



Church Life

February 5, 2012

Announcements

TODAY IS SCOUT SUNDAY: Join us in Stewart Hall to enjoy Scout made donuts as we honor the Boy Scouts of America.

JOIN US FOR OUR TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE this Friday, February 10th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we allow the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity in song and prayer. For more information, go to our website at <http://www.firstpreswheaton.org/worship/taizeprayerservice.shtml>.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY FOR THE KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN DINNER! Those of you who know your Scottish history, and all others, may partake in a Kirkin' O' the Tartans Supper on Saturday, February 11th, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale for a miserly \$10 per plate between services every Sunday and in the church office during the week. Please contact Emily Schmitz at 630-544-9293 with any questions.

OUR KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN SERVICES will be held on Sunday, February 12th at 8:30 & 10:45. Hopefully all of you who have tartans will be able to participate. If you cannot be there to carry your tartan you may designate someone to carry it for you. Participants will meet in Stewart Hall on the 12th at 8:00 a.m. to receive instructions for the processions. We will also be selling Kirkin' scarves for \$10 between services beginning today. The scarves are a great way to celebrate our service on the 12th and the proceeds will help offset Kirkin' Weekend costs. Please call Ruth Lundy at 630-293-1622 with any questions.

COPIES OF THE NEW BOOK PASTOR KIRBAS has edited, entitled *This Sacred Earth*, will be available for purchase today on the Link for \$21. Pastor Paul's current sermon series, and upcoming Faith Builders class in April, are based on the book. Purchase your copy now and begin to explore the basic and important question of whether nature is sacred in and of its own right, and if so, what is a proper understanding of our human place within it.

FIRST PRES PRESCHOOL & PRE-K: We are now enrolling for the 2012-13 school year. Help us spread the word by telling your friends and neighbors. Have them contact Chandra Gravit at 630-668-5147 or preschool@firstpreswheaton.org. or refer them to our website at <http://www.firstpreswheaton.org/education/nursery>.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES in the church office. If you would like an envelope set and did not see yours, contact Joan Johnson in the office.

PASTOR JAY'S BIBLE STUDY: Come join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Living Room to study the Book of Revelations.

QUALIFIED SENIOR CITIZENS MAY APPLY FOR THE Senior Citizen Real

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Estate Tax Deferral Program which allows participants to defer property tax payment until the property is sold. Certain criteria must be met and the application period closes March 1st. To find out if you qualify call 630-407-5900 or go to www.dupageco.org/treasurer.

Visiting Today?

We're glad you're here! If you would like more information about our church, please speak with the greeters at the Welcome Desk in the Rotunda. You may also call the church office at 630-668-5147 or visit our website, www.firstpreswheaton.org.

You are invited to join our Education Hour! Classes and times may be found in this bulletin and classrooms are listed in the Rotunda.

Service Times

Sunday at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Education Hour for All

9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

We welcome you as we would welcome Christ himself!

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PLEASE BRING YOUR OLD CELL PHONES to the church office to be recycled. Our Genesis program receives money for all phones turned in, along with your used ink jet cartridges. This money is used to support our adopted daughter through Compassion International, Scovia Twongirwe from Uganda.

GENESIS IS STILL COLLECTING strings of Christmas lights through February. One bin was filled and bin #2 is almost full! Tell your friends and neighbors, every strand helps with retreat expenses for our Middle Schoolers. Contact Mary Kinsey for more information.

Care Giving Ministry

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: If you are experiencing grief related to a loss and separation as a result of the loss of a loved one, a job, a divorce, or other reasons, please consider attending the First Pres Grief Support Group's monthly meeting. Contact the church office or check the calendar for details.

CARITAS VISITOR MINISTRY: We have many members who are unable to come to church this winter but would appreciate a visit. Could you help us by reaching out to these members? To get more information about the need please contact Luanne Brennan 630-533-1843 or Dianne Lambert 630-668-3269.

DID YOU KNOW? After the care giving relationship has had closure, many times a new and lasting friendship results from the Stephen Ministry program. If you or someone you know could use the help of a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Kyle (668-5147), Henrieta Ribeiro (221-1994), Bob Young (668-6886), or Beth Stremel (690-4198).

JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUP: First Pres & Gary United Methodist jointly offer a career ministry group that meets at Gary United on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you are in career transition or wondering how to best use the gifts and talents God has given you, join us for an uplifting spiritual message, networking and job search strategy. For more information, please call Angela Stephenson at 630-200-2533.

Children & Youth

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week's lesson: The Talents - *Matthew 25:14-30*. Come join your friends and make new friends!

GENESIS EDUCATION HOUR: 6th Grade - Ruth; A non-Jewish ancestor of David. 7th Grade - The Return of Jesus Christ.

LOGOS: February 8th, 5:00 - 7:15 p.m. The theme is *Kirkin' O' the Tartan*.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes today, February 5th, with "The Jesus Creed" and WF resumes February 12th with our winter clothing drive and guest speaker Jeff Buster!

EIGHTH GRADERS & PARENTS: Confirmation begins during Education Hour today, February 5th.

Children & Youth

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION: Each month one of our Sunday School classes will be sponsoring an opportunity to donate items for a local agency. On February 12th and 19th there will be a collection box in the Rotunda for gloves and mittens of all sizes that our pre-school Sunday School class is leading. The congregation is invited to share any gloves or mittens to help folks through the end of the cold weather.

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School 2012 begins June 18th.

Mission

PRESCRIPTION FOR LIFE: It's time for our 3rd annual support of the Older Adult Program by helping fill a prescription bottle with spare change (or bills and checks!). This program includes opportunities for social programs, the Mood and Memory Clinic, monthly Lunch and Learns, and field trips. Watch for our display in the rotunda this month and be sure to pick up a bottle today. For questions, please contact Rachel Abbott, Alice Lechiara or Robbie Spehr.

THEATRE & DESSERT SPRING EVENT! A one-act play and dessert event will be sponsored by Abraham's Children this spring. The committees are almost in place, but we still need volunteers to make this event a success. Please come to lend a hand in bringing this new talked about theatre event to our church and community. We meet on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in LL107. Questions? Contact Rev. Paul Kirbas at 630-668-5147 or Susan Drinan at 630-653-8309. Bring a neighbor, bring a friend, there is something for everyone to do!

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Interested in learning more about the mission programs of our church? If you have compassion for people in need and would like to help plan and carry out these mission opportunities, give some thought to joining this committee. Please contact John McConnell with any questions at 630-390-8427 or John.McConnell@summitmg.com.

ROSELAND COMMUNITY GOOD NEWS DAY CARE CENTER: We continue to collect children's clothing, diapers, and wipes for Ms. Pearl and her Good News Day Care Center. Any questions, please call Jan Foster. Thank you!

Fellowship

THE SINGLE ADULT FELLOWSHIP will meet at noon on Sunday, February 12th in the Living Room. Please contact Alan Konfirst with any questions.

MEN'S LUNCHEON: The February Men's Luncheon on February 21st is a very special event! It is a follow up of the Madame Butterfly opera that many of you attended in January. Our speaker is Kirk Muspratt, Conductor of the COD Philharmonic Orchestra, that provided the orchestral background for this masterpiece opera. For this very special occasion the ladies of the church are invited. The luncheon starts promptly at noon at Windsor Park Manor with our guest speaker scheduled for 12:50 p.m. The cost is \$10 and reservations are required by calling the church office by Friday, February 17th.

YOUR FPC BOOK CLUB is beginning a new book in February titled "Have a Little Faith: A True Story" by Mitch Albom. Come join us for an enjoyable discussion on this book on Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the living room. Questions? Please contact Mary Kinsey at 630-668-5147 x20.

SAVE THE DATE! On Saturday March 3rd, from 8:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m., Pastor Paul Kirbas will be facilitating a retreat on the ever changing ways technology has effected communication and what that has done to our relationships. The retreat will include a continental breakfast and box lunch. Watch for further details about the workshop - there will be a small fee to cover the costs. This event is sponsored by the First Pres Singles Ministry, and ALL ARE WELCOME!

Stewardship

The whole of a Christian's life - his/her personality, time, talent, influence, material substance - *everything* - is dedicated to Christ.

PLEDGE UPDATE 2-2-2012

	2011	2012
# Annual Pledge Commitments	356	319
Amount Pledged	\$1,043,176	\$1,052,980
Operating Budget	\$1,378,686	\$1,272,867
Anticipated Total Income*		\$1,246,900
Needed for a Balanced Budget		\$25,967

**Anticipated total income comes from sources other than pledged giving, such as unpledged giving, building use fees, & investment income.*

Thank you for returning your Estimate of Giving cards so that we might better plan for ministry and mission at First Pres in 2012. If you have not yet completed your Estimate of Giving card please consider doing so. Please contact the church office if you would like one sent to you or you can find them in the church pew or online at www.firstpreswheaton.org.

Pathways Adult Education

Session 3: January 8th - February 5th (No Class on 1/29)

Lessons from Pine Ridge

The Lakota Indians of South Dakota are an intriguing story and microcosm of the plight and problem of indigenous peoples today. This class will share this particular story, as well as the necessity and difficult processes of forgiveness and reconciliation which North American Christians must wrestle with for a truly full and concrete gospel. Taught by Pastor Jay in the Ministry Center.

Walter Percy: Many Questions and Some Answers

Walter Percy, the southern, Catholic novelist, once described his task as that of "diagnosing the modern malaise." In this 5 week class we will explore his view of both spiritual "sickness" and its potential "cure" through reading and discussing his novel, *The Second Coming*, as well as viewing a recent documentary of his tragic yet quietly inspiring life. Taught by Richard Lauber in SH 103.

Grace: How Amazing

In the fall of 2006, when a gunman killed five Amish children and injured five others in a Nickel Mines, Pa., one-room schoolhouse, media attention rapidly turned from the tragic events to the extraordinary forgiveness demonstrated by the Amish community toward the murderer and his family. We will explore the tenets of the book and film entitled *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*. Taught by Robb Frank in the Living Room.

Participants in Worship

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Coffee will be available in the Rotunda following the 8:30 service. The hosts are deacons Jan Foster, Tanya Downing and Alan Konfirst.

DEACONS AND USHERS AT 8:30: The greeters are Jan Foster, Tanya Downing and Alan Konfirst. The ushers are Keith Swinden, Head Usher; Dennis Bass, Captain; Darren Lange, Connor Ostrander, Lee Ostrander, Earl Swearingen, and Paul Verden. The communion servers are Cindy Bass, Peggy O'Neil and Bruce Walker.

DEACONS AND USHERS AT 10:45: The greeters are deacons Kathryn Pinto and Tad Mallery. The ushers are Kyle Walker, Head Usher; Doug Krynicki, Van Lear, Roy Peregrine, Jay Seymour, Justin Seymour and Michael Spires. The communion servers are Andy Leonard, Julie Leonard and Kyle Walker.