ends")
- Regain a sense of forward momentum
- Find heroes who won't disappoint
- Explore what it means to take the "high ground of life"
- Learn how to leave a legacy you'll be proud of
- Discover the eternal rewards waiting for you

This 22-week study explores a man and his world beyond the every day. It helps a man find his "unique fit" in life - one that is realistic, thrilling and deeply satisfying.

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

NO SUMMER
SUNDAY SCHOOL
September 6

Nursery Care at 8:30AM

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

November 29 – Advent Supper & Wreath Making Workshop

December 26 – Senior High Work Trip Alumni Reunion

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.

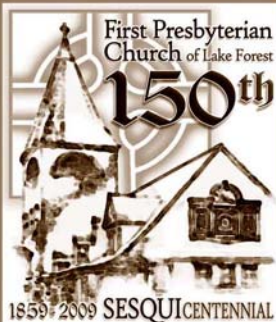
"The Lemon Tree tells the story of two families: the Khairis, who built a beautiful stone house in the village of al-Ramla in 1936, and the Eshkenazis, who moved into the house after the Khairis were driven from it by Israeli troops in 1948. And it vividly recreates the events that set in motion the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

Sponsored by the Adult and Youth Faith Formation Committees



The Core Mission of
First Presbyterian
Church of Lake Forest

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PROCLAIM CHRIST'S
MESSAGE

•
PROVIDE A
COMMUNITY OF
SPIRITUAL NURTURE

•
PROMOTE GOD'S
VISION OF JUSTICE

