

# First Family

“... in this community, Christ lovingly transforms us into His image ...”

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## Making space for God

Deepen your faith and gain new spiritual formation tools with other members of FPCE and other Christians in our community at the Soul Care Retreat Day on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Walker Chapel. This one-day retreat, facilitated by Jay Sivits, InterVarsity Spiritual Formation Leader, and sponsored by the Adult Discipleship & Membership Development Council, will focus on developing spiritual practices (a.k.a. disciplines). Participants will discover how to create

meaningful patterns of time spent with God. We will look at the importance of spiritual formation and spiritual habits in shaping

the way we see and interact with the world for Christians in all stages of faith. This is an extension of the Adult Education class that Jay taught in fall 2009, but all are welcome to attend. Look for more information in First Pres Life or contact Melody Vogel at [mvogel@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:mvogel@firstpresevanston.org) or (847) 864-1472 ext. 218.

### Soul Care Retreat Day

**When:** Saturday, Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Where:** Walker Chapel

**Facilitated by:** Jay Sivits

## Minister in grace to one another

I arrived in Evanston Sunday evening, Nov. 28, tired from the long drive from Western Pennsylvania to Illinois, but very excited to arrive safely in the parking lot of the church. Patiently waiting to help me unload my books and other belongings were Al Borg, Dave Urban, Maggie and Blaine Curry, and Gene Thiele. Within less than two hours, these kind folks cheerfully unloaded the U-haul and helped me deliver the truck to its destination.

Watching box after box quickly move from the truck to my office and apartment, I kept thinking how hard this would be if I had to do it on my own. My mother often told her children, "Many hands make light work." What these folks did for me is a rich metaphor for how the church in the power of the Holy Spirit helps each of us in the journey of discipleship and faithfulness to Christ.

I came to the church with boxes of books and material things. What do other people bring when they walk into our fellowship? When people come through the doors of First Presbyterian they bring their own boxes filled with life's challenges: a troubled marriage, loneliness, grief, fear, or shame. Because these "boxes" are hidden, we assume that our nicely dressed, smiling visitors and members are doing well. The truth is they need people filled with love, hospitality and spiritual discernment to help them unload and turn to Christ for strength.

If this is true, the way we understand the purpose of the church shifts from "What's in it for me?" to "How might I serve the Lord and others?" We are not just the gathered church on Sunday mornings, as important as that is. God calls us to be a fellowship that encourages, protects, counsels, admonishes, and comforts one another.



Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

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## Notes from Session

Session's November meeting was the annual joint Deacon/Session meeting, where the Deacons describe all the ministries and activities they undertake during the year. Warren Wiggins [our representative from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry] served as Moderator.

### Nov. 17 Meeting Recap

■ Deacons' report — Charlie Kitchen introduced Susan Powell who will be serving as moderator of the Deacons during 2010. Susan expressed concern about the three openings remaining to be filled and then introduced the coordinators of the various Deacon ministries who summarized the particulars of their efforts;

- Clothes Closet
- Fellowship/hospitality
- Many outreach activities, such as Angel Tree
- Homebound Communion [currently serve 23 elderly members].

■ Stewardship report — Laurie Kaeser reported for Go Sugiura. The results through week 4 show that giving is \$ 40,000 less than last year with 25 fewer pledge units.

■ Adult Discipleship and Membership Development Councils made a recommendation to merge into a single council. The motion passed. A separate recommendation was made to implement a "Get to Know First Pres" evening to introduce members and visitors to all our various ministry opportunities. The motion passed.

■ Worship Council recommended that we have a single service on Dec. 27, because of the Christmas holiday. It was approved.

■ Children's Ministry Council reported how they are trying to implement the Mission Statement in their planning and priorities.

— ALAN BORG

### Hylton, cont. from front page

Listen to how the Bible describes the task of Christian community: *We, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another... Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another... Be of the same mind toward one another... Love one another... Admonish one another... Bear one another's burdens... Wash one another's feet... Be kind to one another... forgiving one another... Abound in love to one another and to all.*

(Romans 12:5, 10, 16, John 13:14; Romans 15:14; Galatians 6:2; John 13:34; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Thessalonians 3:12)

Through the power of the Spirit we possess God's strength to help one

another unload their heavy boxes. This ministry belongs to the whole church not just our Deacons and Elders. The old Puritan, George Swinnock, said, "Satan watches for those vessels that sail without a convoy." In this New Year, why not find someone who needs a little of the "one another" ministry you can provide and "be" the church for that person. Remember, we are to be ministers of grace to each other.

REV. DR. RAYMOND HYLTON,  
SENIOR PASTOR

### Keep your contact information current in the church office.

You can update your family records via the web site: Go to [www.firstpresevanston.org](http://www.firstpresevanston.org), click on the button "About Us" and scroll down to "Contact Us" to complete the Personal Information Form. Please contact Nancy Wicklund in the church office, (847) 864-1472 or [nwicklund@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:nwicklund@firstpresevanston.org), with questions.

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## Souper Saturday receives special donation



First Presbyterian Church member Steve Todd (left), the face of Souper Saturday to our guests, accepts special donation on behalf of Souper Saturday from North Shore Hospital faculty. The gift was given through the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

## Health screenings at FPCE that could save your life

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, noninvasive, painless health screenings on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat, which is closely tied to stroke risk. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. All four screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your health is in your hands, so call 1-800-324-1851 for more information or to pre-register.

— JULIE RUCHNIEWICZ

## Help Good News Partners with paint, repairs

Good News Partners will hold a Volunteer Work Crew Day on Saturday, Jan. 23. Anyone wishing to join in painting, cleaning, scrubbing, repairing, scraping and general rehab work is welcome on this Volunteer Day, which begins with an orientation and overview of Good News Partners, followed by hands-on activities with the residents at GNP.

Good News Partners pledges

that no one need be homeless in the North of Howard community of East Rogers Park.

Through our affordable housing, including single room occupancy, rental apartments, and co-operative housing, we provide a continuum that leads from homelessness to homeownership.

If you would like to participate in the work crew day, please contact Jan Hubbard at [jan@goodnewspartners.org](mailto:jan@goodnewspartners.org).

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## Presbyterian Pilgrimage April 15-18

The next Chicagoland Presbyterian Pilgrimage (ChPP#20) will be April 15-18 at DeKoven Center (on Lake Michigan), Racine, Wis. The total cost of the weekend is \$250.00 per person (for a shared double room), which includes three nights lodging and nine meals. You will not need additional money for the

weekend. A registration fee of \$50.00 should be sent with the application to Eleanor Ehresman, 645 Arbor Lane, Glenview, IL 60025, (847) 724-6205, [eleanor.ehresman@moody.edu](mailto:eleanor.ehresman@moody.edu). Please call with questions or visit our web site at [www.chpilgrimage.org](http://www.chpilgrimage.org).

## Dear Friends,

*I want to thank you so very much for the amazing send-off you had for me and for my family. It was overwhelming in every wonderful way. Thank you for the mementos and for the many cards that will continue to remind me of you and the many great times we shared at First Pres. I am thankful for you and wish you all the best in the future.*

ALLELUIA!  
 DAVE BIANCHIN

# Laughter is good medicine

We are headed into a brand new year and everyone is very seriously making resolutions and setting goals for themselves to stay healthy. I appreciate the effort and realize there may even be a necessity. However, I would like to propose another way to strengthen your immune system, boost your energy, diminish pain, and protect you from the damaging effects of stress — HUMOR. Humor is infectious and I don't mean like the swine flu or a cold. When laughter is shared, it bonds people together, increases happiness and intimacy, and can be considered the best medicine. In addition to the effect of joy and amusement, laughter can also trigger healthy physical, emotional and social changes in you.

Laughter is a quick and powerful tool to renew your physical health. It is fun, free and easy to use.

■ **Laughter relaxes the whole body.** A good hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress and leaves your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes later.

■ **Laughter boosts the immune system.** Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease.

■ **Laughter triggers the release of endorphins.** Endorphins are the body's natural "feel good chemicals" that promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain.

■ **Laughter protects the heart.** Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other heart related issues.

Laughter is also a great way to stay emotionally healthy. It makes you feel

good and that good feeling stays with you after the laughter subsides. Humor can help you keep a positive, optimistic outlook through difficult situations, disappointments, and loss.



Julie Ruchniewicz

*A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.*

— PROVERBS 17:22

■ **Laughter dissolves distressing emotions.** You can't feel anxious, angry, or sad when you're laughing.

■ **Laughter helps you relax and recharge.** It reduces stress and increases your energy. This enables you to stay focused and ultimately accomplish more.

■ **Humor shifts perspective.** If you are amused it can allow you to see situations in a more realistic, less threatening light.

Sharing laughter can be one of the most effective ways to keep a relationship healthy. You need emotional sharing to build long-lasting relationships, but sharing laughter adds joy and resilience. Humor is a wonderful way to heal resentments, disagreements, and hurts. Laughter can really unite people during difficult times.

■ **Be more spontaneous.** Humor gets you out of your head and away from your troubles.

■ **Let go of any defensiveness.** Laughter helps you forget judgments, criticisms, and doubts

■ **Release inhibitions.** Your fear of holding back and holding on are set aside.

■ **Express your true feelings.** Deeply felt emotions are allowed to

rise to the surface.

As an infant we begin to smile during the first weeks of life and laugh out loud within months of being born. Even if you did not grow up in a household filled with the sounds of laughter, you can start at any stage of life. Begin by setting aside special time to seek out humor and laughter and build from there. Eventually, it will become more natural to you. Here are some ways to start:

- Smile
- Count your blessings
- When you hear laughter, move toward it.
- Spend time with fun, playful people.
- Bring humor into conversations.

As you laugh more and humor becomes more a part of your life, you will start to view the world from a more relaxed, positive, creative and balanced perspective.

I want to leave you with something to make you laugh.

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork.


As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

— JULIE RUCHNIEWICZ, RN,  
PARISH NURSE

 Advocate Health Care

Deacon Speak

# The Spirit shines through



Top photo: Deacon Ed Moor visits with one of our Angels. Bottom photos: FPCE held Angel Tree parties Dec. 11 and Dec. 12 to share the Christmas spirit and distribute gifts to more than 140 local children whose parents are imprisoned.

This Christmas the Deacons — working with the Prison Ministry team — were able to deliver Angel Tree gifts to 140 local children whose parents were imprisoned and unable to buy them gifts themselves. This is by far the most presents the First Pres congregation has ever been able to distribute through Angel Tree.

Parties were held at the church for the kids and their guardians on Dec. 11 and Dec. 12, and by the looks on all these faces in the photographs, it was a great start to the Christmas season. The spirit is clearly shining through.

The Deacons want to thank all who participated for your generosity, love, and provision of simple holiday cheer.

God bless you all now and throughout the New Year.

— DAVE JONES

## Deacon Doings Starting the New Year right

■ **Men's shoes, coats, belts** are badly needed for the Deacons' Closet. So start off the New Year with a cleaner closet at home, and bring in these items of clothing for the neediest in our community. Two great goods accomplished in one act: house-cleaning and life-saving — no better way to get 2010 going right.

Sweaters and khaki or denim trousers are also always in big demand at this time of year. Hoodie sweatshirts are especially helpful.

All clothing can be left at the reception area in the church office. Contributions may be tax deductible, which could also make your April 15 look brighter in 2011.

Win, win, win!

■ **Hey, high schoolers!** Get your Community Service Credit hours working with us in the Deacons' Closet. It's a great way to meet the Lord in the service of the needy, and you accumulate the credits you need for graduation. Again, it's a heavenly two-fer: Serving God and helping yourself at the same time.

Check for details with Youth Director Jason Burton or your own Deacon from Youth Ministry, John McAuley.

### Milestones

#### Deaths

■ Jane Eyer died Nov. 25.

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volunteer also prepared Connie for the position. "What I admired most about Minnette was how she was there 100 percent for the children," she says. "She had a heart for children."

#### **Moments of support**

Connie is grateful that the FPCE congregation also has a heart for children and is very supportive of the Children's Ministry. "We're blessed to have so many volunteer teachers and leaders from the congregation," Connie says. "Our children benefit from adults of all ages and life stages — singles, married couples, and seniors. They energize our M & M kids through song and stories and lovingly care for any special needs children we have." As a grandparent, Connie loves to see many grandparents bringing their grandchildren to church and hopes more people in her generation will volunteer with Children's Ministry.

Connie doesn't feel she has the gift of teaching but is pleased that so many of the Sunday School teachers and program leaders do. She sees her role as being more of a supporter or cheerleader. She draws on her memories of what she did and didn't like as a Children's Ministry volunteer to guide the volunteers. She gives them a lot of space to use their gifts of teaching, but also seeks their input, particularly when choosing a new Sunday School curriculum every few years.

Connie is also very supportive of the Children's Ministry Team, all of whom are parents. "My office is always open to them, and I really try to listen to them, hear their needs, and adapt," she says. "They're on the front line." Connie credits her daughter, Karen, a parent whose children participate in Children's Ministries, for helping to

keep her honest in her dealings with parents. "Karen's not afraid to say, 'That suggestion didn't really work too well, Mom,'" says Connie with a smile.

Over time, Connie's position became more than just supporting teachers and parents on Sunday morning. The Children's Choir and M & M (Music & More) Club became weekday after school programs, and other programs, such as the Rainbows and Kingdom Kids programs, were added as needed.

#### **A moment of pride**

As Connie looks back over the past 25 years, she is most proud of the addition of the Rainbows program to Children's Ministry. A quasi-religious program that started in the Catholic Church, the Rainbows program is a small group experience for children suffering from significant loss, such as death or divorce. "Rainbows gives these children someone to talk to and also lets them know that other kids are going through similar difficulties," Connie says. "We pray that God will work through our interactions with the children and their families." The program is open to all families, both within the church and in the greater Evanston community. When possible, Connie and the Rainbows volunteers refer families to other FPCE ministries, such as Stephen Ministry, Church Camp, and Vacation Bible School. Some families who have participated and didn't have a church home have become church members through their involvement in Rainbows. "Many parents have told me that the program was a lifesaver for their children," she says.

#### **A moment of happiness**

Moments of happiness join with the moments of pride Connie has

experienced during the past 25 years. "Some of the happiest days of my job have been sitting at church camp watching the kids play and being totally color blind," she says. FPCE runs the church camp, and Evanston Second Baptist Church and First Church of God Christian Life Center are co-sponsors. "Having church camp with two Evanston African-American churches was not planned," she says. "God totally did that." A couple who brought their children to Sunday School at First Pres, but attended worship at First Church of God Christian Life Center, was the catalyst for this wonderful change to the church camp program. The wife told her brother, a member of Evanston Second Baptist Church, about church camp. He asked if his children and other children from Second Baptist could also attend camp. The children were welcomed and everyone had a great time. Later, children from the First Church of God Christian Life Center started attending camp regularly.

#### **A moment of excitement**

A most exciting moment for Connie and the children in M & M Club was the children's appearance on a local morning news show about interfaith worship. The children sang selections from their annual musical. "It was very exciting with all the lights and cameras," she says.

#### **Moments of joy**

It gives Connie great joy to see many former child participants in Children's Ministry now coming through the program as adult volunteers. An example is Chris Oh, son of Laurie and Young Oh, who attended church camp as a child. Now Chris and his children attend church camp together, but this time

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## “Train a child in the way he should go”

*There are lots of ways to remember scripture, but Moriah Henrie learned through the songs she sang as a child at Adventure Club, the early version of today's M & M Club, one of several programs Connie Floyd, FPCE's Director of Children's Ministry, started during the past 25 years. Moriah and other members of the First Pres family gathered in Roy Hall on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, to praise and thank Connie for her many years of dedicated service to the their children.*

*After a light lunch, the children and Master of Ceremonies Chuck Kent led everyone in a rousing version of "Teach A Child to Sing." With the help of the children, the adults mastered the accompanying hand motions by the last verse!*

*The musical tribute gave way to spoken tributes about working with Connie. Moriah Henrie and her mother, Melody, shared their memories of working with Connie in her ministry to children. They also share the distinction of working for Connie; Moriah is Connie's current assistant, and Melody was an assistant in the late '80s and early '90s. Laura Urban, who has worked with Connie as part of the Children's Ministry team, thanked Connie for enabling volunteers to succeed, while serving others by always doing whatever needed to be done. Children,*

*"graduates," and volunteers joined Jud Curry while he read an "Ode to Connie," a poem he wrote for the occasion.*

*The Children's Ministry Team presented Connie with a heart-shaped, crystal cylinder inscribed with a message of thanks, the Bible verse from Proverbs 22:6 ("Train a child in the way he should go..."), and The Children's Ministry logo. The team also announced the creation of the Children's Ministry Scholarship Fund in her honor, which will give children the opportunity to attend church camp.*

*A message of thanks also appeared on several delicious cakes, but quickly disappeared, as everyone enjoyed a sweet ending to a joyous celebration in praise and thanks of Connie's 25 years of dedicated service to the children of FPCE.*

*Individuals wishing to contribute to the Children's Ministry Scholarship Fund may do so by sending their monetary gift to the church office enclosed in an envelope marked Attn: Business Office for Children's Ministry Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Children's Ministry Scholarship Fund" in the memo section of the check.*

— MARCIA NEUHART

## Confirmation class begins Jan. 24

Every year our 9th grade students are given the opportunity to go through the confirmation process. Our confirmation program is designed to help students come to a deeper understanding of the faith they've grown up in, learning what it means to have a relationship with Christ and be a member of our faith community. The program will culminate with students having the opportunity to confirm their faith and become members of the church on Youth Sunday, May 23. Older high school students who have not been through the program are also invited to participate.

Throughout the program each student is paired with an adult mentor, who is a member of First Pres. The mentor will help guide them through the confirmation process as an adult of faith, listening and helping them wrestle with the issues and questions raised in class.

Classes begin Jan. 24 and will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:45 a.m.) in room 304 on the 3rd floor. Registration materials have been mailed out. If you need registration forms or have any other questions, please contact Jason Burton at the church office.

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around Chris is a camp counselor! Moriah Henrie, who participated in M & M Club (then called Adventure Club), Church Camp, and Sunday School as a child, returned as a Church Camp counselor and Rainbows facilitator, and now serves as Connie's program assistant!

Connie is experiencing "joy beyond imagining" as she watches her grandchildren, 5-year-old Noah, and 3-year-old Hannah MacLeod, participate in Children's Ministry programs, just as her two children, Karen and Daniel, did. Connie's prayer for her grandchild-

dren is that they too will learn to love Jesus.

To learn more about FPCE's Children's Ministry, visit <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/children> or call Connie Floyd at 847-864-1472 ext. 243.

— MARCIA NEUHART

# A heart for FPCE's children for 25 years

## A tribute to Connie Floyd, Director of Children's Ministry

When Connie Floyd's son, Daniel, was going through the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston Sunday School program, she recalls a conversation they had about going to Sunday School. Connie told him, "I pray that you will learn to love Jesus, Daniel," and he replied, "I already love Jesus, Mom." This has also been Connie's prayer for all the children who have participated in Sunday School and other children's programs during her 25 years as Director of Children's Ministry.

Like her son, and daughter, Karen, Connie was also active in FPCE's Children's Ministry. She spent 10 years as a parent volunteer for the Children's Ministry, serving as a board member for School for Little Children, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and chairing the Children's Ministry Team.

### A moment of decision

Having been a stay-at-home Mom for 10 years, Connie was contemplating going back to work just as Minnette Dummer, the Director of Children's Ministry, was thinking of retiring. Connie volunteered to be the

Interim Director of Children's Ministry for one year, thinking it would be a good way to try out going back to work. She was also motivated to take the position because "the church was committed to having a full-time person devoted to children's ministry, and that was very important to me," she says.

One year became two, then five, and now 25. "I never thought of working with children as a career," Connie says. Connie, who has an undergraduate degree in astronomy and a master's degree in public administration, worked for the Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago before staying home with her children. Although her education and experience weren't typical preparation for working with children, both proved very helpful for the job because she knew how to budget and how to manage people. But the best preparation for the job was being a children's ministry leader while a member of Bible Study Fellowship for several years. "That's where I learned a lot about how to share Christ with children," she says. Working with Minnette as a Children's Ministry

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