



# Highlight

*Increasing Our Love for God & Neighbor*  
**THE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## **Touring Family Diversity Projects Exhibit, Love Makes a Family: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People and Their Families, visits Parlor Art Gallery.**

*Love Makes a Family*, photographs by Gigi Kaeser and interviews edited by Peggy Gilespeie and Rebekah Boyd, introduces viewers to gay and lesbian-parented families. *Love Makes a Family* is a touring photo-text display created by the award winning Family Diversity Projects of Amherst Massachusetts. The exhibit travels nationwide to schools, colleges, public libraries, places of worship, museums, workplaces and communities.

*Love Makes a Family* is created to help eliminate prejudice, stereotyping and harassment of people discriminated against due to sexual orientation. The mission of Family Diversity Projects is to propel forward a world where all families are recognized, valued and fully supported, when "normal" or "different" are words not used to describe family, where the right to define family is respectfully restored to individuals.

Parlor Art Gallery guests can view the exhibit Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 3 PM and on Friday from 10 AM through 12 noon from February 1 to March 15, 2014.

*"To look into the faces of these families is to see courage, strength, joy, commitment and most of all, love. Reading the interviews of parents and children made me proud of our community."* Lesléa Newman, author of *Heather Has Two Mommies*.

Parlor Art Gallery  
Kathy Westman



## **Our New Meal Plan for Lazarus House**

For many years, our congregation has volunteered at Lazarus House in downtown St. Charles. As written on their website: "Lazarus House is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization serving persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and connected to mid-Kane County." And, as many of you know, Lazarus House is "housed" in our former church building on Third and Walnut! We volunteer there by providing a dinner meal on the third Wednesday of the month (includes next-day light, cold breakfast and sandwich lunch). This is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve persons in our own community who are experiencing survival needs. The Mission Committee has started a new method of organization for our once-a-month meal. We are inviting individuals, families or groups within our church to choose a month to organize the planning, preparing, and delivery of the meal to Lazarus House. Thank you to the Confirmation Class and Men's Fellowship for coordinating for January – March! There are written guidelines which the Mission Committee will provide and explain. We will post a sign-up sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board for "2014 Coordinators" and a copy of the guidelines. Please consider this opportunity for a concrete mission experience for yourself in our own community! Feel free to call me with any questions – 630-632-9566.

*Susan Rodgers for the Mission Committee*



PLEASE **PRAY** FOR:

**Carleen Bart**

**Marc DeSilva**

**Mike Harland's brother passed away**

**Carolyn Higgins**

**David Hinderliter**

**(Barb Fairbairn's son)**

**Betsy Jenkins**

**Carolyn Lykins**

**Aubrey Mandat**

**Ralph Minard**

**Rozella Nagy**

**Tom Palansky's mother passed away**

**Ruth Warren**

**Tricia Steel's father, Dennis Buck,  
passed away Feb. 5. Our prayers are  
with Tricia and her family.**

*Pray for each other so  
that you may be healed....*

*James 5:16 (NIV)*

*Dear Wonderful Friends,  
Joe and I want to thank you for your prayers, concern,  
cards, visits, calls, prayer shawl and delicious food we  
received during and after my hospital stay after falling on  
the ice and landing on my head. We are overwhelmed by  
your kindnesses and thoughtfulness. I'm slowly improving  
but it will take a while. I have to remember to be patient  
and that I was really very lucky.*

*Thank you again and God bless you all, Carleen*



### **How can the Manna gift card program help missions?**

When you purchase gift cards, think **personal spending cards**, a percentage of the total sale goes to the mission budget of this church. For example, if you purchased one \$100 Jewel card, mission budget receives 4% = \$4. Doesn't sound like much, but what if 100 people did that in a month? That yields \$400 for missions. Multiply that by 12 months which yields \$4800. So you don't shop at Jewel, how about Meijer, Angelo Caputo's? For an even bigger mission profit, consider purchasing personal spending cards that pay back higher percentages. Many of the available vendors pay 6, 7, 8, 9% or more.

Give Manna a try. It is a no-cost fund-raiser. Choose from the many cards available. Nothing to buy that you don't really want. Painless! For more information, stop by the Manna table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after the 9:30 service. Your Manna Team

**Coming Soon!**  
**Support our High School Youth as they prepare for their Spring Break Work Trip to Back Bay Mission. All profits from Manna sales on Sunday, February 23 and Sunday, March 2 will go directly to the youth mission trip fund.**

**Thanks for your support.**

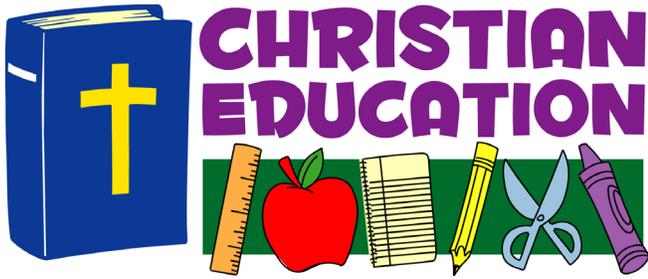
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For those of you who tweet and those of you who post... you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter wherever you may be! For those kids at college, while you're on a business trip, sitting alongside an athletic field or even at home in bed, it is a great way to know what is happening here on Sunday mornings and throughout the week! Kim Barth and Suzy Daly are hoping those of you who are already active will help share the positive things about our church community so others can connect with us. Please contact Kim or Suzy if you have any questions.



**Tassie Brautigam, Children's Ministry Coordinator**  
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M & M's –yummy!! At Jr. Worship on May 4 all the Sunday schools kids will be sharing the M & M's that have been collected in our jar. How will those M & M's get into that jar?? During the months of February, March, and April, the entire Sunday school offering will be used to support Feed My Starving Children. This is an organization whose vision is stated as the following: "With God's help Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) will strive to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world by helping to instill compassion in people to hear and respond to the cries of those in need." For every \$14 that is donated for our Sunday school offering, a tube that would hold \$14 in quarters will be filled up with M & M's and dumped into our jar. What does \$14 mean to children in need of food throughout the world? It means that 63 children will receive food through the Feed My starving Children program. You can keep track of how many children we will be able to support. Check out our bulletin board in the Sunday school area. So far we are up to 126 children!!!

Starting on February 16 and running through March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the new topic for grades preschool through 5<sup>th</sup>, will be "Jesus the Good Shepherd". Take a look at the newsletter for this topic that will be coming home with your child. The "Reflecting" on page 3 has some great questions to talk about – "Where are we already caring for each other? How do we show Jesus' kind love?" along with many other questions to think about. At the same time, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be looking at "Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene". Thanks as always to our teachers for these topics: Michelle and Peter Santucci, Bridget and Sean Cho, John and Brynn Moore, Tammy and Ashley Swanson, John and Laurie Baloun, Rachel Innis, Laura Milhousen, Barb and Chris Brennan, Brian Kobleur, Lisa and Kevin Brown, and Candice Webster.

A reminder that on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2, the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be meeting in room 117 to learn about communion with parent Teresa Melton.

Spring will be arriving in March (yeah!!!) and starting on March 2 all the Sunday school students will be coloring and or designing their own butterfly to be used as the parlor art for the month of April.

Blessings to everyone,  
 Tassie

## What are your Questions about the Bible?

The Bible is the most popular book or collection of scripture that has ever been gathered. Yet many of us find it difficult to read and understand. We have lots of questions about it. Come meet with Professor Eric F. Mason, Professor of Biblical Studies at Judson University during a "second hour" Christian Education program, following worship on Sunday, March 23 to answer some of those questions.

Dr. Mason teaches in the areas of New Testament and Second Temple Judaism, and his research interests focus on the Epistle to the Hebrews, 1-2 Peter and Jude, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. At Judson he teaches introductory courses on the Bible as well as advanced courses on interpretative methods, the broader historical and cultural context of the biblical world, and particular New Testament books like Hebrews and Romans. He is the author of five books and numerous articles in the Biblical Studies field.

Professor Mason is active in both the international and national sections of the Society of Biblical Literature (<http://www.sbl-site.org/>). The Society of Biblical Literature represents the major gathering of modern day Bible scholars in the U.S. and around the world. The Society of Biblical Literature is the oldest and largest international scholarly membership organization in the field of biblical studies. Founded in 1880, the Society has over 8,500 international members including teachers, students, religious leaders and individuals from all walks of life who share a mutual interest in the critical investigation of the Bible.

Come join us on March 23 from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. in the Christian Education Room. For more information, see Scott Powell or Tassie Brautigam.



**March 5**  
**6:30-7:30pm**

This will be a time of introspection and quiet, culminating in an opportunity to come forward for personal communion wherein you can experience God's love and forgiveness. Throughout the service there will be soft music played on the harp. Although the sanctuary will be open from 6:30-7:30pm, you may come and leave as you wish. This is an opportunity for 2nd graders to take communion with their families after finishing their communion lessons in Sunday School.





Patti Molloy, RN  
Parish Nurse  
[nurse@uccstc.org](mailto:nurse@uccstc.org)

## Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday American Heart Month

(An excerpt from Huffpost Healthy Living)

*In late December, the president was right when he wrote about the “staggering physical and economic loss” due to cardiovascular diseases. He also was on target with his optimism that “substantial progress in combating those diseases is being made by comprehensive educational and community programs.”*

*Here’s the twist: That president was Lyndon Baines Johnson.*

*Those lines come from Proclamation 3566, the document that declared February as “American Heart Month.” This formal designation began in 1964, which means this February is the 50th anniversary. This anniversary is truly golden, because, in retrospect, that proclamation helped spark a turning point in our nation’s health history.*

*LBJ was less than six weeks into his jarring ascent to the Oval Office when he signed that declaration. A heart attack survivor himself, he appreciated the aims as well as anyone.*

*The timing proved to be perfect. Just a few weeks later -- on Jan. 11, 1964 -- U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry rang in a new era by releasing a report declaring the health risks associated with smoking. And just a few weeks after that, along came the first official American Heart Month, ushering in a new era of fundraising, education and awareness. This proved to be an incredible 1-2 punch in the fight against cardiovascular diseases.*

*While the rate of cardiovascular-related deaths has plunged from 54% in 1964 to below 32%, cardiovascular diseases still claim more lives than **ALL FORMS OF CANCER COMBINED**. Heart disease is still the number one killer of Americans, just as it was during LBJ’s tenure. And, contrary to popular opinion, heart disease isn’t just for men. More women die of heart disease and stroke each year than men.*

OK, so you want to start on the road to improving your heart health but you’re not sure you can or will make the commitment to join a gym or go on a strict diet? Don’t think that you have to make big changes to have an effect on your heart health. Even small, basic steps can have dramatic effects.

One of the biggest drops in heart disease risk occurs when you go from a sedentary lifestyle to being active as little as one hour a week. That’s right, just one hour. Obviously, the more active you are the better. But just one solid hour of activity over the course of a week makes a difference.

Health professionals at Mayo Clinic have developed the Mayo Clinic Healthy Heart Plan. The entire plan is contained in the book *Mayo Clinic Healthy Heart for Life! A Plan for Preventing and Conquering Heart Disease*. But one of the key messages in the plan is that even little steps may make a big difference.

Here’s a summary of the Mayo Clinic Healthy Heart Plan’s quick start:

- **Eat 5.** Eat five servings of fruit and vegetables a day to boost your heart health. Start by eating breakfast and including at least one serving of fruit or vegetable. Snack on vegetables or fruit in between meals. Make a conscious effort to include fruits and vegetables in your daily meals. Don’t worry so much about foods you shouldn’t eat, just work on getting five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day.
- **Move 10.** Add at least 10 minutes of moderately intense physical activity to what you do every day. Sure government recommendations say 30 minutes or more, but the bottom line is even 10 minutes makes a difference. For example, just 60 to 90 minutes a week of physical activity can reduce your heart disease risk by up to half. That’s a big benefit from a pretty small commitment on your part. It doesn’t have to be elaborate — take the stairs, take a walk, just get moving. As you become more active, you can try to increase your total amount of activity a day.
- **Sleep 8.** Quality sleep is good for your heart. It can be a challenge to make time for good sleep, but it’s important. For two weeks try to get eight hours of good, quality sleep each night. Yes, each person’s sleep needs vary slightly, but eight is a good number to shoot for.

All of these tips — Eat 5, Move 10, Sleep 8 — are meant to be tried for two weeks before you move on to a more established healthy heart plan. But there’s nothing wrong with continuing this quick start for longer periods. Consider trying other reputable diet and exercise plans offered by the American Heart Association or other agencies. Hey, why not join your church friends on The Daniel Plan which begins March 11<sup>th</sup>? Sign up on the parish nurse bulletin board. Email me with questions at [nurse@uccstc.org](mailto:nurse@uccstc.org). You can also read more about The Daniel Plan at [www.danielplan.com](http://www.danielplan.com).

Let’s celebrate American Heart Month’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with an intentional plan to improve heart health. Together we can do this!!

**AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**  
located near office door. Look for overhead AED sign.  
Phone is on the adjacent wall.  
To call for help, press an outside line and dial 911.





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HOUSE CHARITIES

## Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

There is a new Ronald McDonald House to be built by Cadence Hospital in Winfield. Our Golden K Kiwanis Club is collecting pop tabs for this project. If you have no commitment at the present time for your pop tabs, please save them for me – thanks!!! Tabs are now on all kinds of cans – not just pop. All kinds are gratefully welcomed.

-Pat Kitner [chatwpat@att.net](mailto:chatwpat@att.net)

## Food on the 4th



On February 23 please bring non-perishable food for the St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries. **Suggestion for the month is Mixes** cake mixes, baking mixes, muffin mixes, Jello, pudding mixes.

## Thank you, Jane Batte!

Jane Batte has served as the church publicity person for the past two years. She has kept the church in the news with articles and pictures of events that have happened within the life of our congregation. Thank you, Jane, for your service in carrying out this very important work of our church. Well done!

## HELP WANTED! PUBLICITY PERSON

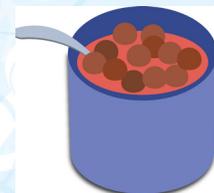
Person or persons needed to write and submit articles and pictures of events happening within the church to media. List of contacts can be provided. Please contact the Church office if interested or Wyonne Hegland for more information.



**Habitat  
for Humanity®**  
of Northern Fox Valley

## Pottawatomie Partnership

Renovations have started on house #13, 1620 S. 13th Ave, St. Charles. Volunteers are needed each Saturday at 8:30am. Work has begun on roof shingle replacement, garage clean-out and interior clean-up of the house.



# Cabin Fever Soup Supper and Game Night

**Saturday, February 8, 5:30pm**

**Please join us for Food, Fellowship,  
and, as always, Fun. Children welcome.**

**Please bring your favorite  
soup or dessert to share,  
and your own beverages (non-alcoholic)**

**Hosted by Mike & Susan Klopmeier.  
RSVP at [klopmeier@comcast.net](mailto:klopmeier@comcast.net)**



## YOUTH LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

*Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish. Amelia begins her first day of work at the Rogers' home with a list of what to do while the Rogers are gone. Will the Rogers be happy or upset when they return? Parents and children will enjoy reading this entertaining story.

*Around the World We Go!* By Margaret Wise Brown. The author and illustrator have used words and pictures to excite our youngest readers. The author's intent is to introduce the reader "to learn what we don't know."

*Bible Stories in Rhyme* by Jean Bernard Thompson. The book is written in an easy-to-read style with beautiful illustrations, beginning with Genesis 1:1 - 2:3, The Beginning of Our World. As the reader continues through the biblical stories he/she will travel through the Old and New Testament, ending with The Story of Jesus Christ, Luke 2; Matthew 1:18 - 2:23.

*Love Monster* by Rachel Bright. "This heart-tingling, let's-cuddle-up-together story is about how sometimes, when you least expect it, love finds you."

*Magic Tree House Books #1-4* by Mary Pope Osborne. In the books, Dinosaurs Before Dark, The Knight at Dawn, Mummies in the Morning, and Pirates Past Noon, the reader has an opportunity to discover the Mystery of the Tree House.

A series of chapter books have been added to the library on people and events that have shaped our lives and made a difference in American history.

*What Was the March on Washington?*  
*What Was Pearl Harbor?* *What Was the Underground Railroad?* *Who Is Jane Goodall?* *Who Was Anne Frank?* *Who Was Harriet Tubman?* *Who Was Jackie Robinson?* *Who Was Rosa Parks?* *Who Was Sacagawea?*



## Night Ministry Jan 28, 2014

Today, the temperature is supposed to go down to -11. Wind chill ??? School is cancelled again. Trains are having trouble on the tracks. What do I wear to stay warm for an hour on the streets of Chicago as I help serve the homeless in the Lakeview section of Chicago? I gathered a bag to take – long underwear, 2 pairs of pants, a windproof shell, sweater, vest, fleece, neck gaiter, fleece hat, wool socks, boots for -25, 2 pair of gloves, a down jacket, and hand and feet warmers, if needed. This became an adventure, a challenge to see if I could brave the cold and stay warm. It would also be fun in the comradeship of 7 friends. We were going together in the church van, stopping to eat together, getting an orientation at the night ministry office – all fun and educational.

I don't know when my thinking changed. When did I realize, that during this hour on the street, I was entering, for just a brief moment, the sacred lives of a small part of Chicago's homeless? These people didn't arrive door-to-door in the warm church van. They didn't stop for fish n' chips at the local Irish pub. They aren't wearing the amount of clothes I have on (no one had gloves) and they are hungry (a condition I rarely feel). This isn't a new adventure for them. This is their life. And I must say, they are surviving a lot better than I think I could.

They arrive one or two at a time, talking and laughing. Why did I expect them to be downtrodden, sad, dirty and even smelly, reaching out for anything we had to offer? We came with food, sweat-shirts, hats, gloves, and fleece blankets (made by another church). These people, although homeless, came with their pride and dignity. Most are young adults who, like our 20-something's, want to fit in, not be identified as homeless, so they looked through the clothing for the right color hat, etc. for themselves. One young man even stayed and helped shovel the snow away from our tables. As they left, they all gratefully accepted what we had brought.

A few other things I learned: 70% of the homeless have jobs, just not ones that pay enough to rent a place to live. Most are young, often having left terrible home situations or been kicked out by parents. Many are in school and are trying to get their GED or other education. There are not enough shelters in the city for them all. On cold nights an option is to ride the all-night trains (Night Ministry has CTA passes to give those in need), but to get any sleep you need to ride with a buddy and take turns sleeping and guarding your belongings. There are some very dedicated people running this program and many groups and churches that volunteer to make and bring food and clothing items to the street.

As I arrived home and crawled into my warm bed, I couldn't help but wonder where the people I had met were sleeping. Were they cold? Were they eating another homemade cookie to stay warm? What more can I do for them? When can I go back, this time with a different attitude about why I am there? Thank you to all of you who provided the food and clothing, and thank you to Ann Richards for coordinating our part in this program.

*Jeanne Humke*

We will serve our friends and neighbors in Humboldt Park and Pilsen on Tuesday, April 29, and our friends and neighbors in Lakeview Tuesday, July 22.



Men's Fellowship  
1st & 3rd Tues. 7am  
Arcadium Coffee House  
St. Charles

**Men's Fellowship Walking Group**  
3rd Saturday of each month, 7am (Feb. 15)  
Contact George Mohn for information and  
location. 847-488-9179, [sangeomohn@att.net](mailto:sangeomohn@att.net)

# MEN'S



# RETREAT

## Energizing Y(Our) Faith

*Fri. Feb. 21 through Sun. morning Feb. 23*  
at Lorado Taft, Oregon, IL. This facility is owned by NIU and has been experienced and recommended by members of our group. Cost/person, including meals on Saturday plus breakfast on Sunday is \$125. We'll also meet for dinner Friday night for those able and interested. Sign up on the CE Board.

## Swing Set Preschool Fundraiser

Swing Set Preschool is having a dine out at Skippy's on Friday, February 7th, near the corner of Rt 38 and Randall Road. The fundraiser is ALL DAY! The menu offers something for everyone in your family to enjoy. Please grab a flyer in the church office and present it upon ordering your meal and Swing Set Preschool will receive a percentage back. Thank you for continued support of Swing Set Preschool.



## MEAL MINISTRY

If you could provide an occasional meal for a church member, please contact Patti Molloy at [nurse@uccstc.org](mailto:nurse@uccstc.org) or Mary Lou Bracken at [marylou1206@att.net](mailto:marylou1206@att.net) or sign up on the Parish Nurse bulletin board.

## Novel Approaches



April 11th  
*The Grapes of Wrath*

At Kathy & Jim Mizgalski's home.  
Sign up to attend on the  
Congregational Life board.

**The Grapes of Wrath** is a landmark of American literature. A portrait of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless, of one man's fierce reaction to injustice, and of one woman's stoical strength, the novel captures the horrors of the Great Depression and probes into the very nature of equality and justice in America. Although it follows the movement of thousands of men and women and the transformation of an entire nation, **The Grapes of Wrath** is also the story of one Oklahoma family, the Joads, who are driven off their homestead and forced to travel west to the promised land of California. Out of their trials and their repeated collisions against the hard realities of an America divided into Haves and Have-Nots evolves a drama that is intensely human yet majestic in its scale and moral vision, elemental yet plainspoken, tragic but ultimately stirring in its human dignity. At once a naturalistic epic, captivity narrative, road novel, and transcendental gospel, Steinbeck's fictional chronicle of the Dust Bowl migration of the 1930's is perhaps the most American of American Classics.



## 2014 Altar Flowers Donations

Sign up on the Worship Bulletin Board next to the elevator for 2014 altar flower donations. Ginger Krichbaum from the Worship Committee will contact you by e-mail or phone to make arrangements for your flower donation and what you would like printed in the bulletin.

## Go Green!

Please consider getting  
the *Highlight Newsletter* as a  
PDF by email. You will get it  
sooner and the church saves \$ on  
postage. Send your email address  
to [office@uccstc.org](mailto:office@uccstc.org).

# The Daniel Plan

As I wrote about in the December *Highlight*, I am excited to announce that we will be starting *The Daniel Plan*. In case you missed it, *The Daniel Plan* is far more than a diet plan. It is an approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle where people are encouraged to get healthier together by optimizing the key five essentials of faith, food, fitness, focus, and friends. It is a 6 week, video based Bible study that offers an innovative approach to creating a healthy lifestyle. *The Daniel Plan* focuses on an abundance of healthy choices giving encouragement and inspiration needed to succeed. We will coordinate this series with the six weeks of Lent. It will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00-2:30pm beginning March 11 and concluding April 15. If there is enough interest, we will also consider offering the program on Sunday mornings after worship. Please sign up on the Parish Nurse bulletin board and indicate your preference for Tuesday or Sunday. Email Patti Molloy with questions at nurse@uccstc.org.



## Swing Set Preschool Registration

Open registration for the general public will begin on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 8:30 A.M. to fill any remaining openings. Forms will be available in Miss Kim's Office.

Registration forms accompanied by a nonrefundable registration fee (\$75.00 for new students and \$50.00 for returning students) may be mailed or dropped off at the school or left in the church office. Any questions, please call Kim at 630 443 8570.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Do you have a friend or family member who has always wanted to join you on a Sunday at church, but has yet to visit with us? Well, now you have the perfect reason to invite your friends and family! The CUCC is hosting a **"Bring a Friend Sunday" on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We are asking all of our members to invite *at least one* friend or family member to come check us out! Whether they belong to another church or not, it doesn't matter! The more the merrier on *Bring a Friend Sunday*. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Barth, [connections@uccstc.org](mailto:connections@uccstc.org). We hope to see you and your family and friends there!



### Linda L. Braggs, Biblical Storyteller *Come hear Biblical stories told in a new way...*

Linda Braggs is a Biblical Storyteller who will share the inspired Word of God with us in a profound way. One person described it this way: "Biblical Storytelling renews the dry spirit and lets worshippers hear the breath of God."

Here's how Biblical Storytelling works:

*It teaches, as Jesus taught, by telling stories...*

*It places the audience in the space and time of the story...*

*It deepens the audience understanding...*

*Biblical Storytelling is Christian Education for all ages...*

Linda comes to us as an Associate Minister at Covenant Faith Church of God in Chicago and is part of the Society of Biblical Storytellers, (<http://www.nbsint.org/aboutus>) an international, ecumenical, inter-denominational gathering of scholars, clergy, and laity whose mission is to encourage everyone to learn and tell biblical stories. Long before the narratives of the Bible became "scripture" ("writing") they existed in oral form as stories shared in the faith community and passed down from generation to generation. Even the early written records were regarded as notation for the performance of the stories as oral/aural events. Members of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, Int'l internalize and present biblical stories for audiences of all ages. Making use of the scholarship of performance criticism of biblical texts, these biblical storytellers present authentic, lively experiences of the scriptures for worship, conferences, retreats, festivals and other programs.

Linda will be a special guest at our 9:30 worship service on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. She'll share her love of Biblical Storytelling with our entire congregation. Following this service Linda will lead a short workshop for all ages and interested parties on the craft of Biblical Storytelling in the downstairs Christian Education room. Make plans now to join us for both worship and workshop on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Tassie Brautigam, if you have any questions about this special program.

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## YOU ARE WELCOME

Striving to increase our love for God and neighbor, we welcome persons of every age, health condition, race, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and religious background.

We encourage you to become an active member of our church, sharing your God-given gifts in all areas of church life: worship, education, mission & ministry.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### 8:30am Brief Worship Service (1/2 hour)

A hymn, prayers, scripture and reflections on the scripture. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care. No Sunday school.

### 9:30am Worship Service with Sunday School

Sunday school for children through 7th grade. Nursery care. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, as a community in Christ, shall provide and administer a continuum of opportunities for worship, education, fellowship & outreach. It is our mission to serve individual, local, national & world needs.

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Ginny Minard—Worship Chair  
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Jeff Graham—Youth Director  
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All Members—Ministers

## Please pray for them on their February birthdays.

Carrie Fulk	1	Alex Peterson	7	Chuck Harvey	12	Ryne Lorenz	15	Sue Peterson	21	Chris Schneider	25
Liska Hackett	1	Brad Renguso	7	Ginny Minard	12	Doug Ranney II	15	Max Rehberger	21	Evan Weidl	25
Jim Valsa	1	Ben Durbala	8	Brandon Nothnagel	12	Katharine Grimes	16	Olivia Mayer	22	Joe Bondi	26
Jeff Fairchild	2	Sarah Hecht	8	Brian Pemberton	12	Karla Kurinsky	16	Evan O'Connor	22	Lori Fairchild	26
Howard Hofmeister	2	Kathleen Speck	8	Katherine Pfothnauer	12	Kathy McCullough	16	Tom Palansky	22	Clint Lancor	26
Matthew Lee	2	Mackenzie Franks	9	Ryan Pfothnauer	12	Ken Mroz	16	Len Urban	22	Dawn Lutz	26
Jason Lutz	2	Kayla Gonzales	9	Callan Ridgway	12	Jamie Utz	16	Ava Andreadcchi	23	David Rohlman	26
Cameron Morton	2	Ben Goucher	9	Ted Hardison	13	James Corcoran	17	Stephanie Brennan	23	Greg Algrim	27
Colin Ross	2	Mindy Graham	9	Barbara Sargent	13	Don Hattendorf	17	Dean Hoepfner	23	Christine Beal	27
Cameron Davidson	3	Maddilyn Illy	9	Garrett Veldhuizen	13	Jeannette Herbord	17	Jenny Urban	23	Mike Breseman	27
Brody Noble	3	Patrick Smith	9	Rosemary Caldwell	14	Jeff Miller	17	Cyndi Hahn	24	Kelly Cain	27
Walter Green	4	Laura Champer	10	Becky Grimm	14	Hannah Nieman	17	Jodi Melcher	24	Daniel Occhipinti	27
Terry Piper	4	Alec Jacquot	10	Dave Mack	14	Matthew Grewe	19	Andrew Selck Sr.	24	Sue Pokorski	27
Brian Bagrowski	6	Nicole Klosowski	10	Brandon Moran	14	Maria Kormos	19	Brian Bendeich	25	Gabe Andreadcchi	28
Chris Brennan	6	Elizabeth McNamara	10	Lilliana Samuelson	14	Andrew Lindsten	19	Bob Eichler	25	Colin Baloun	28
Adam Hemmingsen	6	Zander Nicolai	10	Morgan Stewart	14	Steve Mandat	19	Janel Eichler	25	Thomas Burgholzer	28
Tim Jones	6	Morgan Nothnagel	10	Joey Tsakiris	14	Dick Swanson	19	Emo Furfori III	25	Evan McGoldrick	28
Fiona Miller	6	Ryan Samuelson	10	Pamela Gust	15	Linda Geni	20	Les Johnson	25	Skylar Nafziger	28
Deb Stuber	6	Phillip Morton	11	Kathryn Hill	15	Jake Renguso	20	Emma MacNeille	25	Mylania Santucci	28
Grant Grewe	7	Bradley Shurts	11	Lauren Hill	15	Jane Grimaldi	21	Steve Oberle	25	Kristina Gonzales	29

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**February-March 2014** CURRENT CHURCH CALENDAR Posted on church web site uccstc.org

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## February

<p><b>9</b>  <b>TGIJ Mystery Meal (FH)</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Brief Worship (S)</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Happy Hearts Choir (111)</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Sunday School through 7th Grade</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b>            10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (FH)</b>            11:00 AM - 1:00 PM <b>Confirmation</b>            4:00 PM - 5:30 PM <b>Kerygma Bible Study (P)</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>            9:00 AM - 7:30 PM <b>Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</b>            10:00 AM <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)</b>            5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppets (FH)</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>NO Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>            6:30 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF Youth Group (119)</b>            6:30 PM <b>Worship Committee (O)</b>            7:00 PM <b>Christian Education Committee (114)</b>            7:00 PM <b>Congregational Life Cm (P)</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>            6:00 PM <b>Bellissimo Bell Choir</b>            Rehearsal (S)            7:30 PM <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Valentine's Day</b>            1:00 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Language Stars-Spanish (112)</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>            7:00 AM <b>Men's Fellowship Walking Group</b>            2:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Rental - Cho (FH)</b></p>
<p><b>16</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Brief Worship (S)</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Happy Hearts Choir (111)</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Sunday School through 7th Grade</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b>            10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (FH)</b>            4:00 PM - 5:30 PM <b>Kerygma Bible Study (P)</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>No Puppets Office Closed Presidents' Day</b>            8:30 AM <b>Building Maintenance</b>            9:00 AM - 7:30 PM <b>Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</b>            7:00 PM <b>Church Council (P)</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>            7:00 AM <b>Men's Fellowship (Arcadium)</b>            1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Tuesday Bible Study (P)</b>            7:00 PM <b>Mom's Group (114)</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>            9:30 AM - 11:30 AM <b>Circle of Friends (P)</b>            5:00 PM - 6:00 PM <b>Helping Hands (FH)</b>            6:30 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF Youth Group (119)</b>            6:45 PM <b>Lazarus House Homeless Shelter</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>            6:00 PM <b>Bellissimo Bell Choir</b>            Rehearsal (S)            7:00 PM <b>Committee Chairs (O)</b>            7:30 PM <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Men's Retreat (Lorado Taft, Oregon, IL)</b>            1:00 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Language Stars-Spanish (112)</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>Men's Retreat (Lorado Taft, Oregon, IL)</b></p>
<p><b>23</b>  <b>Food on the 4th Men's Retreat (Lorado Taft, Oregon, IL) ends AM</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Brief Worship (S)</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Happy Hearts Choir (111)</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Sunday School through 7th Grade</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b>            10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (FH)</b>            11:00 AM - 1:00 PM <b>Confirmation</b>            4:00 PM - 5:30 PM <b>Kerygma Bible Study (P)</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>            9:00 AM - 7:30 PM <b>Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</b>            5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppets (FH)</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>            1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Tuesday Bible Study (P)</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>            6:30 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF Youth Group (119)</b></p>	<p><b>27</b>            1:30 PM - 3:30 PM <b>Fox Valley Justice &amp; Witness(P)</b>            6:00 PM <b>Bellissimo Bell Choir</b>            Rehearsal (S)            7:30 PM <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Steel Beam Theater</b>            1:00 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Language Stars-Spanish (112)</b></p>	<p><b>1</b>            1:00 PM <b>TGIJ Movie (FH)</b></p>
<p><b>2 March</b>  <b>Communion</b>  <b>Gf &amp; Confirmation</b>  <b>Pancake Breakfast (FH)</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Brief Worship (S)</b>            8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Happy Hearts Choir (111)</b>            9:30 AM <b>Jr Worship (114)</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Sunday School through 7th Grade</b>            9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b>            4:00 PM - 5:30 PM <b>Kerygma Bible Study (P)</b></p>	<p><b>3</b>            9:00 AM - 7:30 PM <b>Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</b>            5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppets (FH)</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>            7:00 AM <b>Men's Fellowship (Arcadium)</b>            1:00 PM - 2:30 PM <b>Tuesday Bible Study (P)</b>            7:00 PM <b>Mission Cm (O)</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>            9:00 AM <b>Women's Fellowship (P)</b>            6:30 PM <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>            6:30 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF Youth Group (119)</b>            7:00 PM <b>Swing Set BD Mtg (111)</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>            6:00 PM <b>Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</b>            7:00 PM - 8:30 PM <b>NAMI (114)</b>            7:30 PM <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>World Day of Prayer</b>            1:00 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Language Stars-Spanish (112)</b>            5:00 PM <b>Confirmation Retreat (Pilgrim Park)</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>            2:30 PM <b>Confirmation Retreat ends (Pilgrim Park)</b>            - 8:00 AM <b>Puppet Lock in ends at 8am</b>            Set clocks ahead one hour tonight            11:00 AM - 7:00 PM <b>Lynne Green Recital (S, P)</b></p>

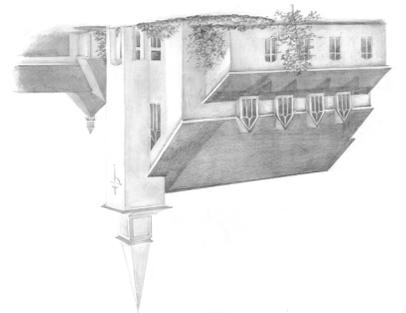


**Mardi Gras  
Pancake Breakfast  
GF Youth Group  
Fundraiser  
March 2, 9-11:30am  
Fellowship Hall**

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