

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP MELODY VOGEL, EXT. 218

Are you interested in building the body of Christ at First Pres? We are, but we need your help! Open Tables is having an in-church progressive dinner on March 21. We need people to help with registration, and sign-in, food serving and clean-up. Small commitment, much benefit. Please call or e-mail: Linda Takushi: 847-674-6028/ linda.takushi@yahoo.com or Jodi Bittie 847-376-8941/jodbit@gmail.com.

The Meal Jesus Gave Us: Communion is a sacrament that we regularly participate in, but often don't fully understand. In this 4 week class we will explore the meaning of the Eucharist and discuss it's history in the church. All are welcome to attend at 9:15 AM in Room 206. Class begins March 7.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CONNIE FLOYD, EXT. 243

Open Gym this Saturday, March 6. Need a warm place to play together as a family? Drop in to open gym on March 6 and 20 from 9:30-11:00 AM. Children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years+). This program is free and open to non-members.

Church Camp, June 13-19. All children entering grades 3 through 7 in the Fall of 2010 are welcome to join us for a week of fun at Phantom Ranch! Registration is in progress. Visit firstpresevanston.org/children to download a brochure or contact Connie at ext. 243 to have one mailed.

MISSIONS CARYL WEINBERG, EXT. 264

Pray for our Mission Partners: Please pray for our mission partner, **Greg Chimitris**, working with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Also pray for **New Life Interim Housing**, and the regular FPCE volunteers who work with the moms and children there.

Homeless Awareness Workshop on Saturday March 6, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benseon Ave. It will be a panel discussion including Bud Ogle of Good News Partners, and representatives from Hilda's Place and the REST Men's Shelter. Contact Caryl Weinberg with questions at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org. No RSVP needed.

New Life Girls Club: Help enrich the lives of young girls living at New Life Interim Housing with regular Saturday morning activities. If you would like to participate once a month, contact Catherine Potts at 312-543-7714 or catherinepotts@sbcglobal.net.

PASTORAL CARE CAROL JEFFERSON, EXT. 224

If you are seeking assistance, we invite you to connect with one of the following ministries:

- **Stephen Ministry** offers one-to-one spiritual support. Contact Alice Rubash at 847-864-2247.
- **Friends in Christ** visits the homebound and provides practical help. Contact Carol Jefferson at 847-864-1472 ext. 224.
- **The Prayer Chain** will support you and your loved ones in prayer. Email your prayer request to prayerchain@firstpresevanston.org.
- **The Counseling Center** offers professional Christian Counseling. Contact Dr. Christopher Miller at 847-864-9133 ext. 233 for an appointment.
- **Parish Nurse**, Julie Ruchniewicz, uses her extensive network of resources to provide health information and support in a confidential setting. Contact her at 847-864-1472 ext. 263.
- **Networking/Employment Ministry:** Contact Olga Ricketts-Peart at 847-866-9133 if you have an employment opportunity available, or Florence Hurter at 773-274-9545 if you would like helping listing your job skills.

WORSHIP NATALIE RICHARDS, EXT. 237

Mark your calendar for these upcoming worship services:

- Installation service for Pastor Ray March 14 at 5 PM
- Maundy Thursday April 1 at 7:30 PM in the Chapel
- Good Friday April 2 at 7 PM & 8:30 PM in the Chapel

YOUTH JASON BURTON, EXT. 220

YG (High School Youth Group) meets today at 4 PM!

PYGs for Parents is a special fellowship opportunity for parents of high school students. Sunday March 7, 4 PM at the Klamm home (1107 Dobson in Evanston).

Sunday, February 28		Church Office Hours M-F: 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM Sat: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sun: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	
7:30	Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary	If you have any additions or modifications to this weekly calendar, or would like to schedule an event, please contact Nancy Wicklund at ext. 225	
8:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm		
9:15	Worship Service, Sanctuary		
10:30	Deacons' Fellowship Hour, Roy Hall		
11:00	Worship Service, Sanctuary		
12:00	Korean Fellowship Worship Service, Walker Chapel		
12:30	Open Tables Planning Meeting, Dining Rm		
12:30	Prison Ministry Training, Parlor		
1:30	Korean Fellowship Luncheon, Rm 33		
4:00	YG (High School), Youth Lounge		
Monday, March 1			
9:30	Moms R Us, Rm 213	7:00	Stephen Ministry Supervision, Rm 213
3:30	Warming Center, Rm 21		
Tuesday, March 2			
9:15	Staff Meeting, Youth Lounge	7:15	Youth Band Rehearsal, Youth Lounge
9:15	Women's Open Door Study, Parlor	7:30	Children's Ministry Meeting, Rm 33
5:30	Pastoral Care Council, Rm 213	7:30	Youth Ministry Meeting, Rm 21
7:00	ADMD Meeting, Rm 103	7:30	Deacons Leadership Meeting, Dining Rm
Wednesday, March 3			
8:00	Men's Bible Study, Rm 206	3:45	M & M Club, see reception for room details
8:30	Pilgrimage Meeting, Rm 102	5:45	Westminster Bells, Choir Rm
Thursday, March 4			
5:45	Women's Evening Bible Study, Rm 206	7:00	Worship Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30	Rainbows Leaders Meeting, Rm 102	7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm
7:00	Greenwood Care Bible Study, off-site		
Friday, March 5			
9:00	Souper Saturday Prep, Kitchen	12:00	Women's Knitting Group, Rm 206
9:00	Men's Bible Study, Rm 102	5:00	Men's Retreat, off-site
9:30	Kingdom Kids, Rm 21	6:00	Youth Confirmation Bowling, off-site
11:00	Men's Prayer Group, Rm 102	7:00	Middle East Fellowship, Rm 213
Saturday, March 6			
9:00	Dads in Touch Prayer Group, NUBs Lounge	11:30	Souper Saturday Lunch, Roy Hall
9:30	Family Open Gym, Roy Hall	1:00	Souper Saturday Study, Youth Lounge

Weekly Bible Studies: (details at www.firstpresevanston.org/weeklystudies)

- **Moms R Us**, Mondays at 9:30 AM in Room 213. Join other moms for a weekly time of fellowship and study. Childcare is provided at \$5 per child or \$9 per family.
- **Women's Open Door Bible Study** A Bible Study open to all women, Tuesdays from 9:15 - 11:00 AM in the Parlor. Contact Pat Verbeck at 847-864-1472 for more information.
- **Thursday Night Women's Bible Study** at 5:45 PM in Room 206. A combination of lecture and discussion for women who are seeking fellowship and meaningful Bible study. Contact Barbara Holm at 847-328-0049 for information.
- **Friday in the "Loop" Bible Study:** Fridays from 12 - 1 PM in Chicago's Loop. An interactive Bible study and discussion in Chicago's Loop.
- **Saturday Men's Breakfast:** Saturday morning from 8 - 9 AM in the Parlor. All men are welcome to drop in to this informal hour of refreshments, fellowship and a guest speaker.
- **Knit, Eat, Pray, Laugh:** 12 - 2 PM on 1st Fridays and 3rd Saturdays. This unique community knits prayer shawls and scarves for those in need. All levels of experience are welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSROOM GUIDE

CHILDCARE & CHILDREN'S CLASSROOM GUIDE			
9:15 AM	Infants-Crib Room	Toddlers-Green Room	
	Age 2-Red Room	Age 3-Yellow Room	
11:00 AM	Pre K-Blue Room	Kindergarten-Orange Room	
	*Grades 1 & 2-Rm 21 (lower level)	*Grades 3 & 4-Rm 33 (lower level)	
	*Grades 5 & 6-3rd Floor East	Special Ed-Rainbow Rm (lower level)	
	Infants/Toddlers-Crib Room	Age 2/3-Red Room	
	*Children & Worship (Pre K through Grade 2)-Rm 213 (2nd floor)		
	*Begin following the children's message.		
YOUTH (7-12) CLASSROOM GUIDE			
9:15 AM	Jr. High (7-8) , NUBs Lounge (3rd floor) led by Elizabeth Jones and Bob Bastian.		
	Sr. High (9-12) , Youth Lounge (basement) led by Katie Stearns and Dwayne Dobschultz.		
	Confirmation , Center Room (3rd floor) led by Jason Burton, Greg Chimitris and Susan Colten.		
ADULT EDUCATION & CLASSROOM GUIDE			
9:15 AM	First Focus , Rm 213, led by Myron Crockett.		
	Judges , Parlor, led by Steve Todd.		
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Seminary , Rm 206, facilitated by John Mauck.		

Welcome to First Pres Evanston!



Some of the Friday Cooks from Souper Saturday, 2009

February 28, 2010

Our Mission

Sharing Christ, Making Disciples, Serving God's World, by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Sharing Christ: We seek to become a church in which the Good News of Jesus Christ as set forth in the Scriptures is proclaimed and lived faithfully and courageously. *Colossians 1:15-20*

Making Disciples: We seek to become a church in which every member is being transformed into the image of Christ. *Matthew 28:18-20.*

Serving God's World: We seek to become a church through which God's love is offered to each other, to our neighbors, and to the ends of the earth. *Isaiah 58:6-9.*

By the Power of the Holy Spirit: We acknowledge that we are powerless to accomplish any of these things without the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. *John 14:16-17.*

WELCOME VISITORS! We are blessed to have you join us today. If you are new to our church, please visit the **Welcome Table** at the entrance to the sanctuary where a church member would love to meet you and to respond to any questions you may have about First Pres. We host a **Fellowship Hour** every Sunday after the 9:15 AM service and before the 11 AM service, and invite you to stop by so we can meet you and to enjoy some light refreshments. You are also invited to contact Nancy Wicklund at ext. 225 or visit our website www.firstpresevanston.org to learn more about First Pres and its various ministries and volunteer opportunities. Thank you for visiting, and do come again.

Parents with small children may want to use the lounge in the northwest corner of the back of the sanctuary where there is a TV monitor of the service available. Ushers are available throughout the service to help direct you to any of our facilities.

Prayer companions will be available after the worship service today at the front side pews and at the back of the sanctuary. 9:15: *Ron & Eleanor Ehresman, Kathleen Lin and Melody Henrie.* 11:00: *Sharon Smith, Joel Bregman, Marlene Sefton and Peggie Robinson.*

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices

FOCUSING FOR WORSHIP

Prayer Before Worship

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude **It is Well with My Soul** *arr. Margaret R. Tucker*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Greeting

Choral Introit **O Worship the King**

(Text: Robert Grant/Music: adapted from Johann Michael Haydn; arr. Dan Bird, 1981)

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Song of Praise

O Worship the King Blue #476 v. 1-2, 4-5

(Text: Robert Grant/Music: adapted from Johann Michael Haydn; arr. Dan Bird, 1981)

Call to Worship

Psalms 27

(Leader, People, ALL)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG,

AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE; WAIT FOR THE LORD!

Song of Praise

Eagle's Wings **

(Words & Music by Reuben Morgan, 1998)

Everlasting God **

(Text and Music: Brenton Brown & Ken Riley, 2005)

Prayer of Confession

(Leader, People)

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

Teach us wisdom in our secret heart.

Send out your light, send out your truth,

And let them lead us to our home.

Take from us the weight of our sin,

That room might be made for the spirit of truth.

If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,

And the truth will set our spirits free.

Then shall we love not only in word or in speech;

Then shall we love in deed and in truth,

And by this know that our service is faithful.

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

Teach us wisdom in our secret heart.

Speak to us now as we offer our personal prayers of confession to You.

(The people offer their silent personal prayers to God)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Song of Thanksgiving

Amazing Grace Blue #280 v. 1-3, 5

(Text: John Newton, 1779/Music: Virginia Harmony 1831)

THE COMMUNITY

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action

Offering of Gifts

Choral Offering

Let Thy Merciful Ears O Lord

(Text: E.H. Fellowes, 1924/Music: Thomas Weelkes, 1576-1623)

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:33-37 (New Testament, p. 5)

Sermon

The Power of Integrity

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Dismissal

Give Us Clean Hands **

(Text and Music: Charlie Hall, 2000)

Everlasting God (reprise) **

(Text and Music: Brenton Brown & Ken Riley, 2005)

Benediction & Choral Blessing

Postlude **Immortal Invisible God Only Wise** arr. Douglas Wagner

NOTES ON WORSHIP

Next week join us for an all traditional service as Pastor Hylton continues the series, **Life in God's Kingdom: The Radical Disciplines of Jesus** with the sermon, *Resisting Revenge*.

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Pastor, Greeting, Sermon
Ellie Bruce (9:15), **Kim Klamm** (11:00), Prayers of the People
Melody Henrie (9:15), **Sonia Bodi** (11:00), Scripture Lesson
Dale Cooper, Children's Moment,
Fred Bryant, Faith in Action
Maggie Coyne, Westminster Bells Director
Natalie Richards, Interim Worship Coordinator & Contemporary Music Director
David Sharlow, Interim Choir Director
Jack Harriff, Interim Organist
Chelsey Evans, **Jack Harriff**, Worship Song Leaders
Scott Tagawa, **Fred Bryant**, **Sam Evans**, Guitars
Scott Henrie, Bass Guitar
Kon Savoy, Drums
Tina Laughlin, Percussion

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FIRST PRES NEWS & EVENTS

The First 5

1. **TODAY** stop by the Mission bulletin board, just outside the front of the Sanctuary and find out how you can volunteer for Souper Saturday! There are one-time and on-going opportunities available; sign-up now!

2. **THURSDAY** You are invited to Willow Creek North Shore at 7:00 PM for a screening of the film, Call and Response, a documentary that focuses on people enslaved by human trafficking. The evening will also include an interview with the Director/Producer of the film, Justin Dillion. You can find out more about the film at www.callandresponse.com or contact Caryl at cweinberg@firstpresevanston.org.

3. **MARCH 5-6** All men are invited to the annual Men's Retreat beginning Friday March 5 at 7:00 PM. Dr. Hylton will be the first to speak on "Lessons We Missed in Sunday School". More information and registration forms can be found at the reception desk or the Church web site at www.firstpresevanston.org/men.

4. **Be Fit @ First:** Sat, March 13, 1-2:30 PM Many of you who took the recent health needs survey expressed interest in fitness classes. So, we listened! The kick-off event will include a sample class, short wellness talk, and time for fellowship. Women and men of any age and any fitness level are welcome to participate in this FREE program led by two fitness specialists from our congregation. For details, please visit www.firstpresevanston.org/parishnurse or contact Moriah at ext. 227.

5. **Save the date for March 21** for the Open Tables Kickoff. It's an in-church progressive dinner, with an emphasis on getting connected as a body of believers here at First Pres.

We extend our Prayers & Sympathy to:

- Mrs. Pat Nelsen at the loss of her husband **David Nelsen**, who died Feb. 20. Family & friends gathered for his funeral service at Drake Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 25.
- Our Staff Colleague & Youth Ministry Director, Jason Burton, at the loss of his grandmother, **Helen Avens** of Santa Maria, California, who died Feb. 22. Arrangements TBA in California where her family & friends will gather for her Service.
- Tom Desmond at the loss of his beloved aunt, **Molly Tarbert** of Pecatonica, IL who passed away Feb. 20. Her Funeral Service was held last Friday.

Career Workshop: You are invited to a free Career Path Ministry workshop on Saturday, March 6 at the Naperville Public Library (200 W. Jefferson). You can find out more by contacting saragmitro@oursaviors.com If you need transportation assistance to attend, please contact Olga Ricketts-Peart at 847-866-9133, or Florence Hurter at 773-274-9545.

Health Needs Survey Results Available Online. Thanks to everyone who participated in the health needs survey! To find out about upcoming events meeting your specified needs, and to view a summary of the survey responses, please visit firstpresevanston.org/parishnurse, scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Tax Information Regarding the Special Offering for Haiti: A new law allows you to choose to deduct certain contributions for Haitian relief on your 2009 tax return instead of your 2010 return. Contributions must be made between January 11, 2010 and March 1, 2010. Contact Caryl Weinberg to find out more about giving to our Offering for Haiti. *To date we have received \$10,982 for this offering.*

Instant News: Please consider reading our monthly newsletter, First Family on the website to reduce printing and mailing expense. Just visit www.firstpresevanston.org/communications. Contact Nancy Wicklund at ext. 225 to be taken off the newsletter mailing list.

Transition Team Update: Approximately 200 people have attended or are scheduled to attend Meet-and-Greet sessions with Pastor Ray through the end of April. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know Pastor Ray better, and to meet other First Pres members as well. If you haven't had a chance to sign up and would like to attend one of these sessions, please contact Elizabeth Brown at ebrown@ameritech.net or 847-864-5057 or Jennifer Joseph at jjoseph@aol.com or 847-920-1480 as soon as possible, and not later than March 15. Sign up or find out about open sessions at the front desk or by calling the church office.

Many thanks to those members who have lovingly prepared meals for Pastor Ray during this period while he's on his own. If you would like to sign up to prepare a meal, please contact Kaci Smith at kaci_smith@comcast.net for further information (or call her at 847 853 9952 if you don't have Internet access).