

October 7, 2018

First Things First

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Prayers

Nancy Anderson, Steve Armstrong, Priscilla Arndt, Helen Ammons, Laura Bowers, John Driscoll, 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, Dorothy Wolter & Rose Wright.

Condolences to Muriel Clair and family on the death of John Clair on September 28.

Sookee Carrigan's mother, Hyo-Soon Choi, who is receiving hospice care.

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 volunteer who can help you find your way around this faith community.

47 local adults visited First Church on Sept. 30. How many did you welcome? Please continue to (1) wear your name tag; (2) pass the welcome folders; and (3) greet those sitting near you.

Need a name tag? Please stop by the church office to request one.

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet at 7:00 a.m. in the dining room on Thursday, Oct. 11. All men are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to dadart51@gmail.com so we have enough bacon to go around. \$7 donation.

The Afternoon Circle will meet on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the dining room for coffee and dessert. Call Rachel Fowler at 847-328-3496 for more information.

First Flicks, the First Church movie discussion group has selected *Colette* for its movie to discuss on Friday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 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 donnaraeenslow2@gmail.com.

Fellowship Opportunities –Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13 & 14, Marion Clemens is **looking for many volunteers** to welcome visitors as First Church will be open for Open House Chicago. redmarion77@comcast.net.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Hands are needed to sort and pack (then out for a snack) at Bernie's Book Bank in Lake Bluff. Contact lfederer@ameritech.net for more info.

Young Adult Gathering after worship on Sunday, October 14. Come to lunch after church and hear about what's in the works for YA fellowship and bring your best ideas. We'll meet at the church office and walk to a nearby restaurant. Contact jane@faithatfirst.com for information.

Couples Salon will meet on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m., and is being hosted by Judy Freitag and David D'Arcy, 2719 Park Place in Evanston. Please RSVP to David & Judy at davidjudy@dadjaf.com with your choice of side dish or dessert.

Adult Classes in October

Intro to Psalms continues *Sunday, Oct. 14 at 9:15 a.m. in Room K*. Led by Janet Lutz.

What is the Bible? This Faith Builders class continues *Sunday, Oct. 14 in the Conference Room. Sunday at 9:15 and Monday, Oct. 8 at 7:00 p.m.* Led by Virginia Lee.

Exploring the Way, *Sunday, Oct. 14-No. 18 at 9:15*. Barb Miller leads this faith formation class for those who are ready to explore prayer and faith practices in their daily lives. Send an e-mail to Bonny Roth to register: bonny@faithatfirst.com. Books will be ordered, \$11.00.

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, *Sundays, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4 at 9:15, or Mondays Oct. 22, 29 & Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m.. Location TBA*. Study of book *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond. Send an e-mail to Bonny Roth to register: bonny@faithatfirst.com. Purchase your own book. Led by Craig Chambers and Mission and Outreach Committee members.

Children's and Youth Ministry

Contact Cherie Asante at cherie@faithatfirst.com, or Jane Cheema @ jane@faithatfirst.com for info.

Youth Ministry is starting! Please register your youth (grades 7-12) and complete the covenant/medical form for the year. www.faithatfirst.com/registrations/.

Children's Ministry registration for the year is available at <http://faithatfirst.com/registrations/>.

Parents & Play will continue to meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays through May. This group meets in Glenna Hall 9:30-11:00 a.m. for fellowship and conversations on parenting. Childcare is provided.

Children's Ministry **Mid-Winter Retreat** to Timber Ridge Lodge & **Waterpark** in Lake

Geneva, WI February 1-2. Rooms are limited. Register at <http://faithatfirst.com/registrations/>. For more information, contact cherie@faithatfirst.com.

Mission and Outreach

Adult Mission Journey to Detroit is Nov. 14-17. We will be working with Motown Mission and helping with home rehab. For more info., come to an info. meeting today after worship. Register at <http://faithatfirst.com/registrations/>.

Save the Date! No need to change this diaper (event): Bundled Blessings Diaper Pantry will again host **"Bottoms Up,"** an off-site fundraising event on Sunday evening, **November 18** at Candlelite Chicago. Please join us for an informal evening of food, friendship, networking, and updates on how Bundled Blessings is helping to ensure that the littlest members of our community are well-covered. More info to come soon!

Social Justice Committee meets Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Topic is immigration justice with a short presentation by Dr. Ilsup Ahn. All member and friends of First Church are welcome! For more info. or to be added to the email list for this committee contact Chairperson Ilsup Ahn iahn@northpark.edu.

September 30, 2018
Worship Attendance: 284



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 9:00 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 in Great Hall after worship.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 loving memory of Oliver Richard Aspegren III by his family.

Today’s Worship Leadership, Sunday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m.

- Preaching:** Grace Imathiu
- Liturgist:** Bonny Roth
- Time with Young Disciples:** Grace Imathiu
- Minister of Music & Organist:** Brian Schoettler
- Music Assistant:** Cody Michael Bradley
- First Church Chancel Choir**
- First Church Gospel Choir**
- First Church Handbell Choir**
- Timpani:** Jeff Wolfe
- Readers:** Stewardship Committee Members
- Communion Set-up:** Moy-Johnson Family
- Communion Servers:** Matthew Diener, Samuel D., Jack Hinz and Cate Whitcomb, Elaine and Matthew Moy Johnson, Max and Sam M.J.
- Sound System:** Frank Montagns & Chris White
- Greeter/Ushers:** Carol Barnett and Team
- Welcome Spot:** Jonathan Easter, Sara Osborne
- Love in Action Story:** Becky Eberhart
- Collection Counters:** Jack Hinz, Nancy Pendergrass & Martha Rudy

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, October 7 World Communion Sunday	Inquirers Class Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Children’s Council Adult Mission Trip Informational Meeting	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Glenna Hall Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Conference Room Glenna Hall
Monday, October 8	Parents and Play at First Faith Builders	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall Glenna Hall
Tuesday, October 9	Coffee, Conversations & New Friends Financial Peace University Social Justice Committee Church Council	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Golden Olympic Glenna Hall Conference Room Dining Room
Wednesday, October 10	Bible Study Staff Meeting Children’s Choir Rehearsal Handbell Choir Rehearsal Journey High School Youth Bundled Blessings Diaper Packing Festival Choir Rehearsal	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Glenna Hall Conference Room Choir Room Choir Room Great Hall Room K Choir Room
Thursday, October 11	Men’s Breakfast Group Read, Pray, Love 2 Afternoon Circle Soup Kitchen God’s Story, Our Stories	7:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dining Room Conference Room Dining Room Dining Room Glenna Hall
Friday, October 12	First Flicks Movie Discussion Group	7:00 p.m.	Glenna Hall
Saturday, October 13	First Feet Walking Group Open House Chicago	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Church & Hinman
Sunday, October 14 Ingathering Sunday	Inquirers Class Sunday School Classes Choir Rehearsal Worship Service Fellowship Time Sunday Sack Lunch Ministry Young Adult Lunch Open House Chicago Club 123	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 1:00-5:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Glenna Hall Various Locations Sanctuary Sanctuary Great Hall Great Hall Meet by Office Dining Room