

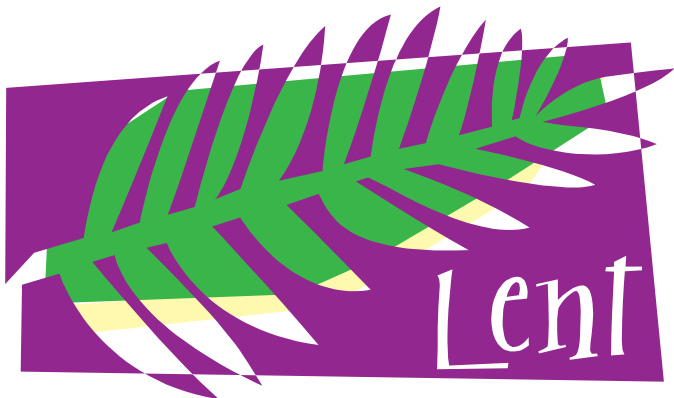


NORTH CHURCH

FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

Where Christ is Central and Diversity is Cherished

March 2011



Ash Wednesday
Evening Concert and Worship
Wednesday, March 9

Join us for both a concert and worship service to mark the beginning of Lent.

The concert will be held in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m., and will feature the Lyon College Choir from Batesville, Arkansas. They will be accompanied by former FCC organist Russell Stinson. Immediately following the concert, the worship service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Worship will include the imposition of ashes and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Lyon College Choir will worship with us and offer music as part of the service.

Embracing the Seismic Christ:
Contemplative Wednesdays during Lent

Wednesdays during Lent
March 16 - April 20 at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
in the Spirituality Center

Beginning the week after Ash Wednesday, there will be weekday opportunities available to observe the spiritual discipline of contemplation. On Wednesdays at both 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., you are invited to gather in the Spirituality Center to reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon, preview the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's message, share joys and concerns, and participate in guided meditation and silent contemplation.

Pastors Kim and Fred will share the leadership of these gatherings, and all are welcome to attend.

See the back page for more information on Lenten worship!

Mardi Gras
with a Christian Twist!



Sunday, March 6
11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Join us for our Second Annual Mardi Gras Celebration with a Christian Twist! Lent is a time of looking up and letting God in. It is a reflective time of preparation for what is to come. As we prepare to enter into this reflective time, we will celebrate on the Sunday before Lent with a Mardi Gras-like festival full of fun food, laughter, games, and cake!!! People of all ages - children, youth, and adults - are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided (a free will offering will be taken) and there will be games and activities for all! Please sign up by Tuesday, March 1 at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Marie Maass (922-9255 or mass929@comcast.net)

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Bible Class



Children who have participated in the four week bible class will receive their personalized Bibles, **Sunday, March 6 at the 9 a.m. service.** Come and witness this milestone in the lives of these children. A cake reception in their honor will follow the service.



SportsLife Camp is coming back!

Save **June 13 -16** for another action packed, fun and faith filled week for elementary school age boys and girls at FCC. Watch your email and snail mail for registration and more details. The camp will be held Monday through Thursday from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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

*Belinda Lowry, Director of Children's Ministries
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Many Thanks to Leslie Lowry!



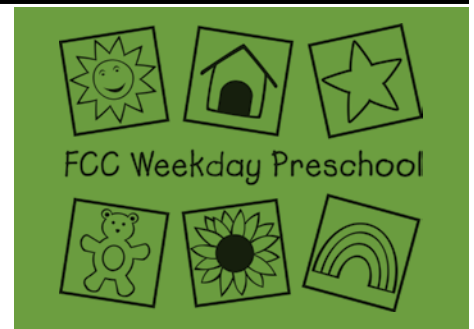
Leslie Lowry has made the decision to conclude her responsibilities as Co-Director of FCC's Children's Ministries at the end of February. In recent months, Leslie's mother, who is 85 years old and lives in Arizona, has gone through a marked decline in health. As a result, Leslie needs more time to focus on and attend to her mother's increasing needs.

The good news is that Leslie will continue as Director of the Praise Team, the schedule for which allows for greater flexibility if she needs to be with her mother. Also, Belinda Lowry will

now be the sole Director of Children's Ministries. Leslie will work with Belinda to prepare a smooth transition in time for the beginning of March.

Please take the time to thank Leslie for her faithful service to Children's Ministries, and keep her family, especially her mother, in your prayers. Also thank Belinda for her ongoing work as Director, especially by contributing whatever volunteer support you can give to Children's Ministries.

Godspeed and Peace,
Pastor Fred

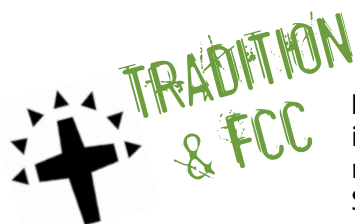


The FCC Weekday Preschool spring fundraiser, Butter Braids, will be available to order through March 4. These delicious baked goods are great for your Easter brunch or anytime treat. Available in apple, bavarian creme, blueberry cream cheese, caramel, cherry, cinnamon, cream cheese, raspberry, & strawberry. Order forms are located at the Hospitality Desk in the Lobby. With every Butter Braid ordered, the Preschool earns 40% to raise funds to make additions to the playground and classrooms this spring. Butter Braid pick up will be Tuesday morning, March 22 in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting the children at Weekday Preschool!



A long standing tradition that began more than 25 years ago at Weekday Preschool is the annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Each January, our library is transformed into a forest wonderland for children with their stuffed animals to visit for stories, music, and snacks. This has been a favorite activity that has spanned generations and continues with the help of our fabulous parents and staff.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



YOUTH WORSHIP

Sunday, March 20 at 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Led by our Senior Staffers, youth worship will center around the theme "Tradition", but it will not be your normal Sunday morning worship experience! Music, Scripture and a message will be shared, but with a "Youth Group" twist. Please plan to attend this special Sunday and hear from our oldest youth.

YOUTH ON THE MOVE!

This summer, Youth Ministries is sponsoring two trips beyond our walls!



BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP

Have you ever longed for an adventure unlike any other? Then the canoe trip is for you! For six days and five nights, you will paddle on crystal clear lakes and calm streams and portage through pristine forest towards your amazing campsite. Free time brings swimming, fishing, napping, watching the stars and enjoying the company of your canoe group.

The trip is open to anyone who has completed 8th grade or up and it is a life-changing experience! This is a physically strenuous trip, as portages require carrying packs and canoes. It is hard work, but very worth the effort (and you've got five months to get in shape!)

Dates: departs Saturday, July 30, leave at 5 a.m.
returns Saturday, August 6, around 5 p.m.

Cost: \$450 (\$50 deposit due with sign up)

Who: Any active FCC youth who has completed 8th grade - high school. If spots are available, the trip will be opened up to college students. Participants should be in good physical, mental and emotional condition, as the success of the group is dependent on cooperation and teamwork.

We are currently recruiting adult advisors. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Betsy or Rick Hanzelin. Each canoe group will have two adult advisors and up to seven youth.

Sign up for the 2011 Canoe Trip begins Sunday, February 20 and will end April 30 or when all the spots are full ... whichever comes first! To sign up, please:

- ♦ Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board AND
- ♦ Turn in your \$50 non-refundable deposit (envelope on Youth Office Door)

WORK CAMP

What is Work Camp? You might be used to "Work Trips" where we go to New Orleans or Kentucky and do outreach work for others. Work Camp is a more laid back experience. This is a trip with other FCC Youth to Tower Hill Camp, near the shore of Lake Michigan in Sawyer, MI. Steps away from Warren Dunes, Tower Hill has been the home for Youth Retreats for many, many, many years and we have the chance this summer to give back to Tower Hill and help them prepare for their summer season.

Work Camp is part work, and part camp! FCC Youth will stay at Camp and work during the morning and early afternoon on basic projects around camp ... maybe painting, moving bunks, cleaning, basic repairs, creating fire circles, etc. Late afternoons can be spent at the beach, or doing other fun activities in Camp. At Night we can play Prey & Predator, have campfires, sing songs, watch movies and eat s'mores. If you miss Camp Grey, this is a great opportunity for you to be a kid again, and do some great work with your church friends.

Dates: Tuesday, June 7 - Saturday, June 11. We will leave Tuesday morning and return on Saturday. Almost all schools are out, but if your school is still in session, a group will be coming up on Wednesday.

Cost: \$125 (includes meals, transportation & t-shirt).
(\$25 deposit is due April 3, balance by May 22.)

Who: This trip is open to all active FCC youth entering the 7th grade in the Fall of 2011 through High School graduates. In addition, we will take one adult for every six youth! If you know an adult who would like to be an advisor, please contact Betsy Hanzelin.

Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board or by contacting Betsy Hanzelin (bhanzelin@fccfaithful.org or 798-2800, ext. 19) Additional release forms, packing lists and information regarding an organizational meeting will be sent to those who sign up.



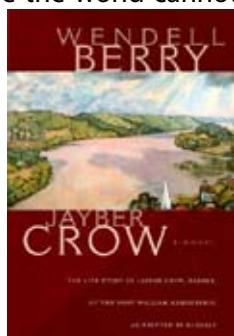
ADULT EDUCATION

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 March 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 "seeing the world the way God sees the world... grieving in places the world does not forgive, rejoicing in places the world does not notice, and living with a hope the world cannot imagine."

On March 20, the "Third Sunday Book Club" will discuss Wendell Berry's *Jayber Crow*, a novel set in fictional Port William, Ky. Jayber Crow, the observant town barber, is a bachelor and the church sexton. The telling of his life story embodies the changes of the twentieth century in Berry's warm, luminous writing. Plan ahead for the April 17 selection, *This Odd and Wondrous Calling; the Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers* by Lillian Daniel and Martin Copenhaver.



CHURCH HISTORY SEMINAR

Sundays March 13 - April 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Bell Chapel

Ken Sawyer of McCormick Theological Seminary will be back at FCC to continue his series on Church History for four consecutive weeks. In the first series, Ken covered the early church from Jesus' days through the reign of Constantine. This series takes the next step into Post-Constantinian church history. Come and learn more about the faith we share.

ESTATE PLANNING

Sundays, March 20 & 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Spirituality Center

Church member and attorney Brian Dobben of the law firm of Hoogendoorn and Talbot LLP will hold a seminar on Estate Planning. Brian concentrates his practice in Estate Planning and Estate and Trust Administration.

COMING IN APRIL... ROMANS STUDY

Sundays beginning April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Pastor Fred Lyon, Pat Nordbrock and Tom Tozer will co-teach a course on Paul's Letter to the Romans. The course will follow a book by the well regarded New Testament scholar N.T. Wright, which will be available for purchase. Class space is limited so please sign up at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.



Women's & Men's ASSOCIATION

HFK Presents...
Benjamin Franklin



Luncheon & Meeting
Wednesday, March 16

HFK Presents brings history to life for the WMA with "Benjamin Franklin". Actor Terry Lynch, an avid historian and storyteller, highlights the inventor, the statesman, and the founding father. Learn more about the man who not only harnessed electricity and helped shape the country that would come to be known as the United States of America, but also entertained people with his satirical writing and adages. Join us as Franklin reminisces about his past, interacts with his audience, and explains how his political life, writings, and scientific inventions have changed our lives today!

Catered lunch will be provided by Scrementi's. Tickets (\$10) may be purchased by calling Kim Sifner at 754-2683 or sign up at the Information Desk on Sundays, March 6 & 13.

Invite your friends and family to join you for this entertaining, historical presentation!



FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENTS



NETWORKING, AFTER HOURS

**An opportunity to network with, and discover
business to business resources within our community!**

Wednesday, March 2, 6 - 8 p.m.

**at the Flossmoor Community Church Community House
847 Hutchison Road, Flossmoor IL, 60422**

**Bring your brochures, fliers, and business cards.
Refreshments will be served.**

*For those seeking employment opportunities,
a resume help desk will be available.*

*For questions or to RSVP,
email Chip Young at chipn3@aol.com
or Maurice Page at mfittspage@yahoo.com*



MISSION MINUTE



DIVERSITY DINNERS

The Board of Outreach Ministries is supporting the **14th Annual South Suburban Diversity Dinners** by hosting a night of delicious food and great conversation in Fellowship Hall on April 28. Since 1997, diners have gathered to share a meal, discuss their goals and step closer to understanding their differences. You will meet new people, selected by age, gender, race and ethnicity, who are also interested in finding common threads.

Would you host? We are asking church members to either host or attend a Diversity Dinner. You must commit to host or sign up to dine by March 16.

Would your family, committee or board like to host a diversity dinner? The Board of Outreach makes it easy for you. First, use Fellowship Hall to host your dinner. There is banquet seating and the tables will be amply spaced to ensure private conversation. Second, dinner is catered and free! No shopping, no cooking, no need to make dessert. Would you like to attend a diversity dinner? Again, easy. Just sign up!

Contact Jackie Riffice to reserve a table in Fellowship Hall at jariffice@comcast.net, 708.957.0231, or on Facebook. For more information, call 708.335.5411. Search for South Suburban Diversity Dinners on Facebook. Grab a brochure from the Outreach bulletin board at church.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to:

Lynn Drevets and family in the death of her grandson, Paul, on January 27.

Nancy Van Laten and family in the death of her sister, Nora Dickinson.

The family and friends of Eugene Pavlak, who died February 1.

Jill Peck and family in the death of her mother on February 11.

Rose Mayer and family in the death of her mother, Rosemary Schaefer, on February 14.

The friends and family of Mary Ellen Perrin, who died February 17.

Pam Kappmeyer and family in the death of her aunt, Julia DeGuilio, on February 16.



We celebrate the births of

Derek Frank Mills, born February 9. Derek is the son of Kristin and Derek Mills (R.I.), and the grandson of Frank Acuff.

Carter Martin Johnston, born February 17. Carter is the son of Melanie and Jeff Johnston and the grandson of Patti Johnston.

Sienna Grace Walsmith, born February 20. Sienna is the daughter of Janet and Joe Walsmith, the sister of Ella and Mya, and the granddaughter of Jerri Greer.



A message from the Stewardship committee:

There are many ways to describe generosity. Sometimes, we say we are "giving back" to describe when we are reciprocating a kindness or a benevolence. When we donate our time and treasure to a cause we describe it as "giving to" charity. "Giving up", "giving away" and "giving out" expresses our intention to do without so that another may not want.

But what does it mean to just simply "give"? That's the ideal generosity that Jesus teaches us. It's giving without separation of the giver from the gift. It's generosity that connects the giver to their recipient and makes a bond and not just an exchange that occurs between people.

To "give" is the most costly form of generosity for the giver because it's giving that invests one's whole self into the process. But, it's also the most enriching form of generosity. To "give" is to serve God, to share his glory and to move closer to becoming the Christian that he intends us to be.

The members of the Stewardship committee deeply appreciate all that the congregation has done and continues to do for Flossmoor Community Church. Let us continue to "give" together.



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	03/01	Diaconate (PA) Children's Ministries (A2C) Adult Ministries (Rm.23) Personnel (FR)	6:30 p.m. 7 7:30
Wed	03/02	Networking After Hours (CH)	6 pm
Sun	03/06	Spring Food Drive - bag distribution Mardi Gras with a Christian Twist (FH) Communion	11:30 a.m.
Mon	03/07	Pulaski Day Women's & Men's Association Executive Board Meeting (FR)	12 pm
Tues	03/08	Finance (LB) Christian Education (GE) Congregational Life (Rm.22) Outreach (PA) Properties (Rm.23) Lay Ministries (A2C) Worship & the Arts (GS)	6:30 pm 7 7:30
Wed	03/09	Ash Wednesday Lyon College Choir Concert (SA) Ash Wednesday Worship (SA)	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Sat	03/12	Daylight Savings Begins - Set Clocks Ahead!	
Sun	03/13	Daylight Savings Begins - Set Clocks Ahead! First Sunday of Lent Spring Food Drive Board of Outreach Second Sunday Spring Inquirers' Class (FH)	10 am
Tues	03/15	Narthex Deadline Stephen Ministry Peer Support (FR, PA) Stewardship (SPO)	12 pm 7 7:30
Wed	03/16	Women's & Men's Association Luncheon & Meeting	12 pm

Thurs	03/17	St. Patrick's Day	
Sun	03/20	Second Sunday of Lent Spring Begins! Spring Food Drive Spring Inquirers' Class (FH)	10 am
Tues	03/22	Governing Board (FH)	7 pm
Wed	03/23	Foundation (FR)	7:30 pm
Sun	03/27	Third Sunday of Lent	

SPECIAL WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Mon	HFHS Moms in Touch Prayer Group (OAS)	9 am
Tues	PEGs Bazaar Workshop (MP) Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC) Staff Meeting (FR)	9 am 9:30 am 1 pm
Wed	Chair Yoga (SC) Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC) Cherub Choir (FR) Jubilate Choir (CP) Youth Leadership (CP)	11 am 12:30 pm 4 7:30
Thurs	Women of Note (CP) Chancel Ringers (RRB) Chancel Choir (CP) Yoga with a Spiritual Vein (SC)	1:15 6:30 7:30 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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Seismic Christ

The Journey of Lent into Easter

In Matthew's Gospel, earthquake activity corresponds to the circumstances of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. There is something about Christ that shakes the world. With this in mind, the theme of "Seismic Christ" will be explored in worship during the journey of Lent into Easter. Here is the schedule of scripture texts and sermon titles:

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| March 9 - Ash Wednesday | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
"Seismic Christ: Not So Fast" |
| March 13 - 1st Sunday in Lent | Matthew 4: 1-11
"Seismic Christ: How Do We Measure Up?" |
| March 20 - 2nd Sunday in Lent
Youth Worship Service | John 3:1-17
"Seismic Christ: Tradition?" |
| March 27 - 3rd Sunday in Lent | John 4:5-42
"Seismic Christ: What Jesus Already Knows" |
| April 3 - 4th Sunday in Lent | Ephesians 5:8-20
"Seismic Christ: Wake Up Call" |
| April 10 - 5th Sunday in Lent | Romans 8:1-11
"Seismic Christ: The Change in Your Pocket" |
| April 17 - Palm Sunday | Matthew 21: 1-11
"Seismic Christ: A Crack in the Road" |
| April 21 - Maundy Thursday | John 13: 1-35
"Seismic Christ: It's All in the Delivery" |
| April 24 - Easter Sunday | Matthew 28:1-10
"Seismic Christ: Shaken and Stirred" |