

THE Chapel Bell

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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.**

November 21, 2018

Thanksgiving food (turkey, etc.)

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.

Taizé-style Worship will be led by
the Rev. Dr. Mark Thomas in
Fireside Room.

Bring a friend!

**DID
YOU
KNOW...**

Ladue Chapel has new
Advent Banners for this
Christmas Season. Be on the
lookout come Watcher's Eve.

*Again Jesus spoke to them,
saying, "I am the light of the
world. Whoever follows me
will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life."
~ John 8:12*

I read an article last week about Pando, which is the largest living organism on earth. It's a tree, a quaking aspen in Utah, and though it covers 106 acres of land and looks like a grove of 47,000 trees, it all comes from one root system that emerged from one tree, and is all connected. It shares one DNA. Amazing!



But Pando is under threat. Though it has existed for thousands of years, it is struggling to survive on our watch, now subject to the ravages of climate change, to an overpopulation of mule deer that dine on the new shoots, and to indiscriminate human development that disrupts its ecosystem.

Pando is like the Tree of Life in the Bible, and like the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. It reminds us that we are one, and connected, and interconnected. Hurt one and we are all hurt. Bless one and we are all blessed. We are children of one loving God, created in God's image, brothers and sisters all. The challenge is to recognize that, proclaim that, and live into it.

But also like Pando, our unity as creatures of a loving God is under threat. A climate of vilifying one another, of demeaning each other, of discriminating against one another, and of hostility toward one another is hurting the body. Predators are nibbling at our new growth, or gunning some of us down. And our human development is often designed not to benefit all, but to benefit a few to the detriment of some. Yet we are genetically linked to each other all the way back to Adam and Eve.

Efforts are underway to save Pando, and those efforts—like fencing out the mule deer—are working. But more needs to be done to save this remarkable organism from dying, and those who care are working on it. And the church of Jesus Christ has been working for millennia to save the body of humankind, proclaiming our oneness, and inviting everyone to live into it.

Let us be among those who tend the forest of humanity. Let us be among those who fence out the destructive, and plant kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and love. Let us be among those who live peaceably with all. With God's help we can do this, but we can only do it together.

Faithfully yours,

Come Make a Difference!

"Ladue Chapel is a congregation of God's people, welcoming all, illuminating faith, serving God and neighbor, and making a difference on behalf of Christ."
The Mission Committee THANKS YOU for serving our neighbors. **We invite you to continue making a difference!** The need doesn't end, and our Mission Projects don't end.

UPCOMING:

Turkey/Ham Drive Bring your 10 lb turkey or ham to the church freezer for our annual Holiday Drive for our food pantries ... Gobble gobble.

Christmas Gift Trees Look for gift suggestions on trees in the Gathering Space to make some needy child or adult's holiday a bit brighter.

Clean Up Buckets in January Ladue Chapel will pack buckets with clean up supplies for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to distribute after natural disasters (floods, hurricanes, tornadoes).

2018 Contribution and Stock Gift Deadline

For questions about any of the following, please call Suzanne Williams at 314-993-4771 ext 3100.

According to IRS guidelines, all donations must have a transaction date on or before 12/31/2018 in order to be eligible for a tax deduction. If the donation is by check, the check must be dated on or before 12/31/2018. If mailed, the envelope must be postmarked on or before 12/31/2018. If dropped off at the office, it must be in the possession of the Business Office on or before Friday, 12/28/2018, in order to ensure the deposit is completed by 12/31/2018.

If you make a donation online through the website or by sending an ACH transfer through your bank, the funds must be in the Ladue Chapel bank account on or before 12/28/2018.

If you complete your donation through a stock transfer, the stock must be received, and made available for sale, by the Ladue Chapel Ameritrade account on or before Thursday, 12/27/2018, due to the markets being closed on Saturday. Please make sure to notify the business office (Suzanne Williams 314-993-4771 ext 3100 or Tom Sargent 314-993-4771 ext 3104) of any pending stock transactions so we can verify it and send you a confirmation letter for your taxes.

Since the holidays are such a busy time, and particularly because many businesses are closed December 31, 2018, it is highly recommended to complete all transactions prior to Christmas.

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: Carl Martinson, Joe Swain

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.

A memorial service for Marie Prange Oetting will be held Monday, November 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Joys & Celebrations

Congratulations to Jennifer and Ralph Grimm on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Elise Noelle and Colette Helene, on October 26. Parents are Kathryn and Paul Dlabal.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org

Thursday, November 15

9:30 am Theology Group Leutwiler
4:00 pm St. Andrew's Bickel
Memorial Garden Committee
6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Fireside
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

Friday, November 16

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
9:30 am Food Bank Mtg Fireside

Saturday, November 17

No Church Events

Sunday, November 18

8:15 am Infant Care Nursery
8:30 am Worship Sanctuary
9:45 am Adult Education Various
9:45 am Family Matters FH-S
9:45 am Youth Education Youth Rms
9:45 am Confirmation Class FH-C
9:45 am Sunday School Edu Wing
11:00 am Worship Sanctuary
12:30 pm Lectio Divina Fireside
5:00 pm HS Youth Group FH-N
5:00 pm MS Youth Group FH-C

Monday, November 19

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
10:30 am Memorial Service Sanctuary
For Marie Oetting
1:30 pm Kindermusik Choir Rm
4:00 pm Route 345 Edu Wing
4:15 pm Chorister Choir Choir Rm
5:00 pm Carol Choir Choir Rm
5:45 pm GenRev Ringers Choir Rm
7:00 pm Stewardship Comm Bickel
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

Tuesday, November 20

9:15 am Staff Calendar Mtg Leutwiler
9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick
9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR
10:30 am Mary Circle Bickel
10:30 am WA Bandages FH-N
for Developing Countries
12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FH
12:00 pm New Mem Comm Leutwiler
1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Library
6:30 pm Book Club Cottage
7:00 pm Interfaith Part. Sanctuary
Thanksgiving Concert
7:00 pm Interfaith Partnership GP
Reception

Wednesday, November 21

8:15 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler
5:30 pm WOW Dinner FH-N
6:15 pm WOW Taizé Worship Fireside
7:00 pm Stewardship Comm Leutwiler

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Holiday—Church Closed

Fast Forward

Save the date!

Watcher's Eve

December 2

4:30–7:00 p.m.

Watcher's Eve

Our annual all-church Advent event will take place on Sunday, **December 2**, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening filled with the joy and anticipation of Advent. The event will include a brief worship service, dinner, decorating the church (optional), making Christmas crafts, writing cards for home-bound members, and more!

Dinner will be catered by Carolyn's, and gluten-free options will be available. Cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for youth age 10 to 18; and free for children age 9 and younger. Childcare will be available for children under age 3.

To reserve your spot, look for sign-up forms in the Gathering Place on Sundays, call the church office at 314-993-4771 ext. 0, or visit the website: laduechapel.org/worship/special-services.

The deadline to RSVP is Friday, November 30.

Calling All Bakers

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to donate two dozen cookies for Watcher's Eve. Sign up to donate in the Gathering Place or email Julie Hearn-Sindelar at djba12@aol.com.



Thank You

The 75th Anniversary Committee thanks all the Church staff and volunteers who helped make the 75th Anniversary luncheon celebration a huge success. And—thank you to all who attended. It would not have been a success without you! And kudos to our caterer, Ces and Judy's, who outdid themselves! Thank you, everyone.



Men's Retreat

Men: Our annual retreat is coming up on **January 11 and 12**, so save that time to come for some highly stimulating "therapy" of fellowship, food, and beverage. More information to follow soon.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Steve Peacock at steviep65@icloud.com.



Adult Education

This Sunday, **November 18**, at 9:45 a.m., spend time contemplating the Gospel of Matthew with the Rev. Dieter Heinzl in Leutwiler Room, or learn more about World War I and Woodrow Wilson with Chris Saxton in Fireside Room.

Family Matters

Come join us Sunday, **November 18**, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for Coffee With Castro, as Dr. Anthony Castro leads an informal discussion of raising children. Please come prepared with real-world scenarios and questions.

Bridge Bread

This Sunday, **November 18**, Bridge Bread baked goods (bread, cinnamon rolls, bagels, brownies, and sweet rolls) will be for sale in the Gathering Place after worship.

Bridge Bread is like a doorway to a more substantial future for those experiencing homelessness by giving individuals a job and a purpose.



LCNS Holiday Mart 2018

Ladue Chapel Nursery School is proud to host its 26th annual Holiday Mart, benefiting the school's educational and enrichment programs on Thursday, **November 29**, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, **November 30**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Ladue Chapel. Admission and parking are FREE. Come visit our exciting vendors, who will present jewelry, clothing, purses, home décor, children's accessories, and much more.

Christmas Flower & Musicians Fund

To make a donation, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office by December 10. Checks should be made payable to *Ladue Chapel*, with *Flower & Musicians Fund* in the memo line. You may also donate with a credit card online if you go to www.laduechapel.org/give and click Contribute.

Name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Total Donation: \$ _____

for Poinsettias \$ _____

Wreaths \$ _____

Musicians \$ _____



LCNS 2019–20 Enrollment

Ladue Chapel Nursery School is accepting applications for the 2019–2020 school year. A printable application card is available on our website: laduechapelnurseryschool.com.

Priority enrollment is given to members of Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church until November 30.

Acceptance letters will be mailed out in January. School tours are available by appointment—please call Karen Valvero at 314-993-3993.

Sunday, November 18
Worship Services at
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Scriptures

I Sam. 1:4–20; I Sam. 2:1–10;
Heb. 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25;
Mark 13:1–8

Music Ministry

At both services, Chapel Ringers will play “Fanfare and Carillon” and “Let All Things Now Living.”

At 11:00, Carol Choir will sing “God’s Loving Call,” and combined Chancel and Carol Choirs will sing “Good News Celebration.”



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BRIDGE BREAD
AVAILABLE FOR
SALE THIS SUNDAY!

Music News

On Sunday, the Chapel Ringers will premiere “Fanfare and Carillon,” which was composed especially for the 75th anniversary of Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church by Karen Thompson. Karen Thompson is a retired church musician from First Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth, Texas, and now spends her time composing, guest conducting, and writing articles pertaining to handbells.

Looking ahead, the Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra will present Handel’s *Messiah, Part I* at both worship services on Sunday, December 16!

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