

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 and 6:15 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall.**

February 20, 2019

Beef Stroganoff, vegetable, salad,
and 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.

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

Bring a friend!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Due to inclement weather on Sunday, February 10, the Annual Congregational Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 17.

The Session has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service Sunday, February 17, 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.

Many colleges and universities are conducting historical audits to determine what participation their institution may have had in slavery. Princeton Theological Seminary has conducted an audit, and I am grateful that though the Seminary was built in 1812, no slaves were involved in its construction. However, some of the leaders of the Seminary were involved in the American Colonization Society, a group that formed after the Emancipation Proclamation to assist freed slaves to return to their homeland in Africa, giving rise to the country of Liberia.



The fundamental moral failure of the Seminary's leadership at that time, was the inability to imagine that there could be reconciliation between slaves and their masters, or that Blacks and Whites could live together in peace. And yet, reconciliation is the very warp and woof of our ministry on behalf of Christ! It's how we restore relationships to health and wholeness.

The process of reconciliation is straight forward. Imagine two people, angry and hurt, facing back to back with their arms folded in disgust. The relationship between them is damaged. One forgives and turns to face the other. It's a risk, but one that love always suffers to take. But the other has to turn as well for reconciliation to have a chance. I'll put this in our faith's context. God has forgiven us in Christ and demonstrated in Christ's suffering how much God loves us and wants to reconcile with us. God is turned toward us, arms outstretched to embrace us in everlasting love. That's the good news! But nothing happens unless we turn toward God. When we turn toward God, accept God's love for us, and choose to live in it, we are reconciled to God and to God's reconciled community which we know as the church of Jesus Christ.

It's important that as ambassadors of reconciliation we know the steps of the process. It begins with forgiveness, then repentance (turning toward the other), then confession, then acts of contrition and penance if needed, ending, by the grace of God, in reconciliation. But make no mistake, reconciliation is the goal. It's what God did for us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and what we are called to do as Christ's disciples.

Wrote Paul, "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation (II Cor. 5:19). Our faith in Christ helps us believe that reconciliation is always possible. Lord, help our unbelief.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Thomas".

Reminder: Church Closed

The church will be closed Monday, February 18 for Presidents' Day. The building will reopen on Tuesday, February 19.

We need your help!

Meals for Youth Groups: 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@decorrco.com. Thank you in advance for your support!

Mailing Angels: We need a few more Mailing Angels to join the fun on Tuesday mornings! Mailing Angels meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday's to help with the mailing of our church newsletter, *The Chapel Bell*. If you would like to help or have questions, contact the church office by phoning 314-993-4771 ext 3102 or communications@laduechapel.org

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: Don Christofferson, Mary Virginia Mellow, and Justin Williamson.

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.

We offer Christian love and sympathy to We offer our Christian love and sympathy to:

- Judson Duncan (Anne) and family on the death of his father, Ted Duncan, on December 31 in Houston, TX;
- Renita Mercado Heinzl (Dieter) and family on the death of her mother, Joan Mercado, on February 7 in Virginia.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org

Thursday, February 14

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

Friday, February 15

8:30 am Bach Society Gulick

Saturday, February 16

8:30 am SLCC Rehearsal Sanctuary

Sunday, February 17

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 Family Bible Study FHS
11:00 am Worship Sanctuary
3:00 pm SLCC Concert Sanctuary
5:00 pm MS Youth Group FHC
5:00 pm HS Youth Group FHN

Monday, February 18

Church Closed-- Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 19

9:15 am Staff Calendar Mtg Leutwiler
9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick
9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR
10:00 am WA Bandages FHN
10:30 am Mary Circle Bickel
12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FHC
1:00 pm Women's Stdy Grp Lib
4:00 pm Property Com. Bickel
5:30 pm Fellowship Com. Leutwiler

Wednesday, February 20

8:15 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler
9:30 am DISCIPLE: John Gulick
12:00 pm Staff Lunch FHN
4:00 pm Labyrinth FHS
5:30 pm WOW Dinner FH
6:15 pm WOW Worship Fireside
7:00 pm New Member Com. Bickel
7:00 pm Stewardship Com. Leutwiler

Thursday, February 21

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

Bridge Bread: Baked goods will be for sale in the Gathering Space on **Sunday, February 17**. Bridge Bread provides job opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.

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.



Apply now to be a Summer Mission Interns

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 Mission Intern Application or contact Emily Holman at eholman@laduechapel.org.



Lenten Breakfast Series

All are welcome! Fridays, March 8—Good Friday, April 19, 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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. The cost for breakfast is \$10 per person. RSVP to the church office. Save the dates and be sure to join us!

- March 8: Rev. Melanie Smith, Ladue Chapel
- March 15: Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw (President, Eden Seminary)
- March 22: Mr. David Erwin, Director of Music Ministry, Ladue Chapel
- March 29: Mrs. Anne Peacock, Ministry Assistant, Ladue Chapel
- April 5: Rev. Dr. David Mehl, Executive Director, Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis and Rabbi Roxanne Shapiro, Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis
- April 12: Rev. Dr. Dieter Heinzl, Ladue Chapel
- April 19: Rev. Dr. Mark Thomas, Ladue Chapel

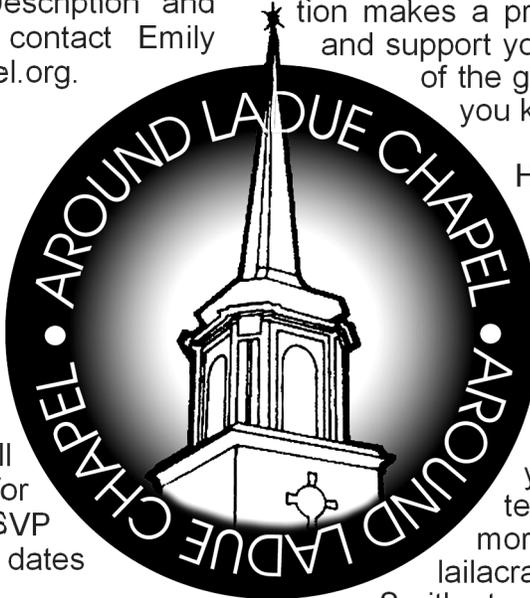
Men's Fellowship Speaker Series

Men's Fellowship Speaker Series Returns Tuesday, March 5! Hear our own member, Steve Akre, talk about the highly successful aviation nonprofit organization, Wings of Hope. Founded in 1962, they help communities worldwide become self-sufficient through improved health, education, economic opportunity, and food security. All are invited to join us at 6:15 p.m. for dinner prior to Steve's presentation. Cost is \$12. RSVP in church office.



Be a Good Shepherd Leader

"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 in volunteering or would like to learn more, contact Laila Crabtree at lailacrabtree@yahoo.com or Mel Smith at msmith@laduechapel.org.



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!

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.



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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESCHEDULED

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 17
Worship Services at
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary**

Scriptures

Jer. 17:5-10; Ps. 1; 1 Cor, 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Music Ministry

At both services, Chapel Ringers will play "Lord of the Dance" and "Joy and Hope Abounding"

At 11:00, Chancel Choir will sing "Jesu, the very thought of Thee" by Paul Halley.

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