

January 28, 2018

# First Things First

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## Prayers

Steve Armstrong, Priscilla Arndt, John & Tina Bryson, Laura Bowers, Olaf Carlson, 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, O.M. Stallcup, Billy Ray Thomas, Richie Vernon & Rose Wright.

*Jennifer Wolfe, whose father is receiving rehab in Ohio.*

## Worship & Fellowship

Congratulations to our **2018 Chili Cookoff winners:** Beth Swanick of the Chancel Choir for her winning “White Chicken Chili”; Susan Henderson and Pam Johnson of Grace Circle for their “Swedish’ Beef and Bean Chili”, and to the Diener family for “Corn Cob Cornbread.” Thanks to all our cooks, bakers, and tasters/voters for another great Chili Cookoff.

**First Flicks**, the First Church movie discussion group, has selected *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* for its movie to discussion on Friday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Glenna Hall. All are welcome to come and discuss the film. If you’d like to be added to the group’s email list contact [dean@faithatfirst.com](mailto:dean@faithatfirst.com).

**Couple’s Salon** Mardi Gras Dinner Party – Saturday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for Jambalaya and King Cake as we celebrate Mardi Gras 2018! Hosted by Tom & Marion Clemens, 2761 Woodbine Ave in Evanston, and Thor & Angelique Ketzback. Couples of all ages are

welcome! RSVP to [redmarion77@comcast.net](mailto:redmarion77@comcast.net) by Feb. 5 and let us know if you are bringing an appetizer, side dish, or dessert.

**Friends at First** will gather on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 6:00 p.m., as Pastor Dean Francis shares *Hidden Treasures: A Historical Crawl through First Church*. We’ll then walk the short distance to Ann Weatherhead’s condo at 807 Davis St. to share dinner and dessert. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person. Please bring a beverage of your choice to share. RSVP by Feb. 8 to Ann at [annweatherhead@gmail.com](mailto:annweatherhead@gmail.com) or 847-962-1508.

The **next Inquirers Class for persons considering membership** in this congregation begins Feb. 11. Interested? Please contact Mary Taylor-Johnson at 847-864-6181 ext. 216, or [mary@faithatfirst.com](mailto:mary@faithatfirst.com).

**The Readings for Progressive Christians** group meets at noon on Thursdays in Glenna Hall. We are currently discussing *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J. Vance. To find out more about the group or be added to their email list, contact [dean@faithatfirst.com](mailto:dean@faithatfirst.com).

**Interfaith Action of Evanston Annual Fundraising Dinner** – Sunday, Feb. 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hilton Orrington. Come celebrate First Church’s own John Kerastas, a 2018 Vision Keeper. Tickets are \$75 per person. Sign up and submit checks made payable to Interfaith Action, to the church office by noon today.

**Save the date** – Sunday, June 3, 5:00-7:30 p.m. in Great Hall. Celebrate Dean’s 22 years of ministry at First Church. Details to follow.

## Adult Education

**Faithful Planning for Your Future** – Feb. 4 & 11, 9:15 a.m. in Room K. Adults from 21 to 101 will benefit from considering future choices from a faith perspective. Bonny Roth leads next Sunday: How may the Five Wishes tool help me specify my end-of-life wishes? Phil Crihfield leads Feb. 11: And how will I share my resources with future generations? Questions? Contact [bonny@faithatfirst.com](mailto:bonny@faithatfirst.com).

**Abide** – Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 37. This group gathers for spiritual connection to God, mutual support in community, and faith formation. Led by Tim and Becky Eberhart and others.

**Faith and Parenting Class** – Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in Room 24. Parents gather weekly to discuss connections between faith and everyday life and to support each other.

## Children’s and Youth Ministry

It’s time to **register for summer camps**. For more information and to sign up, go to [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

Creation Camp, (grades 3-8 fall) June 18-21  
Children in Action Camp, (grades 3-6) July 9-12  
Vacation Bible School, (grades K-4) July 16-19  
Family Camp, (all are welcome) August 10-12

Register now for Summer Youth Mission Trips at <http://faithatfirst.com/registrations/>! All First Church youth and their friends are invited to spend this summer serving people in need.

**ASP Youth Mission Trip** is July 21-28. All students currently in grades 8-12 and college-aged students are invited to join our team!

**Middle School Mission Trip** to Polo, IL is June 27-30. All Students currently in grades 6-7 and high school students who would like to serve as peer leaders are invited to be part of this team. Contact [jane@faithatfirst.com](mailto:jane@faithatfirst.com) with questions.

## Mission and Outreach

**The Refugee Committee** is looking for members. We will meet on Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Glenna Hall, and then once a month on the third Monday. An interest in helping the two refugee families that we have sponsored can be served in many ways. Anyone interested should contact Pam Kendall at [pkendall@me.com](mailto:pkendall@me.com).

**Adult Spring Mission Trip** with the Appalachia Service Project is April 11-15. Cost \$315/person. Register NOW if you are a returning team member. If you are wondering about joining the team, come to an info. session on Feb. 4 from 11:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Registration is open through March 11. Group size limited to first 15 who register. Scholarships are available. <https://faithatfirst.webconnex.com/ASPadult>.

On the first Friday of every month, First Church volunteers make and serve lunches as part of the **Interfaith Action Free Friday Lunch program**. Please join us on Friday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the First Church kitchen to make lunches, then serve them from noon - 1:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church. For more information, contact Carol Barnett at [cbarnett29@me.com](mailto:cbarnett29@me.com).

January 21, 2017  
Sanctuary Attendance: 311



**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.

**Today’s Worship Leadership, Sunday, January 28, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Preaching:** Dean Francis

**Reader:** Jeff Wolfe

**Liturgists:** Jane Cheema & Mollie Foster

**Sound System:** Mick Budreau & Tom Scott

**Time With Children:** Jane Cheema

**Greeter/Usher Team:** Paula Carter Bass & Georgia, Steve Betzner, Ashley Eckman, Joe Haughney

**Minister of Music & Organist:** Brian Schoettler

**Communion Celebrant:** Bob Keller

**Music Assistant:** Cody Michael Bradley

**First Church Chancel Choir**

<b>THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH</b>			
<b>Sunday, January 28</b>	Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist Children’s Council	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.	Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Conference Room
<b>Wednesday, January 31</b>	Psalms Bible Study Staff Meeting Cherub Choir Rehearsal Children’s Choir Rehearsal Handbell Choir Rehearsal First Hands Planning Journey Chancel Choir Rehearsal Finance Committee	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room Room 33 Choir Room Choir Room Glenna Hall Great Hall Choir Room Conference Room
<b>Thursday, February 1</b>	Progressive Christianity Soup Kitchen God’s Story, Our Stories	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Dining Room Glenna Hall
<b>Friday, February 2</b>	First Friday Sack Lunch Ministry Winter Waterpark Retreat	10:30 a.m.	Kitchen Outside Event
<b>Saturday, February 3</b>	Winter Waterpark Retreat First Feet	9:00 a.m.	Outside Event Church & Hinman
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	Sunday School Classes First Steps to Faith Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry R&R Youth Rest Stop	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Various Locations Room 29 Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Great Hall