

April 15, 2018

First Things First

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Prayers

Steve Armstrong, Priscilla Arndt, Laura Bowers, Gerard & Jeanette Egan, Edith Elliot, Laura Ferguson, Ron Gearing, Herbert Gefvert, Puff Hampson, Laura Heffel, Bernice Klosterman, Dan Lee, Diane Logan, Liz Markel, Sam Overton, Kate Palermo, Carole Pryzby, O.M. Stallcup, Billy Ray Thomas, Richie Vernon & Rose Wright.

Deb Hays is recovering from surgery.

Paige Grivett, daughter of Dave and Jane Doyle, is recovering from surgery.

Congratulations to Mike and Laura Boutross on the birth of William Michael on April 8.

Congratulations to Hugh and Connie Williams on the recent birth of their granddaughter, Logan Lucille Brinkman.

Worship & Fellowship

Welcome to our **new members** who joined during our Easter Vigil service: Peter Agostino, Blade Angel, Rebecca Beiter, Michael and Laura Boutross, Charlie and Sue Callison, Jonathan and Katelyn Easter, Dan and Liz Lithio, Jonathan Ng, Debbie Zimmerman, and Dave Zino.

Considering membership at First Church?

Please contact Mary Taylor-Johnson (mary@faithatfirst.com or 847-864-6181 x216) for information on the next Inquirers Class.

First Hands Fellowship Group (social fun with a side of service) needs you for two events: Saturday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m. to help clean up Evanston parks, and Sunday morning, June 17 to help with and/or participate in Evanston's Race Against Hate. Contact Lfederer@ameritech.net or 224-420-0999 for more information.

First Flicks, the movie discussion group, will be discussing *The Shape of Water* on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Glenna Hall. If you would like to be added to the group's email list contact dean@faithatfirst.com.

Couples Salon will gather on Saturday, April 28 at the Federer home, 1512 Forest Ave. in Evanston at 6:30 p.m., to welcome spring and say farewell to Dean and Nora. Please email the McGowan's at em4mail@gmail.com, to RSVP with your choice of appetizer, side dish or dessert.

Join us on April 29 at 12:00 p.m. in the Dining Room as we discuss the next steps for the **Young Adult Ministry** at First Church. All Young Adults are invited. Lunch provided! For more information contact Mollie: mollie@faithatfirst.com.

Saturday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m. **Friends at First Progressive Dinner** for retired, or semi-retired, fun active adults. The hors d'oeuvres and dessert hosts are in place. Dinner hosts are being added. RSVP to Chris Webler at c.webler@gmail.com or 847-830-1063.

Join us on Sunday, June 3, 5:00-7:30 p.m. to **celebrate Pastor Dean's 23 years of ministry** at First Church and wish him well in retirement. Sign up online at <http://faithatfirst.com/registrations/>.

Interested in working on the celebration and/or helping to **welcome our new Pastor Grace Imathiu** this summer? Please contact Sue Hagedorn or Pam Kendall, at shagedorn123@aol.com, or pkendall@me.com.

Would you like to dedicate/donate **altar flowers** for an upcoming worship service? April 29 is an open date. \$120 for roses or \$65 for mixed arrangements. Contact pam@faithatfirst.com.

Adult Education

Male and Female God Created Them – *Sundays, April 15, 22, and 29*. This study of Genesis 1-3 explores the creation texts as sources for understanding gender identity and relations. This study considers the ancient Near Eastern sources on which their authors drew and their relationship to the full Bible. *Dining Room, 9:15 a.m.* Led by Phyllis Bird.

Shelter of the Spirit – *Sundays, April 15, 22, and 29*. This class invites participants to consider ways to make spaces in their homes for spiritual shelter. *Glenna Hall, 9:15 a.m.* Led by Mari Leonard.

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.

Young Adult Class – *Sundays at 9:00 a.m. at Panera*. Twenty- and thirty-somethings gather to reflect on faith in everyday life. Led by Mollie Foster. Questions? Email mollie@faithatfirst.com.

Children's and Youth Ministry

The **Created by God** faith and sexuality series for 5th & 6th graders will be offered on Sundays, April 15, 22 & 29 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. in room 34. Led by Nurse Practitioner and church member, Linda Federer. www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/.

Parents & Play will meet April 16 & 30 in Glenna Hall 9:30-11:00 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery. Questions about this group? Contact cherie@faithatfirst.com.

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

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. Register now at <http://faithatfirst.com/registrations/>

Mission and Outreach

Each Sunday after worship, our congregation makes **sack lunches to feed the hungry** in our community. To lend a hand, come to fellowship hour in Great Hall and look for the assembly line!

April 8, 2018
Sanctuary Attendance: 307

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, April 15	Adult ASP Trip Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist Created by God	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:35 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Room 34/Room 37
Monday, April 16	Parents and Play at First Grace Circle Refugee Committee	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room Glenna Hall
Tuesday, April 17	Mission and Outreach Adult Council Nominations Committee	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Conference Room Dining Room Glenna Hall
Wednesday, April 18	Staff Meeting Cherub Choir Rehearsal Children's Choir Rehearsal Potluck Dinner Handbell Choir Rehearsal Journey Read, Pray, Love Chancel Choir Rehearsal Finance Meeting	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.	Conference Room Room 33 Choir Room Dining Room Choir Room Choir Room Great Hall Glenna Hall Choir Room Conference Room
Thursday, April 19	Progressive Christianity Archives Coimmittee Soup Kitchen God's Story, Our Stories	12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Archives Room Dining Room Glenna Hall
Friday, April 20	Friends at First Fellowship Friday Night Live	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Great Hall
Saturday, April 21	First Feet Walking Group	9:00 a.m.	Church & Hinman
Sunday, April 22	Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist Greeter/Usher Meeting Gospel Choir Rehearsal Created by God ASP Youth Trip Prep	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 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Tittle Chapel Dining Room Choir Room Room 34/Room 37 Great Hall



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

Today's Worship Leadership, Sunday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Preaching: Dean Francis

Liturgist: Bonny Roth

Time with Children: Dean Francis

Minister of Music & Organist: Brian Schoettler

Music Assistant: Cody Michael Bradley

First Church Chancel Choir

Timpani: Nick Sakakeeny

Communion Celebrant: Phyllis Bird

Reader: Leah Holzwarth

Sound System: Frank Montagna & Chris White

Greeter/Usher Team Captain: Joe & Pat Haughney

Greeter/Usher Team: Andrew Connor, Jonathan

Nieuwsma, Clayton Root, Ed Webler

Acolytes: Charlie K. & Jack K.