A Future with Faith

First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville
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A Word from the Pastor

A Future with Faith for Heart, Home, and Humanity

Futurists, scientists, historians, and sociologists alike - all are describing our world in an escalating state of flux. Yet the scriptures announce that, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!”

As everything changes around us, our spiritual life stays anchored in the love of God we know in Jesus. That anchor allows us to speak and demonstrate the gospel in ever creative companionship with the world in which we live.

This season we are moving from our anchored history into the future with faith. Our worship will focus on ways we place God first in our hearts, in our homes, and for humanity. This launch derives from Deuteronomy 6:4-9, the central verse of our Charter Day sermon by the Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes of Princeton.

Stop and reflect on what holds priority in your heart – what is your personal “North Star?” Or consider the routines of your life day by day – how do your practices reflect God at the center of your home? And if anyone were to visit our community, would the sense the nearness of God impacting the world in which we live?

Challenges such as these are addressed by the life we will share together this season. I hope that you search out our many opportunities and plan to participate in shaping a future with faith in your heart, your home, and for our common humanity.

**Brian Paulson**
Winter/Spring 2020 Faith Formation Calendar

**January**
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- 20 FUSE: Following Dr. King
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- 5 Growing in Faith Together: an Omni-Generational Holy Week Experience
- 10 Good Friday Omni-Generational Event with Grace Lutheran
- 25 Saturday Morning Scholars: *Considering Christian Spirituality*
- 26 Theology on Tap

**May**
- 1-2 Spiritual Retreat (*Overnight Retreat at Benet Lake*)
- 15 What to Watch (*Film TBD*)
- 24 Theology on Tap
Theology on Tap: Gather over some appetizers and a craft beer, soda, or glass of wine for some conversation about the church and the world—how we think about our faith as Christians in relation to relevant and challenging issues of today like climate change, immigration, or LGBT inclusion.

Join us on the fourth Sunday of the month from 4-5:30 p.m. in the ‘Royal Room’ at O’Toole’s in Libertyville.

- **January 26: Separation of Church and State:** Should the church stay out of ‘politics’?
- **February 23: Original Sin:** Are we bad people with the potential for good, or good people with the potential for bad?
- **March 22: Christianity Among Other Religions:** What does it mean to be Christian in a country that’s more religiously diverse than ever?
- **April 26: The Resurrection:** So what if Jesus rose again?
- **May 24: Faith and the Planet:** What is the church’s role in confronting climate change?

Secrets of Strong Relationships: Give yourselves an early Valentine’s Day Gift and join us at this workshop for couples on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 6—9 p.m. You’ll learn the secrets of solid relationships and get the tools to strengthen yours.

This workshop is led by Marriage and Family Therapist Erin Sharp, who has a passion for cultivating intimacy and connection. She comes to us from Youth and Family Counseling of Libertyville and also brings a variety of experiences as a mom, wife, and daughter and a former pastor of Presbyterian congregations.
What to Watch: Stateville Calling
Friday, March 6, 2020
Time: TBD at First Pres Libertyville

On March 6, we will host a community-wide viewing of Stateville Calling, a recent documentary that follows the stories of elderly prisoners serving life sentences, and their struggle to receive their freedom before they die.

After the movie, we’ll have a panel discussion featuring Illinois Rep. Mary Edly-Allen.

Saturday Morning Scholars: Considering Christian Spirituality
Saturday, April 25, 2020
9 a.m.-12 p.m. at First Pres Libertyville
With Dr. Perry Downs

An important goal for the Believer is spiritual growth, but what does it actually mean? We will consider the nature of Christian spirituality, and explore how the Church has understood spiritual maturity. We will discover that different denominations and individuals have different understandings and emphases - all valid but also generally incomplete. Our focus will be to explore distinctly Christian spirituality, seeking to understand it more completely and to discover ways and means for achieving personal spiritual development as persons seeking to follow Christ in increasingly authentic ways.

Our lecturer is Dr. Perry Downs, Professor Emeritus of Educational Ministries at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Downs's areas of expertise include faith development, moral development, moral education, and spiritual formation. He is a member of the North American Professors of Christian Education, the Religious Education Association, and the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education. His published works include many books, articles, reviews, and audio tapes. Among them is his book Teaching for Spiritual Growth (Zondervan, 1994). Dr. Downs has been a member of First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville for more than 20 years.
Who Is your Neighbor?
Sunday mornings starting Feb. 16, 2020
11:15 a.m. at First Pres Libertyville

Answering the question “Who is your neighbor?” is critical in continuing the healing of the injustices rooted in the sins of our past and present.

In this six-week small group, Elder & Stephen Minister Tucker Olson will teach and lead a group conversation on the lasting impact of racism and the road towards racial healing.

#parenting
Third Sundays starting Jan. 2020
8:45 a.m. at First Pres Libertyville

Get together with other parents (that is, without your kids for once!) to build community and to pray and grow in faith together. Both couples and single parents are welcome.

This group began in January 2020 and will meet monthly for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual reflection on the third Sunday of each month at 8:45 a.m.

Meeting Mark in God: Lent Small Groups
Times and Dates: TBD

If you’re seeking a deeper connection to God and to our community this Lent, consider joining one of our Lent small groups. These 6-week small groups will gather once a week during Lent for fellowship and some discussion of Meeting God in Mark: Reflections for the Season of Lent. It’s a very short book that’s accessible for people in all stages of their faith journey.
FUSE: Following Dr. King
Monday, January 20, 2020

Want a great way to celebrate the life and Christian legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr?
Join us as we take a trip to the city on January 20 to join with hundreds of other Christians from more than 50 churches across lines of race and denomination for a morning of worship, prayer, testimony, and putting our faith in action on issues of social justice.

A Moment of Peace
Starting Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020
9 a.m. in the Chapel at First Pres Libertyville

Do you struggle to make time for prayer? Are you interested in learning new ways to pray?
During these ‘micro’ prayer sessions, we will introduce you to a new prayer practice, lead you through it together, and then give you some guidance for how you can use that prayer practice on your own throughout the next week. We will learn practices such as centering prayer, lectio divina, the examen, prayer journaling, and taize.

Spiritual Retreat at St. Benedict's Abbey
Friday to Saturday, May 1-2, 2020

This retreat is an opportunity to get away from your daily routines and distractions—to set aside 24 hours to connect with God.
There will be opportunity for learning and group discussion, plenty of time for individual prayer and meditation, and an invitation to join the monks in residence at the abbey for prayers and chants. We will stay overnight at St. Benedict’s Abbey in Benet Lake, Wisconsin. arriving the afternoon of May 1 and departing the afternoon of May 2. Registration is $125, which includes a private room/bathroom and three meals.
**Worship 101**

This omni-generational workshop is designed to engage kids and adults of all ages in interactive learning about the movements and meanings of our worship. We will learn together in small groups by visiting interactive stations that help us learn together about what it means to gather in the Word, receive the Word, respond to the Word, and follow the Word into the world.

**Growing in Faith Together: an Omni-Generational Experience**

These omni-generational workshops are designed to engage kids and adults of all ages in interactive learning about the central ideas and practices of our faith. We will learn together in small groups by visiting interactive stations that help us learn together. There are two workshops coming up this spring:
- Introduction to Lent: Sunday, March 1 from 9-9:45 a.m.
- Introduction to Holy Week: Sunday, April 5 from 9-9:45 a.m.

**Journey to the Cross: A Good Friday Walk for Families**

Friday, April 10, 2020
Time & Location: TBD

An interactive re-telling of the events of Holy Week—presented in an engaging, interactive, and age-appropriate way for children and families. Join families from First Pres and Grace Lutheran Church as together we learn what happened between Palm Sunday and Easter and share a light lunch. All children are welcome with a parent or other caregiver. Sign up on our church website.
Lent 2020 @First Pres

February 26
Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service

February 29
9-9:45 a.m.—A Moment of Peace #1

March 1
9-9:45 a.m.—Growing in Faith Together: An Omni-generational Lent Experience
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.—Beyond the Sermon (Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson)

March 7
9-9:45 a.m.—A Moment of Peace #2

March 8
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.—Beyond the Sermon (Rev. Amy Heinrich)

March 14
9-9:45 a.m.—A Moment of Peace #3

March 21
9-9:45 a.m.—A Moment of Peace #4

March 28
9-9:45 a.m.—A Moment of Peace #5

March 29
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.—Beyond the Sermon (Rev. Ryan Wallace)

April 4
9-9:45 a.m.—A Moment of Peace #6

April 5
9-9:45 a.m.—Growing in Faith Together: An Omni-generational Lent Experience
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.—Beyond the Sermon (Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein)

April 9
Maundy Thursday Service

April 10
11 a.m. —Journey to the Cross
Good Friday Service

April 12
Easter Sunday
Lent 2020:

Devotions for Lent
Are you interested in writing a short reflection to share with our congregation during Lent? Throughout the 40 days of Lent, we encourage our whole community to read the Gospel of Mark together, along with a short reflection written by someone in our church. You can find the daily Lenten readings on our website, and you can also sign up to write a devotion online.

Meeting God in Mark: Lent Small Groups
If you’re seeking a deeper connection to God and to our community this Lent, consider joining one of our Lent small groups. These 6-week small groups will gather once a week during Lent for fellowship and some discussion of Meeting God in Mark: Reflections for the Season of Lent. It’s a very short book that’s accessible for people in all stages of their faith journey.

Beyond the Sermon
Some Sundays, a sermon leaves us with more questions than answers. So on four Sundays during Lent, we invite you to join one of our pastors for a group discussion that goes beyond the sermon—exploring our questions about the text and its impact on our daily lives as disciples. The conversations will begin around 11:15am in the Dougherty Room on the following Sundays:

- **March 1, 2020**: Mark 10:17-31 with Rev. Brian Paulson
- **March 8, 2020**: Mark 10:32-52 with Rev. Amy Heinrich
- **March 29, 2020**: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 with Rev. Ryan Wallace
- **April 5, 2020**: Mark 11:1-11, 14:3-9 with Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein
**Breakfast & Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays (weekly)**  
7-8:30 a.m. in Social Hall  
Contact: Rev. Amy Heinrich (aheinrich@boxp.net or 847-362-2174)  
Start your Wednesday out with breakfast and a vibrant bible study led by the Rev. Amy Heinrich. Continental breakfast is provided by participants on a rotating basis.

**Women’s Disciple Bible Study**  
**Thursdays (weekly)**  
9-11 a.m. in the Conference Room  
Contact: Jan Ellen Shawgo (chisoxfan_13@comcast.net or 847-367-5701)  
In January, we started a contemporary study, Refugees. On April 2, we will begin a new study, The New Testament You Never Knew.

**Men’s Bible Study: At the Table**  
**Every other Tuesday**  
6:30—7:30 a.m. at the Liberty Restaurant  
Contact: Ken Weller or Andy Danckers (KenWeller@sbcglobal.net or danckers@yahoo.com)  
Join us every other Tuesday morning for prayer, Bible study, fellowship and breakfast as we explore how our Christian faith and scripture empower our response to the challenges and issues of the day.

**Men’s Sounding Board**  
2nd & 4th Saturdays  
7:30—9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Contact: David Heusinkveld (Chihuey@aol.com)  
Join us for breakfast, study, conversation, and prayer as we explore passages of scripture, passages of life, contemporary issues, and literature for men. There is no homework. Leadership rotates among participants.
Women's Circles
Each gathers once a month (September through May) for a Bible or book study, fellowship, and prayer. These groups are devoted to nurturing and caring for one another. Women of all ages are encouraged to participate!

Hannah Circle ●
Kathleen Bromley (kbromley23@gmail.com)
2nd Fridays — 9 a.m.
Church Parlor

Lydia Circle ●
Patti Hudak (847-816-7852)
1st Fridays—1 p.m.
Church Parlor

Rachel Circle ●
Helen Jackson (847-680-8386)
1st Thursdays—9:30 a.m.
Offsite

Ruth Circle ●
Dorothy Roderick (847-362-5293)
3rd Tuesdays — 7:15 a.m.
Offsite

Esther Circle ●
Stephanie Hamrick (847-420-6375)
2nd Tuesdays—7:30 p.m.
Offsite

Rebecca Circle ●
Susie Lawson (847-494-0029)
st Saturdays—8:30 a.m.
Dougherty Room

Church Library
The church library is a valuable resource for books and other materials used in our adult and children’s faith formation programs. Drop by anytime the building is open and take a look at the wide range of offerings. Small groups may reserve the library for meetings through the church office. The library is open to suggestions for books on specific topics, or by particular authors.

Spirituality Room 210
The Spirituality Room, located on 2nd floor of the Faith Formation Wing in Room 210, is open for individual use whenever the doors of the church are open. Small groups are encouraged to schedule the use of the room through the church office.
Adult Fellowship & Interest Groups

**Care Givers Support Group**  
*Rosemary Monahan (847-471-6751)*  

Does your parent, spouse or loved one suffer from a chronic illness, or dementia-related disease like Alzheimer’s? Are you struggling with your role and responsibility as a caregiver? You are not alone! Join members of our church for support, prayer and compassionate conversation. We do not shy away from tough topics and learn from each other as we share the care-giving journey together.  
*Facilitated by Rosemary Monahan, a professional facilitator, and care-giver educator.*

**Commu-KNIT-y of Faith**  
*Roxanne Gilbertsen (rox60048@gmail.com)*

Become part of a group of knitters who consider what *community* means while knitting for our congregation’s missions. Our projects are easy, so if you can knit a scarf, you will be comfortable participating. If you knit even a bit and want a prayerful fellowship, this group could be the community for you.

**Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith**  
*Eileen Sokoloski (847-949-7984)*

Come add your voice to a lively discussion of a short story that is related to the role of religion in the contemporary world. Come once or often. All are welcome!

**Earth Care Team**  
*Nancy Hill (nancy@palconsystems.com)*

As stewards of God’s earth, the Earth Care Team at First Pres implements initiatives that demonstrate our commitment to ecological best practices within our church, works to promote earth stewardship events, and focuses on faithful care of creation both in our worship and in our educational opportunities. New members are welcome!
God’s Gardeners
Amy Scovill (godsgardenersfpc@gmail.com)

Tuesdays (Spring-Fall)
5:30 p.m.
1200 American Way, Libertyville

Grab your garden gloves and join us each week--from spring planting season through the fall harvest--at the Community CARE Garden, where we work with volunteers from other local churches to support Lake County food pantries. Last year we provided nearly 1,500 pounds of produce directly to our own Mobile Food Pantry. Contact Amy to join the email list for updates on the garden. Information on upcoming workdays can be found on the garden's Facebook page (Community CARE Garden, the one with the beautiful sunflower profile picture), so please like us and/or follow us on Facebook: @CommunityCareGarden

Mom’s Time Out
Emily Summers (esumm83@gmail.com)

2nd & 4th Fridays
9-11 a.m.
Conference Room

Mom’s Time Out is a place to connect with other moms, make new friends and explore how faith can be a strong resource through parenthood. Childcare is provided!

Parents of College Students & Young Adults
Ruth Schneider (ruthschneider1221@gmail.com/847-274-4249)

Special Events

Our children are adults now, but that doesn’t mean we stop parenting. Join other parents in the same stage of life for fun and fellowship as we gather for a variety of special events, service projects, and social activities that help build community as we embark on this chapter in our lives. Join our Facebook group and visit the church website for information about upcoming events, including dinner at Rob and Amy Heinrich’s home in April. Email ruthschneider1221@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

Quilt Fellowship
Dorothy Roderick (847-362-5293)

2nd & 3rd Mondays
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Social Hall

The goal of Quilt Fellowship is to serve the church through the quilts we make. We present quilts to all families moving into Habitat for Humanity homes built in Lake County. We also support FPC missions by giving quilts to Heifer International and other church causes. All skill levels are welcome any Monday and you may come and go as you wish.
**Lunch Bunch**

3rd Tuesdays at 12 p.m. (Sept—May)
Julie Snydacker (jsnydacker@comcast.net / 847-223-0890)

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun & fellowship each month! A catered lunch ($8.00 per person) is served at noon. Call the church office (847-362-2174) by the Friday before to reserve your spot.

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**Jan 21 • Libertyville: The First Hundred Years**
with Jenny Barry Host: Gene Craig

Learn about Libertyville's history including early settlement, the coming of the railroad, the Fire of 1895, and growth and development in the 20th century. Jenny Barry is president of the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society

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**Feb 18 • A Little Romance**
With Jen Blair-Bianco and David Bianco Host: Cathy Dummer

Join us for special Valentine's Lunch featuring music by Jen Blair-Bianco and David Bianco.

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**Mar 17 • Sports Talk: More than March Madness**
with Mike Taylor Host: Leslie Judson

Get ready for an afternoon of fun as we head into March Madness. Mike Taylor has some great stories to share about college sports.

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**Apr 21 • Songs of the 1950s**
With Steve Justman Host: Cam Hieronymus

1950s Jukebox! Join local musician, entertainer, and music historian Steve Justman for a program covering the most varied and exciting time of American music The 1950s. From pop to early rock and roll, great country crossover hits, and folk music that everyone knows.

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**May 19 • Triple Crown History & Hat Party**
with Mary Russert

Learn about the history of the “Triple Crown”, America's Thoroughbred horseracing series. Steeped in traditions from opening “home-state” songs, flower banners that drape the winning horse, signature drinks and, of course, the hats! Ladies and gentleman: please wear your finest hats for our luncheon!
Adult Fellowship & Interest Groups

Men’s Ministries

Men of the Church Service Day
Saturday, April 18
We’ll gather for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Liberty restaurant in Libertyville and then meet at Oriole Grove Forest Preserve at 250 Rockland Rd. in Lake Bluff to work from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Optional fellowship lunch at Panera in Lake Bluff. Sign up online or in the church office. Work gloves will be provided. Kids ages 10 and up welcome with an adult. Questions? Email Ken Weller at kenweller@sbcglobal.net.

Men’s Fellowship Lunch
Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at McAlister’s Deli in Vernon Hills
Contact: Ken Weller (KenWeller@sbcglobal.net)
Join men from First Pres, Grace Lutheran, United Methodist, and other area churches for prayer, fellowship, networking, and food. Please join us as your schedule permits; there is a seat at the table saved for YOU!

Men’s Fishing Group
Contact: Rich Monahan (cpafowers@aol.com or 847-227-7722)
Join men who love fishing to share stories, techniques, findings, and... to fish!

Men’s Fix-it Crew
This group of volunteers donates its time and talents to help senior adults and single moms who need a helping hand with "around-the-house" repairs such as painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing and general "fix-it" jobs. Meets at various times as needed. Call the church office at 847-362-2174 for more information.
Tour of the Halim Time and Glass Museum in Evanston
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Following lunch in Evanston, our group will make its way to the Halim Time and Glass Museum, a fascinating museum with wonderful collections of stained glass, Tiffany creations and clocks from around the world. It houses over 1,100 clocks and time pieces, from the sundial to the quartz movement from all time periods. It also contains well over 70 stained glass masterpieces of art telling the story of the American School of Stained Glass. And the museum traces the creative life of L. C. Tiffany, a true American master. This place is a hidden gem!

Contact: (jsnydacker@comcast.net) or Sue Worley (suerworley5@gmail.com)

Miniature Golf at Par King in Lincolnshire followed by lunch
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Join us for 18 holes of miniature golf at a course where each of the holes has a different theme/design and is set up to make it fun and unique. Many of the holes have machinery that automates different aspects to add into the fun. Holes are challenging with different routes, levels, water traps, etc., but not frustratingly difficult. A lot of walking is involved.

After enjoying this amazing place, we will have lunch at a nearby restaurant in the Lincolnshire area.
Contact: Betsy Davison (betdavison@earthlink.com) or Lesley Judson (pjswish9@comcast.net)
Our Life Together: Compassion and Courage

with Rev. Shawna Bowman

God calls us over and over again into relationship, into community, into loving one another. How do we keep giving our whole hearts to this project Jesus calls the Kingdom of Heaven when the world feels increasingly divided and destructive?

Join the women of First Pres and the Women’s Ministry Board at our overnight Winter Retreat at The Ridge Hotel and Spa in Lake Geneva, where we will engage in holy conversation, creative endeavors and restorative practices that bind us together and build our resilience for a courageous and compassionate life.

The retreat will run from 7 p.m. Friday — 4 p.m. Saturday. Roommate and carpool matching available

Co-chairs: Cari Beecher, Barb Klein and Debra Alexander.

Summer Fun at Ravinia
Summer Social

Join us at Ravinia for food, drinks and music. Date TBD.

The Women’s Ministry Board ministers to the women of the First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville through seasonal programming designed to help bring balance to the spirit, mind, and body.
Sunday Mornings

Childcare is provided every Sunday for infants and toddlers. There are also Sunday School classes for children age two through seventh grade. Most Sundays, 2 year olds through Kindergarteners begin in Sunday School at 10 a.m., while 1st graders and older begin in worship and are dismissed to Sunday School after a Children’s Message.

On some special Sundays, our elementary school students will stay and worship with their families. All of our classes use modern, age-appropriate curricula that engage students through stories, play, and hands-on activities. Please see our website for our fall Sunday School schedule.

Children’s Choirs

Joyful Noise (Kindergarten) Thursdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. in the Choir Room
Cherub (1st & 2nd grade): Thursdays 4:00-4:45 p.m. in the Chapel
Faith (3rd-6th grade): Thursdays 4:15-5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

πdia (formerly known as MAD Tweens)

Once a month, our 4th and 5th graders gather to have fun, serve our neighbors, and grow in our faith.

We meet from 4-5:30 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month during the school year. Some events are on the church campus and others are off-site.

For more information about our Children and Family Ministry at First Pres, look under the “Children” tab on our website.

Vacation Bible School: Knights of the North Castle

June 22-26, 2020
1-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday; Friday evening dinner (Time: TBD)
First Pres Libertyville

Accept the challenge to “armor up” and join us for an adventure as a knight of North Castle that you won’t soon forget! VBS is for children ages 4 (by Sept. 1, 2020) - children entering 5th grade. A separate program will be offered for those in middle school.

Registration opens in April. For more information, email Carol Boyce at cboyce@boxp.net
Junior High Fellowship (JHF) • Sundays 4-5:30 p.m.
Senior High Fellowship (SHF) • Sundays 7-9 p.m.

Join us each Sunday in the Youth Lounge for energetic worship, electrifying games, and thought-provoking lessons!

JHF is an inviting and accepting community for 6th-8th graders that inspires and equips us to grow our faith in Jesus Christ, and helps us reach out and serve others.

- At JHF we gather together and share a meal. During Lupper (lunch/supper combo—get it??) students discuss topics relevant to their lives.

SHF is a friendly community of 9th-12th graders that encourages faith in the Lord, commitment to mission work, and spreading the compassion of Christ.

- At SHF we explore topics of life and faith, engaging each other in conversation. Past discussions have included: Can I Ask That?: 8 Hard Questions about God and Faith, What to Know When the Cults Come Knocking, and What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?

In addition to our regular gatherings, we participate in service projects and mission work throughout the year.

Confirmation for 8th graders
Sundays — 8:30 - 9:40 a.m. in the Conference Room

Confirmation is not simply a “rite of passage.” Nor is it just a class to complete. It is a step in a life-long journey of pursuing the height, depth, and width of God’s love and making a vow to live in relationship with God for the rest of your life!

- Confirmation students spend 6 months together in weekly classes, retreats, and service work. Students work with a Covenant Partner, a member of the congregation, who worships, serves and supports the Confrmend throughout the year.
**Adult**

**Chancel Choir**
7:30-9:15 p.m.
*Led by David H. Edelfelt*

**Motet Choir** *
6:30-7:15 p.m.
*Led by David H. Edelfelt*

**Bel Canto Ringers** *
9:00-10:45 a.m.
*Led by Jane Orth*

**Vesper Bells** *
6:30 -7:30 p.m
*Led by Jane Orth*

**Chapel Music Team** *
5:30 -7:30 p.m.

**Child & Youth**

**Joyful Noise** (Kindergarten)
4:15-4:45 p.m.
*Led by LeeAnn Malecha*

**Cherub Choir** (1st & 2nd grade)
4:00-4:45 p.m.
*Led by Sue Ellen Skeens*

**Faith Choir** (3rd-6th grade)
4:15-5:00 p.m.
*Led by Gloria Song*

**Alpha Omega Chimers** (3rd-6th grade)
11:10 a.m.—12 p.m.
*Led by Gloria Song*

**Jr./Sr High Choir** (7th-12 grade)
11 a.m.—12 p.m.
*Led by Suzanne Jozwiak & Kitty Snyder*

**Youth Bells** (7th-12th grade)
5:30 -6:30 p.m.
*Led by Kirk Townander*

*Numerical or audition restrictions may apply*
Service Opportunities @ First Pres Libertyville

**Mobile Food Pantry**

The Mobile Food Pantry is held in the Social Hall on the third Saturday of each month. In partnership with The Northern Illinois Food Bank, we purchase and distribute approximately 8,000 pounds of food.

With the help of volunteers from our church and local school teams/clubs, the food is distributed to approximately 100 families (350-400 people). If you would like to volunteer, the pantry starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends approximately 12:30 p.m.

If you are a group of 8 or more, please contact our volunteer coordinator Sue Ellen Skeens, one month PRIOR to volunteering to get on the group schedule. Thank you for giving your time to our pantry families. Please call the church office for contact information at 847-362-2174

**PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)**

Homelessness affects many people in Lake County. From October 1st through April 30th First Presbyterian Church hosts a PADS homeless shelter site from 5:00 p.m. every Tuesday to 7:00 a.m. the next morning.

First Presbyterian members and other volunteers provide a hot dinner on Tuesday night, breakfast on Wednesday morning and a sack lunch for that same day.

To volunteer please contact the church office at 847-362-2174 or sign-up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

**Social Media**

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Saturday • January 11 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.
FMSC in Libertyville

Join 140 First Pres Libertyville members and friends at the Libertyville meal packing location on 176 just east of Milwaukee Ave.

Saturday • January 25 • 6:30-10:00 p.m.
Trivia Night at Libertyville Civic Center

Saturday • April 25 • 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Music for Many at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville

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