



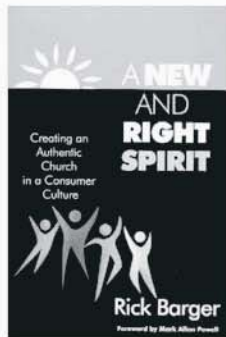
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Faith CONNECTIONS

THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO:



*A New and
Right Spirit:*
**Lecture &
Conversational
Workshops**
by Pastor Rick Barger
of Littleton, Colorado

March 15 - 17, 2007

LECTURE: Friday evening, **March 16**
in the Sanctuary

CONVERSATIONAL WORKSHOPS:
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
Times, topics and other details will be
announced in the near future

Rick Barger is
lead pastor at Abiding
Hope Lutheran Church
in Littleton, Colorado.
He is also the founder
of Abiding Hope's
Transformational
Leadership Academy.



The Session and Board
of Deacons have been
studying *A New and Right
Spirit: Creating an Authentic Church in a
Consumer Culture*, Barger's book that argues
passionately for congregations to reexamine
what it means to be an "authentic church" in a
culture where authenticity is hard to come by.

As the key to congregational transformation
he boldly reclaims and lifts up an
ecclesiological vision of the church as a
"witness to the resurrection." Recognizing the
spiritual needs of a success-oriented society, he
exhorts leaders to turn away from the story of
our culture and to return to the story of the
church, which is grounded in Christ and the
resurrection. Driven by that authentic story, the
church becomes a powerful witness to God's
love for all and an effective minister to the
needs of the world.

FAITH JOURNEY & LENTEN SUPPER

February 21, 2007



Begin your journey through Lent
by joining fellow church members in
Fellowship Hall at **6:00 PM** for a simple
soup and salad supper as we hear the
Reverend Patrick Day's faith journey at
6:30 PM. The evening will continue
with a short service at **7:00 PM** in the
sanctuary with communion & imposition
of ashes offered.

The cost of the supper is **\$5.00** per person.

Please make reservations to the church
office (847) 234-6250, no later than Sunday, February 18

Lenten Mini-Retreats Scheduled

The Reverend Patrick Day and a team of lay leaders announce a series of six Lenten mini-retreats to be held at various days and times throughout Lent. The theme is Meeting Christ in our Everyday Lives. The scriptural reference is John 12: 1-8 about the anointing of Jesus. The retreats will all follow the same program and you are invited to participate in one or many. You are asked to read the Bible passage ahead of time and bring something with you that represents your everyday life

The retreats will take place at the following times:



February 25	Sunday	7:00 - 9:00 pm
March 5	Monday	7:00 - 9:00 pm
March 10	Saturday	9:00 - 11:00 am
March 13	Tuesday	9:00 - 11:00 am
March 20	Tuesday	1:00 - 3:00 pm
March 29	Thursday	9:00 - 11:00 am

Childcare is offered for the day-time retreats. Reservations to Kerry - kspera@firstchurchlf.org

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

Dear Friends,

Ash Wednesday, February 21, begins the holiest season in the

Christian year. The six weeks of Lent are set aside for special attention to personal discipleship. Intentional spiritual practices help us focus our minds and hearts. These practices traditionally include giving things up for Lent – comforts like caffeine or alcohol, whose absence sharpens our attention; extravagances like new clothes or high-end meals, whose absence draws us toward simplicity; habits like swearing or trashy TV, whose absence inspires us to purer lives. Others choose to take up new practices for Lent: practices such as daily devotions, sacrificial giving, or volunteering with the poor. The sacred intention of all of these practices is to allow ourselves to enter more deeply and intentionally into a life of faith.

This year we also invite you to consider two other spiritual practices for Lent:

First, we invite you individually to consider identifying a stumbling block to your faith and wholeness that you are ready to set aside. You might choose an emotional pattern like worry, impatience, or cowardice. You might choose a physical habit like sloth, overeating, or addictive behaviors. You might choose a relational problem like dishonesty, inattention, or passivity. Whatever it is that comes between you and the Lord can be offered up to him. By his ever-present mercy and the daily habit of your intention, this obstacle can be set aside and your faith and life made new.

Second, we invite you together to partake of our community's Lenten practices.

In Sunday worship we will focus on **"Finding Christ in our Everyday Lives."** At **Wednesday morning prayer services** we will hear from church members about their encounters with Christ. Throughout Lent we will offer **"Mini-retreats"**: short (2 hour) opportunities at different times so that all our members and friends can participate in one or more of them. In mid-March we are bringing **Rick Barger**, Lutheran pastor and author of *A New and Right Spirit: Creating an Authentic Church in a Consumer Culture*; everyone will have an opportunity to hear from him.



However you decide to approach Lent, I pray that you will find a meaningful way to refresh your faith and renew your personal discipleship. It can be no less than life-changing.

Every blessing, *Christine Chakoian*



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE JOY!

Art Chantler, member of the Personnel Committee, announced at the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 28 that Reverend Dr. Donald Dempsey has had "Interim" officially removed from his title.

Session, with the concurrence of the Presbytery of Chicago, made this change at the December meeting of Session. Effective January 1, 2007, Don has been hired in an un-installed contract position, as the Associate Executive Pastor. Don's duties and salary remain the same but he is now a permanent member of staff.

Rev. Christine Chakoian expressed her appreciation of Don's work and the importance of his presence on the staff in the past year, helping her make a successful transition. She shared how important the continuity of Don's presence is to the church as we all move forward together.

Don addressed the congregation and spoke of his joy and happiness to have had the opportunity to serve these past four years as an "interim" and how much he looks forward to serving God through his work at First Church in the years ahead.

Please congratulate and welcome Don to his "new" position as our Associate Executive Pastor.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

*The Reverend Patrick Day
Sanctuary Choir*

Scripture Recitation at 9:00

Lectionary: Exodus 34: 29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2
Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

*The Reverend Christine Chakoian
Lakeminster Ringers and
Children's Choirs at 9:00*

*Lakeminster Ringers and
Sanctuary Choir at 11:00*

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

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PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE



STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION

"Writing a Spiritual Autobiography"

Jane B. Lionberger, M. Div.
Associate Minister, Kenilworth Union Church*

"... be open to God breaking into our small and personal worlds with a vision, a story, an experience that changes us and makes us into God's own people. We can't force it, but we can try and follow the experience when it comes to us- probably coming through something or someone plain and simple. Who knows where it might lead us?"

Jane Lionberger, January 7, 2007

Saturday, February 17, 2007 - 10:00^{AM}

(Coffee and fellowship at 10:00, program at 10:30) in the South Parlor

ALL members of our First Church Family
are invited to attend!

*Kenilworth Union Church is the oldest Christian nondenominational community church in America, a Christian family of faith who comes together to worship, to find spiritual inspiration and guidance and then goes out in service to others. In addition to serving as Associate Minister, Jane Lionberger has been a trained Stephen Minister for eighteen years and is currently a Stephen Leader at Kenilworth Union.

To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister at First Church, or obtaining care for yourself or someone you love from one of our corps of more than 60 trained Stephen Ministers already at work among the First Church Family, call Rev. Kent Kinney at (847) 234 6250.

NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY

First Church Library has acquired some new books which you will find on the Book Cart.

They include the following titles:

"The Gospel for the Person Who Has Everything" by William H. Willimon;

"And the Laugh Shall Be First" by William H. Willimon;

"America and the Challenges of Religious Diversity" by Robert Wuthnow;

"The Founding Fathers and the Place of Religion in America"
by Frank Lambert;

"Gods of War, Gods of Peace" by Russell Bourne;

"Spiritual Traveler: Chicago and Illinois;

Guide to Sacred Sites and Peaceful Places" by Marilyn J. Chiat.

For the younger generation,

"The Space Trilogy" books by C. S. Lewis have been added:

"Out of the Silent Planet," "Perelandra," and "That Hideous Strength."

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE THANKS DOROTHY FLETCHER FOR THE MAJORITY OF THESE BOOKS.

THINKING BIBLICALLY is the theme of the Presbytery of Chicago's annual leadership conference being held Saturday, **March 3** from 8:00^{AM} to 2:30^{PM} at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange. Robert L. Brawley, McGaw Professor of New Testament at McCormick Theological Seminary is the featured speaker. A broad array of workshops, offered as a service to congregations, will be offered in the morning and afternoon and are open to the public. Registration by February 19 is requested; forms are available in the church office or register online at www.mccormick.edu and click on Con.Ed. Questions? (773) 947-6283



Lessons in Leadership

On Sunday, **February 18** during the Word for Children at the 9:00^{AM} worship service, children in grades 1 through 6 will be invited to participate in scripture recitation. A valued tradition of the church, calling on our younger members of the congregation to recite verses from the Bible, which they have been studying in Sunday school, gives each child a special opportunity to continue making connections between life today and the profundities of scripture. The experience of rising to greet our congregation as a unified group, alongside the pastor, also helps them grow in their leadership skills. And, of course, as our children's lives progress, their familiarity with scriptural passages and the lessons learned from them will lend each child their own personal strength and comfort when needed. The Sunday School schedule on this date will remain the same as usual.

We hope you will join us.

"So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us." 2 Corinthians 5: 20a

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LA TRATTORIA

March 10

at the LAKE FOREST CLUB

6:30 PM Fellowship 8:00 PM Dinner
(cash bar)

Reservations

\$36.00 per person

Call Kerry Spera,
(847) 234-6250

or through
Membership
Committee
members
before and
after services
through
March 8.

Menu

Appetizers.....Arancini
Asparagus wrapped with Croscutto
Lysenata on bruschetta crustinis
Puffed mushrooms

Palad.....Cherry tomato and fresh mozzarella on a bed of mixed greens
tossed in balsamic vinegar & olive oil, topped with fresh basil

Entree Choices.....London broil
Risotto with vegetables (peas, beans, zucchini, asparagus and tomatoes)
Chicken Milanese-chicken breast pounded thin breaded topped
with arugula tossed in lemon oil and tomatoes
with roasted oregano potatoes

Desserts.....Polenta poundcake
Biscotti
Dark chocolate truffles
Mini chocolate Amaretti cakes
Red grapes
Baked with love by Membership committee members.
Served family style.

Sponsored by Membership & Family Life Committees

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Sylvester Lind, one of the founding fathers of Lake Forest, is mentioned in Lake Forest Histories. He is referenced in relation to Lind University, renamed Lake Forest University when he lost the financial backing he had promised. Shirley Paddock, moderator of our History and Archives group, was in Scotland recently. She met a relative of Sylvester Lind who told her that Reverend James Lind and George Lind were also in Lake Forest in the late 1860's.

In our church records, a Reverend J. W. Lind joined on September 20, 1865, coming from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He remained in Lake Forest until 1869 when he transferred his membership to the Presbyterian Church in Libertyville.

George Lind joined First Church on January 4, 1868 also from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. His death is recorded in Old Deer, Aberdeenshire, Scotland and dated November 2, 1869 with these words: "George Lind, storekeeper of late, Lake Forest, Illinois, U.S.A."

Rummage Open House

On Sunday, February 25 the Rummage Room will hold an Open House between the 9:00AM and 11:00AM church services. Come take a short tour of the Rummage Room and learn about the day to day operations between our Spring and Fall Sales. We will open the doors between 10:15AM and 11:00AM for all to take a pre-sale sneak peak. Please stop by and say hello!

Calling all members & friends of First Church...

Please turn in your
2007 Ministry Opportunities Form.

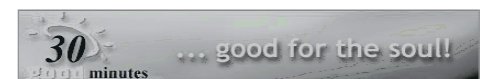
Your participation is greatly appreciated. For those of you who still have it sitting on your desk at home, it's not too late to turn it in.

We encourage you to participate in the wonderful things that God is doing through our congregation this year.

Please return forms to the church office (attention: Tracy Tolmie) OR FIND THE FORM ON THE WEB SITE AT www.firstchurchlf.org/mission

Are you an elder or former elder

interested in strengthening First Church's connection to our regional governing body, the Chicago Presbytery? Please consider becoming an elder commissioner, representing First Church at the presbytery bimonthly meetings. We have three commissioners at this time, Dottie Fletcher, Ben Stephens and Rita Fossell, who would welcome others as fellow commissioners. If you'd like more information, visit www.chicago-presbytery.org, and contact Beth Mynhier, ehmyn@aol.com.



The Reverend Christine Chakoian may be seen and heard regularly on **30 Good Minutes**, a weekly ecumenical and interfaith program, at 5:00PM on Sunday afternoons, Channel 11 WTTW.



Christine will be reflecting on **Diversity on February 25** and **Justice on March 18.**

You can see the full schedule at www.30goodminutes.org.

PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE



But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

The Deacons Need You !!!

OUR ANNUAL DEACONS AUCTION,

Bid For Better Lives

APRIL 28

IS QUICKLY

APPROACHING AND

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN

ACQUIRING ITEMS THAT WILL

MAKE THIS YEAR'S AUCTION

ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS.

ANYTHING PERTAINING TO:

travel; vacation homes, airline miles, time

shares, trips from travel agencies;

furniture, antiques or home accessories

that you might be willing to donate for a

tax write-off; sports tickets, and/or sky

boxes; theater, opera and/or concert

tickets; golf, tennis and/or paddle outings;

artwork or art lessons; music entertain-

ment or music lessons;

entertainers; party hosts; gourmet cooks

and/or caterers; restaurant vouchers;

corporate products and corporate or

individual underwriting; landscapers,

perennial gardeners, trees or plantings

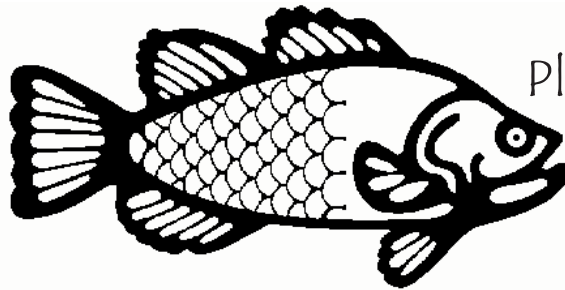
RUN ANYTHING BY US AND DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE CREATIVE. BE A TEAM AND PUT TOGETHER AN AUCTION PACKAGE. ANYTHING INVOLVING THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IS ALWAYS A MEMORABLE AND SOUGHT AFTER AUCTION ITEM.

And as always, your continued support funds our mission outreach in which church and community work hand in hand to enable those who cannot help themselves.

IN MEMORIAM

Muriel S. Bunta died on January 25, 2007.

Mrs. Bunta joined the church in 1976. She will be missed by her family, Dr. Andrew and Susanna Bunta and granddaughters Maria Bunta and Elizabeth Haussman and 2 great grandchildren. Services were private.



Please come to the
**Sea of Galilee
Beach Party**

Saturday, March 3 from 9:30 - 11:30^{AM}

GRADES 1-6 & FAMILIES

Introducing *By the Sea*, a children's play about Jesus

Bring your beach towel for a fun morning in the sun!

RSVP by March 1 to dbirney@firstchurchlf.org or 234-6250

Sponsored by Children's Ministries and Choirs

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Exciting Events for Spring, 2007

Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007

Our Children's Choirs-Cherub, Carol, and Jr. High-will be singing in both the 9:00 and 11:00^{AM} Easter morning services this year. They will join with the brass quartet and Sanctuary Choir in our celebration of the Resurrection. This is a great honor for our children to participate in these services and we hope that many children will come to sing!

Our Annual Play.....*By the Sea*...by Mary Nelson Keithahn and John Horman

Our annual children's musical will be presented in 9:00 and 11:00^{AM} worship on Sunday, **April 29, 2007** (rummage set-up Sunday). The play will be a joint project of the Children's Choirs and the Sunday School. Children who are 4 yrs old thru 8th grade who wish to have special parts in the play should attend the regular Children's Choir rehearsals. **Beginning February 18 all 1st thru 6th graders who**

attend the Sunday School rotation will be learning songs from the play on Sunday morning and will have the opportunity to participate in the play.

All children and parents are invited to a very special Saturday morning event on March 3 to learn more about the play.

Children's Choirs Rehearsal Schedule:

Cherub Choir..... 4 yrs old thru K, Thursday 3:30-4:15^{PM}

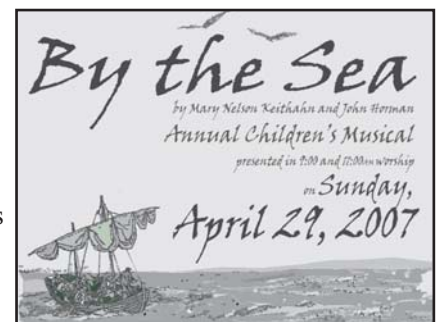
Carol Choir..... 1st thru 6th grades, Sunday 10:15-11:00^{AM}

Jr. High Choir...5th thru 8th grades, Thursday, 5:00-5:45^{PM}

Rehearsals are in progress. Newcomers are always welcome.

Come and join us now to prepare for both Easter Sunday and the play!

Please contact ElizabethWeismehl (eweismehl@firstchurchlf.org) with any questions.



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The Fourth Annual Preschool Parent Board Fundraiser

The Preschool Premier 2007, took place on Saturday, January 27 at the Knollwood Club. The well-attended evening included a raffle for a trip to Beverly Hills and a silent auction. Many thanks go out to the Preschool Parent Board Fundraising Co-Chairs, Paulette Harris, Krina Huddleston, and Sandi Rupprecht, and to everyone who came out to support the Preschool and make it such a successful evening.

CHRISTOPHER MARTINAT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship has been established in loving memory of Christopher Martinat, a 1998 Lake Forest High School graduate. In recognition of Chris's love of nature and the outdoors, this scholarship will fully fund the tuition for a month-long NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) experience in the Rocky Mountains for one selected student. Rocky Mountain courses are typified by travel at relatively high altitude (8-12,000 ft.), spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing and opportunities for rock climbing and fishing.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE AND RESIDENTS OF LAKE FOREST, LAKE BLUFF OR KNOLLWOOD.

Application packets are available February 1, 2007 at The First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, The Guidance Department at Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Academy and Woodlands Academy. Completed applications, which include an essay, should be **returned no later than Friday, March 2**. A selection panel will interview semi-finalists and a recipient will be announced no later than Thursday, March 15, 2007. For additional information contact Linda Martinat (847) 615-0820.

This fund was established by generous donations to the Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship and will provide a NOLS outdoor experience for a selected student every year into perpetuity. A very special thanks to all who made this memorial possible.

Come be inspired at **Lunch Bunch** on Friday, **February 23** when our guest will be Peggy Gudbrandsen of Lake Forest, who won the International Triathlon Worlds in Lausanne, Switzerland last Labor Day. How was she able to win (age bracket 75-79) completing a 15 mile swim, a 40k bike race and a 10k run? Join us by calling the church at (847) 234-6250 by Tuesday (please), February 20. You're in for a treat at noon in the South Parlor. Cost is \$5.00 at the door.

Please take note of the new

History & Archives display. Included is a Cookbook published by the Benevolent Society in 1923. The Benevolent group of two dozen women was started on October 17, 1894. Their work and interest had a broad scope, but their major work was sewing for the poor.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ANNOUNCE BIRTHDAY OFFERING RECIPIENT


Rita Fossell, moderator of Presbyterian Women at First Church, announced that The Talitha-Kumi Christian School in Arandis, Namibia, Africa is one of five exciting projects chosen by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women to receive a piece of the 2007 Birthday Offering. Since 1922 this offering has celebrated Presbyterian Women's heritage of mission giving. The Talitha-Kumi Christian School will convert an abandoned hospital and all of its facilities into classrooms for a private Christian boarding school for Namibian children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. This school is a part of the Hope's Promise Orphan Ministries. They are very grateful for the work that God is directing them to do in Africa. This agency has been supported by First Church's Mission committee.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Are your children in school? Do you want to network with other women and do things with other women? The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team needs leadership, invites your ideas and programs that respond to today's interests. Think about getting involved with a friend or two. Call Rita Fossell, PW Moderator at (847) 234-4761.

Meet the APNC

(Associate Pastor Nominating Committee)

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DIANE CONKLIN

Diane has been a member of First Church for nearly 18 years. She is married to Mike and has two children, Andy (25) and Sydney (21). Diane has served as an Elder and currently works on the Adult Education and Mentoring committees. She has been a stock broker with the same firm for (ugh) 28 years!"

JOHN JOHNSON

John joined the Sanctuary choir in 1987 and became a member of First Church along with his family the following year. John and his wife Nancy have two children, Ted (29) and Katie (23). John has served the church in many capacities: Deacon (including Moderator), Elder, Chairman of Stewardship as well as All Church Nominating Committees, and choir member (including President). He has served as a Stephen minister since 2003. John went on the Senior High Work Trip in 1992 and has gone every year since! John has served on two previous search committees for First Church. He has worked in the telecommunications industry for over thirty years.



LEAH FIETSAM

A member since 2000, Leah and her husband Dan have three children: Caleb (9), Faith (6), and Eli (4). She has served on the First Presbyterian Church Preschool Parent Board for four years (including once as Chair). She also serves on the Children's Ministry Team and continues to teach Sunday School.

LAURA JOHNSON

A member since 1984, Laura and her husband Chuck have two children: Katie, 23 and Andy, 20. Laura has served the congregation as an Elder assigned to Christian Education and taught Sunday School. She currently serves as moderator of Presbyterian Women's Mission Giving Committee and is a member of the Mission Coordinating Team. When not at church, she is on the Lake Forest Hospital Women's Board and enjoys playing golf.



DAVE GRINNELL

Dave has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 14 years. He is married to Maureen and has one son, Matt (21). He has served as a member of the Stewardship Committee as well as an usher. When not repairing his ancient home (105 years!), Dave works for Rhea & Kaiser, an ad agency in Naperville. He's also an adjunct professor, teaching direct marketing at Illinois Institute of Technology's Stuart Graduate School.

STEWART KERR

Stewart and wife Marcy joined First Church upon moving to Lake Forest in 2000 from Ohio, where he has served as an Elder in Old Stone Church, Cleveland. Marcy and their children, Stewart III (16), and Caroline (13), have been active in Sunday School and Youth Group. Stewart is currently the Board of Deacons Treasurer. He is the Regional Manager of Associated Trust Company.



SARAH GUNDERSON

Sarah has been a member of First Church since 2001, along with her husband Mark and two children, Bridger and Brier. Sarah has taught Sunday School, served on the Children's Ministry Team, been involved with church Mission and served as a Stephen Minister.

FRANK SIBLEY

Frank and his wife, Laura, a Stephen Minister, joined First Church in 1995. They have two adult children. Christopher, chief medical resident at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and Vanessa Mudd a high school English teacher in Belmont, MA. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and economics from Northern Illinois University. Frank is senior vice president for communications of the National Association of Realtors, America's largest professional association. Frank served for six years as a deacon of First Church, two years of which he was moderator. He also served on the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee which brought Dr. Jim Brasel to our congregation.



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The new **PHOTO DIRECTORIES** are now available for pick up at the Hospitality Desk in the church office (Sunday-Friday). If your portrait is included in the directory, you will receive a complimentary directory; if not, there is a \$5.00 fee. We hope that everyone will enjoy using this new, updated directory which captures and celebrates our church's people, mission and ministry. The Photo Directory is a ministry of the Membership Committee. On their behalf, Sharon Kellock (foreground) dedicated much of her time since last spring to the successful publishing of the directory. She had a team of callers phoning, reminding, inviting people to have pictures taken. She led the staff in three proofs of the final before it met her standard. Many thanks to Sharon for sharing her leadership and organizational gifts in the professional handling of this process.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LENTEN COMMUNION SERVICES

Led by Lay and Clergy

SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL FROM 7:00-7:30^{AM}

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FROM 7:30-8:00^{AM}

February 21 Reverend Christine Chakoian breakfast served by Lee Gantz and Diane Fondriest

February 28 Reverend Don Dempsey breakfast served by Missy Romanoff

March 7 Reverend Patrick Day breakfast served by Wendy Watkins

March 14 Reverend Kent Kinney breakfast served by Laurie Valassis

March 21 Reverend Christine Chakoian breakfast served by Dick Mentzinger

March 28 Reverend Don Dempsey breakfast served by Mary Farwell

