THE Chapel Bell

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WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS

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 17, 2017

The Taizé Worship will be led by Rev. Dieter Heinzl in the Fireside Room.

It is officially 2018- Happy New Year! The beginning of another year is an opportunity to renew your commitments by making resolutions. Whether you are obligated to start over with your calendar or your budget, or you are working towards personal goals of diet and exercise, growth in relationships, or growth with God… the beginning of 2018 offers a clean slate.

But resolutions require time and energy. Although we now have the entire year ahead of us to hit our target goals, managing schedules is already a delicate balancing act. Adding another item to that to do list just makes things harder. We have to decide what is worth our time and dedicate our efforts accordingly.

As I have been prayerfully reflecting on resolutions, I have continuously returned to the French tradition of "le gouter." A literal translation defines this term as "the taste," but more it aptly means snack time. In France, when it is time for le gouter, the little ones often enjoy a luxuriously caloric pastry. Every single day, for the last 14 days of my internship with the American Church in Paris, I looked forward to that oh-so fattening yet fulfilling few bites of pure French joy.

By now I have forgotten all the pastries I ate. The taste did not have a lasting impact. Instead, it was the practice of carving out precious time for nothing important, time set aside *just for joy*. This time to relish something delicious, a break to stop and smell the roses (or in this case, the buttery scent of Parisian patisseries…). That afternoon time grew to be almost sacrosanct.

Meditation gurus, psychologists who champion the cause of mindfulness, and the spiritually minded life coaches of our day who promote practicing gratitude are all onto something. Protecting time and energy for something sacrosanct is incredibly powerful. It is, as pastors like to say, "life-giving."

Carving out sacrosanct time is not easy. Joyce Rupp, in her devotional book *Fresh Bread*, encourages us to trust in God to empower our resolve: "Instead of working hard all by ourselves on some resolutions that we hope will chance us into better people, we ought to come before our God and offer ourselves to him… We do need to take action in our lives and try to break old habits and attitudes that keep us from gospel living but we cannot force this to happen; indeed, it cannot happen without the grace of God active in our hearts." (p. 21).

So what if, instead of adding another item to the to-do list for this year's resolution, you dedicated time to listen to where God is working on your heart? That could take place during a daily snack time for you to chew on God's word. Or maybe an entire morning or evening unplugged from your routine, steeped in services here at church for worship on the Lord's Day. Maybe it could be time to sit, uninterrupted, in prayerful reflection talking to God. Whatever your sacrosanct time may be, relish it. As you do so, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Bon appetit,

DID YOU KNOW...

For the 2017 holiday season, members of Ladue Chapel contributed 217 turkeys and 72 hams during the past Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Those donations are then given to agencies supported by our Mission Outreach. Thank you to everyone who donated turkeys and hams!

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

~Romans 12:13

Your Food Bank at Work on New Year's

This photo shows the New Year's day food harvest from our three cooperating Schnuck's stores. Our drivers braved minus 2 degree cold to pick up this bounty. Jim Lippert had already returned home, but his pick up from the Kirkwood store, John Peters' (center in photo) pick up from the Lindbergh store, and Steve Nichols's (right) pick up from the Ladue Crossing store garnered over 40 boxes of produce and deli products, and many, many bags of bread not shown in the photo. Ralph Grimm (left) who is always on duty in the Service Building on Mondays helped unload the food, sort and organize it. Hosea House benefited from the largesse. Thanks to John Peters for the photo; he set up his camera and hustled to get in the frame. Anyone who wants to drive for our food bank or volunteer in the Service Building, please contact Steve Nichols (314-518-7250; steven.h.nichols@icloud.com).

PDA Hygiene Kits

Have you been been looking for another opportunity to help disaster victims? LCPC youth are raising money and making hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Relief. For just $15 you can provide a fresh washcloth and towel, nail clippers, bandaids, and tooth brush for someone in need! For just $75 you can provide kits for a family of 5! We want to show that youth can be important in recovery efforts. Find us in the Gathering Place on January 14 after the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

Clean Up Bucket Assembly

Our fifth annual Clean-Up Bucket Assembly will take place on **Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Because of the extent and number of disasters this year, the Mission Committee was challenged to double the number of buckets we fill. In years past we put together 120 buckets, but this year we will assemble 240. Join in with your fellow church members by assisting with this awesome mission opportunity!

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: *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 Laine Baizer & Tyler Moon who were married at Ladue Chapel on December 30.

Congratulations to Macci Bowers & Bill Essman who were married at Ladue Chapel on January 6.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org

Thursday, January 11

No Church Events Scheduled

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

No Church Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 14

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	Sunday School	Edu Wing
11:00	am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:00	pm	Choir Brunch	FH
12:30	pm	Bread Baking	Kitchen
4:00	pm	Carillon Ringers	Choir Rm

Monday, January 15

7:00	am	Food Bank	Service Bldg

Church Closed for MLK Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16

9:15	am	Staff Calendar Mtg	Leutwiler
9:30	am	Program Staff Mtg	Staff CR
9:30	am	Mailing Angels	Gulick
10:30	am	WA Mary Circle	Bickel
10:30	am	WA Bandages	FH-N
12:00	pm	WA Brown Bag Lunch	Leutwiler
1:00	pm	Women's Study Grp	Library
4:00	pm	Property Committee	Bickel
5:30	pm	Fellowship Meeting	Leutiwler

Wednesday, January 17

8:00	am	Men's Bible Study	Leutwiler
12:00	pm	Staff Lunch	FH-N
5:30	pm	WOW Dinner	FH
6:15	pm	Taizé Worship	Fireside
7:00	pm	Stewardship Mtg	Leutwiler
7:15	pm	Adult Education Mtg	Bickel

Thursday, January 18

9:30	am	Theology Group	Leutwiler
6:30	pm	Chapel Ringers	Fireside
7:30	pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Rm

Fast Forward

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 11

12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

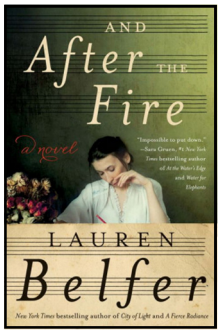
Men's Retreat

Men's Retreat is **January 12-13** at Marianist Retreat center. Rev. Mark Thomas will speak after dinner on Friday evening and Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw, President of Eden Seminary and Professor of Preaching & Worship, will join us on Saturday morning after breakfast. Cost for the full retreat is $125 and Saturday only is $62. **To register,** call the church office at 314-993-4771 ext 0 or go online laduechapel.org/connect/adult-fellowship/mens-fellowship/. Contact Carl Martinson at 314-567-4734 if you have any questions.

2018 Women's Retreat

Imagine 24 hours in a serene setting to feel Cloaked in God! Enjoy fellowship with women of all generations. In her book, Wearing God, Dr. Lauren Winner, in her conversational and refreshing way, introduces us to new relationships with our God. She will come from Duke University to lead us in our retreat, Friday-Saturday, January 26-27. We welcome your call about this special time: Rev. Anastassia Sharpe – 314-993-4771 ext 3123 or asharpe@laduechapel.org; Linda Bryant – 314-535-6666; Julie Nicolai – 314-799-6172. *Deadline to register is Friday, January 12.* **To register**, call the church office at 314-993-4771 ext 3109, fill out a form found in the Gathering Place accompanied with a check, or go online to laduechapel.org/connect/adult-fellowship/womens-fellowship/.

Women's Book Club



On **February 12 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Bickel Room, we will be discussing **And After the Fire by Lauren Belfer.**

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

Next up for March 12: A Gentleman In Moscow by Amor Towles.

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 kdsk.com (Channels 2, 4, and 5).

Reminder: Church Closed

The church will be closed Monday, January 15 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The building will reopen on Tuesday, January 16.

Adult Education

For Sunday, January 14

Choose from these classes:

- *End of Life Care for the Old Dependant on the Discretion of the Young* (Fireside Room) presenters – Dr. Ira Kodner
- *St. Louis in the Gilded Age* (Gulick Room) - presenter - Andy Hahn
- *The Three-Legged Stool of Protestantism: Congregation, Health Care, Higher Education* (Leutwiler Room) presenter – Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw
- *Family Matters* (Mellow Library) presenter – Stephanie Whitney.

Details for each class can be found on the Welcome Table or online at laduechapel.org/learn/adulteducation.

New Member Class begins January 28

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 28 & February 4. Breakfast with Session at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 11 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 & Talent Show!

Sunday, January 28
12:15-1:30 p.m.

Come join the Carillon Ringers and Youth for a chili lunch and talent show! It will be a great afternoon of food, fellowship, and fantastic talent. Cost for lunch is $5 for ages 10 & older, free for ages 0-9. RSVP online at laduechapel.org/connect/, on Sunday morning in the Gathering Place, or buy your ticket at the door!

Sunday, January 14
Worship Services at
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Scriptures

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20);
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Music Ministry

At both services, a quartet will sing "Jesu, Thou the Virgin Born" by Gustav Holst.

At 11:00, Chancel Choir will sing "Be Thou My Vision" by John Rutter.

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See inside for more details!

Organ Recital – February 11

Our next concert will be an organ recital by Eric Plutz on Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 p.m. Eric Plutz is University Organist at Princeton University, where his responsibilities include playing for weekly services at the Chapel, Academic Ceremonies, and solo concerts. He coordinates the weekly After Noon Concert Series at the University Chapel, is Lecturer in Music and Instructor of Organ at Princeton University, maintains a private studio, and is Dean of the Central New Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. In addition, Mr. Plutz is rehearsal accompanist for the Westminster Symphonic Choir at Westminster Choir College. His program will include the entire Second Symphony by Louis Vierne, organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral from 1912 until his death in 1937.

A reception will follow the program, and a free-will offering will be received.

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