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FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

Where Christ is Central and Diversity is Cherished

February 2011



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, IN THE SANCTUARY
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Dear FCC Members,

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the fifteen-member Associate Pastor Search Committee in accordance with the FCC Constitution.

It is with much excitement that I share with you that we are entering the next phase of our pastoral search process, one that will lead to the calling of a new Associate Pastor to our fellowship.

On November 14 of last year, we called the Rev. Fred Lyon to be our Senior Pastor. At the end of that meeting, the Nominating Committee announced that it would begin receiving nominations for the search committee to find our next Associate Pastor. As was done for the Senior Pastor search, the FCC Nominating Committee accepted nominations for the Associate Pastor Search Committee (APSC) from the congregation through postings in the Narthex, announcements from the pulpit and through weekly notices in our Faith Family Matters bulletin. After receiving nominations from the congregation, in the midst of Advent, the Nominating Committee immediately began a very thorough and diligent process of forming the APSC slate.

Members of the Governing Board met with the Nominating Committee on January 25 and enthusiastically approved the nominees for the APSC. The election by the congregation is now the final step in the process for the selection and call of the APSC. It is for this purpose that we request your presence on February 13.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee and Governing Board, the nominees for the fifteen-member Associate Pastor Search Committee are:

Deborah Robertson, Chairperson
Sandy Cerveny, Organizer
Kristiana Bailey
Steve Bennett
Eric Butler

Nate Grant
Fred Hanzelin
Esther Jenkins
Larry Kane
Julie Lindstrom

Val Litchfield
Chris Riedel
Pat Mucklow
Rebecca Pugh
Laura Walter

At the February 13 meeting, in addition to the election of the APSC, further information will be shared on the Nominating Committee selection process and the upcoming process of the APSC in the eventual calling of our new Associate Pastor. I hope to see you there.

Joined in Christ,

Bob Norby, Governing Board Chair



Third Grade Bibles



The Third Grade Bible Class begins Sunday, February 6, during 10:30 a.m. Sunday school. All children and their

families should have received a mailing with all the details. If you did not, please contact us immediately.



SportsLife Camp is coming back!

We know it's not too soon to start planning your summer activities, and we don't want you to miss out on the outrageous fun. FCC will be hosting SportsLife Camp the week of Monday, **June 13**. It will be an evening camp again, so mark your calendars and start spreading the word! More info to come soon.

G.L.O.W.
God Lights Our Way

Leslie Lowry & Belinda Lowry
Co-Directors Children's Ministries
kids@fccfaithful.org
798-2800 ext. 16



Second Sunday
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Do you have special memories of church camp?



Campfires, songs, hikes, special moments of experiencing closeness to God and to each other? Hiking up the side of Mount Baldy? Hours of Prey and Predator? Running back down the side of Mount Baldy? Sleeping on the beach? The sun setting on the lake at the end of a wonderful day?

Many FCC members, youth and adults alike, have treasured memories of weeks at Camp Gray, the Presbyterian Camp in Saugatuck, Michigan. For twenty-five years, FCC youngsters, teens, and adults experienced a week of outdoor learning, bonding, and fun together on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The Camp Gray property is now for sale to developers, and many devoted former campers are working hard to raise the funds to secure this land for camping purposes, as it has been for over 100 years.

The Board of Lakeshore Christian Camping (www.prescamps4ever.org) is composed of Presbyterian leaders (many Elders) from six Chicago area churches, all campers, who are committed to safeguarding and enhancing the camping ministry in Saugatuck. As of November, LCC had received pledges and donations from individuals, Chicago area Presbyterian churches, and organizations and churches outside the Presbytery of Chicago, representing 33 states, Canada, and two European countries.

Representatives of Lakeshore Christian Camping will be at FCC on Sunday, February 13, to present the camp story, their vision for the camp, and to talk with us about the financing of this undertaking. They will be the guests of our Board of Outreach Ministries at the Second Sunday Focus on Outreach, from 10:30 – 11:30am on Sunday, February 13 in the Chapel.



If you believe in the importance of providing for Christian Camping experiences for future generations, and saving this irreplaceable property, LCC will explain how you can play a part.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Girls Rule!

Pictured are some highlights from the recent FCC Youth Girls Retreat to Tower Hill!



Souper Bowl of Caring SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. On February 6, youth from the Genesis Youth Group will be collecting donations in soup pots following worship ... a donation of \$1 from everyone in church will go a long way!

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to Respond Now, our 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.



ADULT EDUCATION

DISCOVERY FORUM

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room

Join the continuing discussion of Krista Tippett's *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters and How to Talk About It* on February 6, 13, and 27. No advance preparation is necessary as we read the text aloud and discuss it. Books are available to use during the discussion. This month we're talking about Martin Marty's study of fundamentalism in 23 religions around the world.

On February 20, the "Third Sunday Book Club" will discuss Heidi Durrow's novel *The Girl Who Fell From the Sky*, a sensitive debut that weaves a narrative about race, family, love and self-discovery into a spellbinding tale. Join us.

FORGIVENESS – MAKING PEACE WITH YOUR PAST AND MOVING ON WITH YOUR LIFE

Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor

The power of forgiveness has been proven to have a positive effect on individuals emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Acts of forgiveness have been the turning point in the coming together of communities. And, it is central to who we are as Christians. Priscilla Boyd, trained psychotherapist, seeker, and experienced traveler on the rocky road toward wholeness, will lead the class on Sundays at 10:30 during the month of February (no class February 20) through Sunday, March 6. Each session stands alone so that you may attend all or part of the series as it fits your schedule. Priscilla will offer tips and strategies for accessing Spirit through the use of journaling, meditation and visualization. There will be some time for guided practice each session. The documentary "The Power of Forgiveness" will be shown on February 27. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING CONNECTIONS

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Parlor

One of our original Connections small groups is still going strong. The Wednesday Morning Women's Connections Group, coordinated by Sandy Cerveny, shifts regularly from devotions and book studies to conversations with outside sources and, of course, always fellowship. If you are interested in a Wednesday morning reflection and fellowship experience, please contact Sandy for further information.

FRIDAY MORNING WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Fridays at 9 a.m. in the Meditation Room

Friday mornings bring a special blessing to FCC as a group of women gather to reflect, to study, and to pray. With the steadfastness of Mary and the dedication of Ruth, these women open themselves to the Holy Spirit as they lift FCC to God in prayer. For more information, please contact Patti Taylor or call Pastor Kim in the church office.

IN PROGRESS

The second round of the Disciple study on Psalms is currently in session. We will continue to explore new opportunities for programs from the Disciple Series to offer later this year.



South Suburban Choir Festival

**Sunday, February 27 at 3 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

The 30-something annual South Suburban Choir Festival will be hosted by FCC this year. Eight local church choirs will each sing two anthems, interspersed with three combined numbers. Participating churches are:

Faith United Protestant
First Presbyterian of Chicago Heights
First Presbyterian of Homewood
Hazel Crest Community
United Methodist
Olympia Fields United Methodist
St. Andrew United Methodist
St. Paul Community
and, of course,
Flossmoor Community Church.

Admission is free and seating with a view will be available in the balcony.



**Look out for these upcoming
Adult Education opportunities
on the horizon:**

Estate Planning
led by Brian Dobben

**Special Lenten Study
Opportunities**

Parent Education Groups

(PEGs)

Internet Safety Presentation

Wednesday, February 23 at 7 p.m. in the Family Room

Parent of a teen or pre-teen? Join us for this special PEGS-sponsored Internet Safety presentation.



Our guest presenters Andrea Collins and Lisa Collins have several years of experience as media specialists in area high schools. As more and more libraries convert to electronic records, their concern has also focused on electronic media and especially on how to keep teenagers safe. They will inform parents about best practices in how to be safe on the Internet in an engaging and fascinating presentation.

Please plan to join us. Contact Mary Jean Meulbroek at 708-798-6903 or email mjmeulbroek@hotmail.com for additional information.



Create, Reuse, Recycle

February 8, 15, and 22
from 9 am to noon

Join us as the PEGs Boutique/Bazaar morning workshops resume. Come to the Multipurpose Room at the end of Fellowship Hall where a vast array of crafts, sewing projects, knitting, painting, gluing, and conversation await you. We welcome everyone regardless of experience. Learn a new craft or teach us something you'd like to do. Evening workshops will resume in the spring.



Spreading a Little Sunshine!

PEGs Day-Grads created these colorful flowers at their January meeting to brighten the tables in the assisted living dining area of Sunrise Retirement Center. We are sure they brightened the hearts of many in the bleak midwinter!

Women's & Men's ASSOCIATION



Meeting and Luncheon
Wednesday, February 9
at 12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Stefano Guandalini, MD, Founder and Medical Director of the University of Chicago Celiac Disease Center will present an overview of the most common genetic food intolerance in the world: Celiac Disease. This condition- an intolerance to wheat, barley, and rye- affects 1% of all Americans, or about 3 million people; yet only less than 5% of them are diagnosed. Celiac individuals who keep eating gluten are at risk of many, serious consequences. Learn what the symptoms are and how you can get diagnosed.



A message from the Stewardship committee:

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

James 1:17 (NSRV)

As his faith-filled stewards, all of the good that we do for each other begins with God. He is the source of the gifts that we use to serve the mission and the ministries of our church. Our time, talents and treasure come from his hands and pass through our hands to reach the destination that he intends for them. All that we do cannot be done without God.

The glory of God is constant and everlasting. He does not change with time or circumstance. What He was before is what he is now and what he will be hereafter. God is always present, ministering to us as he uses each one of us to serve him. In this way, his goodness and love is present within and around each one of us. Our acts of stewardship allow us to realize his glory and to share our experience of God.

The members of the Stewardship committee thank the congregation for all that you do and all that you continue to do for Flossmoor Community Church. Each of you is a steward of the glory of God; unique in your capacity to share his goodness and love. Together, we magnify the glory of his name.



Our Sympathy and Prayers to:

Irene Scheffke and family in the death of her brother, Roberto J. Cavazos (CA), on January 3.

Debbie Wheeler and family in the death of her father, Ted Greenhalgh.

Wendy Pitcock and family in the death of her father, Robert Fuerstenberg, on January 6.

The family and friends of Donald Kreger, who died January 19.

Paul Uzureau and family in the death of his father, Roger Uzureau (France) on January 23.

DID YOU KNOW?



*The Presbytery of Chicago and
Calvary United Protestant Church*

INVITE YOU TO THE ORDINATION OF

Lesley Weir

TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT
IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011 AT 4 P.M.
CALVARY UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH
425 N. ORCHARD DRIVE, PARK FOREST, ILLINOIS

RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



FEBRUARY

Worship from 9-10 a.m. & 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Adult Education: 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Time: 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Youth Groups: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Promised Land Church School: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Groups: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Nursery Care: 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Tues	Feb 1	Diaconate (PA) Children's Ministries (A2C) Adult Ministries (Rm. 23)	6:30 pm 7 7:30 pm
Wed	Feb 2	Personnel (FR)	7:30 pm
Sun	Feb 6	Communion Souper Bowl of Caring	
Tues	Feb 8	Finance (LB) Outreach (PA) Christian Ed (GE) Congregational Life (Rm.22) Properties (Rm. 23) Nominating (FR) Lay Ministries (A2C) Worship & the Arts (GS)	6:30 pm 7 7:15 7:30
Wed	Feb 9	Women's & Men's Association Meeting & Luncheon (FH)	12 pm
Sun	Feb 13	Outreach "Second Sunday" (CP) Special Meeting of Congregation Following 10:30 am worship	10:30 am
Mon	Feb 14	Valentine's Day	
Tues	Feb 15	Stephen Ministry Peer Support (FR, PA) Stewardship (SPO)	7 pm 7:30
Mon	Feb 21	President's Day	
Tues	Feb 22	Governing Board (FH)	7 pm
Wed	Feb 23	Foundation (FH)	7:30 pm
Sun	Feb 27	Choir Fest (SA)	3 pm



SPECIAL WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Mon	HFHS Moms in Touch Prayer Group (OAS)	9 am
Tues	PEGs Bazaar Workshop (MP)	9 am
	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	9:30 am
	Staff Meeting (FR)	1 pm
Wed	Chair Yoga (SC)	11 am
	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	12:30 pm
	Cherub Choir (FR)	4
	Jubilate Choir (CP)	
	Youth Leadership (CP)	7:30
Thurs	Chancel Ringers (RRB)	6:30
	Chancel Choir (CP)	7:30
	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	7:30
Fri	Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	9:30 am
Sat	Men's Church at the Train Station (CATS) - Flossmoor Station Restaurant	8 am
Sun	PADS (FH)	6 pm

CALENDAR CODES

A2C	Acts2Crew (Rm. 10)	GS	Gathering Space	OAS	Oasis (Rm 11)	SPO	Sr. Pastor's Office
CP	Chapel	GE	Genesis Room	PA	Parlor	TR	Tower Room
CH	Community House	LB	Library	PEGs	Parent Education Groups	TP	Temple (Room 12)
CS	Creation Station (Rm. 15)	MPT	MasterPeace Theater (Rm. 14)	RRB	Rehearsal Room B	WMA	Women's & Men's Association
FR	Family Room	MPR	Multipurpose Room	SA	Sanctuary	WPS	Weekday Preschool
FH	Fellowship Hall	NU	Nursery	SC	Spirituality Center	YC	Youth Crossings

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FROM FRED



At the onset of my ministry at the last church I served, I was briefed about the focus of the congregation resulting from discussion groups and responses to a survey completed a few months before I arrived. I was told that there were five important findings.

One, the congregation intended to nurture more meaningful worship. Two, people were interested in deepening their spiritual lives. Three, they sought to be more engaged in Christian education. Four, there was a strong commitment to making sure there was a healthy balance between congregational care and mission outreach. "Wow," I was thinking as the

person briefing me paused before moving on to the fifth finding, *"how cool that these folks have this kind of focus."*

Five, they wanted to accomplish all of this in one hour a week.

"Good luck with that."

Well what do you expect from a congregation filled with such highly accomplished hard charging type A personalities whose lives and careers and overall obligations and responsibilities keep them and their families just too busy for words?

My impression so far is that the pace of suburban life around Chicago is not all that different from the pace around Washington, DC. Time is at a premium. High expectations are placed on rapid results. But sometimes, just like the run on sentence that I wrote above needs spaces, our run on (and on and on and on) lives need spaces -- spaces for rest, spaces for reflection, spaces for growing spiritually, both personally and as a community of faith.

Take and make time to be holy. One hour a week won't do it. This is a day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year venture.



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