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Faith CONNECTIONS

ALL SAINT'S DAY

We remember those who have gone before us in the family of faith here at First Church on the first Sunday of November.

This act of remembering brings our loved ones back into our consciousness. The names of church members who died between November 4, 2006 & November 3, 2007 are read aloud in worship during the singing of "For All the Saints."

Single flowers, available from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary, are provided to anyone who would like to honor a loved one who died this past year. You are invited to walk up to the front of the sanctuary at any time during the singing of the last hymn and place your flower in the vase.

You are welcome to honor someone close to you that is not a member of our church.

All Saints Day has been celebrated as a Christian tradition for over 1000 years.

RECOGNIZING
THE POWER OF CHRIST
TO TRANSFORM LIVES,
THE CORE MISSION OF FIRST CHURCH
PROMOTE CHRIST'S MESSAGE
PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE
& PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE

LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HOSTS EDUCATIONAL TOUR



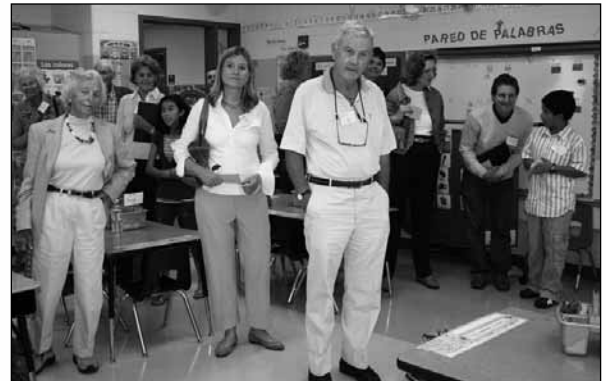
The Lake County Community Foundation hosted 50 board members, educators, representatives of not-for-profit organizations, and community leaders on its third annual bus tour of Lake County recently. First Church has a donor-advised trust for The Lake County Community Foundation, which benefits numerous agencies in Lake County. First Church members who participated in this year's bus tour include Addie Morrison, Margaret Hart and her daughter Kitty Lansing, Liz Bradner, Stewart Kerr and Prue Beidler.

With an emphasis on learning about the changing needs of the county, this year's bus tour focused on education, stopping at YouthBuild in North Chicago and Oak Terrace School in Highwood.

YouthBuild is a not-for-profit organization that helps low-income young adults complete high school and acquire skills to become gainfully employed and build a hopeful future for themselves and their families.

YouthBuild is a recent recipient of a \$15,000 grant from The Lake County Community Foundation, and

also received a grant from the Foundation last year. The busload of guests visited a home construction site in North Chicago where *YouthBuild* is teaching students carpentry, electrical, heating, and other skills.



At Oak Terrace School in Highwood, fifth graders – special ambassadors from the dual language program – provided classroom tours for the guests. The day concluded with an expert panel, including educators, dual language experts, and parents discussing the challenges and opportunities students face in a culturally and socio-economically mixed educational setting.

"The annual bus tour highlights the impact that The Lake County Community Foundation has on helping residents in the county identify pressing issues and stewarding resources to improve the well-being of our diverse community," reports Kathryn Lansing, vice chair of The Lake County Community Foundation.





Dear friends,

As **All Saints Sunday** approaches, we remember again with affection and gratitude the "saints" who brought a glimpse of the holy to our lives. They may have been family members – as close as our parents or children who truly loved us. They may have been personal heroes – a school teacher or coach who brought out the best in us. They may have been public servants – a political leader or historic figure whose sacrifices inspired courage in our hearts.

It is essential that we celebrate these saints of our past, not only out of a debt of gratitude we owe the past, but with a renewed commitment to everything they stood for. The extent to which we follow their example of integrity, humility, conviction, and hope, we honor them.



So while on one particular day each year, we remember the saints – November 4 this year -- the real mark of honoring them is offered to us every day. Every time we serve the Lord, by building up Christ's family or seeking God's justice or offering spiritual consolation to those in distress – every time we love the Lord within or without the walls of the church, we join these saints who proclaimed the gospel through the words and deeds of their everyday lives. I can think of no better tribute we can pay them.

Every blessing, *Christine Chakoian*



The Presbytery of Chicago
and

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest
cordially invite you to the Service of Installation of

The Reverend Corey A. Nelson
as Associate Pastor for Mission on
Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 4:00 PM

Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall



STEWARDSHIP 2008

"What shall I return to the Lord for all of God's bounty to me?"
Psalm 116:12

As Christine wrote in her letter to everyone in the Stewardship brochure:

"No matter what else is happening in my life, my pledge will never fall below a certain percent of my income...it is not tied to my "use" of the institution and its services...it's not dependent on the church budget..."

it's certainly not membership dues to a club. My pledge is my offering to God."

The Stewardship Committee asks that you join them and the elders and deacons of the church in spending time this season thinking and praying about what you will return to the Lord for God's bounty to you.

Please plan to return your pledge card on or before **Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 18**, the Sunday we dedicate our pledges to First Church as a tangible symbol of our thanksgiving to God and our commitment to his work here at First Church.



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Time Change!

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Corey Nelson

All Saints Sunday

Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 & 11:00

Children's Choirs at 9:00

1 Samuel 8-II Samuel

II Samuel 7: 8, 10-13

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian

Sanctuary Choir at 9:00

Solo at 11:00

I Kings: 1-II Kings 17

Amos; Hosea: I Isaiah, Micah;

Amos 5: 21-24

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PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE



FALL MINI SALE DELIVERS

We went over the top...our annual Fall sale grossed over \$36,000 (up 41% from last year) and the largest ever.

WOW! A big thank you goes out to over 100 fantastic rummage volunteers led by **Chris Denniston, Nancy Thomson** and **Deb Dintruff** for helping this ministry that supports missions and agencies locally and globally.

Rummage veterans lined up by 4:30 a.m. First in line was Mary Jane from North Chicago who has been shopping our rummage sales for years. Much was sold and what remained was bundled and sent to various agencies and churches.

Though a scaled down version of the May sale, it still requires a lot of effort by many to get everything sorted, organized and ready to go. This sale is instrumental for cleaning house to make the most of what we have (especially holiday and winter items) and to make room for additional rummage.

A big thank you to everyone who helped - workers, sorters, set up and clean up crews, cashiers, baggers, security, and First Church staff. A community thank you is extended to Dons Finest Foods and Starbucks. Steve MacFarlan, Rolly Ford, Jim Mayhall, Dave Nash, Don Spooner and Carl Stevens were there from the planning stages through the clean up efforts. And the youth of our church came in for cleanup. Rummage Rocks!

Mark your calendar for our next sale on May 3, 2008

Join us for another wonderful mission event - where we do make a difference.



TRANSITIONS

A group experience for those who are divorced or separated, co-sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette and the Samaritan Counseling Center. The goal of the ten evenings is to guide group members -- through discussions, hand-outs, and spiritual messages -- to explore potential goals for refocusing their future.



Classes will be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish, 524 Ninth Street, on Tuesdays, with check-in at 7:15 p.m. Sessions begin November 6 and continue through January, and each session costs \$15. Scholarships are available.

Topics include *Understanding the Grief of Separation and Divorce; Embarrassment and Shame; Anger and Guilt; Changes in Family and Social Structures; and Forgiveness and Healing.*

To register, or for more information, please call Kate Philben, PhD., at the Samaritan Counseling Center at (847)251-1872.

PROVIDE SPIRITUAL NURTURE



Five Chinese ministers from the seminary in Nanjing, whom we have supported for several years, will be in Lake Forest on November 2-4.

These Christian ministers from mainland (and communist) China are coming here to learn new ways to bring the Word to their people. Interestingly, China actually has more Christians than the USA!! Their visit, we hope, will open our hearts to Christians from the rest of the world. The following help is needed: hosts, drivers from and to the airport, a guide to Chicago, participants in programs at the church, translators and folks to pray for them in their travels. Contact Jon Bayer at navybayers@comcast.net or (847) 735-0615



Adult spiritual growth can be nurtured by television.



"30 Good Minutes"

is a show that airs on **Sundays at 5:00PM** on WTTW Channel 11 (PBS).

This program, in its 54th season, gives voice to faith stories and ideas that enrich individual lives, engage people of all faiths, and encourage spiritual growth. Our pastor, Christine Chakoian is a featured responder on several of the programs including November 25 with Julio Medina speaking on Community, January 13 with Wyvetta Bullock speaking on Prayer. Each half hour presentation offers thought provoking ideas to enhance our life journey. More information available at http://www.thirtygoodminutes.net/tv_schedule_5100.htm

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Spirit's Nurture
God's Justice

THE FIRST CHURCH MUSIC DEPARTMENT
ANNOUNCES

November 4th at 4:00PM
in the chapel
at First Presbyterian Church

Callipygian Players'
Opening Concert
**"Buxtehude, Biber
and Beyond"**



Director and violinist, Martin Davids will be joined by David Schrader, harpsichord & Craig Trompeter, viola da gamba, for a performance of thrilling chamber music by Germanic composers of the Baroque Era. Tickets may be reserved in advance at www.calplayers.org.

MEMORIALS

Dustin Lawrence Vallaly died on October 8, 2007. Dusty will be missed by his wife, Barbara and children Michael (Kristin) and Meg and his sisters Lindra Anderson and Karen Jacobson. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on October 11, 2007 Dr. Donald Dempsey officiating.

Ella Karen Anderson died on October 10, 2007, two months after Julian, her husband of almost 68 years. Mrs. Anderson was dedicated to family, church work and enjoyed a wide range of crafts. She will be missed by her children, John and Megan Anderson and grandchildren Kristin and Erik. A memorial service is planned in the sanctuary on November 3, 2007.

LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL WELCOMES NEW CHAPLAIN

Lake Forest Hospital has engaged Rev. Emily Rosencrans as its new Chaplain and Manager of Pastoral Care Services. Emily is an ordained Presbyterian minister with 20 years of experience. She is relocating from Pennsylvania.

The community clergy will be meeting Chaplain Rosencrans to discuss the role of the group which has supported the hospital's programming over the past 9 years. Contributions to the hospital's Pastoral Care Church Fund, which some years ago supported the chaplain's salary, are no longer used to support the operations of the department. The hospital, along with contributors from area congregations, will be determining how best to use those funds made possible by generous contributions each year. Reverend Emily Rosecrans was welcomed by the community at a recent reception at Lake Forest Hospital. For further information contact Jane Griffith, Lake Forest Hospital Vice President of Philanthropy and Marketing at (847) 535-6107

PROMOTE GOD'S JUSTICE

The Accidental Caregiver

Are you an accidental caregiver for someone in your family, workplace or neighborhood? Christian care giving is not intuitive. But it can be learned through the Stephen Ministry program.

Every Stephen Minister receives 50 hours of training in care giving including process orientation, the art of listening and the necessity of confidentiality. Each Stephen Minister receives support from the leader team and additional training through continuing education programs.

Here is some wisdom Stephen Ministry has gathered from care receivers that may be of use to the accidental caregiver.

"When you come to help me, there are some things I do not want from you: Do not tell me you know how I feel.

Do not tell me what I need to do. Do not tell me I'm wrong.

Do not rush me, because you don't know where I'm going.

Do not take my burden from me.

There are some things that I do want from you: Ask me how I feel and then let me tell you how I feel. Let me express my anger and loneliness, and let me cry if I need to. Hear me,

not only with your ears, but also with your eyes, touch, and your heart. Let me feel your humanness, and please be honest with me. I need to trust you. Care for me, and let God cure me.

If you try to do these things for me, we will both grow.

And when I'm healed and whole again, you must let me go."

(excerpted from stephenministries.org)

If you are an accidental caregiver for someone you know, Stephen Ministry training can help you. If you are hurting, you may enter into a confidential relationship with one of our Stephen Ministers. For more information, contact Reverend Kent Kinney at (847) 234-6250 kkinney@firstchurchlf.org or Referral Coordinator Mary Schlott at (847) 295-1348 mary.schlott@gmail.com.

First Church is asking you to gather non perishable food items for a Food Drive to benefit our Shields Township neighbors.

A box to accept food is outside the main office.



The Shields Township Food Pantry shelves are very low in this season of bounty. The need grows; there is never too much food.

BRING ITEMS FROM THE LIST BELOW BY NOVEMBER 11.

FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your generous support! Mona Strenger & Gale Wayne

Canned Vegetables, Fruit, Juice | Canned Soup | Cereal (hot or cold) | Evaporated or Powdered Milk | Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta | Canned Meat (chicken, Vienna sausage, tuna) | Rice Baked, Pinto, Refried, Black Beans | Peanut Butter | Jelly/Jam
Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper and Similar Mixes
Crackers | Cake and Muffin Mixes | Toilet Paper | Paper Towels
Tissues | Shampoo | Bar Soap | Toothpaste | Lotion
Disposable Diapers, Depends

Cooking to Fight Hunger

Volunteers are urgently needed on **Tuesday, November 27** to prepare dinner and/or serve dinner to homeless people in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. Bring a friend and sign up for one of two teams: The cooking will be from 1 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by one team, and the serving will be from 7 to 10 pm in Lakeview by another team.

We need your help! Please contact Liz Bradner at (847) 234-1612 or Rev. Corey Nelson at (847) 234-6250.

BASIC studies the Old Testament with 13 other small groups.

WHEN: Sunday evenings at 6:30pm for ONE HOUR (plus or minus)

WHERE: each other's homes Leader/host to provide liquid refreshments and lead the discussion.

Workbooks have been distributed. If you do not have a workbook please check with the church office or Rev. Patrick Day.

Everyone is invited to join our small group: BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ).

Please let the leader know you are coming so we have enough refreshments and be kind enough to have read the lesson material and formulated answers to the study questions. Please come and share ideas with us.

DATE	LEADERS	@ THIS ADDRESS	BIBLE CHAPTER
Nov 4	Frank & Laura Sibley fsibley@realtors.org SibleyLaura48@hotmail.com	785 Summit Ave. Lake Forest (847) 615-9221	I Samuel 8 -II Samuel
Nov 11	Jan Ward jan@janward.net	130 Huntington Lake Bluff, IL (847) 951-5446	I Kings-II Kings 17, Amos, Hosea, I Isaiah, Micah
Nov 18	Rev. Patrick Day, guest speaker pday@firstchurch.org	@ Jayne & Michael Johnson's 665 Grandview Ln. Lake Forest (847) 264-6250	II Kings 18-25, I Isaiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Ezekiel
Nov 25	Barbara Schulz lakemillelacs@aol.com	6300 Eagle Ridge Dr., Gurnee (847) 680-8206	Ezra-Nehemiah, II Isaiah, Haggai, Zechariah 1-8

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

save the date

Sunday, November 18

GIVE BLOOD

Every Drop Counts 

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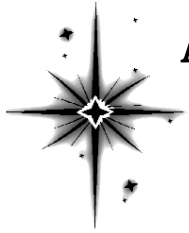
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CHRISTMAS TEA RESERVATIONS BEGIN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 BETWEEN SERVICES



Annual Women's Christmas Tea

SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Monday, December 10

at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall

The Core Mission of
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Over 140! If someone asks you how many people are in small groups, that's what you can tell them. Over 140!

We have groups meeting at the church. We have groups meeting in people's homes.
We have groups meeting during the day; we have groups meeting at night.
It's really exciting to see so many people excited about reading Scripture.

There is another exciting piece to this as well. We have many groups that preceded this new small group ministry. Groups like *Women's Wednesday Worship*, *Christian Perspectives*, *Christian Ideas*, *Friday Morning Men's Bible Study*, *Ellen Hyndman's Sunday morning class*. Through highlighting all the ways to get involved, these existing groups have seen an increase in interest. **Proclaiming Christ's Message. Providing a Community of Spiritual nurture.**

Did you not join a group and now feel like you missed the boat? ***It's happening.***
Don't worry. Soon we will begin registering people for groups to begin meeting in January. The groups mentioned above always welcome people to jump on board. Information for each group can be found on our web site. Please call me with any questions.

Faith First, Patrick Day
Associate Pastor for Family Life