

November 12, 2017

# First Things First

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## Prayers

Steve Armstrong, Priscilla Arndt, John & Tina Bryson, Laura Bowers, Mary Bowers, Marie Chapin, Edith Clay, Pam Diener, Gerard & Jeanette Egan, Edith Elliot, Laura Ferguson, Ron Gearing, Herbert Gefvert, Jean Hall, Puff Hampson, Laura Heffel, Bernice Klosterman, Dan Lee, Diane Logan, Liz Markel, Sam Overton, Carole Pryzby, Billy Ray Thomas, Richie Vernon & Rose Wright.

*Helen Ammons has been discharged from Evanston Hospital.*

*Don Baker is in rehab at McGaw, following surgery at Evanston Hospital.*

*Condolences to Beth Swanick on the death of her mother, Ramona Swanick on November 3.*

## Worship & Fellowship

As we welcome our newest members this morning, please make things a little easier for them by wearing your **name tags!** And thanks for continuing to pass those **welcome folders** down the pew. The work of welcoming newcomers belongs to all of us.

This month's **all-church potluck** will be on Wednesday, Nov. 15 in the dining room from 5:45-7:00 p.m. Main dish provided. Please bring a salad, side or dessert to share.

**Friends at First**, a group for active adults, retired or semi-retired, will gather for dinner at Red Hot Chili Pepper on Friday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m. before attending the Festival Choir's fall concert in our Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Chris Webler at [c.webler@gmail.com](mailto:c.webler@gmail.com), or 847-948-5726.

**Young Adult Friendsgiving Meal** – Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the dining room. Bring your favorite

Thanksgiving dish to share! Contact Mollie Foster for more info: [mollie@faithatfirst.com](mailto:mollie@faithatfirst.com).

**All-Church Advent Brunch**, Sunday, Dec. 3 in Great Hall following worship. Enjoy brunch made by the Men's Breakfast Group, make an Advent wreath and create festive crafts at this fun fellowship event. Register before Dec. 2 on the church website for a discounted rate.

Our annual **Advent Luncheon** for church members and friends 65 and older is Thursday, Dec. 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Pam in the church office, and let her know if you need a ride. 847-864-6181.

## Music Ministry

Plan to attend the **Festival Choir's fall concert** on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program, titled *Bach and Handel*, includes a Bach cantata and the first portion of Handel's *Messiah*. The concert will feature our choir's section leaders as soloists with orchestral accompaniment. Admission is free; donations welcome.

## Adult Education

Want to be included in the communications loop for adult learning? Email [mary@faithatfirst.com](mailto:mary@faithatfirst.com).

**Dimensions of Well-Being: Where does spirituality fit, and why should we care?** – Nov. 5, 12 & 19, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. This class explores a framework for well-being and how spiritual well-being is one component of a holistic view of the person. Led by Nora Francis and Leah Holzwarth.

**Conversations on Today's Worship Scriptures** – Nov. 5-Dec. 17, 9:15 a.m. in Room K. Bob Keller and Virginia Lee lead conversation about the scripture texts for Sunday worship each day. How

do we understand these passages? What questions do they elicit? How might we live the good news?

*Ongoing groups (new participants welcome):*

**Mindfulness Meditation Group** – Sundays at 9:15 a.m. through Dec. 17 in Tittle Chapel.

**Abide** – Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in third floor Room 37. For parents of youth and others.

**Faith and Parenting Class** – Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 24.

**Young Adult Class** – Sundays at 9:00 a.m. at Panera.

## Children's and Youth Ministry

**Parents & Play at First Church** gathers on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Glenna Hall, for fellowship and conversations on parenting. Childcare provided in the nursery. For more information, contact Cherie Asante at [cherie@faithatfirst.com](mailto:cherie@faithatfirst.com).

**Youth Summer Mission Trip meeting** is today after worship. All youth and parents of youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come and see photos from this summer's trips and get information about our Summer 2018 mission trips!

**Club123** (grades 1-3) Today, Nov. 12 4:30-6:00 p.m. We'll work on a Thanksgiving project for the soup kitchen. RSVP to [cherie@faithatfirst.com](mailto:cherie@faithatfirst.com).

The **High School fall retreat** is Nov. 18-19 at Covenant Harbor Camp in Lake Geneva, WI. We leave Saturday morning and return Sunday after church. Please register now- deadline is Nov. 7. <https://faithatfirst.webconnex.com/hsfr>.

Save the date! **Winter Waterpark Retreat** to Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI Friday through

Saturday, February 3-4. Rooms are limited. Please register on the church website.

## Mission and Outreach

The Mission & Outreach Committee is hosting a **rummage sale debrief** and lunch on Sunday, Nov. 19 after church. All are welcome! Questions, ideas, and fresh perspectives are encouraged.

Tickets are now on sale for the **Bundled Blessings Diaper Pantry fall fundraiser**, "Bottoms Up," Sunday, Nov. 19 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Candlelite Restaurant, 7452 N. Western Ave. The \$45 ticket covers appetizers, pizza, salad, and non-alcoholic beverages, AND an evening of fun and education about the continuing need for diaper assistance in our community. The pantry distributes 15,000 diapers every month and we need your help to keep things covered! Tickets (& monetary donations to the pantry) are available at: <https://faithatfirst.webconnex.com/BBFR>.

**Pennies for Poverty** –has chosen the next recipient of our spare change collection. Books and Breakfast is an Evanston based daily before school program offering a healthy morning meal and homework help to students who need additional support. Drop your spare change in the offering plate, or bring to the office to help.

First Church will again host the soup kitchen's **Thanksgiving dinner**, featuring roasted turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pies, etc. Sign up today in Great Hall to bring food and/or help with preparing and serving the meal. Act now, spaces go quickly.

November 5, 2017  
Sanctuary Attendance: 328



**Welcome.** We are a *Reconciling Congregation*. First Church is a vibrant, accepting congregation that welcomes all who seek God, inclusive of age, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and special needs.



**We have many services available to you at First Church**

- ◆ **Visitors are welcome** to stop by the church office for more information about this congregation and its ministries.
- ◆ **Nursery care is available Sundays**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in our church nursery on the second floor.
- ◆ **Hearing Assistance:** The sanctuary, chapel and dining room are equipped with a “loop” assistive listening system. Switch your hearing aid, cochlear implant, or tactile device to “T” (telephone). Also available for loan are digital “walkman style” receivers at the front desk of the office.
- ◆ **Wheelchairs** are available in the Narthex. There is an access ramp on Church St.
- ◆ **Parking** is free on Sundays at the garage on the corner of Church St. & Chicago Ave.
- ◆ **Visual Impairment:** Large print bulletins are available from an usher. Digital bulletins are also available from the office to upload to your smart phone or tablet.
- ◆ **Church office hours** are Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Fellowship Time** – join staff and church friends in Great Hall after worship.
- ◆ **Podcast** at [www.faithatfirst.com](http://www.faithatfirst.com)
- ◆ **Copies of Faith at First**, our newsletter, are available at the Church office.
- ◆ **The altar flowers** this morning are given in celebration of the safe return of our adult mission team, and in honor of our new members.

**Today’s Worship Leadership, Sunday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m.**

- Preaching:** Dean Francis
- Liturgists:** Jane Cheema & Bonny Roth
- Time with Children:** Cherie Asante
- Minister of Music & Organist:** Brian Schoettler
- Music Assistant:** Cody Michael Bradley
- First Church Chancel Choir**
- First Church Cherub Choir**
- First Church Children’s Choir**
- Sound System:** Jack Hinz & Frank Rose
- Reader:** Cheryl Haack
- Usher/Greeter Team:** Jordan Bloem, Andrew Connor, Ann Covode, Lynelle Diener,
- Communion Celebrant:** Ron Anderson
- Acolytes:** Kate L.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	Young Adult Class Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist ASP & Rockford Youth Mission Meeting Gospel Choir Rehearsal Club 123	9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:35 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 11:50 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Panera Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Dining Room Choir Room Dining Room
<b>Tuesday, November 14</b>	Financial Peace University Adult Council Church Council	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room Dining Room
<b>Wednesday, November 15</b>	Old Testament Disciple Bible Study Staff Meeting Cherub Choir Rehearsal Children’s Choir Rehearsal Potluck Dinner Orchestra Rehearsal Journey HS Youth Group Read, Pray, Love Festival Choir Rehearsal Finance Committee	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room Room 33 Choir Room Dining Room Sanctuary Great Hall Glenna Hall Choir Room Conference Room
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	DCOM Progressive Theology Reading Group Soup Kitchen God’s Story, Our Stories Membership Growth Task Force	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Glenna Hall Dining Room Glenna Hall Conference Room
<b>Friday, November 17</b>	Friday Night Live Festival Choir Concert	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Outside Event Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	HS Youth Retreat First Feet Walking Group	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Parking Lot Church & Hinman
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