

THE Chapel Bell

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LADUE CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) · ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



**DINNER,
FELLOWSHIP,
MUSIC, AND
WORSHIP
WOW!**

**Drop in on
Wednesdays for dinner between
5:30-6:15 pm Fellowship Hall.**

**Dinner will be
catered by Carolyn's.**

Worship to follow at 6:15 pm.

Bring A Friend!

Cost

**Adults \$10
Students (10-17) \$5
Children (under 9) are free**

**Please RSVP at
314-993-4771 ext 0.**

January 25, 2017

Italian Night

Pasta bar, green salad, garlic cheese bread, Italian cookies.

The Family Worship service will be led by Rev. Mel Smith.

**DID
YOU
KNOW...**

Ladue Chapel Food Bank ministry worked a banner month in December delivering to food agencies 6.82 tons of food. Ladue Chapel turkeys, hams, and a hefty food donation from Schnucks made for a strong month where the usual monthly collection is 3.54 tons. In 2016, Ladue Chapel Food Bank distributed 42.5 tons of food to feed the hungry.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

~Proverbs 22:9

When you are a parent, you read bedtime stories to your children. It's what parents do. It's also what children love. The connection that is made between parent and child in that activity defies description or explanation. You just have to be there.



At the top of the list of the greatest bedtime books for children of all time, is *Goodnight Moon*. Why, is also a mystery that defies description or explanation. It just is. Children love that book! And, they want to hear it over and over, sometimes at the same reading. You get to the last page, and then your little one says, "Again!" They never tire of it. You do, but they don't.

We follow the Common Lectionary in our church, which is a three-year cycle of readings from the Bible that each year narrates not only the great themes of faith, but also the story of God's salvation history. We've heard almost all these readings before, and we know the story. But I, for one, never tire of them. I am happy to hear them again and again. It's as if I'm the child and God is reading a bedtime story to me, and I don't ever want it to stop. "Again, God!" "Again!"

With Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, behind us, we have now entered into the unglamorous season in the Christian liturgical calendar known as "Ordinary Time." There is nothing ordinary about it, of course, because the readings invite us to tag along with Jesus like his disciples did, and that's just extraordinary. This is the time when we get to figure out who Jesus is, to answer that all important question: "But who do *you* say that I am?" That's a question I need to keep answering, not only every year, but each and every day. "You are the Christ, the son of the living God."

I have some clergy colleagues who say they have grown weary of preaching on the Lectionary readings. I haven't, only because I don't think you have grown weary of listening to them, and neither have I. I think we just need to continue to cultivate that eternal appetite of infancy, and awaken each day with the glad request, "Again God! Read it again!" It is, after all, the greatest story ever told, and it remains my personal favorite. And you?

Faithfully yours,

To the Ladue Chapel Congregation:

You are invited to share in the worship of God and Ordination and Installation by Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy of

Anastassia C. Sharpe

As Teaching Elder ~ Associate Pastor
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

On Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A reception for Rev. Sharpe will be held in the Gathering Place immediately following the service.

Clean-Up Bucket Assembly

Each year our congregation assembles Clean-Up Buckets and sends them to PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) to be used after a disaster occurs. Join your fellow church members after 11:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, January 22** in Fellowship Hall for assembly of the buckets. This is an opportunity for all ages – anyone can participate! If you have questions, please contact Steve Nichols at steven.h.nichols@icloud.com.



Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5

Over 140 million Americans will tune-in to watch the Super Bowl, while 50 million are facing hunger. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a small way to do great good! **Ways to Participate: Bring a food donation with you to church on February 5** and drop off at the Souper Bowl of Caring table in the Gathering Place. **Make a monetary donation after the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. church service.** Look for students holding soup pots with team logos and place your money in the bucket with the team logo you KNOW will win the Super Bowl! All food and monetary donations will be distributed to local area food pantries. Together we can make a difference and help alleviate hunger in St. Louis!

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: D.W. McDonald, Janet Lane

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Mark & Karen Hoeman and their family and friends on the death of Mark's father, Donald Arthur Hoeman, on December 19.

If you are aware of a member in the hospital or anticipating a hospitalization, please call the church office at 993-4771 ext 0 or speak to one of the pastors. We are available to offer a ministry of care, compassion, and prayer in times of need.

Cares & Concerns

Congratulations to Seana & Mike DeLucia on the baptism of their daughter Margaret Patricia DeLucia on January 15.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org.

Thursday, January 19		
6:30 pm	Chapel Ringers	Fireside
7:00 pm	Lee Institute Board	Library
Friday, January 20		
7:00 am	Food Bank	Service Bldg
Saturday, January 21		
9:00 am	Chili Lunch Prep	Kitchen
5:30 pm	55+ Bread Breakers	Offsite
Sunday, January 22		
8:15 am	Infant Care	Nursery
8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Adult Education	Various
9:45 am	Youth Education	Youth Rms
9:45 am	Confirmation	FH-C
9:45 am	Sunday School	Edu Wing
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Clean-Up Buckets	FH
12:30 pm	Bread Baking	Kitchen
4:00 pm	Carillon Ringers	Choir Rm
5:00 pm	Youth Group	FH
Monday, January 23		
7:00 am	Food Bank	Service Bldg
9:00 am	DISCIPLE: Gospels	Leutwiler
1:30 pm	Kindermusik	Choir Rm
4:00 pm	Children's Committee	Bickel
4:00 pm	Children's Snack	FH-N
4:15 pm	Route 345	Youth Rm
4:15 pm	Chorister Choir	Choir Rm
5:00 pm	Carol Choir	Choir Rm
5:45 pm	Genesis Ringers	FH-S
5:45 pm	Revelation Ringers	Choir Rm
6:30 pm	DISCIPLE II	Gulick
6:30 pm	Witnessing Whiteness	Fireside
7:00 pm	Fellowship Comm	Leutwiler
Tuesday, January 24		
9:30 am	Mailing Angels	Gulick
9:30 am	Program Staff Mtg	Staff CR
10:30 am	WA Bandages	FH-N
	for Developing Countries	
12:00 pm	WA Brown Bag Lunch	FH
1:00 pm	Women's Study Grp	Bickel
7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry	Leutwiler
Wednesday, January 25		
8:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Leutwiler
12:00 pm	Grief Support Group	Library
5:30 pm	WOW Dinner	FH
6:15 pm	Family Worship	FH
Thursday, January 26		
4:30 pm	Endowment Comm	Bickel
6:30 pm	Chapel Ringers	Fireside
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Fast Forward

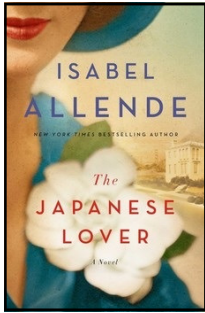
SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 12

12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary





Women's Book Club

On **February 13 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Bickel Room, we will be discussing **The Japanese Lover** by Isabel Allende.

"In 1939, as Poland falls under the shadow of the Nazis, young Alma Belasco's parents send her away to live in safety with an aunt and uncle in their opulent mansion in San Francisco. There, as the rest of the world goes to war, she encounters Ichimei Fukuda, the quiet and gentle son of the family's Japanese gardener. Unnoticed by those around them, a tender love affair begins to blossom. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the two are cruelly pulled apart as Ichimei and his family—like thousands of other Japanese Americans—are declared enemies and forcibly relocated to internment camps run by the United States government. Throughout their lifetimes, Alma and Ichimei reunite again and again, but theirs is a love that they are forever forced to hide from the world..."

If you are a woman interested in reading and discussing books, please join us!

Next up for March 13: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.

**Monthly Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 28**

The Ladue Chapel Men's Fellowship Group Steering Committee is sponsoring a Saturday morning breakfast on January 28. The format for the morning will be a casual breakfast cooked by the men of the church. Breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the morning will end at 9:15 a.m. giving participants plenty of time for the many other things that need to be done. Please call the church at 314-993-4771 ext 0 and let us know you will be attending or you can just show up. The cost for the breakfast will be \$5.00 per person and can be paid at the door.

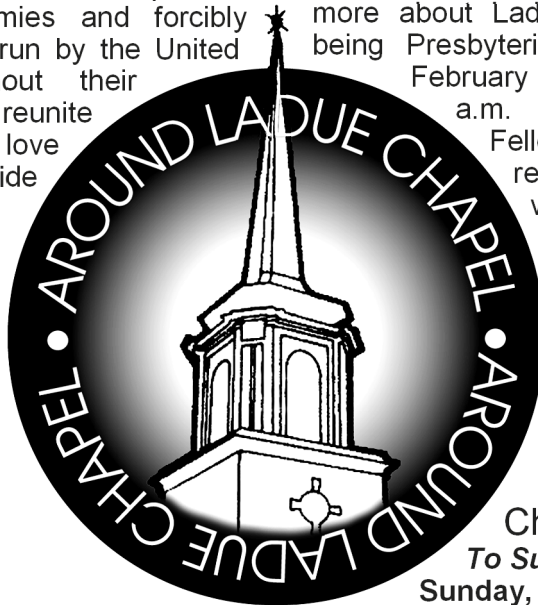
Adult Education

For Sunday, January 22

Choose from these classes: *Walking with the Immigrant Community Through the Legal Process* (Fireside Room) presenters – Katie Herbert Meyer; *Understanding Islam* (Leutwiler Room) presenter – Khaled Abdel-Hamid; *The Spiritual Child* (Mellow Library) presenter – Amy Stark. Details for each class can be found on the Welcome Table.

**New Member Class
begins January 29**

Join us in the Bickel Room at 9:45 a.m. to learn more about Ladue Chapel and the meaning of being Presbyterian on Sundays, January 29 & February 5. Breakfast with Session at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 12 in Fellowship Hall followed by recognition in the 11:00 a.m. worship. Contact Julie Walther-Scheibel at 314-993-4771 ext 3112 for more information.



**Chili Lunch Fundraiser
To Support Our Carillon Ringers!
Sunday, January 29 at 12:15 p.m.**

All are invited to this fundraiser for our upcoming Bell Tour. The lunch will feature chili made by Ladue Chapel members, homemade macaroni and cheese, grilled hot dogs, and a variety of entertainment by members of our Carillon Ringers! Costs are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (3-12 y.o.). Email Anne Peacock at apeacock@laduechapel.org if you would like to donate a pot of your chili for the lunch.



Winter Weather Advisories

If we are forced to close the church building due to inclement weather, there will be a message on our answering machine at 314-993-4771, on laduechapel.org, and will be listed as closed on fox2now.com, kmov.com, and kds.com (Channels 2, 4, and 5).

BINGO!

Whole Church Family Pizza and Bingo Night Friday, February 3, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

All are invited to come for a fun evening with pizza and salad dinner and bingo games! Let's fill the Fellowship Hall with all ages. \$5 a person with max \$20 per household (and a donation of one new or gently used book per person playing). RSVP to the church office at eholman@laduechapel.org or 314-993-4771 ext 3109.

Sunday, January 22
Worship Services
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Scriptures

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1
Corinthians 1:10-18;
Matthew 4:12-23

Music Ministry

At both services, tenor Zachary Devin will sing "The Lord Is My Light" by Frances Allitsen.

At 11:00 a.m., Chancel Choir will sing "We Are Called" by David Haas.



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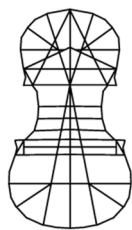
Making A Difference

SAVE THE DATE!

New Member Class Begins

Sunday, January 29

9:45 a.m. in the Bickel Room



PERSEID
STRING QUARTET

Save the Date!

Join us for a string quartet concert performed by Perseid String Quartet featuring the music of Beethoven & Brahms on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



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