

July 8, 2018

# First Things First

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## Prayers

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

*Janet Taylor, mother of Mary Taylor-Johnson, who is receiving hospice care.*

*Congratulations to Megan and Jordan Bloem on the birth of their son Arthur (Archie) Jacob Bloem, born July 1. Archie's big brother is Simon.*

## Worship & Fellowship

Visitors and others new to First Church are invited to stop by the **Welcome Spot** (look for the yellow sign) where you'll find a friendly person who can help you find your way around this faith community.

The **Fighting Methodists** softball team's next game is tomorrow, July 9 at 6:45 p.m. at Robert Crown Diamond east, where they will play the Rotary Rebels. On July 16, they will face the Excelerators at 7:45 p.m..

Would you like to **dedicate/donate altar flowers** for our 10:30 worship service? Open

Sundays in July are the 15th, or 22nd. Contact [pam@faithatfirst.com](mailto:pam@faithatfirst.com).

**Can you help** by providing treats for fellowship time after worship? Sign up at [www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/](http://www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/).

Join the **First Young Adults** on Friday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Smylie Brothers in Evanston. We're a group of students, professionals, and everything in between. New to town or new to the church, all are welcome! RSVP to Katherine or [office@faithatfirst.com](mailto:office@faithatfirst.com).

**New Fellowship Group:** *Coffee, Conversation and New Friends* gathers at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays twice a month. Sue Henderson [hender4629@gmail.com](mailto:hender4629@gmail.com) or Pam Johnson [jpamjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:jpamjohnson@gmail.com) can provide more info.

**July 14 Cookout/Potluck** at the home of Matt & Stephanie Peters for **adults under 50**. 3:00-8:00 p.m. 8950 Knox Ave. in Skokie, come rain or shine. Please RSVP to [stephdeloney@gmail.com](mailto:stephdeloney@gmail.com), with your choice of appetizer, salad, side or dessert. Meats provided.

Take a **Chef's Tour of the Evanston Farmers Market** on Saturday, July 28. First Church's Dave Zino will teach about picking produce, ideas for using the items and more. Meet at University and Maple Street at 9:00 a.m. Space is limited. For more details and to RSVP contact Leah Holzwarth at [leahlholzwarth@gmail.com](mailto:leahlholzwarth@gmail.com) or 305-942-9441.

## Music Ministry

French organist Thierry Escaich will present a free organ concert on July 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Loyola's Madonna della Strada Chapel. If you've never visited, meet Brian outside Noodles and Company at 2:00 p.m. and a group will take the CTA Red Line down to the concert.

## Children's and Youth Ministry

**Summer Youth Group** meets Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. here at church on July 18, and August 1 and 8. Summer road trip to Taste of Chicago on Wednesday, July 11. Meet at church at 4:30 p.m. and bring \$ for train fare and food. All youth entering grades 8-12 are welcome.

## Mission and Outreach

**Special Offering for Immigration Crisis:** In response to the humanitarian immigration crisis taking place on the US Mexico border we are taking a special offering to support an UMCOR project in Laredo, Texas. The Holdings Institute in Laredo is a historic UM agency "building community and sustaining hope" along the border in Laredo, Texas. Holding is listed on the map of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees as a member of their official relief network along the US-Mexico border. Holding currently receives asylum-seekers in precarious situations, such as pregnant women and mothers with infants. More information on Holding's work is available at: <http://www.holding-institute.org/>. Please make checks out to

UMCOR with *Rio Texas Conference Advance Special: #1622*.

The Evanston WE (Work Ethic) Program has been selected as the next **Pennies for Poverty** recipient. The WE program works with ETHS juniors and seniors who may be interested in exploring alternatives to attending a four-year college after graduation. Students in the program embark on a rigorous 2-year coursework of career-readiness seminars, are matched with a mentor to provide professional guidance, and are placed in summer internships to explore their intended profession. Individual counseling is also provided to guide students through potential post-high school education options. Drop your spare change into the offering plate to help.

Each Sunday after worship, our congregation makes **sack lunches to feed the hungry** in our community. To lend a hand, come to the kitchen at 10:00 a.m. and look for the assembly line!

**July 1, 2018**  
**Chapel Attendance: 66**  
**Worship in the Park Attendance: 98**

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

<b>Sunday, July 8</b>	Pancakes on the Lawn Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:35 a.m.	Hinman Lawn Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Glenna Hall
<b>Monday, July 9</b>	Children in Action Camp Fighting Methodists Softball Stewardship Campaign	9:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dining Room Robert Crown east Glenna Hall
<b>Tuesday, July 10</b>	Children in Action Camp	9:30 a.m.	Dining Room
<b>Wednesday, July 11</b>	Children in Action Camp Staff Meeting	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dining Room Conference Room
<b>Thursday, July 12</b>	Children in Action Camp Soup Kitchen SPRC	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Dining Room Dining Room Conference Room
<b>Friday, July 13</b>	Young Adults Dinner	6:30 p.m.	Smylie Brothers
<b>Saturday, July 14</b>	First Feet Walking Group Cookout/Potluck for Adults Under 50 Turntable for 8 Fellowship	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Church & Hinman Outside Event Outside Event
<b>Sunday, June 15</b>	Worship in the Park Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Eucharist Worship in Tittle Chapel	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Lunt Park Kitchen Glenna Hall Tittle Chapel



**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

- ◆ **Welcome Spot:** Visitors are welcome to stop by the Fountain Foyer to learn more about this faith community and its ministries. Please sign the welcome folder in worship so that we know you are here.
- ◆ **Parking** is free on Sundays at the garage on the corner of Church St. & Chicago Ave.
- ◆ **Nursery care is available Sundays**, beginning at 10:15 a.m., in our church nursery on the second floor. Please sign your child in and borrow a pager.
- ◆ **Fellowship Time** – join staff and church friends outside of Tittle Chapel after worship.
- ◆ **Church office hours** are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Podcast** at [www.faithatfirst.com](http://www.faithatfirst.com)
- ◆ **Wheelchairs** are available in the Narthex. There is an access ramp on Church St.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **The altar flowers** this morning are given in celebration of our new Senior Pastor, Grace Imathiu.

### Today’s Worship Leadership, Sunday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m.

**Preaching:** Grace Imathiu

**Reader:** Leah Holzwarth

**Liturgists:** Jane Cheema & Bonny Roth

**Communion Celebrant:** Ron Anderson

**Time with Children:** Grace Imathiu

**Greeter/Ushers:** Joe Haughney (Captain), Paula Carter & Georgia, Jim Champlin, Jan Chapin, Andrew & Greta Connor, Ann Robbins

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

**Music Assistant:** Cody Michael Bradley

**First Church Chancel Choir**

**Welcome Spot:** Nancy Pendergrass

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