



Faith CONNECTIONS

The Presbytery of Chicago
and



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

The Reverend Patrick Day as
Associate Pastor for Family Life

on
Sunday, October 29, 2006
at 3:00 PM

Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall

LUNCH BUNCH

On Friday,
October 27,
Lunch Bunch will

welcome Reverend Patrick Day, our new Associate Pastor for Family Life. Patrick joined our staff in September and is hard at work becoming acquainted with our congregation. He will share his thoughts and hopes for our church families. Lunch is at noon in the South Parlor. Reservations are requested by Tuesday, October 24 by calling the church at (847) 234-6250. Cost is \$5.00 at the door.



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Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of October, is the day the church remembers it's roots.

In celebration, the Sanctuary Choir will present Felix Mendelssohn's chorale cantata, *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* in worship. The cantata is based on the 17th century German chorale tune *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*, hymn No. 282 in our hymnal, written by Georg Neumark in 1657.

This celebration of Reformation Sunday will begin with a special organ prelude. Jill Hunt will play Mendelssohn's *Third Sonata* which incorporates another 17th century chorale tune, *Aus Tiefer Not, Out of the Depths*, hymn No. 240 in our hymnal, written by Martin Luther in 1524. The cantata will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir within the context of the worship service, with the four movements acting as Introit, Anthem, Offertory, and Benediction Response, respectively. The choir will be accompanied by the early music string ensemble, the Callipygian Players.

Throughout his lifetime, and the 100 years that followed, Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was highly respected primarily as a pianist and conductor, and only less significantly as a composer. He was responsible for spearheading the resurgence of interest in the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, whose music had fallen into relative obscurity in the decades following his death. This process was begun with his performance of the Bach *St. Matthew Passion* in 1829 – a performance not only conducted by Mendelssohn, but organized and financed by him as well.

Mendelssohn's respect of J.S. Bach's music is evident in all of his chorale cantatas, often modeling his own compositions after those of Bach. In a letter to his sister, Fanny (also a highly regarded pianist in her own right, and very talented composer who was rarely published, due to her gender!), Mendelssohn compares this cantata to Bach's cantata on the same text, commenting, *"I still find various passages in my work very good, sometimes almost better (but other times less so, of course) and that I even come close to the old Sebastian in certain passages."*

Like the resurgence of J.S. Bach's music that he engineered, a similar rebirth of Mendelssohn's compositions has occurred within the past 50 years. The present cantata was most likely written in 1827 or 1828, and the manuscript has been lost. A fair copy of it was discovered in 1975, and the cantata has since rejoined the choral repertoire.

Dear friends,

In worship this fall we're exploring what it means to be a "Family of Faith" -- our traits, our story, our values, the characters in our family tree -- that all go into the "DNA" of bearing Christ's family name. It's appropriate that many of our church-family rituals occur in this season: our 3rd Graders receiving their first Bibles and new members being received (October 15); Reformation Sunday, when we mark our particular heritage in the Reformed branch of the Christian family tree (October 29); All Saints Sunday, when we celebrate the faithful who have died and been received into their eternal home (November 5).



There is one other family ritual that falls in this time: our Stewardship ritual, when we are invited to offer our tithes to the Lord through the work of the church. This is an ancient practice, and unlike most pledge-drives, it has less to do with an institutional budget, and much more to do with our practice of gratitude, generosity and hope. The origins of this annual fall rite are found in the agricultural practices of ancient Israel, when the first-fruits of the harvest were dedicated to God. The first 10% of one's harvest was offered at God's altar in thanks for all that the Lord had provided (since all things come from God's hand), in charity for those who were unable to take care of their own needs (since we are all children of God), and in confident hope that God would continue to provide (and therefore we do not need to horde in fear).

As your family participates in our "household of God," I invite you to approach Stewardship this fall by taking your place in the long line of the faithful - by giving to the glory of God.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian



ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Ellen Hyndman

Sunday morning Bible Study with Ellen Hyndman continues at 10:10AM in the Parish House. The schedule for the last half of October includes October 22 with Chapter 8 (The Validity of Jesus' Testimony) and Chapter 9 (Jesus Heals A Blind Man); and October 29 with Chapter 10 (The Shepherd and His Flock) and Chapter 11 (Lazarus).

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU!

The Christian Ideas group is exploring fundamental concepts of morality through reading and discussing classic works of Christian thought. This month's works include Plato's Meno and the Book of Deuteronomy. The group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the Parish House (South Parlor on October 24). Newcomers and visitors are welcome. See the adult education web site for more details at www.firstchurchlf.org/adult or contact Kevin Warnke at (847) 615-2002



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BLOOD DRIVE!!

9:00 and 11:00AM Worship

Reverend Christine Chakoian
Stewardship Sunday

9:00 & 11:00 Youth Music Ministry

Lectionary: Job 38: 1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10: 35-45

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 and 11:00AM Worship

The Reverend Christine Chakoian
Reformation Sunday

Sanctuary Choir and Strings:
Mendelssohn cantata 9:00 & 11:00

Lectionary: Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34: 1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7: 23-28
Mark 10: 46-52

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Stephen Ministers: The After People

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "After People."

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- ... after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.
- ... after you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
- ... after the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."
- ... after the door has slammed shut—for the very last time.
- ... after the phone call you'd always hoped you'd never get.
- ... after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.
- ... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ... after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.
- ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.



Stephen Ministers are the "After People." We are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as we are needed.

Adapted from a presentation made during a worship service by Eric Bourland, a lay Stephen Leader at Houston's First Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

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IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Marie Malmquist Weber died on September 26, 2006. Mrs. Weber joined the church in 1949. She will be missed by her family, Linda Wood, Kim and Robert Weber, Stephen Weber and Susan and Brian Yeoman and her grandchildren. A funeral was held in the sanctuary on September 29, 2006, Dr. Gordon Butcher officiating.

Edward A. Anderson died on September 28, 2006. Ed joined First Church in 1989. He was an advocate for the education of children with an emphasis on the importance of the 10 Commandments to their lives. He will be missed by his children, Nancy and Ed Hamming, Susan Anderson, Dean and Janet Anderson and Joan and Theodore Ralph and nine grandchildren. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on October 6, 2006, Reverend Christine Chakoian officiating.

A Meeting of the Congregation has been called for Sunday, **October 22, 2006** at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee as recommended by the All Church Nominating Committee. The position to be filled is an ordained position with a focus on mission.

On Sunday, October 22
Give the Gift of Life...



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.

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!

WE CALL OTHERS TO JOIN US

Pot Pie and Volunteer Smiles...are the "Comfort Foods" for the Homeless at P.A.D.S.

Our congregation has a long history of helping P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) - serving the needs of Lake County people, some of whom are chronically homeless and some who are temporarily in need of help. Sites are located throughout Lake County churches, 7 nights a week, October through April.

We provide a warm reception, dinner, overnight supervision and companionship, as well as a breakfast and bag lunch for 50 men at Wesley Free Methodist Church in Waukegan on the 2nd and 5th Tuesday each month.

Volunteers are needed to make casseroles, provide milk, juices, fruit, salads and desserts. A sign up sheet on the table across from the office provides full details! We are so grateful for the congregation's continued support of P.A.D.S.

We welcome families, scout troops, small groups, or others who are willing to make & assemble 50 bag lunches. Even signing up to make them one time is a huge help! The men have to leave the shelter by 7:00AM so this bag lunch carries them until the next shelter opens that evening.

Additional volunteer opportunities are available for people interested in serving dinner, spending the night, and an 'early shift' which provides breakfast for the men.

Next P.A.D.S. shelter night is Tuesday, October 31!

Child Care Giver Needed

The nursery for our First Church children, infants through 36 months, *The Ark*, is a vital part of our Children's Ministries. In fact, it is one of the most important jobs in our church's ministry! Our care givers help to lay a foundation of faith in the lives of the babies and toddlers they care for as they hold, cuddle, change, feed, talk to and play with them.

We are blessed to have wonderful Lake Forest College students to assist us in this ministry, but are looking to supplement with a permanent year round care giver. The person needs to be friendly, dependable, and knowledgeable about infant/toddlers and most importantly offer God's love to our children and parents.

Please contact Donna Birney, Acting Director of Children's Ministries if you are interested in the position or can recommend someone you know who might be interested at dbirney@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250.

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 6, 2005 and November 4, 2006 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.

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 worker's 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

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!

WANTED



HISTORY AND ARCHIVES IS SEEKING EARLY ARTIFACTS RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL FIRST CHURCH BUILDING FROM 1862-1887. OTHER MATERIALS BEFORE 1910 WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PUBLICATION PLANNED FOR THE SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY IN 2009 ARE MOST WELCOME.

COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE



The Board of Deacons provides "Mission Spotlights" to offer an overview of our missions and to outline ways the congregation can get involved.

The mission of LaCASA is to provide a place where survivors of sexual assault and abuse can heal and to mobilize the community toward action to end sexual violence. For twenty four years, they have provided immediate intervention and ongoing caregiving to sexual assault victims and survivors. A dynamic board of directors and an extended team of specially trained and dedicated volunteers support their staff of 16 highly trained professionals. LaCASA's programs and services include: 24 hour hotline, medical and legal advocacy and immediate crisis intervention; individual and group counseling for children and adults, professional training for service providers, the Child Assault Prevention program within the Lake County school system and community education on sexual assault awareness, risk reduction, rape and incest. LaCASA offers volunteer opportunities for individuals wishing to support sexual assault survivors and their loved ones through advocacy, community education, administrative support, and/or fundraising. Participation in direct service volunteer programs (advocacy & community education) requires completion of application materials, including references and background check, completion of the 40-hour training course, and a pre training interview.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help LaCASA, please contact Claress Petengill at LaCASA (847) 244-1187 or Deacon Liaison Bevan Duncan at (847) 295-6617.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Recently, there has been a change in the Order of Worship in which JOYS AND CONCERNS and the PASTORAL PRAYER have been moved to a position after the hymn which follows the sermon. Changes in the order of worship are mindfully considered in the context of the entire worship experience and require the approval of the Worship and Music Committee of Session. This committee relies on the Presbyterian Book of Order which states: "The sequence and proportion of the elements of worship are the responsibility of the pastor with the concurrence of session" [W1.4006 Session and Pastor].

The change in the order of worship was made to more closely align First Church's placement of Joys and Concerns and the Pastoral Prayer to the guidelines in the Presbyterian Book of Order. Specifically this was done to place Joys and Concerns and the Pastoral Prayer appropriately as a response to the Word. The Book of Order states, "The people of God respond (to the Word) with words and deeds of praise and thanksgiving in acts of prayer, proclamation, remembrance, and offering." These responses may include shared experiences of life, personal discipleship, mutual ministry and common ministry in the world." [W-1.1005]. It is important to note that although the children will exit the sanctuary before Joys and Concerns, all children have the opportunity to express their own concerns and joys among their peers in Sunday School worship.

High School Juniors and Seniors – "May I Kiss You?" will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday **October 25**. Sponsored by LEAD and the Lake Forest High School APT, this program is being held at Lake Forest College. Come learn about safe dating, sexual awareness, and accepting the responsibility for your actions whether you are a boy or a girl. First Church is hosting a dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm with the youth from the Church of the Holy Spirit. We will walk together to the college for the presentation. If you cannot make dinner, join us by 6:45 to walk over. Please contact Kristie Finley for more information at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

reaching out... gathering together... working for Christ...

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest

OUR FAMILY OF FAITH:
Telling the Story, Following the Way

Set forth below is summary financial information for September 2006 and the year-to-date period through the end of that month. The \$107,728 loss for the month is the result of lower than anticipated summer contributions. Year-to-date loss of \$258,084 is within (\$19,487) of budgeted income/loss with most of budgeted mission and Deacon moneys for the year paid out.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST
FINANCIAL REPORT
For the period ending Sept. 30, 2006

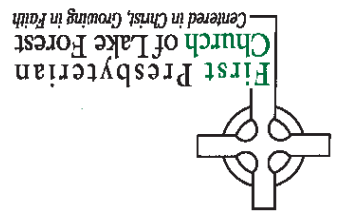
| | Current MONTH | Year To Date CURRENT | Year To Date BUDGET | ANNUAL BUDGET 2005 | YTD DIFFERENCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| TOTAL INCOME | \$105,368 | \$1,481,017 | \$1,521,095 | \$2,314,150 | \$ (40,078) |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$213,096 | \$1,739,102 | \$1,759,693 | \$2,314,150 | \$ 20,591 |
| NET INCOME | \$(107,728) | \$(258,085) | \$ (238,598) | \$- | \$ (19,487) |

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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.

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Church of Lake Forest

OUR FAMILY OF FAITH: *Telling the Story, Following the Way*

2007
STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, October 22 is Stewardship Sunday

when we focus on how our family of faith will tell Christ's story and follow Christ's way in 2007.

We have experienced an intense year of spiritual growth and creativity. This excitement has been possible because of those who live their stewardship of time, talents and money in their everyday lives. Thank you for your generous sharing!

We begin our next year with Reverend Chakoian's leadership with a renewed emphasis on family.

Reverend Patrick Day will be installed soon and serve as our pastor of family life, joining the generations of the church — parents, children and grandchildren — in a continuous thread of Christian family.

Our church-wide mission work and giving continue at a healthy pace with the fall rummage sale of Presbyterian Women, deacon ministries and the national and global work of the Mission Committee.

The generosity of this congregation has never failed to meet the financial requirements of a good purpose. As we celebrate Stewardship Sunday on October 22, you are invited to reflect on how you and your family will tell the story and follow the way.