

# N A R T H E X

FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

Where Christ is Central and Diversity is Cherished

January 2008



## January Jubilation 2008

*For the month of January 2008, the entire FCC family will gather at 10 a.m. for one combined worship service. Childcare will be provided for ages 0-5. Orchestrated by the Dream Team (a subcommittee of the Worship and the Arts Board), January Jubilation will provide out-of-the-ordinary worship opportunities you won't want to miss! Childcare for infants-2's and Sunday School for 3's-K's will be provided throughout January Jubilation, while 1st through 6th graders are invited to worship in the Sanctuary.*

### January 6 Prodigal Sons

Back by popular demand, our very own men's quartet, The Prodigal Sons (Ken Disselkoen, Walter Flor, Randy Madderom and Don Pohlhammer) will help us begin our new year in a truly celebrative manner.

### January 13 Music Making FCC Style

We will be led in worship by our own Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers and the return of Dot and Rex Brown on their marimbas and xylophones – always a special treat!

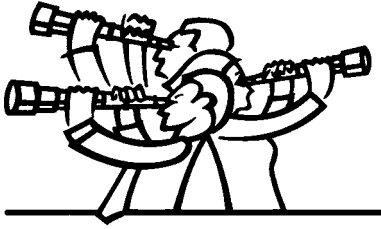
### January 20 Von Matthews and Proclaim

Back by popular demand, Von Matthews and Proclaim will share their extraordinary gifts with us. This amazing group of family and friends will focus us on Jesus Christ, "the reason they do what they do and why they love to do it." Contemporary in style with elements of traditional gospel, Proclaim promises to touch our souls and speak to our hearts.

### January 27 Youth Service

Awesome Sunday! This morning's youth-led worship will incorporate ALL youth groups into a morning of Praise to God! An all-youth choir will lead our joyful worship, and the message will come from our older teen members of the Leadership Team.

## Search for Weekday Preschool Director



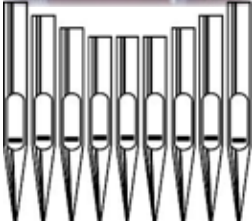
The Weekday Preschool Director Search Committee has begun accepting resumes for the position of Preschool Director. Interested candidates with a degree /and or graduate work in early childhood education should submit their resumes attention: Nancy Panzica, Chair Weekday Preschool Director Search Committee, Flossmoor Community Church, 2218 Hutchison Road, Flossmoor, Il. 60422.

## Organ Recital and Celebration

Please join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 13, before we head back upstairs for our exciting organ recital featuring our Project Sacred Space organ consultant, Dr. Dennis Northway, at 12:30 p.m.!

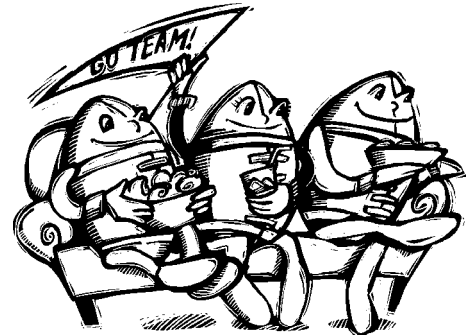


The program, "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise: Our Pipe Organ and its Contribution to Worship and Prayer," is intended as a celebration of our newly restored and refurbished pipe organ, considered one of the very finest in the southern suburbs. In addition to outstanding organ music from Bach to the present time, Dr. Northway will help us deepen our understanding of music and its connection to worship in his accessible and enthusiastic teaching style. The one-hour program will also include a bit of hymn singing, and end with the majestic "Fantasie and Fugue in G Minor," B.W.V. 542, by Bach.



Dr. Northway is the Parish Musician at Grace Episcopal Church in Oak Park, and for five years was Dean of the highly respected Chicago Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He is also the Artistic Director for the annual Handel Week Festival in Oak Park, and was a former Artistic Director of the Park Forest Singers.

## Save the Date!



### SUPER BOWL PARTY

**Sunday, February 3, 2008  
5 p.m. at the Community House**

Experience the game on our life-size high definition screen! Ticket sales and prices to be announced in upcoming Faith Family Matters. Food and beverages will be included.

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the Board of Congregational Life*

## Women's and Men's Association Preview!

Looking ahead to this new year, the WMA has still more interesting activities scheduled. Here's a sneak peak of things to come!



**February 27:** WMA will co-sponsor the Lenten Communion Service, followed by a **March 19** luncheon with Rick Kogan, noted columnist for the Chicago Tribune. A day of lunch and the theater is planned for **Wednesday, April 16**, as we see the musical, "Rockne of Notre Dame," at the Theatre at the Center in Munster.

We'll host our own Beryl Sprinkel on **Friday, May 23**, for an evening event. In addition to describing his years in Washington as economic advisor to President Reagan, he promises to address current economic conditions as well. Finally, watch for future news about our June program.

The Executive Board of the Women's and Men's Association thanks you for your support last fall and looks forward to seeing you at all the exciting programs to come!



## SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

**Sunday, January 20, 11:15 a.m., Family Room**

### DISCOVERY FORUM

Trina Hayes

Please join us for a January Jubilation book discussion and mini brunch to discuss Sara Gruen's novel, *Water for Elephants*, in which ninety-year-old Jacob Jankowski recalls his time with the circus in the 1930's. The author has said that the "backbone" of her novel "parallels the biblical story of Jacob," in the book of Genesis. Come for food and fellowship and meet others who enjoy connecting through books. The book is available in area bookstores and libraries or through [trina@bookhungry.com](mailto:trina@bookhungry.com) for \$8.37.

The Discovery Forum discussion of *So Much More: An Invitation to Christian Spirituality* will resume in February.



## Second Saturday

Plan to go sledding (if there is snow) or to a museum on January 12. We will meet at the Hartmann's at 10 a.m. for a short family devotion and leave at 10:20. Please RSVP for directions and more up-to-date details! Call Sam and Rob Hartmann @ 799-7392 or email them at [samh827@comcast.net](mailto:samh827@comcast.net). We hope to see you and your family there.

## Spirituality Center Offerings



**Journal Keeping: Writing for Spiritual Growth**  
**Sunday, January 27, 11:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. (includes lunch)**  
**Led by Trina Hayes**

This workshop is meant for everyone whether you've been writing in a journal for many years or if the only writing you've ever done is making out a grocery list. Trina Hayes, who has taught business writing and training writing, will provide exercises that novice and experienced writers may use to learn about themselves and their relationship with Scripture and God. Exercises will open participants to writing about chosen Scripture passages or questions. Trina will also use techniques from recent seminars she has completed in essay writing and journal keeping.

This year the workshop will begin with an exercise geared at accessing childhood memories. Participants will then learn a right-brain, clustering technique and methods for dialogue journaling with Scripture while they write to develop a closer relationship with God. A detailed workshop description with timetable is available in the church office or by contacting [trina@bookhungry.com](mailto:trina@bookhungry.com).

The workshop is limited to twenty registrants and is open to those who participated in January, 2007, as well as to new participants. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and all materials. Please register with Dorothy Babcock in the church office by Monday, January 21. Checks made out to Flossmoor Community Church, with a notation for the Spirituality Center, are due at the time of registration.

## Marriage Enrichment Retreat



AdultMinistries is pleased to announce a new and exciting program. Hope Hedberg, a licensed marriage and family therapist, will facilitate. She will be joined by her husband Paul, an ordained pastor. Whether you're newlyweds or have celebrated your golden wedding anniversary, you will surely leave this retreat with something both enjoyable and enriching for you and your spouse.

So, save the date and watch the bulletins in January for registration information! This marriage class is scheduled for Friday, February 8 (evening hours), and Saturday, February 9 (morning hours). There will be a nominal fee for participants; babysitting and refreshments will be available.

This event is sponsored by PEGs (Parent Education Groups) of FCC.



# Youth Ministries

## Sophs sponsor a Stuffed Animal Drive!

During the month of January, boxes will be in the Gathering Space and Youth Crossings to collect your donations of new or gently-used stuffed animals. These animals will be distributed to area agencies who serve children ... like police and fire departments, shelters, and emergency medical teams. These agencies will use the animals to comfort children in stressful situations or emergencies. We would like smaller animals, so they can be easily transported by the service agencies. Any questions, please see Betsy Hanzelin!



### Promised Land in January

We are not having Promised Land as usual in January. We encourage all first through sixth graders to worship with their families for all the excitement of January Jubilation at 10 a.m. We will resume our normal Promised Land schedule at 9 a.m. on February 3 with the story of "The Beatitudes."

**Nursery, 2's – K's:** will be meeting in their usual classrooms for all Sundays in January at 10 a.m. The Nursery will also be available for our youngest children beginning at 9:45.

share  
your  
soles

Children Caring | Children Sharing™

**Share Your Soles:** We will be collecting lightly-used shoes for this wonderful organization so that they can be distributed to those who need them around the world. Please bring them to The Temple, or to the Children's Ministries Office across from the Nursery all during January.

On Saturday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. we will deliver our shoes and convoy as families up to the Share Your Soles warehouse to help out for a couple of hours. This is a great 'first volunteering' experience for kids, as all are welcome with parental supervision.





### Columbarium Expansion Update

Because of difficulties in acquiring cut limestone, the expansion of the columbarium is temporarily "on hold." Therefore the committee has decided to extend the opportunity to purchase

niches at a reduced amount in the additions until the expansion is actually completed. That purchase price is \$750 per niche and includes the cast bronze name plate. Once the expansion is accomplished, the cost will be \$1,000 per niche. Area cemeteries with columbarium structures charge three to four times as much. Contact Dorothy Babcock in the church office (798-2800, ext. 13) to see a drawing of the expanded columbarium. The columbarium is reserved for members of the church, their immediate family, and former members. How appropriate that the final resting place for your ashes and those of your loved ones would be at your church home.

### World Communion Sunday Special Offering

The Board of Outreach Ministries wishes to thank you for your generosity in contributing to the World Communion Sunday special offering during October. The Agro-Ecology program at Bezaleel School in Guatemala received \$3,727 from the offering plus a matching mission grant, bringing the total to \$7,454. Matanya's Hope, a locally-initiated mission to help children and communities in Kenya East Africa, received \$3,592 toward water storage tanks. Your support helps people move closer to experiencing life in all its abundance!

### College Service Grant Scholarships

The Board of Outreach Ministries has set aside mission money for College Service Grants. These are meant to encourage and assist FCC college students to engage in the ministry of Christ by participating in programs that serve others. It may be a college-sponsored "spring break" trip to help build a Habitat house in New Orleans. It may be connecting with an organization sponsoring an experience in Africa working with children or in a medical clinic. Call or email Pastor Hartley (jhartley@fccfaithful.org) for the guidelines and application. For an opportunity this coming summer or before, please apply by March 1.

### Food for Life on January 29

One of our mission partnerships is First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, located in the Woodlawn neighborhood. Nearing their 175th Anniversary, they have always sought to serve the community and especially "the least." Each Tuesday a lunch is provided to between 100 and 200 area residents in need. Various churches partner with First Pres to provide the lunch. FCC does so when there is a fifth Tuesday in the month. That would be this January! You are invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Community House to help make the sandwiches and other parts of the lunch. About 11 a.m., cars are loaded and head to the church, where First Pres members are waiting to heat up and "get the table spread." We work together to serve the lunch and clean up, returning to FCC by 2:30 p.m. Contact Sis Flor (798-8311) to volunteer.

### Christmas Angels

This year the Christmas Angels program provided Christmas for 47 families (273 individuals) on Saturday, December 15. These families were identified by agencies and school personnel. Most of their requests for gifts were for basic needs – uniforms, socks, school supplies, coats, gloves, hats, sheets, blankets, towels, dishes, gas cards, toiletries, food, shoes, and boots. One mother asked for a hairbrush and a vacuum cleaner this year. Thank you for providing a glimmer of hope for these families.

An excerpt from a 2006 thank you letter:

*"Thank you so-o-o much for all the wonderful Christmas gifts! You gave us exactly what we needed! We have not only been blessed by the material items but also by the spirit of sharing and generosity. I only hope and pray that my children will grow to be as loving and giving as you have been."*

## New Diaconate Care Team Ministry



Some people have multiple needs to just to get through the day, routine or seasonal tasks that are difficult: bathing, dressing, cooking, cleaning, mowing the lawn, cleaning the gutters, shoveling the snow, etc. They want to stay in their own home and aren't to the point of needing to consider a care facility. Sometimes nearby family and friends can help; sometimes there is no one near, or not enough help. But, there are people who might enjoy providing some aspect of the care needed (at times of their own choosing) and being part of a team of 6-12 people, a Care Team, that share the responsibility. The Diaconate is looking to put together one such Care Team and connect them with a person who could benefit from that ministry. To find out more or look over an information sheet and sign-up form, contact Pastor Hartley at 798-2800, x18.



*We mourn  
with you*



*Our Sympathy and Prayers to:*

**Royal Klauk and Gil Parsons** and their families in the death of Royal and Gil's mother, Barbara Parsons, on December 5.

**The family and friends of former member Ed Robertson (FL)**, who died on December 5.

**The family and friends of former member, Bette Sipple Furth**, who died on December 6. Bette is the mother of former member, Karen Lazarus Richardson (FL).

**Frank and Beth Samargin and family** in the death of Frank's father, Frank Samargin, Sr., on December 10.

*Congratulations on the birth of:*



**Sophie Christine McManus**, born December 5. Sophie is the daughter of Kris and Gerard McManus and the sister of Ruth and Charlotte.



*Congratulations  
on the marriage of:*

**Erik Uzureau and Jessica Lopez-Sol** on December 15 in Cuautla, Mexico. Erik is the son of Linda and Paul Uzureau.



*A Wedding Invitation*



*To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.*  
(Eccl. 3:1)

We are thrilled to enter a new season of our lives together! Because our church family has meant so much to us over the years, and been a source of love, support, and strength, we cannot imagine starting our marriage without all of you there!

Please join us on Saturday, January 12, at 3 p.m. in the Flossmoor Community Church Sanctuary, as we take our marriage vows. Celebrate with us in Fellowship Hall afterwards. Your presence will make our day complete!

With deep joy,  
Lesley Weir and Scott Swan

# JANUARY 2007 † CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship at 10 a.m.

Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall: 11 a.m.

2 yrs - Kindergarten: 10 - 11 a.m.

Nursery Care: 10 - 11 a.m.

Children's Promised Land, Youth Groups & Adult Education resume in February.



Tues 1/1	Happy New Year! Church offices closed		Thur 1/17	Women of Note (CP) Associate Pastor Search Committee (FR) Chancel Choir (CP)	1:15 pm 7 7:30
Wed 1/2	Prayer Group (SC) Prayer Shawl Group (SC) Youth Leadership meetings	10 am 4 pm 7:30	Fri 1/18	PEGs Sprigs potluck – home of Susan & Tom Wick	7 pm
Thurs 1/3	Women of Note (CP) Associate Pastor Search Committee (FR)	1:15 pm 7	Sat 1/19	Vi Slain Memorial Service (SA)	10:30 am
Sun 1/6	January Jubilation Worship Service (SA) PADS (FH)	10 am 6 pm	Sun 1/20	January Jubilation Worship Service (SA) Discovery Forum (FR) PADS (FH)	10 am 11:15 6 pm
Tues 1/8	Office Staff Meeting (FR) Board/Committee Gathering Time (CP) Board/Committee meetings	1 pm 7 7:30	Tue 1/22	Office Staff Meeting (FR)	1 pm
Wed 1/9	Prayer Group (SC) Prayer Shawl Group (SC) Cherub Choir (FR) Jubilate Choir (CP) Chancel Ringers (RRB) PEGs Evening Teens – home of Rose Mayer Youth Leadership meetings	10 am 4 pm 4 4 6:30 7 7:30	Wed 1/23	Prayer Group (SC) Prayer Shawl Group (SC) Cherub Choir (FR) Jubilate Choir (CP) Chancel Ringers (RRB) PEGs Twigs/Sprouts Gentle Yoga (FH) Foundation Board (FR) Youth Leadership meetings	10 am 4 pm 4 4 6:30 7 7:30 7:30
Thur 1/10	Women of Note (CP) Associate Pastor Search Committee (FR)	1:15 pm 7	Thurs 1/24	Women of Note (CP) Associate Pastor Search Committee (FR) Chancel Choir (CP)	1:15 pm 7 7:30
Sat 1/12	Swan/Weir wedding (SA) Reception following (FH)	3 pm	Sun 1/27	January Jubilation Worship Service (SA) Journal Keeping (SC) PADS (FH)	10 am 11:15 6 pm
Sun 1/13	January Jubilation Worship Service (SA) <i>NartheX</i> deadline Organ recital (SA) PADS (FH)	10 am noon 12:30 pm 6	Tues 1/29	Food for Life Office Staff Meeting (FR) Governing Board (FR)	1 pm 7
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Wed 1/16	Prayer Group (SC) PEGs Day Grads – home of Charlotte Moorehead Prayer Shawl Group (SC) Cherub Choir (FR) Jubilate Choir (CP) Chancel Ringers (RRB) Youth Leadership meetings PEGs Saplings/Evening Grads – home of Pat Nordbrock	10 am 12:30 pm 4 4 4 6:30 7:30 7:30	Thurs 1/31	Women of Note (CP) Associate Pastor Search Committee (FR) Chancel Choir (CP)	1:15 pm 7 7:30

### SPECIAL NOTES:

**PEGs Bazaar Workshop** meets every Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

**Yoga with a Spiritual Vein** meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. and Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the Spirituality Center.

**Men's Church at the Train Station** meets every Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Flossmoor Station Restaurant.

### CALENDAR CODES

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

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Dear FCC Family and Friends,

Why not?

My husband thinks it a bit much,  
but I ask, why not?

Each year we leave a Christmas thing or  
two in inconspicuous places around our home,  
freed from the boxes that reside in the basement  
waiting for next year –

reminders that the real gifts of Christmas,  
that hope, joy, love and peace,  
that God's love in Jesus,  
do not belong in a box  
in the basement.

I suggested we leave the angel stocking hanging at the  
fireplace;

not so inconspicuous this year.

Why not?

I hear the question every year.

"Why can't we keep the love and joy of the season  
alive all year long?

Why not?

Perhaps because we are a forgetful people –  
always have been.

Maybe we need our reminders to be more  
conspicuous.

I'm still pulling for stockings by our fireplace.  
Why not?

May 2008 be for you and for us an extraordinary year of  
hope, joy, peace and love.



New Year's blessings...  
Pastor Lynn

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