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Faith CONNECTIONS

joys & concerns CONVERSATION

The Worship & Music Committee of Session is in the process of evaluating the way that Joys & Concerns are shared during worship. On January 15, members of the congregation were invited to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of two approaches: the spoken method (using microphones) and the pew card method in which written joys & concerns are incorporated into the pastoral prayer by the minister. First Church began using the pew card method about 3 months ago. Reverend Christine Chakoian moderated the meeting which began with Diane Fondriest, Chair of the Worship and Music Committee and Jeanne Lane, member of the committee and lay representative on the Worship Planning Team, reporting on reasons for the recent move to pilot the pew card method. (See the article: Joys & Concerns about Joys & Concerns* for more in-depth information). Reverend Chakoian shared a number of responses she received from clergy colleagues that she had polled on the topic. She noted that it was uplifting to her as a pastor to see how much First Church members care about the tone, integrity and flow of the entire service. A key driver of the change of how we share joys & concerns was to open up the process to those who are not comfortable speaking publicly. Other considerations include keeping the worship service to one hour, maintaining a worshipful atmosphere and concerns about violating members' confidentiality. About 35 people attended the forum and helpful feedback was offered. Supporters of both methods listened respectfully as the pros and cons of each were enumerated. The input was recorded and will be taken into consideration as the Worship & Music Committee evaluates the two methods before making its recommendation to Session. If you were not able to attend the forum, [continued on page 2]

Make a Difference in our Community!

Support a PADS Homeless Shelter in Waukegan

with Food Donations or Onsite Service

PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity, and Shelter) is one of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest's most significant Lake County ministries. On the 2nd and 5th Tuesdays of each month from October through May, we provide and serve food for dinner, breakfast and prepare bag lunches at an overnight shelter in a Waukegan church that serves 44 homeless men.



One team of volunteers prepares or purchases food and beverages for the dinner meal and delivers it to our church on the day of service for delivery to the Waukegan site. Three additional teams of volunteers go onsite: one team sets up and serves the dinner meal, a second team provides and an overnight presence at the shelter, and a third team arrives in the morning to prepare and serve a hot breakfast.

You can be a part of this important and rewarding ministry

on one or many of our services dates either by preparing or providing food for the dinner meal or by volunteering to work onsite. Our guests are truly thankful for our support and we believe you will be richly blessed by your involvement. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway; you may email us as well. For more information or to be added to our email list of volunteers contact: Darcy Traynor, darcy_traynor@yahoo.com 847-235-2826



RUMMAGE FURNITURE SALE

Sunday February 5 - 10:00AM until 1:00PM

IN THE RUMMAGE STORAGE AREA UNDER THE SANCTUARY
(OUTSIDE OF FELLOWSHIP HALL)

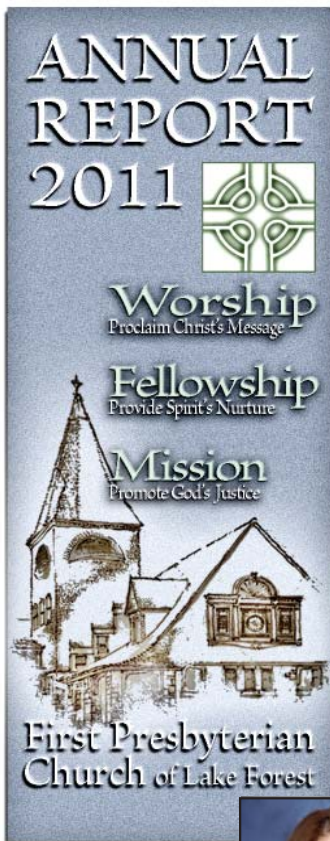
Our donations are overflowing and we need your help to relieve our storage needs!

Congregation members, friends and family are encouraged to stop in after or before worship.

There will be sofas, bedroom sets, occasional chairs, and much more.

Come to find that perfect piece to complete your room! Credit cards will be accepted.

For further information contact Liz Bradner at ebradner4@gmail.com



Dear friends,

As one year closes and another begins, it is the custom to take stock. How did we do in the last twelve months? To what do we aspire as we look ahead?

Many institutions measure success by financial condition, membership numbers and future forecast. These are not inappropriate for a church; but as people of God, there are more important metrics:

How effectively have we proclaimed Christ's message... in the pulpit? through worship and music? at funerals and weddings? in our daily lives?

How effectively have we provided Spiritual nurture... in Sunday school, youth groups and small group Bible study? through Deacons and Stephen Ministry? through the Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawl group? in our personal relationships?

How effectively have we promoted God's vision of justice... rolling up our sleeves on Work Trip, in North Chicago, in Tanzania? raising mission dollars through Rummage and the Auction? volunteering on boards and committees? urging fairness and ethics in our public and business interactions?

As we review this past year and look forward to the next, matters like financial security, membership rolls and future performance are important. But I pray we will look closely at more essential measures of success. I can't think of any better year-end word than to hear from the heavens, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

Reverend Christine Chakoian



Sunday Worship


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Amy Pagliarella
Scout Sunday at 9:00
Communion at 9:00 & 11:00AM
Eggs Benediction at 9:00 & 11:00AM
first@five at 5:00PM with dinner
Reverend Corey Nelson with
music by Leslie Byers and Owen Marks

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Children's musical:
A Technicolor Promise
first@five at 5:00PM with dinner
Reverend Corey Nelson with
music by Leslie Byers and Owen Marks

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joys & concerns

CONVERSATION [continued from front page]

your well-thought-out comments on how best Joys & Concerns can be offered, are welcome.

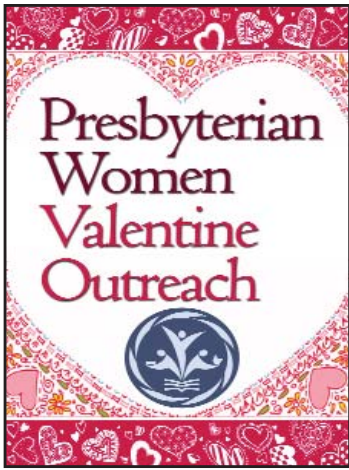
Please feel free to contact any member of the Worship and Music Committee: Moderator, Diane Fondriest [dwfondriest@cs.com], Allen Davies [adavies@alumni.rice.edu], Rita Fossell [ritafossell@sbcglobal.net], Jeanne Lane [cestchoc@gmail.com], Dick Mentzinger [richardmentzinger@gmail.com], Missy Romanoff [Missy3353@aol.com].

*<http://www.firstchurchlf.org/Joys%20and%20Concerns%20Abt%20Joys%20and%20Concerns%2001-12-12.pdf>

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VALENTINE PARTY

Wednesday, February 8
at 11:30AM in the Parlor

Bring a friend, make valentines for our home bound friends and enjoy a warming winter lunch

SPONSORED BY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

RSVP Kerry Spera

kspera@firstchurchlf.org or
847.234.6250

“Listening 2.0: the Art of Listening to What Isn’t Said”

The Reverend Christine Chakoian
Saturday, February 4

10:00AM: Coffee and Fellowship

10:30-11:30AM: Presentation
in the Parlor



OPEN TO ALL WHO WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR EMPATHIC LISTENING SKILLS

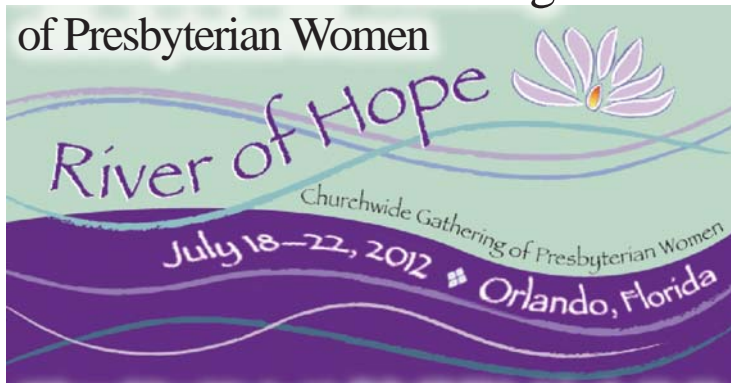
What does “active listening” look like? An active listener lets go of assumptions and the desire to fix things; an active listener keeps mouth closed and heart open. But how do we grow our listening skills? Join Christine for this workshop on how to become a more caring listener. There is no cost for this Stephen Ministry sponsored event.

College Ministries

Dr. Michael Emerson, co-author of *Divided by Faith and United by Faith* will speak on Ephesians 6:12 on the topic “**How Race Works, and Why it Matters for the Church**” on **February 2** at 11:00AM at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Jennifer Aycock, our college intern, has invited **all who are interested to this free and open public event.** For further details, contact Jennifer at 312.560.7454.

2012 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women



“River of Hope” (Psalm 46) **July 18-22** in Orlando, Florida at Gaylord Palms Resort and Conference Center.

Special rates at Gaylord Palms before and after to make it a family vacation too. **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN;** go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Floral Ministry at First Church

First Church’s sanctuary is adorned year round with flowers that congregants donate in honor of loved ones. When you donate flowers you always have the option to take them home following the last worship service or you may request that the flowers be given to someone that is in the hospital or homebound. When you choose this option, the flowers are delivered with a personal note.

The Flower Chart sign up is located on the wall just outside the hospitality office. You are invited to call Sarah Secombe in the church office 847.234.6250 to check if a specific date is available. When you sign up you will receive a letter before your chosen Sunday that details information on the bulletin dedication and florist delivery.

Your participation in the Floral Ministry is gratefully received by worshipers and by family and friends. Please sign up today!

2012 Flowers for the Sanctuary

NICHES: Please use the flower altar. This is the place where flowers are placed in the sanctuary. All the flowers are placed in the niches. Ask the florist to clearly mark each arrangement with "Niche Number" and florist name.

CHANCE: Please use these dates for the church anniversary of the death of family members. The flowers will be placed in the niches at the time of the anniversary. Ask the florist to clearly mark each arrangement with "Church Anniversary" and florist name.

January 1 8 15 22 29	February 5 12 19 26	March 4 11 18 25
April 1 8 15 22 29	May 6 13 20 27	June 3 10 17 24
July 1 8 15 22 29	August 5 12 19 26	September 2 9 16 23 30
October 1 8 15 22 29	November 4 11 18 25	December 2 9 16 23 30



HEARING LOOP IN SANCTUARY

Linda S. Remensnyder, an audiologist and founder of Hearing Associates in Illinois, teaches people how to maximize their

ability to hear clearly in social settings. She fits them with the right kind of hearing aids and with devices that allow them to hear clearly on the telephone, when watching television, and in public settings that have been equipped with hearing loops. A hearing loop, installed around the periphery of a room, is a thin copper wire that radiates electromagnetic signals. The signals can be picked up by a tiny receiver called a telecoil (also called a T-coil) that is built into most hearing aids and cochlear implants. With the press of a tiny button on the aid, sound comes through to people with impaired hearing with even greater clarity than can be heard by someone with normal hearing.

Since 2009, Dr. Remensnyder said, hearing loops have been installed in about 1,000 public places, including our sanctuary which is challenging for the hearing-impaired. “The public is misled into thinking that by getting two hearing aids, they’ll be able to hear everywhere,” she said. “Aids are just a small segment of the solution. The hearing loop can revolutionize the lives of people with hearing difficulties, a virtue in itself.”

PERMANENT NAME TAGS OFFERED

Whether you are a lifelong member, joined First Church recently or are somewhere in between, please wear a nametag. Nametags can be purchased for \$5. These white plastic nametags are locally made, and can be ordered with magnetic back or pin back, and look great with any outfit. This is a perfect time to get to know each other before the service, during the passing of the peace, or while sipping lemonade at Fellowship after the service. Go ahead, talk to someone new, or re-introduce yourself with the aid of a nametag!

The congregation has purchased 233 name tags to date and several requests have been received for a place to store the name tags when leaving church. The Inviting ministry of the Membership Committee has purchased a portable magnetic board which will be available outside the office on Sunday. Just leave your name tag on it and pick it up the next week when you arrive. If you have not gotten yours yet, they will be available on Sunday, February 5, March 4 and April 1 outside the office. Contact Elizabeth Grob for information at ebrog01@hotmail.com

NEW MEMBER SUNDAYS, CLASS FEBRUARY 5, 12, 26

10:00 – NOON, IN THE PARLOR

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONFIRMING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FIRST PRES THROUGH ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OR ARE JUST CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PART OF A CHURCH, PLEASE COME. **Contact Donna Birney** if you are planning to attend or have questions at dbirney@firstchurchlf.org or 847.234.6250.

The Souper Bowl of Caring

is a national, youth-driven organization that works with churches to raise money for local hunger related issues. Millions are raised every year on Super Bowl Sunday and every cent collected by our church stays in our community. Last year the youth raised \$900. This year, the **Souper Bowl of Caring is on February 5**, and youth will be at the doors after both morning services with soup pots to collect donations. The money will be used to purchase food for the Shields Township Food Pantry. Please give generously to this worthy cause.



THE NIGHT MINISTRY connecting at
the crossroads

TOILETRY DRIVE for The Night Ministry - Donations are needed immediately! Please drop off at the church this week, if possible, or bring on Sunday morning. (Look for a box in the lobby). *Travel size shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, shaving cream, soap/shower gel, disposable razors, pocket combs, individually packaged wet wipes, toothpaste & toothbrushes.* As we explore the sense of being uprooted that is part of the Noah story, we will make toiletry kits for the homeless people served by The Night Ministry in Chicago. We need tons of donations -hotel and airline freebies or items purchased at dollar stores/pharmacies are welcome. Most of these items cost \$1 in the travel section of a Target or Walmart; this is a manageable sum of money for a young child to save from an allowance or to earn by helping with chores. You can make this a learning opportunity for your child by taking them to make this small purchase.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday will be celebrated **February 5** at the 9:00 service. Scouts will participate in every aspect of the service from the general procession and flag ceremony to greeting people at each entrance, usher duties, liturgy and music participation. This is a wonderful time for Scouts to be honored for their involvement in Scouting and for the congregation to witness and enjoy these fine young people. Ten Cub Scouts who have earned their God and Me Award with the tutelage of Pastor Amy Pagliarella will be recognized. Any Scout who would like to participate in Scout Sunday please contact Paula Clair at 847.234.3436 or pclair@msn.com.



Sunday Morning Bible Study with Ellen Hyndman

Ellen Hyndman's Bible Study Group announces a book study beginning in February on the Holy Spirit using *The Promise of the Spirit* by the Scottish theologian, William Barclay. Each week we will read and discuss a chapter from this short book. Class members will take turns leading discussion.

Date	Chapter
FEBRUARY 5	1: "MEN OF THE SPIRIT" – INTRODUCTION AND OT
FEBRUARY 12	2: "THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FIRST THREE GOSPELS"
FEBRUARY 19	3: "THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FOURTH GOSPEL"
FEBRUARY 26	4: "THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EXPANDING CHURCH"
MARCH 4	5: "THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LETTERS OF PAUL" – PART I
MARCH 11	5: "THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LETTERS OF PAUL" - PART II
MARCH 18	6: "THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE AND THOUGHT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH"
MARCH 25	7: "THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH TODAY"

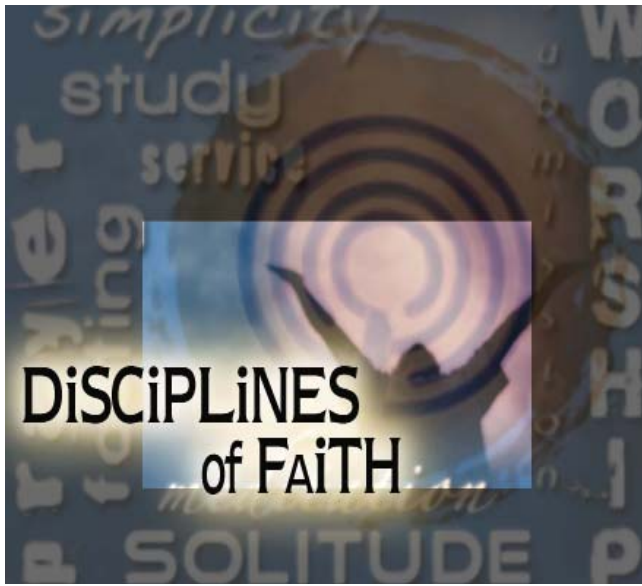
Class meets 10:10 – 11:00 AM every Sunday. *The Promise of the Spirit* by William Barclay, Westminster John Knox Press (www.wjkbooks.com), 2001, is available from:

- Amazon.com (www.amazon.com) on-line for \$15.00 (paperback, no Kindle)
- Barnes & Noble (www.barnesandnoble.com) in-store (better check before you go) or on-line for \$15.00 (paperback, no Nook)
- Cokesbury (www.cokesbury.com) on-line for \$9.75 (paperback)
- Christian Book Distributors (www.christianbook.com) on-line for \$3.69 (paperback)

The book can be reviewed by any interested on Amazon.com. Before ordering on your own, please let us know, however, as we may have already pre-ordered extra copies.

Send any questions to Spike and Elaine Paul at fratedoc@comcast.net.

PROVIDING SPIRITUAL NURTURE *What does it mean to provide a community of spiritual nurture?* According to the new Book of Order: the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), *"Nurture and Pastoral Care are ways in which Christians minister to one another. The nurture of believers and their children in the Christian community is a process of bringing them to full maturity in Jesus Christ. Pastoral care is the support which Christians offer one another in daily living and at times of need and of crisis in personal and communal life. Often nurture involves pastoral care and pastoral care furthers Christian nurture."* If you know of someone needing nurture or pastoral care, contact Donna Birney at dbirney@firstchurchlf.org or 847.234.6250.



Lenten Wednesday Morning COMMUNION SERVICES AND BREAKFAST

Lent is a time of spiritual reflection. First Pres supports this reflective time by offering a short service at 7:00am in the chapel for six weeks on Wednesday mornings beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 22. Communion by intinction is part of the service each week which is led by a pastor and a lay person. This year the focus of the service will be **DISCIPLINES OF FAITH**. We will explore how we got to our current place in our faith journey and what practices helped us along the way? Immediately after the service a continental breakfast is held in the parlor offering an opportunity to continue the worship and fellowship begun in the chapel. **Mark your calendars now!**

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 22

WITH **ASH WEDNESDAY** - Family Worship in the sanctuary at 5:30PM includes burning palms to make ashes, simple singing, Scripture readings in language that young children can understand, AND a short reflection to help children understand Lent.



This experience is geared to preschool children and older. Each year this aspect of Ash Wednesday has grown with children ages 1-13 who appreciated the accessibility. Some parents even found a deeper understanding of Lent. **PLEASE GATHER IN THE SANCTUARY BEFORE 5:30 TO WALK TOGETHER TO THE BURNING OF PALMS, OR JOIN IN AS YOU ARE ABLE;** the family gathering ends in time for supper.

Supper in Fellowship Hall at 5:45

Director of Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation, Nick Redmond, will share his faith journey.

Ash Wednesday Service of Communion & Imposition of Ashes at 7:00PM in the sanctuary

This evening is one whole event but each part of the evening is independent and you are encouraged to attend those allowed by your schedule.

Cost for supper is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. For supper reservations, contact Kerry at ksp@firstchurchlf.org or 847.234.6250. If you have questions or would like to help with this event, contact Nancy Laesch at 847.735.1011.

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JOIN US FOR

SUNDAY WORSHIP

at 9:00 & 11:00AM

& first@five at 5:00PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

at 9:00AM

SAVE THE DATE
All Church Auction
Saturday, April 21



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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CHILDREN'S MUSICAL...A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE...
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT 9:00 & 11:00AM


Bid for
Better Lives
All Church Auction

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest has a strong history of raising funds for mission since its founding 151 years ago. This annual auction raises funds to support agencies that work energetically to promote social justice through local mission activities. The proceeds from this event benefit Lake County missions, including PADS, Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Clubs of Lake County, A Safe Place, The Haven and others. During these challenging economic times, these organizations need our support more than ever.

Exmoor Country Club **April 21** WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Get Involved. You can contribute to this event not only by attending the auction and encouraging others to attend, but also by donating auction items and helping the Auction committee that is already busy organizing the event. The success of this event depends upon our church family.

We hope you will consider your talents and treasures 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 THAT WILL DONATE A GIFT CERTIFICATE?

WILL YOU, & A FRIEND OR TWO, CREATE & SPONSOR A THEMED PARTY?

WILL YOU OFFER THE USE OF YOUR VACATION HOME?

Please call or e-mail Carrie Ford (847) 615-9166 Bandcford@aol.com
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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