



OPEN DOOR

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From the Pastor



As I write this, my mind has turned toward the end of the month when my family and I will be on vacation (except for Nathan who will have begun his freshman year at Loyola Chicago). My daughter, Clara, returns from her internship in France on August 23. After welcoming her home at O'Hare, we will head north to spend time in the North Woods. Our daughter, Susan, will join us a couple of days later.

The memory of two recent worship services will delight me while I am away. First, the August 5 communion service. The worship committee's creative juices have been flowing, especially as we planned for and implemented the weekly communion series during the Sundays of Eastertide. We were aware that there are a variety of ways to distribute the elements, and one way is not more important, theologically pure, nor more liturgically authentic than another. We know that the folks who share in the Easter Sunrise communion service at Meadowbrook Park each year find it very meaningful. So, we wanted to try and share communion in our sanctuary in that same way, in the round.

The service was beautiful. We all stood and formed the circle after the Great Thanksgiving, and we joined hands as we prayed the Lord's Prayer together. Members of the worship committee served the bread and the cup around the circle. We then joined hands one more time as I offered the Prayer After Communion. Singing the hymn, "You Shall Go Out with Joy (The Trees of the Field)," which involved actual hand clapping, made the joy of the morning complete.



The second service was the following Sunday, August 12, when the team that traveled to Malawi offered their report of their experiences. Seeing all of the photos and videos, hearing the music we heard there once again, and sharing our stories, brought the memories of the trip powerfully back to life. If there were any doubts about what our partnership with the Jeanes congregation has accomplished and is accomplishing, that service should have remove them. Our two-decade long partnership has borne and is bearing so much good fruit, in wells dug and maintained, in children and

youth educated, in a fabulous new pre-school, and in relationships that deepen our faith and give hope and encouragement.

My heart is filled with gratitude. Thank you all for your willingness to keep trying new things. Where more than a few congregations remain stuck in their traditions, or content with their nostalgia, we are taking the risk of following where the Holy

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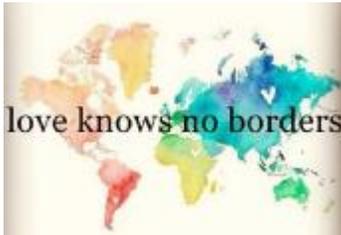
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Spirit seems to be leading us. Thank you for your long and deep commitment to expressing the world-wide nature of the Church. Where more than a few American evangelicals call for building walls and keeping out those

deemed undesirable, we insist on embodying the command of Jesus in Matthew 5:48: "You must therefore set no bounds to your love, just as your heavenly Father sets none to his." (New Jerusalem Bible) Thank you for welcoming me to share the journey of faith with you.

Pastor David



Pride Fest 2018

Plan now to join us at the Champaign Urbana Pride Fest 2018 Saturday, September 15, from noon to approximately 4:30 p.m. Our church will have a table in the vendor area from noon until 4:00 p.m. (parking lot of the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Champaign), then we will join in the parade at 5:00 p.m. (staging at 4:40 p.m. in the Orpheum parking lot). This is a venue which supports all human rights, showcases our community's diversity, promotes equality, and creates a safe, fun environment for all. It's a great opportunity to introduce our church to the whole

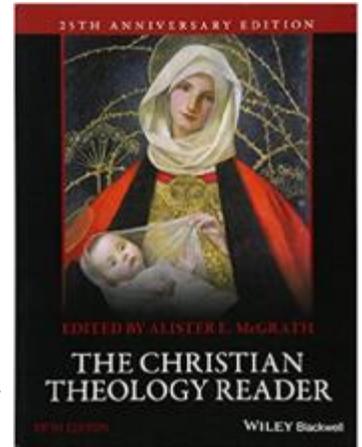


community and show our support. If you want to celebrate with us, just show up! Feel free to contact Cindy Ottemann, Karen Mortensen, or Steve Hall with any questions.

Theology Discussion Group

One bite at a time. You may know that answer to the question, "How do you eat an elephant?", but it applies to theology as well. Theology brings to mind densely packed and dusty tomes, chock full of technical jargon that, if you're lucky, may be in English. Join us this fall for a Sunday evening study group to look at theology in small bites. This will be a discussion group, not a lecture-filled seminar.

The group will utilize Alister McGrath's The Christian Theology Reader, 5th Edition. McGrath, a theologian from Kings College, London, has compiled an extensive collection of Christian texts spanning from the early church to modern times. Grouped topically rather than chronologically, McGrath gives us manageable spoonfuls of each text with a short introduction, the text itself, a brief analysis, and a few but very thoughtful questions about the passage. It is rare for these materials to run more than two or three pages in length. McGrath's questions are as valuable as the specific passages; they are neither rote nor rhetorical. His questions really force you to work with the passage, to understand, reflect and critique the author. Amazon's "Look Inside!" feature provides many examples for free on-line once you get past the preliminaries.



Individually, we will read the scheduled material before we gather, pondering or perhaps even writing our thoughts about McGrath's questions. During our time together, we will hear each other's comments on the passage and how we would answer the question. We will also cross the boundary between theology and personal faith by asking what, if anything, do these passages mean to me?

We plan to meet each Sunday night, beginning September 9, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Library with discussion facilitated by David Oliver-Holder and Steve Hall. You may purchase the text on your own (approximately \$36), and Adult Ministries has graciously offered to provide books for those who request. Please contact the church office to indicate interest in the group and whether you wish for the church to provide you with a book. There's enough material for this group to continue for several months, but we will decide as a group what duration is best for us all.



Chapel Renovation Update

Phase 1 of the chapel renovation is scheduled to begin some time in October and will take approximately six weeks. Contracts have been signed with New Prairie Construction to extend the chancel stairs to the wall on the north side of the chapel and install a handrail on the north wall; upgrade the electrical; oversee installation of new tile on the floor and carpeting on the chancel; repair and paint the walls; install wood baseboards on the chancel; extend the cornice a few inches out from the wall; and refurbish the communion table and pulpit.

We are in the process of ordering the new chairs (the higher back model was selected). The fabric for replacement of the drape under the cornice also has been selected (a beautiful burgundy background with a traditional, geometric pattern that picks up the muted green and yellow colors in the chairs). The yellow glass in the current chandeliers also will be replaced with pebbled clear glass, which will eliminate the yellow cast on the walls/furnishings and improve visibility.

Based on suggestions from the congregation, we explored the possibility of projecting images on the two walls at the front of the chapel but determined this was not feasible. A rear projection system was much too expensive and a front projection system, which would have involved projectors on stands or attached to the walls at the front of the chapel, would not have achieved our goal of making the audio-visual equipment unobtrusive. We therefore are back to the original plan of installing a television behind the drape at the front of the chapel with small speakers installed near the ceiling at the base of the arches.

Session has approved a plan for disposal of the pews and clergy benches: 1) they first will be made available to mem-

bers of the congregation for a suggested donation of \$75 per pew; 2) any furnishings remaining then will be made available to other churches in the presbytery; 3) any remaining furnishings will be offered for sale to local organizations and individuals; 4) any furnishings remaining at this point will be offered to the local Preservation and Conservation Association (PACA); 5) in the unlikely event that any furnishings remain at this point, they will be recycled in an appropriate manner. **Please contact the office by August 15 if you are interested in obtaining any of the pews.** (Both clergy benches have already been spoken for.) All of the pews and clergy benches must be out of the chapel by October 1.

Also based on congregational input, we have obtained bids for installing air conditioning in the chapel. This component, along with redesigning the chapel entryway and building closets at the rear of the chapel, is being discussed by Session as it reviews anticipated building repairs and upgrades for our facility and identifies sources of funding for these projects.



Because of the uncertainty of the exact start date in October, we are rescheduling any programming in the chapel between October 1 and December 1. It will be wonderful to have our newly renovated chapel ready for the Christmas season. Many thanks to the chapel sub-committee for developing such an exciting plan, to Building and Grounds and Budget and Finance for fine-tuning the plan and identifying funding, and to Session for moving the project forward.

Adult Bible Study



Sundays at **8:15 a.m.** in Meeting Room B which is next to the church office on the main floor. We are currently studying the book of Romans.

In the Church Family



Let us remember in our prayers:

- Dot Hunt (Meadowbrook)

With sadness we share the news that Bill Walker passed away on Friday, July 13. We share our sympathy with Shirley Walker and family and remember them in our prayers. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 21 in our church sanctuary.

Marilyn Querry's Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to celebrate Marilyn Querry's 90th birthday at an open house party on **Monday, September 24, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Carlyle Johnson and his New Orleans Jazz Machine will play music. Cake and ice cream will be provided.



The Pastor Will Be on Vacation

Pastor David and family will be away on vacation beginning August 23. He will be back in the office on Wednesday, September 5. While he is away, John Powell be here to preach and lead worship on both Sundays, August 26 and September 2.



The Church Office Will Be Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3 for Labor Day.

Sunday Assisting Schedule

| 2018 | August 12 Malawi Sunday | August 19 | August 26 Hymn Sing John Powell Preaching | September 2 John Powell Preaching |
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| Worship Leader | Malawi Team | Peter Mortensen | Warren Hapke | TBD |
| Head Usher | Jason Harris | Harold Guither | Brett Champion | TBD |
| Ushers | David Bullock Ed Scharlau Carol Scharlau | Barb Schleicher Lauren Smith Linda Brucker | Linda Brucker Liz Greeley Don Greeley | TBD |
| Steward | Bob Resek | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| Flowers / Communion Servers | <i>Flower dedication available</i> | Harold and Lois Guither | <i>Flower dedication available</i> | Communion Servers TBD |
| Make Coffee | Marty Lampman | Cindy Strehlow | Jamie Ellis | TBD |
| Wash Cups | Marty Lampman | Cindy Strehlow | Jamie Ellis | TBD |
| Greeters | Nancy Uchtmann | TBD | TBD | TBD |

Twice Is Nice Annual Tent Sale Mark Your Calendar for August 25!



That's the date of the annual Thrift Shop tent sale, and we need YOUR help to ensure that it succeeds, attracting newly arriving U. of I. students and other customers to the shop, offering furniture and other items too large to display in the shop, and clearing overstocks from the past year. Here is how you can help: Review the sign-up sheet posted on the "Window of Opportunity" bulletin board in the church hallway or at the shop, then sign up to help set up the sale in Fellowship Hall and the parking lot tent on **Friday evening, August 24**. Or sign up to help staff the sale for a couple of hours between **8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 25**.

Also consider whether you have furniture or other items to donate to the sale. Income from Twice Is Nice is a significant source of our congregation's annual mission giving. By helping with the sale, you will ensure those funds are available. Any usable items can be delivered to **607 W. Elm on Friday, August 24, 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** Contact Dixie Jackson if you have questions about the event, a donation or need help getting a donation to the shop. Thank you!

Sorting Day at Twice Is Nice

Thank you to volunteer Pat Jensen for hauling away old textbooks and broken electronics recently. Please join us for our next Sorting Day on **Saturday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon**.

Where Is the Baptismal Font?



The new font itself has been created by master glass maker John Miller, Illinois State University Department of Fine Arts. It was quite a bit taller than our current metal font, so modification of the wood base has been needed. We are now awaiting the work of Randy Reid to modify the base. Randy is a master woodworker who is also on the faculty of the Illinois State University Department of Fine Arts. We don't have a definite date to see the finished product, but we expect it soon. If you have any questions, please call Shari Hall or Don Greeley.

Food & More Program Donation Request

for August 2018

Coffee/tea



Faith In Place: Clean Jobs Coalition

Join the conversation! Enjoy a slice of pizza and an interesting exchange of ideas at this Listen. Lead. Share. event on **Wednesday, August 29 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at Jupiter's at the Crossing, 2511 Village Green Place, Champaign. Faith in Place is hosting this community conversation about how we advance clean jobs and clean energy in Illinois. Together, we can build a clean economy for our neighbors and future generations. Our success with the Future Energy Jobs Act laid the foundation. Now we need to listen and plan for the next policy shaping initiative. We want to share some facts, and learn from you. We will listen. Because we believe people of faith are crucial to making Illinois a leader. We'll provide some pizza. Drinks are on you. The future is on all of us.



<https://www.faithinplace.org/events/ci-listen-lead-share>

August 2018



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>CL – Choir Loft CR – Choir Room CY – Green St. Court yard DS – Downstairs FH – Fellowship Hall L – Library MA – Meeting Rm A</p> <p>MB – Meeting Rm B N – Narthex NO – Nurse's Office S – Sanctuary US – Upstairs YC – Youth Center Thrift Shop—Twice is Nice, 607 W. Elm</p> | <p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous ACA – Adult Children of Alcoholics KC – Korean Church OA – Overeaters Anonymous</p> | | <p>1 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 12:00 PM Sorting Day at the Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 5:30 PM Deacons (L) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC)</p> | <p>2 Open Door DEADLINE 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM KC Praise (S) 7:00 PM Worship Com (MA)</p> | <p>3 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p> | <p>4 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 11:00 AM OA (L)</p> |
| <p>5 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care for Infants and Toddlers (Downstairs Rooms 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship(S) After Worship Fellowship Time (N) Parish Nurse Office Hours (NO) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C) 1:30 PM Communion at Clark-Lindsey 2:30 PM Ice Cream Outing (Sidney Dairy Barn)</p> | <p>6 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p>  | <p>7 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop</p> | <p>8 Open Door Mail Date 6:00 AM KC (C) 9:00 AM Cooperative Nursery (FH) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC)</p> | <p>9 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM KC Praise Team (S)</p> | <p>10 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p> | <p>11 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM "Twice is Nice" Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 11:00 AM OA (L)</p> |
| <p>12 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care for Infants & Toddlers (DS Rooms 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship Malawi Report (S) After Worship Fellowship Time (N) Parish Nurse Office Hours (NO) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C)</p>  | <p>13 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 5:30 PM Earth Care Team (L) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p> | <p>14 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 6:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee (L) 7:00 PM Adult Ministries (MA)</p> | <p>15 6:00 AM KC (C) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC)</p> | <p>16 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM KC Praise Team (S) 7:00 PM Children & Youth Ministries (YC)</p> | <p>17 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM Budget & Finance (MA) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p> | <p>18 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 9:00 AM Sorting Day at the Thrift Shop (607 W Elm) 11:00 AM OA (L)</p> |
| <p>19 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care for Infants and Toddlers (Downstairs Rooms 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship (S) After Worship Fellowship Time (N) Parish Nurse Office Hours (NO) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C)</p> | <p>20 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 1:00 PM Food & More Set Up (FH, L) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p> | <p>21 6:00 AM KC (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 9:00 AM Food & More Partnership Program (FH) 7:00 PM Session (Room 3)</p>  | <p>22 6:00 AM KC (C) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC)</p> | <p>23 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM KC Praise Team (S) 7:00 PM Mission Committee (L)</p> | <p>24 Thrift Shop Annual Sale set-up 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p> | <p>25 9:00 AM Thrift Shop Annual Sale (607 W Elm, FH?) 6:00 AM KC (C) 11:00 AM OA (L)</p>  |
| <p>26 8:15 AM Bible Study (MB) 9:15 AM Child Care for Infants and Toddlers (Downstairs Rooms 4 & 5) 9:30 AM Worship--Hymn Sing (S) After Worship Fellowship Time (N) Parish Nurse Office Hours (NO) 1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12 (C)</p> | <p>27 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 11:00 AM OA (L) 8:00 PM AA (YC & 6)</p>  | <p>28 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop</p> | <p>29 6:00 AM KC (C) 6:30 PM Wednesday AA Group (YC)</p> | <p>30 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 9:00 AM Thrift Shop 5:30 PM OA (L) 7:00 PM ACA (YC) 7:00 PM KC Praise Team (S)</p> | <p>31 6:00 AM KC Prayer (C) 7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p> | |

Communion Survey



Feedback on Weekly Communion

In Communion, we experience three senses of time: past, present and future. Which means we are not re-enacting the Last Supper but celebrating the Lord's Supper. We are continuing the meal at Emmaus after the Resurrection, not repeating Maundy Thursday.

We experience Christ as present with us now.

We also look to the future when we will celebrate at God's table in Heaven.

In the early centuries of the church, Communion was celebrated weekly. In many current day Christian churches Communion is an integral part of weekly corporate worship. Other current day Reformed churches have a tradition of monthly or quarterly Communion.

We have been trying out weekly Communion for the past several weeks instead of your usual practice of having it on the first Sunday of each month. We value your thoughts on this practice.

Please fill out this survey by emailing your responses to the church office or printing out the survey, filling it out, and turning it into the office.

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| Did you experience spiritual growth as a result of having Communion weekly? | Yes | Neutral | No |
| Do you like intinction? | Yes | Neutral | No |
| Do you like service-in-the-pews? | Yes | Neutral | No |
| Now that we have returned to monthly Communion, do you find that you miss having it weekly? | Yes | Neutral | No |
| Did you come to a deeper understanding of the richness of Communion by celebrating it weekly? | Yes | Neutral | No |
| Did having Communion weekly make it seem less "special"? | Yes | Neutral | No |
| If the Communion liturgy caused the service to go past 10:40, would that create a distraction for you or cause you other concerns? | Yes | Neutral | No |
| Should we try weekly Communion again for special seasons, such as Advent and around Easter? | Yes | Neutral | No |

Thank you so much for your feedback, and please give any other comments:

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OUR KEY MESSAGES

Welcome to our church family!

God is doing *exciting* things here!

Choose a path: **Have an impact & feed your soul!**

Thanks to Cornelius van der Velde for preparing this Open Door for mailing.

Open Door Deadline: For inclusion in the next Open Door, items should be submitted by **Thursday, September 6, 2018** to office@firstpresurbana.org. The Open Door will be mailed on **Wednesday, September 12,**

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