



# Faith CONNECTIONS

## SPECIAL MUSIC EVENT FOR CHILDREN

Children's Choir Retreat  
Saturday, **October 14, 2006**  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Choir Room

ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-8  
ARE WELCOME

**Elizabeth Weismehl**, our new Children's Choir Director, will lead us in a fun morning of singing and musical games. **All children are welcome.** You are invited to participate even if you have not sung with the choirs before. **Bring friends! Make new friends!**

Snacks will be provided.  
Please bring a water bottle.

-----SCHEDULE-----

9:00-9:20...Welcome  
9:20-10:00...Rehearsal I  
10:00-10:20...Break  
10:20-10:50...Musical Activities  
10:50-11:00...Break  
11:00-11:30...Rehearsal II

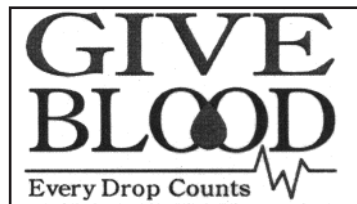
Children are always welcome  
to join our choirs.

Cherubs (4-5 year olds)  
Thursdays 3:30-4:15 p.m.  
Carol Choir (grades 1-6)  
Sundays 10:15-11:00 a.m.  
Junior High Choir  
Thursdays 5:00-5:45 p.m.

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## On Sunday, October 22 Give the Gift of Life... Donate Blood



### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ✍ Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood.
- ✍ 60% of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood but only 5% do.
- ✍ Every year 5 million Americans need a blood transfusion.
- ✍ 38,000 pints of blood are needed every day.
- ✍ Just one pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.
- ✍ There is no substitute for human blood...



...so only **YOU** can help.

*The Board of Deacons and the American Red Cross extend an invitation to you, your family, neighbors and friends to join us by participating in this year's Fall Blood Drive.*

You will help others by donating about an hour of your time and a pint of your blood. The process is simple and from start to finish takes about an hour (the actual donation is only about 5-10 minutes). Juice, treats and fellowship are provided at no charge!

If you have any questions or want to schedule an appointment please contact Paul Bergmann (847) 295-7957, [paul\\_bergmann@psasi.com](mailto:paul_bergmann@psasi.com). Appointments start at 7:00AM and continue until 1:00PM, but "walk-ins" are most welcome. We hope that you will consider participating in this worthwhile cause. Here are some general guidelines

- ✍ To give blood for transfusion to another person, you must be healthy, be at least 17 years old or 16 years old if allowed by state law, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood in the last 8 weeks (56 days). "Healthy" means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure, "healthy" means that you are being treated and the condition is under control.

For more information visit the Red Cross website at <http://www.redcross.org/donate/give/> and click on donor eligibility requirements or view their online presentation about giving blood.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and participation.  
Reminder - you must present a photo ID at time of donation. -Thank you!

# Reaching out.....gathering together.....working for Christ.

Dear friends,

“Our family of faith” is a phrase we use often ... but what does it really mean?



My conviction is that beneath these benign and pleasant words, there is a wealth of meaning. Beginning October 8, I will present a six-week sermon series exploring what these words mean. For instance, I believe that just as our families-of-origin form our values and behavior, so our family-of-faith shapes our identity as Christians. While we can “do” faith on our own, it is only in the community of other believers that we become most fully ourselves ... that we learn most deeply what it means to follow Christ.

Our series will follow this schedule:

- October 8** “Messengers of the Gospel: Our Christian DNA”
- October 15** “Our Family Story”
- October 22** “Our Family Values”
- October 29** “Our Family Traits”
- November 5** “Our Family Tree”
- November 12** “Our Family’s Future”

Please join me – and the rest of your brothers and sisters in Christ – as together we learn what it means to be Christ’s “family of faith” in this place, for this time.

Every blessing,

*Christine Chakoian*

**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AND PREPARATION FOR OUR  
FALL RUMMAGE SALE - THE RUMMAGE ROOM WILL BE CLOSED  
FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER.  
WE WILL BE CLOSED  
OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31 AND RE-OPEN ON NOVEMBER 6.**

Please join **Presbyterian Women**

for a morning of fun and goodies at

**PASQUESI’S HOME AND GARDEN**

Thursday, October 12 at 9:30<sup>AM</sup> - 11:30<sup>AM</sup>

49 Sherwood Terrace and Waukegan Road in Lake Bluff.

We’ll see what is new in plant materials  
when designing autumn containers.

Please RSVP to the church office

(847) 234-6250 by Sunday, October 8.

If you need a ride please notify the church office.



**First Presbyterian  
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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1  
26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 and 11:00AM Worship**

*The Reverend Dr. Gordon Butcher*

*Sanctuary Choir at 9:00 & 11:00*

*World Wide Communion/Peacemaking Suunday*

*A Celebration of s Lifetime of Ministry*

*for Gordon at 4:00PM*

**Lectionary:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22  
Psalm 124  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8  
27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00 and 11:00AM Worship**

*Reverend Christine Chakoian*

*Baptism*

*9:00 Sanctuary Choir*

**Lectionary:** Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

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# INSPIRED BY OUR HERITAGE

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are real people.

Stephen Ministers have real names. Since 1986, nearly 100 people at First Church have actively dispensed care through Stephen Ministry.

Martha Arquilla	Margrit Hammar	Maureen Olsen
Lynnette Bastian	Diantha Harris	Nancy Orbison
Mary Beattie	Molly Heizer	Ann Patterson
Phyllis Beattie	Barbara Hetler	Nan Patterson
Jane Beers	Tracy Hindman	Cesilie Price
Cecilia Bell	Gregory Horn	Nancy Remington
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Brenda Bogan	Vandy Janson	Ann Roberts
Peg Bradley	Robert Jennings	Ann Robertson
Joan Brakefield	John Johnson	Missy Romanoff
Sylvia Brown	Cynthia Johnson	Mary Schlott
Wyn Cain	Marguerite Juedes	Barbara Schulz
Phoebe Caldwell	Michele Junkin	Susan Sentell
Ardath Calzaretta	Peter Keller	Laura Sibley
Christine Chakoian	Marcia Keyt*	Jill Skae
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Wendy Lane	Carolyn Kinney	Cheryl Smith
Bevan Duncan	Charles Kraemer	Marilyn Sorenson
Stanley Eaton	Lynda Kraemer	Ruth Strenger*
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Denise Ertell	Carol McNealy	Thomas Toser
Marvin Farwell	Jack McNealy	Heather Toser-Wheeler
Joel Ferrin	Kenneth McPheeters	Laurie Valassis
Kristie Finley	Janet McPheeters	Audrey Vanderaa
Rita Fossell	Pat Megregian	Christine Vogel
Jerre Gaitan	Jean Mohr	Gay Webb
Faye Gerster	Cheri Naselli	Robert Wilcox
Pat Gilley	Judith Nelson	Duane Wise
Mike Gretz	Virginia Neuschel	Janet Wise
Sarah Gunderson	Robert Neuschel*	Sheila Wright*

\*Deceased

If you, or someone you care about, could use confidential care to see you through a difficult time, call Rev. Kent Kinney at (847) 234-6250.

## On Saturday, October 21, First Church will hold our annual Fall Rummage Sale.

The summer sorting is over and now it's time to get organized and set the wheels in motion for another successful sale. Whether you're a Rummage veteran or first time volunteer we hope you will come and be part of this wonderful and worthy event in the life of our church. There are many ways you can help.

Rummage schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 19.....Set-up

Friday, October 20.....Set-up and Worker's Sale

Saturday, October 21.....Sale Day 8:00am - 3:00pm  
(all welcome)

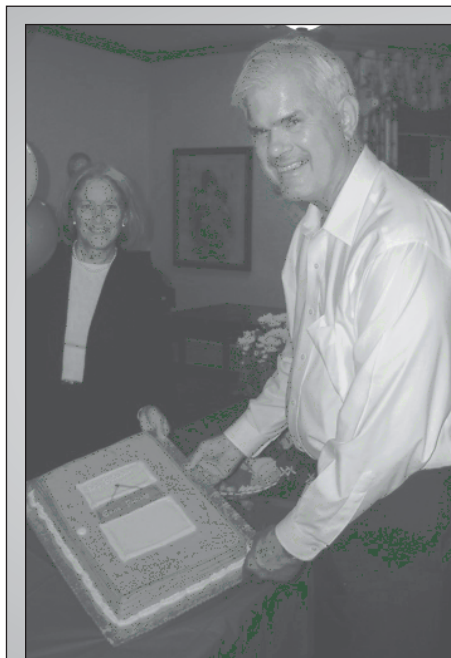
Clean-up, October 21.....After the Sale 3:00pm - 6:00pm  
(all welcome)

If you can't be at the church to help there is another way to contribute to the effort...by providing home made treats for our workers cafe. With a donation of 6 dozen cookies, bar cookies, brownies, or 4 loaves sweet bread, you will qualify for a card for the worker's pre-sale. Please contact Chris McCoy, 847-295-7155. While we appreciate and will graciously accept store bought treats, this type of donation will not qualify for a worker's card.

For the latest information be sure to check our rummage website at [www.1stpreslfrummage.org](http://www.1stpreslfrummage.org)

Other friendly reminders: Due to construction, Rummage Drop off will be closed for the entire month of October. We will re-open on November 6.

We hope to see you "rummaging" around the church!



The Mission Coordinating Committee held a retirement party for Gordon Butcher prior to the September 11 meeting. The committee thanks him for his years of participation and guidance, and wishes him all the best in his retirement.

# WE CALL OTHERS TO JOIN US

## A Weekend with Dr. Marcus Borg



The appearance of theologian Marcus Borg, Professor of Religion at Oregon State University and author of the best-selling book *"Heart of Christianity"*, as well as numerous other books, drew near-capacity crowds of approximately 350 persons from 50 different communities to First Church.

The September 15-17 weekend of activities included a Friday night lecture to an almost-full sanctuary, three Saturday workshops that filled Fellowship Hall, and his Sunday sermon, "The Way of Jesus."

The Adult Education Committee, the Farwell and Haight Memorial Fund and the Anderson-Fry Lectureship Fund sponsored this historic weekend in the life of our church. Many visitors commented on the hospitality they found and expressed gratitude for Dr. Borg's Midwest appearance.

Why did so many people want to hear Dr. Borg? His study of the Bible includes the historical and political setting of the times about which it was written to create a unique understanding of the messages. His interpretation presents Christianity in a way in which the "Way of Jesus" is followed rather than a series of prescribed belief statements.

Adult Education looks forward to inviting other important speakers.

## First Church takes back the Chalice Cup

On Friday, September 8 the team from First Presbyterian Church took home the trophy for the annual community church golf tournament. This year's tournament featured teams from Christ Church, Church of the Holy Spirit, St. James Lutheran Church, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and First Presbyterian competing at the Lake Bluff Golf Club. The victorious team is awarded the Chalice Cup and bragging rights for the year. In addition, a portion of each player's entry fee is given to the winning church to be used for a mission project of their choice (this year over \$600). Our team this year included: Sherm Finger, Dave Frye, Jim Mynhier, Dave Nash, Kurt Gronau, Chuck Johnson, Harry Short, Art Wood, Don Dempsey, Bill Hensel, Laura Johnson and Gale Wayne (and Mona Strenger on injured reserve). A sincere thank you to all our team members who participated this year. Any one who is interested in being added to the list of potential golfers for next year's tournament in September, please call Chuck Johnson 234-8257.

**Teacher Commissioning** is an important moment in the life of the families of First Church. These adults and young people are living their baptismal vows by teaching the children of our congregation. On Sunday, September 24 we recognized them with thanks and we pray for them as they share their gifts in ministry with our children.

Cheryl Anderson	Cynthia Hessemer	Susan Noble	Judith Reid	Debbie Stumpf
Ann Barbour	Lynnette Hinch	Robin Norkus	Kim Robb	Jen Szostak
Meg Barnhart	Wendy Hubbard	Tiffany Notz	Sue Sentell	Becky Thomas
Patty Bennett	Caroline Johnson	Amy O'Keane	Gretchen Seymour	Eleanor Thorn
Kim Benson	Cindy Johnson	Julia Parker	Kate Siegel	Karen Wands
Missy Burger	Donna Johnson	Jim Parker	Sarah Specketer	Lauren Whalley
Whitney Burlew	Beth Jones	Meredith Peper	Theresa Speed	Anne Winebrenner
Paula Clair	Marcy Kerr	Susan Powell	Julie Stevenson	Martha Zeeman
Wendy Darling	Bill Lay	Rebecca Raudabaugh		
Cathy Dohnalek	Cynthia Leahy			
Colleen Douglass	Jill Loforte			
David Douglass	Anne Martino			
Nancy Duffy	Sally McDonald			
Leah Fietsam	Stephanie McGlynn			
Kristie Finley	Aimee Messner			
Emily Fletcher	Eric Messner			
Bruce Fletcher	Susan Milanak			
Kathy Fluri	Jill Moot			
Anne Marie Fuchs	Linden Moot			
Liz Gescheidle	Monique Muldrow			
Lisa Gilcrest	Chris Munns			
Marla Gottschalk	Dawn Neal			

*Growing in Faith* How the Bible Came to Be

### SUNDAY SCHOOL 2006 FALL SCHEDULE

	Art Room 011	Mission & Outreach Room 012	Science & God's World Room 212	Bible Discovery Room 213	Games Fellowship Hall	Theatre & Drama Room 216
October 1	3rd grade	1st grade	2nd grade	6th grade	4th grade	5th grade
October 8	4th grade	5th grade	1st grade	2nd grade	6th grade	3rd grade
October 15	6th grade	3rd grade	5th grade	1st grade	2nd grade	4th grade
October 22	← SPECIAL EVENT →					

# COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## BIBLE SUNDAY

The first unit of Sunday School is introducing children from kindergarten through sixth grade to the Bible. Titled *How the Bible Came to Be*, the main idea of this unit is that the Bible, written by many different people over a long period of time, has been preserved and translated into many languages so it is now available to people around the world. Children have the opportunity to learn how the Bible was passed down, written and translated and to discover the importance of knowing God's laws and trying to show God's love to others through our actions. And, they are able to learn these objectives through many learning styles: music, art, games, Bible story, science and movies.

Every year since 1868, the Christian Education Committee has presented a Bible to students in the third grade. Bible Sunday is our church's acknowledgment that the Bible is a vitally important book that is central to our life and faith as Christians. Bibles are presented to third graders in recognition of their growth, maturity and ability to read and understand the Bible. Each third grader will be individually invited to receive their Bible during the worship service. The students will receive the Children's Bible: New Revised Standard Version. This Bible has colorful maps and illustrations as well as a variety of study aids. This edition is the same translation that we use in our worship service. The memorial fund set up in honor of Carl and Betsy Kitzerow was used to purchase the Bibles this year. We are grateful to the Kitzerow family for blessing the children of our congregation in this way.

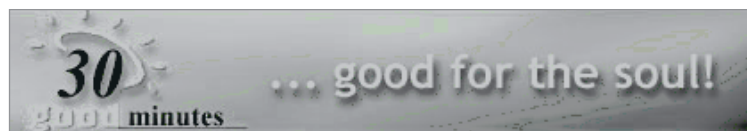
**3rd Grade Bible Sunday** will be held on **October 15**, during the 9:00 worship service.

## --ANNOUNCING-- YOUTH FOR GROUP 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!

First Church is excited to announce a new youth group for 5th & 6th grade students beginning **October 15**. The group will be held on Sunday afternoons from 5:30 to 6:30. Meetings will include discussion, games, dinner, service projects, a spiritual moment and FUN. Outings will occur periodically.

Eleanor Thorn (482-1776; rthorn11@comcast.net), Cindy Johnson (615-8588; bcpaj5@aol.com) and Judith Reid (234-2585; jbrjga@yahoo.com) will co-facilitate the group. They are particularly suited to this ministry with their gifts of teaching and the joy they find with youth this age. Parent support will be organized by Beth Jones and Dawn Neal.

Children's Ministries sponsors this group to offer our young people a safe place to experience spiritual growth, to learn how to live their faith in daily life, to use their gifts in service to others and to enjoy Christian fellowship and fun. Please encourage your student to come to youth group!



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



A speaker presents a spiritual topic with a question and answer period following.

Another person reflects on the same topic.

Christine will be reflecting on Joy on October 15;

Calling on November 26;

Hope on January 7, Faith on February 4,

Diversity on February 25 and Justice on March 18.

You can see the full schedule at

[www.30goodminutes.org](http://www.30goodminutes.org).



## OPENING DOORS WITH SPECIAL FRIENDS SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Opening Doors Ministry is devoted to providing an inclusive and meaningful Church School experience for our children who have special needs and may need extra attention beyond a level generally required in their classrooms. Our goal is for every child to grow in their relationship with God and to feel comfortable, safe, loved and accepted here at First Church. We welcome children of all abilities and encourage them to attend Sunday School. We hope to create an awareness and understanding of the challenges of families with children with special needs. Beginning September 17, we would like to provide Special Friends to accompany and assist these children during Sunday School. A Special Friend is a youth, adult or senior volunteer who will provide one-on-one assistance, encouragement, and friendship to a child with special needs during Sunday school.

We are looking for Special Friends to help with our children throughout the year. No experience is necessary. The time commitment is minimal- only 1 hour on Sunday mornings as your time allows. We will provide the training and support you may need to feel comfortable in this ministry. We believe that this will be a positive learning experience for everyone who is involved.

If you are a parent of a child with special needs or if you have an interest in assisting children with special needs, please contact any one of the members of the Special Needs Ministry Team: Meg Barnhart at 735-8414, Lynnette Hinch at 283-9464, or Donna Birney at 234-6250. Any information shared with this ministry team will be kept confidential.

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### FIRST CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Called together and centered in Christ's service, we are a fellowship growing in faith.

Relying on God's grace, we commit to fulfilling God's purpose for us by creating a welcoming, inclusive environment that inspires spiritual growth and celebration.

We journey together, caring for each other as we make deeper connections through prayer, worship, education and mission outreach.

We embrace the challenge to be faithful stewards of our God-given gifts and talents.

Inspired by our heritage of service and leadership, we are disciples of Christ, committed to making a positive difference in our families, community and beyond.

We call others to join with us as we journey into the future, strengthened by God's guidance and love.

*Please join us for*  
*A Celebration of a Lifetime of Ministry*



*Reverend Dr. Gordon Neil Butcher*

Sunday, October 1, 2006

four o'clock in the afternoon

*The program will be in the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary  
with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall*

