

February 11, 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, Wendy Istvanick, 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.

Beth Foster has been placed in hospice care.

Jack Seymour, who is recovering from surgery.

Worship & Fellowship

Please welcome our visitors by signing and passing the **welcome folders** and then greeting those near you. Thanks for your help extending hospitality to new persons.

Want to learn more about this congregation and its ministries? Flag down staff member Mary Taylor-Johnson after worship today or contact her at mary@faithatfirst.com or 847-864-6181 x 216.

The Annual **Church Conference** is after worship today in the dining room with Dr. Zaki L. Zaki presiding. All members are encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be served.

Ash Wednesday is February 14. The day's schedule is: 7:00-9:30 a.m., drop-in imposition of ashes. 6:00 p.m. Family Service. 6:30 p.m. soup dinner in the dining room. Registration required for dinner **by 6:00 p.m. today.** 7:30 p.m. Worship. Services will take place in Tittle Chapel. Please sign up for the meal at www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/.

Do you enjoy singing the Hallelujah Chorus each Easter? **Consider joining our Festival Choir** when we begin weekly rehearsals Wednesday, March 7 from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Their April 13 concert will feature the concluding portion of Handel's Messiah. Email brian@faithatfirst.com for more information.

Volunteers are needed to bring and setup food for Fellowship Hour following Sunday morning worship. A link to sign up and instructions can be found at: www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/.

First Hands is a fellowship group for all adults combining social activities with service. Join us on Sat. March 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m. packing food at Libertyville Feed My Starving Children. We will go out afterward for some socializing. Contact Linda Federer lfederer@ameritech.net.

Our annual ASP Dinner is Saturday, April 7. Save the date and make plans for a great evening of celebrating the work of our youth in Appalachia! Early bird tickets go on sale Sunday, February 25.

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.

Do you have favorite moments and **memories of Dean and Nora?** Retirement advice? What would you like them to remember about us? Now is the time to share your thoughts, stories, and pictures, which will be gathered together in a memory book for Dean and Nora to take with them. Please mail a paragraph/letter and/or picture to: Mari Leonard, 3012 Thayer, Evanston, IL. 60201. Or drop it off at church in the will call with Mari's name on the envelope. Email her at: mari.leonard@comcast.net with any questions.

Adult Education

Young Adult Theology Luncheon – Join us for theological discussions over difficult issues once a month in the Dining Room from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch included! Each Sunday session we will be focusing on one of the following topics:
Feb. 18: Theology of the Church, Sharon Rader
March 11: Theology of Creation, Tim Eberhart
April 8: Theology of Sexual and Gender Identity

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/.

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

Club 123 (grades 1-3) meets here at the church today from 4:30-6:00 p.m. to make Valentine's Day cookies. Dinner is included. Please RSVP to cherie@faithatfirst.com.

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 with questions.

Mission and Outreach

The Refugee Committee is looking for members. We will meet on February 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. Their needs include emotional and financial support along with help navigating many aspects of living in America...housing, taxes, cars, jobs, schools, transportation etc. Anyone interested should contact Pam Kendall at 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. Registration is open through March 11. Group size limited to first 15 who register. Scholarships are available. <https://faithatfirst.webconnex.com/ASPadult>.

February 4, 2018
Sanctuary Attendance: 270

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, February 11	Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Connect 56 Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist Church Conference Club 123	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:35 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Kitchen Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Dining Room Great Hall
Tuesday, February 13	Adult Council Church Council Investment Committee	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Conference Room Dining Room Glenna Hall
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	Imposition of Ashes Psalms Bible Study Staff Meeting Cherub Choir Rehearsal Children's Choir Rehearsal Family Worship Ash Wednesday Dinner Worship	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Tittle Chapel Glenna Hall Conference Room Room 33 Choir Room Tittle Chapel Dining Room Tittle Chapel
Thursday, February 15	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
Friday, February 16	Total Childcare Closed		
Saturday, February 17	First Feet	9:00 a.m.	Church & Hinman
Sunday, February 18	Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Young Adult Theology Luncheon Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist Vision Keepers Dinner	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:35 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Dining Room Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Hilton Orrington



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
- ◆ **The altar flowers** today are given in memory of John and Doris Rudy.

Today's Worship Leadership, Sunday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Dean Francis

Reader: Linda Federer

Liturgists: Jane Cheema, Bonny Roth

Sound System: Steve Brawn & Eric Pryzby

Time With Children: Cherie Asante

Greeter/Usher Team: Jim Champlin, Andrew

Minister of Music & Organist: Brian Schoettler

Connor, Ann Covode

Music Assistant: Cody Michael Bradley

First Church Chancel Choir

First Church Handbell Choir