



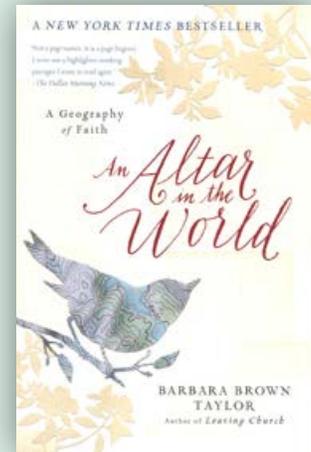
## Focusing on Practicing Our Faith

Our year-long sermon series, “Our Bible, Ourselves: 40 Stories to Remind Us Who (And Whose) We Are” tackled the first priority of our Long Range Plan—be engaged and transformed by scripture. This summer, with the help of author Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, *An Altar in the World*, we’ll focus on our second priority—learn of and engage in spiritual practices.

We’ll try on for size a series of spiritual practices to feed our faith. Purchase *An Altar in the World* at the Hospitality Desk for \$10. You can also find the book at major booksellers and it is available for the Kindle and other e-book readers.

A corresponding study guide is also available at [firstchurchlf.org/study-guides](http://firstchurchlf.org/study-guides) or pick up a hardcopy from the Hospitality desk.

A new bookmark each week will be inserted in the bulletin, highlighting the spiritual practice of the week and offering a tip for applying it in daily life. And if you’re going away for parts of the summer, you still can keep up with our series by visiting [firstchurchlf.org/practicingourfaith](http://firstchurchlf.org/practicingourfaith). That page will give you the practice for each week, the corresponding scripture passages and book chapter, and links to the study guides.



### CAMP First Pres @Playground Church



June 19 - July 31  
10AM at the Playground



Kids meet on the playground at 10AM Sunday mornings to play, worship and seek God in nature through “field trips” around the church grounds. We’ll even try our hand at geocaching as we look for “treasures” and hide some of our own for others to find!



See you at the  
Playground!



Dear friends,

For many families, summer brings a quieter season. School is out, finals are over, work winds down, vacations get going. To some extent, that's true for our church family too. We slow down—from three Sunday services to just one at 10 a.m.—and our committees and boards have a lighter schedule too.

But the slower pace also allows us to focus, to concentrate our energy in amazing ministries. Last week, 61 youth were in Lebanon Junction, Ky., on Work Trip, accompanied by 18 amazing advisors. We also had more than 100 children participate in Vacation Bible School, which we co-sponsored with Church of the Holy Spirit. I had a chance to do story-telling last week, and it was so much fun! At the same time, our older children did their own local "VBS Work Trip"—Sean Kelly took them to Bernie's Book Bank, Feed My Starving Children and Westmoreland Nursing Center. If you're on Facebook, visit [facebook.com/firstchurchlf](https://facebook.com/firstchurchlf) to see photos from Work Trip and VBS.

As the summer gets into high-gear, you'll notice that our pastoral team will be coming and going on vacations, furloughs and church-related travel. Soon I'll be heading to Portland, Ore. for the biennial General Assembly of our denomination. I'll be advocating for an overture our Session endorsed that calls attention to the needs of Christians in the Middle East. Other matters coming to the General Assembly include election of a new Stated Clerk, our top ecclesiastical officer, as well as restructuring of our denominational offices and structure. I'll look forward to reporting back to you later this summer.

Wherever you are this summer, I hope you'll follow along in our study-and-worship series, "Practicing Our Faith." The first week we looked at seeing God in the natural world; last week, we looked at practicing reverence. In the weeks ahead we'll explore practicing Sabbath/saying no, and much more! If you haven't yet picked up our study guide and book, please do. We're using Barbara Brown Taylor's engaging book *An Altar in the World: A Geography of God*.

Why these series? Our 40-week series on Bible stories sought to address our long-range plan's first priority of engaging our congregation in Scripture. Now we're focusing on our second priority: equipping us with spiritual practices. This fall, we'll lean into our third priority: connecting mission with Scripture and spiritual practices. It's so exciting for me to see us moving ahead so energetically with what we set out to do!

Looking forward to this refreshing summer!

Every blessing,

Reverend Dr. Christine Chakoian

## WE WORSHIP

JUNE 19

10am Worship

Rev. Nick Redmond Leading

JUNE 26

10am Worship

Rev. Dr. Corey Nelson Leading

JULY 3

10am Worship

Rev. Amy Pagliarella Leading

JULY 10

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# Summer Study Groups



*School may be out for summer, but many of our study groups will continue to meet.*

**The Bianchin small group** that met on Tuesday afternoons is going off campus! Still meeting on Tuesdays but at 11:30 a.m., the group is studying *An Altar in the World* at scenic Lake Forest Beach, middle shelter (next to the boat launch). Or, if you'd like to walk down to the beach with a group, meet at 11:15 a.m. at the Deerpath Parking Lot.

**Women's Wednesday Worship** keeps its normal schedule this summer, meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Parlor. **Julian Women** will continue as well, meeting every other Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. in the Parish House. Its next meeting will be held on June 22.

**The Friday Men's Bible Study** and Prayer Group will continue to meet at 7 a.m. on Fridays this summer in the Parlor.

**The Sunday Men's Discussion Group** will continue to meet every other Sunday but will be meeting later in the morning at 8:30 a.m. The next meeting will be on June 26.

**Bible 101** will finish up its series on Luke, meeting in the Bride's Room at 11 a.m. on Sundays through July 10. It will cover Luke 18 – 19 on June 19; Luke 20 – 24 on July 10. It will not meet on July 3.

Be on the lookout for information on an upcoming class on Exile in July!

Small groups that are taking a summer hiatus and will be back in the fall are: **Covenant Bible Study, Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study, Tuesday Book Discussion Group** and the **Valassis-Barkhausen Small Group** on Thursdays.



**Christian Perspectives with Rev. Dr. Andrea Zaki, June 26 at 11:10 a.m. in the Chapel**

Rev. Dr. Zaki, a Presbyterian pastor, is the head of Egypt's Protestant churches and its Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS). He will be speaking with us immediately following worship.

# Vacation Bible School 2016

Our children went on an adventure early this month (June 7 -10) at Vacation Bible School where they explored the rock solid foundation of Jesus' love. The days were filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that the kids were able to see, hear, touch and even taste! Scieny-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats were just a few of the standout activities that helped faith flow into real life. Big shout out to our co-host, Church of the Holy Spirit, where VBS was held.

While our little ones were at VBS, our middle schoolers went on VBS Work Trip, serving at Bernie's Book Bank, Feed My Starving Children and Westmoreland Nursing Center.

Visit our Facebook page, [facebook.com/firstchurchlf](https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchlf) for more photos!



# Work Trip 2016

Our senior high students and Work Trip advisors spent the week in Lebanon Junction, Ky., rebuilding houses and serving the community. It was a fun, service-filled and worshipful week. Visit our Facebook page, [facebook.com/firstchurchlf](https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchlf) for more photos!



# New Members Welcomed June 5

We are pleased to welcome new members to God's family at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.



## ***Susan Sailor Daly – Reaffirmation of Faith***

After having been a member of the College Ministry Team, helping with Rummage, and attending Wednesday Women's Bible Study, I am excited to more fully serve the church as a member of this congregation. I enjoy Bible Study Fellowship, visiting my sons on the East Coast as well as welcoming them back home, gardening and taking walks with my husband Rich and our Rhodesian Ridgeback, Emme.

## ***William and Mallory Greubel, son William – Reaffirmation of Faith***

We recently moved to the suburbs after living in the city for several years. We have a five-month-old son, William, who keeps us very busy! We have loved getting to know everyone at the church, and we look forward to raising our son at First Presbyterian.



## ***Amy and Sam Wagliardo, sons Luke and Adam – Letter of Transfer***

Amy: I'm a wife to Sam and mother to two boys, Luke and Adam. I enjoy photography and spending time with my family. Participation and membership in a church has always been an important part of my Christian walk and I'm glad to have found a new home here at First Presbyterian Church.

Sam: I'm a Texas transplant who is learning how to live in the Midwest, and like to visit Texas often, especially in the winter. I love spending time with my family. God nudged me to find a new church home in Illinois and I'm glad to be here.

## ***Blythe and Greg Watson, son William – Letter of Transfer***

Blythe: I love my family and am so very happy to be William's Mom. I enjoy taking walks with our dog and baby. I look forward to continuing my faith education and introducing faith to our baby.

Greg: I'm a loving husband, father and son who prays for the Bears every Sunday. I enjoy playing with my dog and son as well as working around the house. I appreciate the strong sense of community and the extensive youth programs here at First Presbyterian.





## Stay Connected This Summer with *Flat Jesus*

Stay connected with other church families this summer by snapping pictures of yourselves with **Flat Jesus** while on a trip, relaxing at home or running errands. You can pick up a Flat Jesus from the Children's tables. As you take a picture, also take a moment. Notice where you felt God's presence that day and invite your family to reflect as well. Share your photos! Post them to Instagram or Facebook, #TakeJesusOnTheRoad. (Make your post "public" if you'd like all other participants to see it.) Participate often! Flat Jesus loves to travel.

Along with Flat Jesus, think about the Practice of Seeing this summer and **observe where you see God** in the

day-to-day. Snap a picture and email it to [info@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:info@firstchurchlf.org) with a brief description of where you saw God. We'll be collecting these throughout the summer and posting them on Facebook and at the church. Please let us know if you would like us to publish your name with the photo. Send as many and as often as you'd like!

"Stay in touch" this summer through **Pastor Dave's blog**. Early each week he'll post a reflection based on the sermon that was just preached. It will include a few reflection questions so you can engage the message either in personal or family devotions. Go to [firstchurchlf.org/davesblog](http://firstchurchlf.org/davesblog) to see his posts.

## Be a Summer Fellowship Host!



Looking for ways to connect and catch-up with friends this Summer? Then consider being a Summer Fellowship host! You can do it individually or with family and friends. All you would need to bring are about six grocery-sized packages of goodies AND your welcoming presence. We'll set up the rest. Reimbursement for the food cost is available with your receipts.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or email Donna Birney at [dbirney@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:dbirney@firstchurchlf.org). There are many Sundays to choose from! Thank you for considering this ministry of hospitality!

# God's Love in Action

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*  
– Galatians 6:2

We are a Stephen Minister congregation! ... Great! Wait, what's a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministers are trained members of our congregation who provide one to one caring ministry to people experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, loneliness and many other life difficulties.

A Stephen Minister devotes time and energy, and can make a major difference in another person's life.

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. Continuing education sessions are offered as well.

A Stephen Minister brings Christ's presence into a person's life and also experiences Christ in the other person. This ministry involves prayer, thought, study and commitment.

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting in early September. The Holy Spirit may be calling you to the joy, growth, meaning, training and service of becoming a Stephen Minister. If you would like more information, contact Donna Birney (847) 234- 6250, [dbirney@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:dbirney@firstchurchlf.org).

## More Ways to Stay Connected This Summer

*Meal-a-Month* for the summer will be centered on the educational needs of students and teachers. Our focus will be on Lake County schools. If you have any unused school supplies, please drop them off in the box outside the hospitality office.

Join us for *Summer Choir!* It is a great opportunity to try something new as there is no commitment. Simply show up for the 9 a.m. rehearsal in the Music Room. Come try it out on June 19 or 26. Questions? Contact Tom Tropp at [ttropp@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:ttropp@firstchurchlf.org).

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