

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.

February 1, 2017

Comfort Food

Pork tenderloin, salad, gruyere potatoes,
roasted Brussel sprouts, and apple dumplings.

The Healing & Wholeness service
will be led by Rev. Mel Smith.

DID YOU KNOW...

Partners for Just Trade (PJT), connects artisans from impoverished places outside the U.S. with U.S. consumers. They provide support for artisans seeking better wages and a better life. PJT began over ten years ago when Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery and the Presbyterian Hunger Program had Presbyterians bring handicrafts back to the United States for sale in churches.

*Speak out, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and
needy.*

~Proverbs 31:9

When you hold this *Chapel Bell* in hand, we will have just inaugurated the next president of the *United States*. Regardless how we feel about the outcome of the election, I think we now have the same opportunity we always have when the moment rolls around of which we are most proud: "the peaceable transfer of power." In this moment, the question we have asked ourselves since the inception of our democracy is this: "Who are we as a nation?"



It is a tricky question and it always depends on whom we are asking. Which means, there are no self-evident answers to our query. A rabbinical colleague of mine likes to say, "Ask two rabbis and you'll get at least three opinions." The beauty of the question, however, is this: first, it is a journey of discovery, and second, it is a communal journey.

Not only is the inquiry into identity a contemporary one, it is an ancient one. It belongs to the core of what it means to be human. It is a question Jesus himself asked: "Who do people, who do you say that I am?" he wanted to know. The answer he received was not unanimous. "You are a prophet, some say. Elijah, perhaps. The Messiah. The Son of the living God." It's all a matter of perspective. But notice that Jesus engages the community in his search for identity.

As I was thinking about all this, I remembered a poem by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, German pastor and theologian during the Nazi era, which he wrote while imprisoned. Its title: "Who am I?" In the poem he wrestles with the perception people have of him and his own, because the two do not agree. He wonders: "Am I who people say that I am, or am I another, or perhaps both at the same time?" Like the Psalmists of old, Bonhoeffer agonizes until he concludes: "They mock me, these lonely questions of mine. Whoever I am, however, you know, O God, I am yours!"

"Whoever I am, you know I am yours, O God." This is the most important affirmation any of us who are baptized into Christ can make. Regardless of our struggles, political or theological leanings, social status, race, gender, color or creed, we are baptized. We are all beloved children of God. It is not a determination we make. It is a claim God has made on our lives. All we need to do is remember that.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

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.

Thank you!

GOAL MET!



God works through His people in sometimes curious ways. Quail aren't running wild around Ladue, but there are some turkeys and hams in the freezer at Schnucks. This past year Ladue Chapel finally rang the gobble-ometer bell of 350. Although at the conclusion of our drive we were at 272, thanks to the generous donation of 39 turkeys and 39 hams from an anonymous member we made goal! I was informed of this unexpected manna at year's end, and once the purchase was finalized, Ralph Grimm and I picked up the windfall on January 3rd from the Schnucks Lindbergh store. Ralph had already called the agencies our food bank supports and we were able to distribute quickly the largesse. The hungry of St. Louis are indebted to this servant, but we hope next year that wider congregational participation will help make our goal.

- Steve Nichols



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: George Hutchison

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.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org

Thursday, January 26

4:30 pm Endowment Comm Bickel
6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Fireside
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

Friday, January 27

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
4:30 pm Women's Retreat Offsite

Saturday, January 28

No Church Events

Sunday, January 29

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
9:45 am New Member Class Bickel
9:45 am Carillon Ringers' GP
Chili for Sale
11:00 am Worship Sanctuary
12:15 pm Chili Lunch Fundraiser FH
3:00 pm Ordination of Sanctuary
Anastassia Sharpe
5:30 pm Youth Group FH

Monday, January 30

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
8:30 am St. Patrick's Casseroles Due
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

Tuesday, January 31

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

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler
5:30 pm WOW Dinner FH
6:15 pm Healing & Wholeness FH
7:00 pm Board of Deacons Gulick

Thursday, February 2

6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Fireside
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

Fast Forward

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Communion Bread Baking

Sunday, February 19

12:30 p.m. in the Kitchen



Monthly Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 28

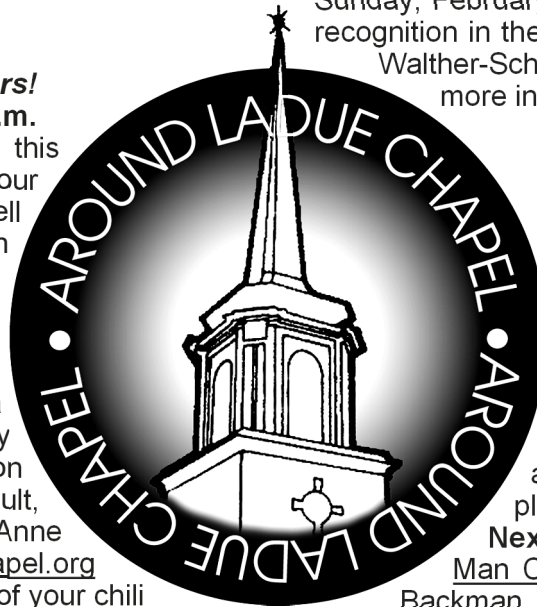
The Ladue Chapel Men's Fellowship Group Steering Committee is sponsoring a Saturday morning breakfast on January 28. The format for the morning will be a casual breakfast cooked by the men of the church. Breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the morning will end at 9:15 a.m. giving participants plenty 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.



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.



Adult Education

For Sunday, January 29

Choose from these classes: *Refugee Resettlement in St. Louis* (Fireside Room) presenters – P. Ariel Burgess; *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.

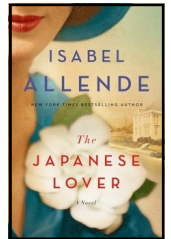


Women's Book Club

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

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.



Annual Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on **February 12, 2017** immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service for the purpose of receiving the 2016 Annual Report and approving terms of call for the pastors.



2017 St. Patrick's Center Casseroles

Casseroles are due on: Monday, January 30, Wednesday, March 29, Monday, May 29, Thursday, June 29, Monday, July 31, Tuesday, August 29, Friday, September 29, Monday, October 30, Wednesday, November 29, and Friday, December 29. (*No pick-up dates for February or April.*) If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Lucie Staack at 314-434-2288.



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.



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Making A Difference

Sunday, January 29 Worship Services 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Scriptures

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Music Ministry

At 8:30 a.m., Carillon Ringers will play "Peal con Brio" and "Hymn to Joy."

At 11:00 a.m., Dan Mayo will be cantor for Psalm 15 and Chancel Choir will sing "Blessed" by Paul D. Weber.

At 3:00 p.m., The Carolbeth True Trio will play, and Chancel Choir will sing "True Light" by Keith Hampton.

SAVE THE DATE!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 5

Bring your food donation to church!

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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STRING QUARTET



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