

Faith CONNECTIONS

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Family Worship added to the Ash Wednesday Evening

5:30-6:00PM in the Chapel
What does it mean to put ashes on our forehead?

What is "Lent" and why do we begin it with such a strange ritual?

Children may ask a lot of questions about Ash Wednesday...or they may know nothing about it because it's not exactly a "family-friendly" holiday. **So we invite you to begin your Lenten observance with an Ash Wednesday service that allows families to worship AND children to make sense of what we are saying and doing.** We will symbolically burn palms from last year's Palm Sunday (creating the ashes), and enjoy simple meditative music and ritual that engages even the youngest children (including non-readers). At 6:00PM we will share a meal, followed by our own Rev. Erik Dailey sharing his faith journey. A traditional 7:00PM service follows; both services will include the imposition of ashes. **For more information about the family service, please speak with a member of the Family Faith Formation team or e-mail apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org.**

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday
February 17

Family Worship... 5:30PM

Supper... 5:45PM in Fellowship Hall

Faith Journey... 6:30PM by Reverend Erik Dailey

Worship... 7:00PM in the Sanctuary with communion & imposition of ashes



Begin your journey through Lent by joining fellow church members in Fellowship Hall at 5:45PM for a simple soup and salad supper as we hear Reverend Erik Dailey's faith journey. The evening continues with an experiential, moving service of worship at 7:00PM in the sanctuary with communion and imposition of ashes offered. Though this evening is a whole event, you are welcome to participate in whatever part(s) allowed by your schedule. There will be extra chairs in Fellowship Hall if you cannot make the supper but wish to hear Erik's faith journey. Worship is open to everyone whether you are able to come to supper or not. Reservations for dinner \$5⁰⁰-

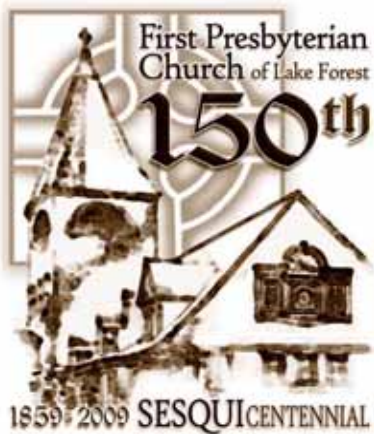
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Wednesday Morning
Communion Services
& Breakfast

MAKING SPACE TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

DATE	CLERGY	LAY	SPIRITUAL PRACTICE	BREAKFAST
February 17	Rev. Amy Pagliarella	Liz Gescheidle	Hospitality	Rita Fossell
February 24	Rev. Christine Chakoian		Prayer	Diane Quinn
March 3	Rev. Erik Dailey		Discernment	Mary Farwell
March 10	Rev. Kent Kinney	Laura Carothers	Compassion	Carolyn Kinney
March 17	Dir. Kristie Finley	Anneliese Crawford	Sabbath Keeping	Carol Bubala
March 24	Rev. Corey Nelson	David McKee	Worship	Mia Spooner



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Dear friends,

One never knows how God will interfere with one's life.

Through the people of this church and her own service to Christ, Kristie Finley, our beloved Director of Youth Faith Formation, has felt God's call to ordained ministry. We could not be happier for Kristie as we see the Spirit at work in her life. I know personally that God has been nudging her for some time, and I am grateful to have been part of her discernment process.

Kristie has applied to and been accepted by both McCormick and Princeton Seminaries. She will not know until April which school she will attend. Her decision will be based on a number of factors, including financial aid, family, and the programs each school provides.

What does that mean for us? If Kristie attends McCormick, we anticipate that she will continue to serve here on a part-time basis for the next year. (The following year, she will be required to do her field study elsewhere.) If Kristie attends Princeton, we will need to search for her replacement sooner rather than later. In either case, the Faith Formation Team and I have already been meeting to determine immediate needs and next steps. Soon we will bring those to Personnel Committee and then to Session.

Kristie's excitement is palpable. After completing her Masters in Parenting Education last spring, she realized, in her words, that "faith needs to be part of work" in her life. She feels particularly called to parish ministry, primarily because "the culture is changing so much, and traditional Christian education delivery systems are inadequate." She hopes to "explore new models to inspire parents to be the main teachers of faith formation in their children's lives."

Please join me in celebrating with Kristie.

Blessings,

Reverend Christine Chakoian

Sunday Worship
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7
9:00 & 11:00AM Worship
 Luke 5: 1-11
 Reverend Christine Chakoian
 Scout Sundry
 Communion
 Souper Bowl of Care
first @ five
 @ 5:00 in the sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
9:00 & 11:00AM Worship
 Luke 9: 28-36, 37-43
 Reverend Corey Nelson
 Baptism
 Shrove Pancake Breakfast
 during fellowship
first @ five
 @ 5:00 in the sanctuary
 fellowship & dinner @ 6:00
 Reverend Corey Nelson

CHURCH CLOSED
 THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED
 ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
 IN REMEMBRANCE OF
 PRESIDENT'S DAY.

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SAVE THE DATE! "BID FOR BETTER LIVES" SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010
 We hope you will consider your talents and treasures at Exmoor Country Club
 and help make the auction a success with your contribution!

- ✓ **Do you paint? Sew? Garden? Cook? Or create in other ways?**
 Your personal one of a kind gifts or services make ideal auction items
- ✓ **Do you have access to hard to get sports tickets?** Blackhawks, bears, cubs, sox, bulls
- ✓ **Do you have a favorite restaurant in the city that will donate a gift certificate?**
- ✓ **Will you create and sponsor a themed party?**

Please call or e-mail Carrie Ford (847) 615-9166, Bandcford@aol.com or Laura Sibley (847) 615-9221, Sibleylaura48@hotmail.com
We look forward to hearing from you!

***DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING UNIQUE OR ANTIQUE THAT COULD BE PART OF THE RUMMAGE AUCTION?**
 Please call Frances Swaine (847) 735-1840, Laura Flynn (847) 295-4608, or Julie Stevenson (847) 615-8027

NEAL SCHOOL Volunteer Day for families

Our Neal School partnership is sponsoring a **Neal School Volunteer Day** on Monday, **February 8** beginning at 3:00PM. This activity offers our families & individuals an opportunity to visit the Neal School, meet some staff and students and see how close the school is to us and how much fun it can be to help out. Volunteers are welcome any time between 3:00 - 5:30PM and are welcome to stay as long as they are able. The activity will be a **Haiti Earthquake Relief Project** with youth, parents and school staff. Jim Mayhall, moderator of the Mission committee extends this invitation, "*Let's all come together to do what we can to help those affected by the disaster in Haiti.*" Contact Jim for further information at jmay243@gmail.com



Dear Pastor Corey,
Thank you so much for coordinating your Food Drive in December. Your continued support of this ministry is greatly appreciated by all. As I know you realize keeping up with the demand for food is challenging. Your parishioner's generosity really helps make a difference. Please extend my thanks to everyone who participated. Thank you and God bless.
Sincerely,
Anne Frost
Church of the Holy Spirit



IN MEMORIAM

Laurence R. Lee died on January 7, 2010. Mr. Lee joined the church in 1962. He will be missed by his wife, Barbara and their children and grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Lake Forest College Chapel on January 16, 2010.

Grace Elizabeth Groner died January 19, 2010 at the age of 100. Grace joined the church in 1982. She shared her compassion for people for almost 25 years as our first hospitality minister, greeting people by phone and in person every Sunday morning. She will be missed by her many friends, family and admirers. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on January 22, 2010, Reverend Kent Kinney officiating.

BIRTHS

We welcome *Poppy Blide Bayly*, born on January 11, 2010 to Graham and Brooke Bayly. She joins her sister Vail and joyful grandparents George and Anne Bayly.

We welcome *Aspen Elisabeth Tucker*, born January 11, 2010 to Gary and Kandi Tucker. She joins her sister Ava and proud grandparents Bert and Cathy Tucker.

We welcome *Brigid Eileen Miller*, born on January 19, 2010 to Andrew and Meghan Miller and proud grandparents Art and Jan Miller.

SHROVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Shrove or Pancake Tuesday in Lent is a Western European tradition in which the pancake represents the richest type of food that could be consumed quickly before going through the 40 days of fasting required during Lent, much like Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras. The purpose is to use up the fats, eggs and dairy in the house before the fasting of Lent. Making pancakes uses up all the basic, rich ingredients readily available in most people's refrigerator or cupboards. It's practical, helps the budget, as well as filling a person up.

The Senior High youth will be cooking and serving pancakes on **Valentine's Day**, Sunday February 14 during Fellowship hour. Join them, no reservations needed, for breakfast, brunch or lunch as they help us prepare for the Lenten season.

Mardi Gras is coming to First Church!

Before we leap into Lent,
let's frolic together for a

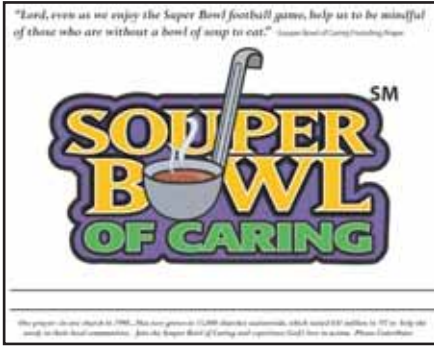


Fat Tuesday Celebration--

Tuesday, **February 16** (7:00PM-10:00PM)
at Bridie McKenna's in Highwood. Appetizers & Entertainment by **Lesley Byers & the Jazz Cats...** Cash Bar... \$20/ticket. Sign up between services, on-line, or by calling Kerry in the church office at (847) 234-6250 ext 233. Questions? Contact Jim Seymour (847) 735-1366



Super Bowl Sunday is also Souper Bowl Sunday



Sunday, **February 7** is a day set aside to celebrate the gridiron greatest AND to help raise money for local hunger organizations. The Souper Bowl of Caring, a national fundraising organization, encourages churches to collect a special offering on Super Bowl Sunday, so that when we are enjoying ourselves in front of the big screen, we can remember that there are many people out there who are hungry. So, on February 7, the youth of the church will be standing at the doors after each service with soup pots, ready to be filled with donations. All donations are used locally and will benefit hunger issues in our community. The Souper Bowl, which raises multiple millions of dollars a year, was founded at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, where Millason Dailey (wife of youth pastor Erik Dailey) formerly served as an associate pastor.

Work Trip 2010 Chili Fundraiser!



This year the Senior High Work Trip Fundraiser will be tasty and warm for all. We are selling Paul Finley's famous chili for

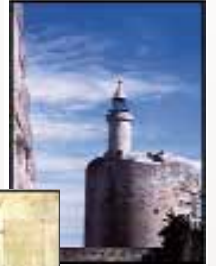
Super Bowl Sunday consumption. During the month of January the **youth took chili orders** between Sunday services. The students will be cooking Saturday February 6 and **pick-up is at church after services on Super Bowl Sunday February 7**. Four servings (48 ounces) is \$25. Enjoy the game by letting us make dinner! Questions or orders please contact Sarah at (847) 234-6250 or ssecombe@firstchurchlf.org. All proceeds will help fund Work Trip 2010.

"ALWAYS REFORMING, ALWAYS RESISTING": "RESIST!"



To end the French Wars of Religion in 1598, Henry IV decreed the Edict of Nantes, allowing French Calvinists (Huguenots) freedom of conscience and freedom of worship. This remained the law of the land until 1685 when his grandson, Louis XIV, revoked it and made Protestantism illegal in France.

By 1724, Protestants could either convert to Roman Catholicism, leave France, or face imprisonment, forced labor, or execution. The Durand family, a prominent Huguenot family in southern France, included Etienne and his two children, Marie and Pierre. Etienne was imprisoned for 14 years, and his son Pierre, a Protestant pastor, was executed, for their refusal to convert. Marie, newly married and 19, went to prison in the dungeon of the Tower of Constance at Aigues Mortes in 1730 and was there for the next 38 years, practicing her faith with the other Huguenot women who shared her fate. While in the Tower of Constance, Marie carved into the wall of her cell the word "Resister," French for "Resist."



The Tower of Constance



Huguenot women in the tower



"Resister' can, first, be received as a testimony of faith, a testimony to how faith is sparked and oriented by resistance. It is a protest against the diminution of God and life. . . To resist is also a call, a summons to the work of transformation. To resist demands naming and defying idolatry and indignity in individual, ecclesial, and sociopolitical life. . . Without resistance as a testimony of faith and religious calling, Protestant theology cannot be properly 'protestant' and Reformed theology cannot be rightly reformed." - Dr. Kristine Culp

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Culp to First Church as she leads this interesting discussion on the theme of resistance as it relates to our faith as Presbyterians.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010
7:00_{PM} IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Kris Culp (M. Div., PTS, and PhD, U of C) is Associate Professor of Theology and Dean of the Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago Divinity School. She works in constructive theology, especially in relation to feminist theologies and theology in North America. She has written on protest and resistance as theological themes, the use of fiction in theological thinking, a theology of Christian community, feminist and womanist theologies, and "experience" in contemporary theology. She is the editor of *The Responsibility of the Church for Society and Other Essays* by H. Richard Niebuhr (Westminster John Knox, 2008). Her new book, *Vulnerability and Glory: A Theological Account*, will be published by Westminster John Knox Press this Fall.

ALL OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST PROGRAMS ARE FOLLOWED BY ADEQUATE DISCUSSION TIME GIVING ATTENDEES OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROGRAM CONTENT.

Eggs Benediction: Leading Worship on a Musical Note

Lesley Byers has a lot to say when asked about her work directing the church's youth band, Eggs Benediction - and it centers primarily on what she says the kids have taught her:

"Each year these kids never cease to amaze me. They are talented, hilarious, crazy (in the good way), smart, kind, thoughtful and they want to be here. Past 'EB' members set the tone of always helping each other and that camaraderie has been passed down each year." Lesley Byers, Eggs Benediction Director

For the first time since Eggs Benediction's founding, the majority of the band is not juniors and seniors. This allows the musicians, who are already proficient on their instruments, time to develop their musical and worship leadership talents. Another key change is that the band is evolving from being piano-driven to guitar-driven and... an entirely new instrument is being incorporated; the bass clarinet.

"Yes, it is nerve-racking when even one person is absent from an EB rehearsal and it changes the sound of the group," Lesley admits, *"but what once terrified me I now embrace because the kids have shown me that they see the hole and someone inevitably steps up to fill it."*

She's learned to be open to the fact that when high school kids have the inevitable conflicts, she can still approach every rehearsal as something new and remain open to amazing - though unexpected - outcomes. The camaraderie that emerges within the band teaches teens how to teach and nurture each other. Lesley makes sure that the band members know this; Any EB'er who has graduated is always welcome back to join in the jam.

Despite years of professional performance and singing experience in her own career, Lesley strives to clarify the distinction between performance and worship when working along with Eggs Benediction musicians; *"The biggest challenge of my job is to teach these kids that this is much more than that; they are helping to lead worship."* During rehearsals, she invites and trains the band members to be ever mindful of the meaning of the music and lyrics as they contribute to, and participate in, the entire worship experience. This skill requires significant practice and Lesley readily admits that it is not perfect every time. But when it does come together during a service, Lesley says, *"It's simply too amazing for words and the kids know this is when I start tearing up."* Furthermore she senses that the congregation increasingly recognizes that its youth musicians are showing commitment every time they lead worship and balance simultaneously: reading music, playing an instrument, singing, leading and worshipping God.

For some youth musicians, leading worship through music can be akin to the transformation from black and white to color or from two-dimensional to 3-D because it expands their perception of how God can work in and through them. High schoolers elect to join EB for a variety of reasons and the band's alums have cited these motivations and rewards:

- Widened appreciation for a range of musical genres,
- Gaining experience in group commitment and the rigors of being a band member,
- Learning about worship and contributing to the life of the church,
- Growing their talent for future musical experiences.

"I'll tell you what is gratifying to the kids," Lesley notes emphatically, *"When after 'EB' participates in a service, congregants of all ages make their way up to the kids to tell them how much they enjoyed the music."*

As the entire congregation has grown in its exposure and appreciation of the wide repertoire of Christian and World music, Lesley has seen undeniable evidence that playing music paves the way for many invaluable life lessons.



CALVIN'S CORNER STRASBOURG

Calvin arrived in Strasbourg in July 1538, intending not to remain there long but upon arrival was "dazzled" by an offer to direct a French-speaking parish. Strasbourg was originally German-speaking but because of its proximity to France became a place of refuge for huge numbers of French Protestants, requiring the services of French-speaking pastors. Unlike Geneva, where he was a "foreigner," he was welcomed in Strasbourg as a fellow Frenchman.

Calvin's three years in Strasbourg, from 1538 until 1541, were the happiest of his life. He was influenced by, and influenced, several notables of the Reformation, including Matthias Zell and Martin Bucer, and two laymen, Jacob and Johann Sturm, who turned the political power of the city over to the new church and founded an institution of higher learning (the Gymnasium) to teach the new religion. "Here then were the three pillars of Reformed Protestantism— theology, politics, and pedagogy." It was in Strasbourg that Calvin became a Calvinist.

His writings here included two important statements of the Reformed faith—a second and larger edition of The Institutes and his Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans, which came from a course he taught at the Gymnasium.

In addition, while in Strasbourg, he was first exposed to the "Huguenot Psalter," entitled *Some Psalms and Canticles Put to Music*, first published in Strasbourg in 1539. The French congregations of Strasbourg were renowned for their beautiful singing so much so that a traveling student once described a worship service as follows: "No creature could believe the joy one feels at singing the praises . . . of God in one's native tongue. . . I began to cry, not from sadness but for joy, on hearing them sing . . ."

And finally, in Strasbourg, Calvin found a wife.



What makes First Church Special...

First Presbyterian Church enables me to feel closer to God and Jesus. The ability to be able to receive nourishment and spiritual awareness makes my life more fulfilling, whole and with purpose and meaning. It is very refreshing. David Murphy



Bringing Faith to Public Life

A ONE-DAY SERIES OF THREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

offered by the staff of the

Academy For The Common Good of Chicago,

on the following topics of current interest:

Session I *"The Role of Religion in American Democracy"* with Reverend Dr. Larry Greenfield, Protestants For The Common Good

Session II *"Christian Perspectives on Health Care"* with Jonathan VanderBrug, Health Care Justice Director at the Campaign for Better Health Care

Session III *"Faith and the Environment"* with John Bartok, Neuropsychologist and volunteer with Faith In Place and Interfaith Power and Light Campaign, Chicago.

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- DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES TO SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE
- EXERCISE LEADERSHIP IN CONGREGATIONAL EDUCATION AND PUBLIC MINISTRY

COURSE SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Each session will be a stand-alone course and attendees may attend any or all. The price for each course is \$15.00, lunch will be provided for \$15.00 for those interested.

- Session I.....8:00 AM-10:00AM
- Coffee Break...10:00 AM-10:15 AM
- Session II..... 10:15 AM-12:15 PM
- Lunch..... 12:15 PM-1:30 PM

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Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Will you require lunch? Yes No

For how many persons? _____ x \$15 per person = _____

Lunch ____ x \$15 = _____

Total Due \$ _____

Thank you!



Cuba as seen by Rita Fossell and other members of Presbytery

Cuba has continued to be of interest to me since my husband was in the Navy in Key West, FL and was involved in several rescues of people as the Revolution in Cuba occurred. So I was glad that our Presbytery is a partner.



Last October I was privileged to travel to Havana, Cuba with a group from the Presbytery of Chicago. Special thanks to our church staff for prompt and diligent work to secure permits to allow my travel there.



Member pastors and elders from Havana Presbytery, representatives from Chicago and from Long Island (NY) presbyteries gathered for a partner celebration conference, 'Celebracion de Hermanamientos,' with Chicago and Havana for 10 years and with Long Island and Havana for 20 years. The conference was a blessing for me to see all the partners in one place. We worshiped, sang, talked, ate, danced, celebrated our past partnership experiences and brainstormed our future together.

After the conference ended the group from Libertyville visited their partner church, San Nicholas de bara. Folks from Glen Ellyn, Southminster, visited in Guanabacoa, as did I. Guanabacoa's pastor, Abel Mirabel, is also serving as moderator of the Presbytery of Havana. We had many interesting conversations. We did some sightseeing and visited parishioners including two elderly women who kept the church active after the Revolution.

Nine of forty five presbyteries remain thanks to women like these. New churches are not allowed.

On Saturday Presbyterian Women (PW) in the presbytery of Havana gathered and welcomed Abel and I as moderators of our respective presbyteries. I presented Spanish translations of PW Bible studies to each church as a gift from Presbyterian Women in the United States and Lake Forest.



I preached at Sunday worship with translation help from a fellow traveler from Glen Ellyn.

The church in Cuba is growing again. Keep them in your prayers.

ENROLLMENT NEWS 2010-2011 We are currently

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accepting registration forms from anyone wishing to enroll for the 2010-11 school year!

If you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact

Brooke Westerman, Assistant Enrollment Chair, at (847) 235-2746 or email brookewesterman@yahoo.com.

MEAL A MONTH MAKES A DIFFERENCE

This note was received from Gale Strenger Wayne:

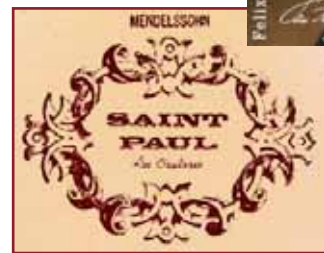
"On behalf of the Shields Township Food Pantry, which received your overflowing bounty in January, I want to thank the congregation for their kind generosity. This consideration of and outreach to our neighbors nourishes both their bodies and spirits. Donations, whether foodstuffs or financial, are always needed and appreciated."

Saint Paul CONCERT

On April 18, 2010, the First Presbyterian Church's sesquicentennial celebration will reach its musical apex, with a performance of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's grand oratorio, *Saint Paul*.

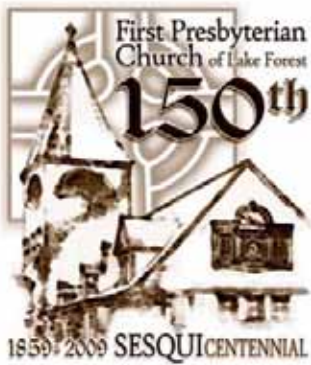
This work for soloists, chorus and orchestra tells the story of the conversion, evangelism, and martyrdom of Paul, as told through the Holy Scriptures.

Although *Saint Paul* has now been eclipsed in popularity by Mendelssohn's second oratorio, *Elijah*, it is probably no



an exaggeration to claim that *Saint Paul* was Mendelssohn's most popular work during his lifetime. The length and complexity of *Saint Paul* have caused it to receive fewer performances in recent years. However, with the combined forces of our choir, the Highland Park Presbyterian Church choir, the choir of the Church of Latter Day Saints in Wilmette, the Lake Forest College Concert Choir, and an orchestra drawn from Northwestern University's School of Music, along with local professionals, we have assembled a worthy ensemble! In its entirety, the oratorio is well over two hours long! However, our performance will be cut down significantly.

This is the first in a series of articles to help prepare us for this exciting event. Over the next few months, you will read more about the composer and a history of *Saint Paul*. In the meantime, mark your calendars now, as this concert should not be missed!



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FEBRUARY 1, 2010

SUNDAY WORSHIP
AT
9:00 & 11:00 AM
AND
5:00 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Scout Sunday February 7 at 9:00 AM

Scout Sunday recognizes the contributions made by Scouts in our church and our community. We encourage past and current Eagle Scouts, and Boy & Girl Scout leadership to celebrate with us as this year we marks the **100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting**. All Boy and Girl Scouts at every level of Scouting from our church and our community are invited to come dressed in their uniforms and participate in the procession. Each child will receive a commemorative patch. Please have your child at church no later than 8:45. We also will need Scout volunteers to participate in the service as ushers, acolytes, greeters, and readers. Please contact Joymcgreevy@sbcglobal.net for further information and to volunteer.

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

LENT COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Calling all parents of college students!

We are gathering once again to assemble Lent care packages for all our college students.

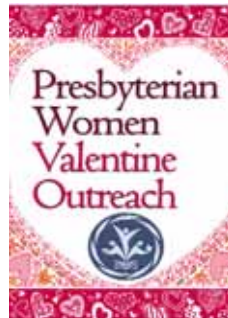
Gather in the Youth Lounge on Tuesday **February 9**, 6:30-7:30 PM

Stop in for fellowship and fun as we assemble reminders of God's love and their church's care for them. If you have small items you want to contribute that would be great, but we have things to pack.

Let me know if you are coming and how many students you have at college (make sure we have their up-to-date address).



Peace, Kristie
Finley, Director of
Youth and Parent
Faith Formation



VALENTINE MAKING LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to the annual Valentine Lunch on

Wednesday, February 3

in the South Parlor at 11:00 AM. A delicious soup and salad lunch will be served and we will make valentines for our shut-in members and friends.

Materials are provided to inspire your enjoyment

in making the valentines that bring joy to many. Our 5th Grade Work Trippers will deliver the valentines in person on Valentine's Day, February 14. Contact Kerry Spera at kspera@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250 ext 233 to reserve a place at the luncheon.

Rummage has been coming in and we are so grateful for the support of our congregation and community. We have **run out of boxes** for storage of donations until the May 1 sale. If you have **empty cardboard cartons to donate**, it will be **greatly appreciated**.

Thank you from the rummage sorters and Presbyterian Women!



TIDBITS FROM ARCHIVES
From Session Records February 6, 1971
On motion it was voted that the pastor divide the parish into six districts and assign to the Elders said districts for visitation.