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Faith CONNECTIONS



September 16 -

Genesis 4:6-7, 9:

"The Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted; and if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.' ... The Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' And he said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?'"

September 23 -

Genesis 12:1-2:

"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

September 30 -

Genesis 35:10-12, 15:

"God said to [Jacob], '... No longer shall you be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name. ... I am God Almighty; be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall come from you, and kings shall spring from you. The land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your offspring.' ... So Jacob called the place where God had spoken with him Bethel [which means 'house of God']."



In Worship at First Church, God Is the Audience

Last spring, Dr. Fred Holper, Professor of Preaching and Worship, McCormick Theological Seminary was the guest of the Worship and Music Committee of Session and said, "In worship, individuals are seeking an encounter with transcendence in which the worship experience is more than the sum of its parts." He shared his belief and research about hardened worship patterns that stand in the way of everyday spirituality. As the Worship and Music Committee and Worship Planning Team embrace the Holy Outrageous Goals, they have taken to heart his words on the power of symbols to be transforming in worship.

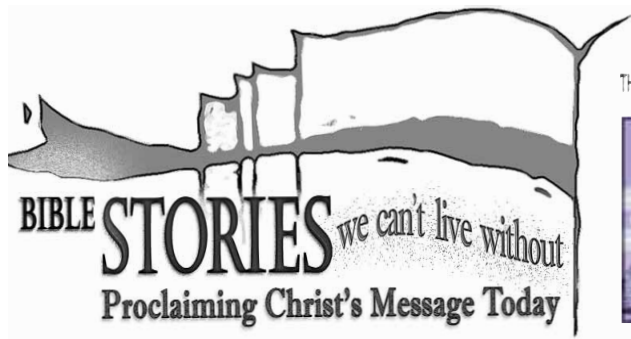
This fall, you will notice that the baptismal font is in the center of the chancel as an ongoing reminder of its prominence as the sign and seal of incorporation into Christ. For two years, Reverend Chakoian has led worship services in which we renewed our baptismal vows as one of the two sacraments through which "God speaks to his people." This vital symbol of the sacrament of baptism, which the Presbyterian Book of Order states, "Enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people." gives the church its identity and commissions it for ministry to the world.

The sermon series, "***Bible Stories We Can't Live Without***" will explore the centrality of Scripture in the formation of our faith. The Worship Planning Team was reminded of the Presbyterian tradition of the 'beadle' in Scotland. This member of the introit procession carries the Bible from which the scriptures are read to the lectern. This practice will now be part of our introit at the start of worship and lay participants will process with the acolytes carrying a Bible from our library to the lectern.

Music has always been a hallmark of worship at First Church. Jill Hunt and Tom Tropp are working on furthering the transformative power of music to enrich worship. During the summer Sabbath series, we experienced music's power to shape faith in a jazz worship service and a powerful hymn sing. An exciting development is our church's newly-formed relationship with a brass quintet, Windy City Brass, that will be contributing their talents to worship. Our church is now blessed with a wealth of musical talent within our pastoral staff and they will be contributing their gifts as we proclaim the gospel in music, rhythm and harmony.

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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



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend *Christine Chakoian*
Teacher Commissioning at 9:00

Sanctuary Choir 11:00

Genesis 3-9

Genesis 4: 6-7, 9

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend *Christine Chakoian*

Sanctuary Choir and

Confirmation Welcome 9:00

New Members received at 11:00

Genesis 12-22

Genesis 12: 1-2

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Reverend *Christine Chakoian*

Carol and Jr. High Choirs 9:00

Sanctuary Choir 11:00

Genesis 24-35

Genesis 35: 10-12, 15

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

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Dear friends,

Please don't miss this opportunity. **"Stories We Can't Live Without"** – through worship and small group studies – will change your life.



Why am I so confident? Because I know the power of the Word of God. It's not a gimmick; it's not a fad ... nor is it a relic of the ancient past. Scripture is the living, breathing Word of God for us today.

I invite you into a conversation with that Word this year.

First, join us September 9 and subsequent Sundays for

worship at 9:00 or 11:00 o'clock as we listen for the central

stories of Scripture. Stories of who we are ... stories of blessings, deception, betrayal and redemption ... stories of wrestling with purpose and conflict and danger ... stories of God's forgiveness, God's compassion, God's relentless desire for our wholeness.

But a real conversation is two-way. Join a small group as we talk about these stories and what difference they make for our lives by contacting my colleague, Reverend Patrick Day. Whether these stories are new to you, or you've studied them a thousand times, they come alive when we explore them with each other.

Finally, I invite you to take the message of the Word and live it.

Church matters only so far as it equips us to live out our faith in the real world.

Blessings,

Christine Chakoian

In Worship at First Church, God Is the Audience

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Reverend Chakoian has frequently stated that, "Liturgy is the work of the people". This year will see creativity in liturgical expression through the Liturgical Arts Ministry. After being called to First Church, Reverend Chakoian and members of the staff attended a worship enrichment conference at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship that reawakened their inspiration to consider all the ways the gospel can be proclaimed. As the Worship Planning Team met weekly over this past year, the concept of inviting artistically talented members of our congregation into the 'work of worship' evolved. Local artist and church member, Julie Holdsworth is partnering with staff to assist in conveying God's word through artistic expression including dance, drama, language arts, music, and visual arts.

You too are invited and encouraged to be active in the corporate experience of worship! Ushering, acolytes, flowers, bells, choir, liturgy and carrying the Bible are among the ways to participate. Please call the church for further information on ways to share your gifts in worship.

PROMOTE GOD'S JUSTICE

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Want to learn to care for people who are grieving and reach out to others in a distinctively Christian way?

On October 27, 2007, First Church will host a Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The half-day workshop is designed both to enhance participants' caregiving skills and to help congregations explore ways to expand their caring ministry. Registration begins at 8:00, and refreshments will be served.

One reason we're so excited to help other congregations learn about Stephen Ministry is that it is making a significant difference in the life of our own congregation. In the twenty years since we began Stephen Ministry, more than ninety laypeople have gone through 50 hours of training in order to provide quality one-to-one Christian care to hurting people. If you think you might be interested in being a Stephen Minister, attending the workshop is a great way to learn more.

Members of our First Church family are invited to attend the workshop free of charge. However, it is still important to pre-register so that we can have plenty of materials on the day of the workshop. Please contact Nan Patterson at (847) 295-5058 or the church office at (847) 234-6250 if you would like to be added to our congregation's list of participants. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for personal growth and to learn more about Stephen Ministry.

"How do I become a member of First Presbyterian Church?"

"What does it mean to be part of this church & its mission?"

You are invited to explore the answers to these questions at the next **New Member's Class** on **Saturday, September 15, 8:30 – noon, and Thursday, September 20, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.**

The Membership committee's goal is for everyone – visitor, new member or long-time member – to feel a sense of community and to experience spiritual growth through worship, faith formation and mission.

First Church equips us through a supportive community of learning, worshiping, and growing together in faith that follows the way of Jesus Christ. Opportunities to express faith through mission and in our daily lives are abundant.

We look forward to greeting you as you get to know us, worship with us, fellowship with us and explore our ministries.

Please contact Beth Gillies to register for the New Member's Class at egillies@firstchurchlf.org. Rev. Don Dempsey is pleased to discuss membership further and may be reached at ddempsey@firstchurchlf.org

MEMORIALS

Alice (Martin) McKee died on September 3, 2007. She and her husband belonged to First Church many years ago. She will be missed by David, her husband and Kelly Vogel and family, her daughter. A memorial service was held on September 6 in the chapel, Reverend Patrick Day officiating. Mrs. McKee was interred in the Memorial Garden.



Small Groups are forming and will begin the week of September 16. Groups will be formed by interest area. Please indicate your area of interest below. The list below is not complete so add any that you do not find!

My interest area is.....

- _____ EMPTY NESTERS
- _____ PRESCHOOL PARENTS
- _____ MEN IN THEIR 30'S
- _____ GRANDPARENTS
- _____ PARENTS OF TEENS
- _____ SINGLES
- _____ COUPLES WITHOUT CHILDREN
- _____ PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE
- _____ SNOW BIRDS
- _____ ALL WOMEN
- _____ ALL MEN
- _____ ALL DIVERSE
- _____ EMPLOYED WOMEN
- _____ EMPLOYED MEN
- _____ EMPLOYED IN CHICAGO
- _____ RETIRED MEN
- _____ RETIRED WOMEN
- _____ MOMS
- _____ OTHER (PLEASE LIST)

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- _____ I am willing to host a group in my home
- _____ I am interested in being a small group leader
- _____ I am willing to help in any way

PLEASE RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE



Lunch Bunch

starts up again of **Friday, September 28** as we welcome Jean Gould O'Connell, daughter of Dick Tracy's creator and pioneer cartoonist, Chester Gould. Jean, a friend of our Virginia Ross, contributed to some of his storylines and appeared as a character in the classic comic strip. Come and hear some fascinating firsthand commentary on this famous comic book icon and the artist who spent 46 years developing his dynamic, crime-fighting character. Lunch is at noon in South Parlor. Cost is \$5.00 at the door. Please call the church for reservations by Tuesday, September 25.



HELP WANTED: Loving and responsible child care providers are needed to care for children age 3 and under in the church's nursery. We are seeking an experienced caregiver to lead in the nursery on Sunday mornings, as well as other caregivers (can include high school and college students) to provide additional care on Sundays and occasional weekdays. Caregivers must be able to provide references and proof of ability to work in the United States. Please contact apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org or call Amy at (847) 234-6250.

save the date

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

October 13, 2007 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Help is needed; call the church or volunteer at 1stpreslfrummage.org

FALL BLOOD DRIVE

save the date

Sunday, Nov. 18 

Sunday School Fall Schedule	Art Room 011	Mission & Outreach Room 012	Science & God's World Room 212	Bible Discovery Room 213	Theatre & Drama Room 216
September 16	5th grade	4th grade	3rd grade	2nd grade	1st grade
September 23	1st grade	5th grade	4th grade	3rd grade	2nd grade



On behalf of the Sunday School,

Hadley Seymour delivers bags of stuffed animals to Claress Pettengill, Director of Development at LaCasa in Gurnee. The animals were "refurbished with love" as part of the Sunday school's mission unit last spring. LaCasa provides shelter and assistance to women and children of sexual abuse.



Calling All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

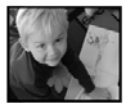
Would you like to train to be an Acolyte during the 9:00 worship service? This special ministry has traditionally been fulfilled by kids your age who are members of our church!

Questions you may have -

1. *What is an Acolyte?* An Acolyte lights the candles in the candelabra in the front of the church at the beginning of the service and extinguishes the same candles at the end of the service. The role of an Acolyte is very important as it signifies both the beginning and end of the formal worship time.
2. *Will I still be able to go to Sunday School?* Yes, you'll just have to leave Sunday School about 10-15 minutes early to extinguish the candles.
3. *What is my commitment?* Simply a desire to be an Acolyte for one or two Sundays during the school year.
4. *Can I Acolyte with a friend?* Yes, you may request to Acolyte with a friend or you can simply let us know that you are interested in participating! If you would like to participate in this very important ministry in your church, please call Susan Layton (847) 615-8819, Liz Moore (847) 295-9686 or Barb Wang (847) 234-0369.

There will be a short training class on Monday, September 17 or Tuesday September 25 from 4 - 5:30. We only need 15 minutes per set of two, so timing is flexible

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The First Presbyterian Church Preschool currently has openings in the Discovery and Odyssey classes for the 2007-08 school year.

The Discovery class is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Children entering Discovery must be 3 years old by September 1, 2007. The Odyssey class is held Monday through Thursday from 12:15 to 2:45 pm. Children entering Odyssey must be 5 years old by January 1, 2008. For more enrollment details please call Jennifer Strauss, Enrollment Chairperson, at (847) 735-7283.

PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE

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With the beginning of the new church year comes the reconvening of **Women's Wednesday Worship (W3)**. Whether you are a long time student of the Bible or a first time novice, all are invited to be part of this inclusive group. WWW will meet weekly beginning September 12, from 10:00-11:00am, in South Parlor.

We will continue the study of scripture to be used in Sunday's service. This year, our scripture source will support a church wide study of the Bible entitled, "*Stories We Can't Live Without.*"

We are planning to use a modified curriculum developed by Patrick Day.

The group will be facilitated by several church members including: Laurie Valassis, Diane Quinn, Rita Fossell, Carolyn Kinney, Bev Raudabaugh and Kris Engel. We are also pleased Chris Chakoian will join us as a group facilitator on the first Wednesday of most months.

You may have recently noticed information in *Faith Connections* about Small Groups.

Women's Wednesday Worship is an example of a small group which has existed at our church for a number of years.

Groups such as this allow members the opportunity for more indepth exploration of scripture, personal interaction and fellowship. We encourage you to become a part of this active group as we grow together in faith and our love of the Lord.

If you have questions, please contact Kris Engel (847) 295-9070.

Parking Shuttle instrumental in reaching goals

Proclaiming Christ's Message in worship is the number one thing we do. It is our reason to exist as a church. The Session set a holy outrageous goal of doubling worship attendance by June 2009. The parking shuttle on Sunday morning is one way we are working toward doubling worship attendance.

Parking is one of our major concerns on Sunday morning and the lack of it has turned people away from attending worship. The shuttle helps to alleviate that concern by offering off-site parking at the city or on the corner of Deerpath and McKinley. Two vans, graciously loaned to us by Lake Forest College, transport people from the parking lot to the church and back again.

The first week the shuttle was used this fall, September 9, 40 cars were parked in the off-site lot. That opened those 40 spaces on the church campus for visitors and guests.

We are interested in having our own drivers trained and certified to drive the vans. If you are over 25, interested and able to commit from one to four Sundays per year as a shuttle driver, contact Herb Smyers at hsmyers@firstchurchlf.org or Donna Birney at dbirney@firstchurchlf.org. Thank you for supporting this ministry and helping us double our worship attendance!

SMALL GROUPS

Providing a Community of Spiritual Nurture is a natural result of

Proclaiming Christ's Message.

When we worship together, week after week on Sunday morning, it becomes increasingly clear that our Lord wants us to be in relationship with God and with each other. Small groups are one way to develop those relationships. At the same time, deeper study of the same scripture that we heard in worship allows us to ask the questions and discuss more fully how these scriptures impact our daily lives and faith.

The Session set a holy outrageous goal of doubling participation in faith formation through small groups by June 2009. The church wide effort to create new small groups, while encouraging the continuation of the current small groups, is one way to work towards the doubling of participation in faith formation. These conversations take place in settings and times that are determined by each small group. Individuals and couples have been trained to lead these groups.

It is not too late to sign up for a small group! The first round of small group meetings will begin the week of September 16 and end the week of November 25. A curriculum has been developed that will follow the worship series *Stories We Can't Live Without*. To sign up for a small group or to find out what small group you have been assigned to, contact Reverend Patrick Day at pday@firstchurchlf.org.

The Moms Bible Study

begins
September 20

from 9:15-10:30AM

We will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month to study the "Bible Stories we can't live without."

Sign up by registering for a small group and noting "Moms Group" as your preferred group or contact apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org.

B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ)

is a small group ministry made up of singles and couples. They meet monthly in members homes. They share a meal, prayer concerns, and have programs that involve guest speakers, Bible studies, spiritual book discussions and talks about different religious persuasions. If this group interests you, contact deacon Barbara Schulz at lakemillelacs@aol.com

WE INVITE YOU TO MEET THE STAFF OF **FIRST CHURCH**
CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH CHRIST AND HIS POWER TO TRANSFORM LIVES



REVEREND CHRISTINE CHAKOIAN, PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF

Christine is the spiritual and worship leader of the congregation. She plans to meet every member of the church family and get to know them as individuals. Chris is married to John Shustitzky and they have a high school daughter, Anne. "Please know how deeply I have felt the hand of God in this call. I can only begin to imagine what God will accomplish among us, in our lives and in our congregation", states Chris. cchakoian@firstchurchlf.org



REVEREND DR. DONALD R. DEMPSEY, ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PASTOR

As the Associate Executive, Don is responsible for supervising and coordinating the work of the program staff and managing the church's day-to-day operational and administrative affairs. Don and his wife Meg have two adult children Brian and Becky who both live in the Chicago area. "I feel blessed to be here at this time of the church's history, and it gives me great joy to use my gifts and abilities to work with dedicated church members in a shared mission and ministry," affirms Don. ddempsey@firstchurchlf.org



REVEREND PATRICK T. DAY, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FAMILY LIFE

is Associate Pastor for family life. Patrick and his wife Katie have 3 children. He brings a passion to what he does especially through his sense of humor. He feels most comfortable when engaged with a group around what a relationship with God looks like. pday@firstchurchlf.org



REVEREND COREY NELSON, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, MISSION

Corey has had an active role in missions in Ireland and Ghana, as well as creating the Thuma Mina Mission Theatre Company as a means to communicate scripture and mission activities at churches and camps. He states that his goal is "to combine his passion for mission and worship so that his ministry at First Church will support and implement our core mission." cnelson@firstchurchlf.org



KENT WARD KINNEY, PARISH ASSOCIATE

Pastoral calling, Stephen Ministry, Board of Deacons and sometime Sunday worship leader fill Kent's days. Kent and his wife Carolyn have three children and seven grandchildren who enhance their spare time. "I enjoy encouraging people of all ages in opportunities in Christian discipleship," acknowledges Kent. kkinney@firstchurchlf.org



DONNA BIRNEY, COMMUNICATIONS

Encouraging open flow of information among the staff, congregation and community keeps Donna busy. She resources hospitality, liturgy and usher lay ministries. She is married with two daughters. "I love the people and the gifts they bring to their ministry within the life of the congregation and beyond," stated Donna. dbirney@firstchurchlf.org



AMY PAGLIARELLA, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Amy Pagliarella is Director of Children's Ministries, fresh from her own experiences as a new parent and a recent graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary. She and her husband, Colm, have one son, Nolan. Amy states, "It is truly my privilege to minister to and with your children, and I look forward to working with you as you raise your families in Christian discipleship." apagliarella@firstchurchlf.org



KRISTIE FINLEY, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

Kristie works with junior high through college youth. She organizes mission trips and retreats, teaches confirmation and facilitates Bible studies. In addition to working with youth, she is the staff liaison for Presbyterian Women and Rummage. Kristie initiated Network for Youth, a new community group dedicated to helping area youth. Kristie and her husband Paul have four children, Morgan, Colin, Kienan and Brenna. "I enjoy the broad expanse of ages I work with. I love watching the youth grow and mature in their faith and assisting them in expanding and creating new ways to achieve their faith goals," confirms Kristie. kfinley@firstchurchlf.org



JILL S. HUNT, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Jill is responsible to administer and grow the music program. As organist Jill plays for all worship services accompanying the Sanctuary Choir, ensembles, and soloists. She directs the Handbell Choirs. She has two sons, Bryan, a computer consultant and Jason, a guitarist, teacher and performer. "I am so grateful to have such wonderful opportunities to share my keyboard and musical gifts with this congregation. I consider it a special privilege to lead worship through playing the organ, leading the singing of congregational hymns, and accompanying choirs and soloists. jhunt@firstchurchlf.org



TOM TROPP, DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY CHOIR

Tom is Director of the Sanctuary Choir. He grew up in Lake Forest and graduated with a Bachelor in Music from Illinois Wesleyan University, with an emphasis in choral conducting and sacred music. He received a Master of Music degree in choral conducting and historical musicology from the University of Arizona. In addition to his work with the Sanctuary Choir, Tom is Associate Director of Choral Activities at Leyden High School in Franklin Park. Tom and his wife Anne live in Lake Forest. ttropp@firstchurchlf.org



ELIZABETH WEISMEHL, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Elizabeth directs the Children's Choirs. She holds a bachelor and master's degree in Music Education and Vocal Performance from the University of Illinois and Roosevelt University. She has studied with Jean Ashworth Bartle, director of the Toronto Children's Choir and enjoys helping the children of First Church rejoice in the Lord in song. eweismehl@firstchurchlf.org

LESLEY BYERS, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRIES

Lesley has been singing professionally for over 20 years and currently is part of the swingin' sextet Lesley Byers & The Jazz Cats who have performed throughout the USA. She loves working with children and youth and is the Director of Youth Music Ministry working with the Junior High and High School Ministry bands. "The kids constantly amaze me with all they can do and the effort they put into their music," she states. lesleypbyers@aol.com



HERB SMYERS, BUSINESS MANAGER

Herb is responsible for the financial, physical and computer aspects of First Church. He has an extensive background as controller and vice president of operations in the areas of warehouse distribution and computer software development and disaster recovery. Herb is married to Joyce and they have two children and one granddaughter. Herb "likes the feeling that I am making a difference and hopefully improving upon the church's financial reporting." hsmyers@firstchurchlf.org

RUTH LUKE, DIRECTOR OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

As preschool director, Ruth spends her time working with teachers, parents and children. Ruth and her husband George have two grown children: Todd and Scott and several grandchildren. "I enjoy nurturing early childhood Christian faith experiences for our preschool children and their parents," states Ruth. preschool@firstchurchlf.org



KERRY E. SPERA, FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Kerry is responsible for accounts payable/receivable, maintenance of contribution and pledge records, cash management, preschool bookkeeper, month-end reporting and general administrative responsibilities as assigned. She attended Elgin Community College with emphasis in Business Administration & Accounting and has many years experience in both areas. Kerry is married to Edward and they have two daughters, Amanda and Kayla. "I enjoy the diversity of my job...no two days are the same... and the variety of people I work and communicate with including staff, vendors and congregation members," stated Kerry. kspera@firstchurchlf.org

ELMER ROSALES, CUSTODIAN

Elmer makes sure our program preparation is organized and works inside and outside the building. He has worked in landscaping and with an electrical firm with additional schooling in both areas. He likes working with his hands. Elmer is married to Karen, has a son José and a daughter Kelsey. He enjoys coming to work every day and has respect for everybody with whom he comes in contact. "I especially like communicating with everyone," Elmer stated.



VICTOR SOLOMON, CUSTODIAN

Victor is one of two caretakers of the church responsible for program preparation and general maintenance. He is well suited to the job having worked, over the years, on an assembly line for Campbell's Soups, building new homes and fixing cars. Vic is married with four children, a daughter and three sons and 15 grandchildren. "I like communicating with the people," offered Victor.

ELIZABETH "BETH" GILLIES, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Beth works with the head of staff providing administrative support in her day-to-day ministry. She works with Mission, Membership and Personnel Committees. A graduate of Denison University, Beth brings a variety of work experience to her position. Outside of work, Beth loves dancing and is a Scottish Highland dancer. egillies@firstchurchlf.org



SARAH SECCOMBE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sarah is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and brings varied work experiences to her position at First Church. She works with Baptism and Memorial Services, and is the wedding go-to person. Sarah also works with Christian Education and Music staff and committees. Sarah grew up in the First Church family and is pleased to be working again in Lake Forest. sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org

KAY WOLFF, PUBLICATIONS

Kay designs and produces all the church communications. She has been involved in the graphic design industry for many years. Kay has three sons, Peter, Graham and Henry who have grown up in Lake Bluff. "I enjoy the range of possibilities in producing imaginative print materials for the church and helping congregation members explore creative ways to showcase their ministries," Kay commented. kwolff@firstchurchlf.org or publish@firstchurchlf.org or welcome@firstchurchlf.org



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Sunday, September 23 at First Church
All-Church Picnic 4:30 to 6:30^{PM}
Bring the whole family
for a casual **barbecue dinner**
prepared by Tom Gescheidle's "*Smokin' T's*".

Come for a night of fun church wide activities for everyone.
A Treasure Hunt, Climb the Bell Tower, Work Trip Dunk Tank,
Historic Walking Tour Around the Block, Mission Activity,
Boy Scout Troop 46 demo and more!

\$5.⁰⁰ per person or \$20.⁰⁰ per family of 4 or more.

Call or email Kerry Spera in the church office
for your reservations! 234-6250 or kspera@firstchurchlf.org