

Play Day Out



Play Day Out is now accepting enrollment for our 2019 Summer Camp. Our camp offers a wide variety of summer activities to enjoy, including art projects, water play, and treasure hunts for ages 2-5 years old. The fun begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday July 8-11, 15-18 and 22-25. Camp registration is available in the Gathering Place, the south hall or by contacting Terry Schlueter at (314) 993-2429 or pdo@laduechapel.org.



9450 Clayton Road
St. Louis, MO 63124-1568

**Annual
Congregational
Meeting Details on
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Music News

St. Louis Chamber Chorus in concert February 17, at 3:00 p.m. The St. Louis Chamber Chorus, under the direction of Philip Barnes, will present a concert at Ladue Chapel on Sunday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m. Surrounding the celebration of Valentine’s Day, the Chorus will salute love in its many forms, with *Romances* by Robert Schumann, folk songs arranged by Béla Bartók, and tales of ill-starred lovers evoked by Judith Bingham. The St. Louis Chamber Chorus presents the finest a cappella choral works in the region’s most distinctive buildings, seeking to entertain, educate and inspire. Tickets are \$30 and are available online at www.chamberchorus.org or at the door.

**Sunday, February 10
Worship Services at
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary**

Scriptures

Isa. 6:1-8 (9-13); Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Music Ministry

8:30 a.m. Amira Fuller and Johanna Nordhorn will sing “Duo Seraphim” by Richard Dering.

11:00 a.m. Carol Choir will sing “Carol of the Fishermen” by Natalie Sleeth. Chancel Choir will sing “Here I Am, Lord,” arranged by Ovid Young.

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Rev. Dr. Mark P. Thomas, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Dieter U. Heinzl, Associate Pastor
Rev. Anastassia C. Sharpe, Associate Pastor
Rev. Melanie A. Smith, Associate Pastor

Submit articles to the communications assistant communications@laduechapel.org by Wednesday preceding publication date.

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

**Drop in on Wednesdays for dinner
between 5:30 and 6:15 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall.**

February 13, 2019
Chicken pot pie, salad, dessert

Catered by Carolyn’s

Cost
Adults \$10
Students (age 10–17) \$5
Children (under 9) are free

RSVP to 314-993-4771 ext 0.

Worship to follow at 6:15 p.m.

Family Worship will be led by the Confirmands and Rev. Mel Smith in Fellowship Hall.

Bring a friend!

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service next Sunday, February 10, to receive the 2018 Annual Report and to approve changes in the terms of call for the pastors for 2019. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

I am saddened to report to you that Anastassia Sharpe, our Associate Pastor for Member Care, has asked us to dissolve our pastoral relationship with her, citing personal reasons and a desire to seek a position more in keeping with her gifts, talents, and sense of call to ministry. She is effectively no longer a member of our staff, and the congregation will act on her request at the annual meeting on February 10.



The first two years in ministry are always a time of discernment for clergy. It’s a time to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider what God is calling you to do, and where, and in what way God is calling you to serve. In my own case, my first two years were served as an Assistant Pastor, which wasn’t a called position but an entry-level position in our denomination. I was hired by the Session upon the pastor’s recommendation. After two years, the Session was required to either ask the congregation to call and install me as an Associate Pastor, or suggest that I think about serving elsewhere. That entry-level position no longer exists in our denomination, which is unfortunate, because the need to sort out one’s call to ministry in the first two years continues.

With all due deliberation and forethought, and in accordance with our denominational process for employing clergy, we called Anastassia to serve here. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee was thorough, did its homework, and issued a good call. But God has other plans for Anastassia, and it is to God’s call that she is committed to respond.

The Staff Resources Committee, and the Session, wants to support Anastassia as she responds to God’s call. The recommendation we will bring to the congregation on February 10, includes a period of salary continuation to ensure that she has time to pursue a new position. I hope you will approve it.

In the meantime, the Staff Resources Committee and I are already considering, in consultation with Craig Howard, our Presbytery Leader, the alternatives available to us to provide for our ministry of Member Care on a temporary and more permanent basis. Please keep us, Anastassia, and our church, in your prayers.

Faithfully yours,



Urban Plunge Information Meeting this Sunday, Feb. 10 @ 6pm!

Urban Plunge is going to Memphis June 16-22, 2019! Want to know more? Come join us this Sunday, Feb. 10 @ 6-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for an informational meeting about Urban Plunge. Parents/guardians and students (current 8th grade-high school seniors) are welcome to come hear about what we will be doing this summer. Already know you want to go? Here's how to register: laduechapel.org/learn/youth/high-school-9-12-grades/

We need your help!

We had a great start to the program year with parents and members of Ladue Chapel providing dinner for our middle and high school youth groups—thank you!! We could use some additional help to finish out the program year. We've had between 15-20 students each week and providing a meal is a great way to show your support. Meals can either be homemade or ordered in—from pizza to tacos, sandwiches to spaghetti, it's ALL appreciated! If you would like to provide a meal this year you can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca4a62aa6f49-middle4> or send an email to Betsy Humphreys at betsy.humphreys@decorco.com. Thank you in advance for your support!

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: Mary Virginia Mellow, Justin Williamson

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to friends and family of Kay Piper who entered the Church Triumphant on February 1, 2019. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, February 9, at 3:00 p.m., with a reception to follow. We have established a memorial in Kay's name. Gifts can be made to the Ladue Chapel Kay Piper Memorial.

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.

Congratulations to Patty and Landon Boehm on the birth of their son, Maclaren Landon Boehm, on January 31, 2019. Big brothers are Laird and Conrad and grandmother is Tammy Boehm.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org

Thursday, February 7

1:00 pm Presbytery Gathering Offsite

6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Choir Rm

Friday, February 8

6:00 pm Family Game Night FHC

Saturday, February 9

No Church Events Scheduled

Sunday, February 10

8:15 am Infant Care Nursery

8:30 am Worship Sanctuary

9:45 am Sunday School Edu Wing

9:45 am Adult Education Various

9:45 am Confirmation Class FHC

9:45 am New Member Brunch FHN

9:45 am Family Bible Study FHS

11:00 am Worship Sanctuary

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

5:00 pm MS Youth Group FHC

5:00 pm HS Youth Group FHN

Monday, February 11

1:00 pm Ecumenical Bible Study Mellow

1:00 pm LC Book Club Bickel

1:30 pm Kindermusik Choir Rm

2:00 pm Yoga FHS

4:00 pm Route 345 2-3 Grade Rm

4:15 pm Chorister Choir Choir Rm

5:00 pm Carol Choir Choir Rm

5:45 pm GenRev Ring Choir Rm

7:00 pm Mission Com Leutwiler

7:00 pm New Member Com Gulick

Tuesday, February 12

9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick

9:30 am Program Staff MtgStaffCR

10:00 am WA Bandages FHN

12:00 pm WA Brown Bag LunchFHC

1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Lib

5:00 pm Stephen Leaders Bickel

6:30 pm Stephen MinistryLeutwiler

Wednesday, February 13

8:15 am Men's Bible StudyLeutwiler

9:30 am DISCIPLE: John Gulick

5:30 pm WOW Dinner FH

6:15 pm WOW Worship FH

Thursday, February 14

6:30pm Chapel Ringers Fireside

7:30pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm



AROUND LADUE CHAPEL

Annual Meeting of Interfaith Partnership

The annual meeting of Interfaith Partnership will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, 9450 Clayton Road, 63124, on Tuesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. There will be a discussion about how to combat the rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia. Members of Ladue Chapel are most welcome to attend!



Donate Flowers for Sunday Services

We have several opportunities in the next few months for you to donate flowers for our Chancel. Contact Sue Reed at smr57@gmail.com or 636-220-4143 to schedule.



Good Shepherd Leaders

"When children are baptized, the congregation makes a promise: to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ."

Here's an opportunity to fulfill that promise! We are looking for a few Good Shepherd leaders to serve at either the 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. Lesson plans are prepared for the remainder of the 2018-19 program year. If you are interested or would like to learn more, contact Laila Crabtree at lailacrabtree@yahoo.com or Mel Smith at msmith@laduechapel.org.



Men's Fellowship Speaker Series Returns

The Men of the Church invite all to our first 2019 Speaker Series – Tuesday, March 5th! Listen to our own member, Steve Akre, talk about Wings of Hope and the great work they are doing around the world. Dinner will precede the presentation. More details to follow soon, but Save the Date!

Ladue Chapel Family Game Night

Please join us for the 2019 Ladue Chapel Family Game Night on Friday, February 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome for this fun evening, so bring your family and friends! Cost is \$5 per person with a max of \$10 per household to cover the cost of the pizza. We will kick off the night with a Pizza dinner and Bingo. Bingo will include traditional Bingo along with Picture Bingo for the little ones. Please bring either a new or gently used book for the Bingo Prize Table for each person that will be playing. The evening will conclude with a team scavenger hunt around the church. Please contact Natalie Cox (natalie.cox@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Lenten Breakfast Series

Fridays, March 8—Good Friday, April 19, 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall All are welcome! The morning begins with coffee at 7:30 a.m., breakfast at 7:45 a.m. and the speaker for that day will begin at 8:10 a.m. A line-up of speakers will be available soon. The cost for breakfast is \$10 per person. Save the dates and be sure to join us!



Mission Interns

For the 22nd year, Ladue Chapel is offering employment opportunities to upcoming high school senior or college age students to serve as Summer Mission interns, participating in local Christian mission work. See www.laduechapel.org/mission-interns/ for the job description and application or contact Emily Holman at eholman@laduechapel.org. Apply soon!