




ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF 2-19-2012



The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

We will offer an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM (church).

Q & A ... How does Mardi Gras connect to Lent?

The terms "Mardi Gras" ( /ˈmɑːrdɪˈɡrɑː/), "Mardi Gras season", and "Carnival season", in English, refer to events of the Carnival celebrations, beginning on or after Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday; in English the day is sometimes referred to as Shrove Tuesday, from the word shrive, meaning "confess." Related popular practices are associated with celebrations before the fasting and religious obligations associated with the penitential season of Lent.



Book Sale

Books from workshops or study groups in the past are for sale.

They are located in the display case in the hall by the offices.

Cost: [half price of the original cost.](#)

Money collected will be used for adult education.

**For more information or to purchase books
please see Sandy Ward or Jan Shaulis**



Disciple 1: Bible Study - Starting Feb. 1, 2012

Becoming Disciples through Bible Study.

DISCIPLE Bible Study is designed to transform lives and develop strong, growing Christians in local churches through the in-depth study of Scripture.

Each class meets for two hours once a week, on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. It is a 34 week commitment.

Consider this opportunity to read and study the Bible with a small, committed group and be challenged in your Christian discipleship.

If you are interested please sign-up in the lobby.



The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church state, “The form and the leaders of all governments should be determined by exercise of the right to vote, guaranteed to all adult citizens.”

The Church and Society Committee will provide voter registration information in advance of the March 20th Primary and the Nov. 6th General Election.

Visit us at the **red**, white and **blue** table for information.



OAK FOREST FLEADH PARADE – March 10th

The Publicity Committee is still looking for volunteers to help in spreading the word about Faith UMC at the 3rd Annual Oak Forest Fleadh Parade, which is being held on Saturday, March 10th beginning at 11 a.m.

FLEADH PARADE FLOAT WORK DAYS:

Saturday, February 11th – 2-5 p.m. FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sunday, February 19th – 5 – 7 p.m. ROOM #17-18

Thursday, February 23rd – 6-9 p.m. FELLOWSHIP HALL

Tuesday, February 28th – 6-9 p.m. ROOM #17-18

Tuesday, March 6th – 6-9 p.m. ROOM #17-18

Friday, March 9th – NIGHT BEFORE PARADE... at OFHS “auto shop” – 6 p.m. until ??? (when done)

Saturday, March 10th – DAY OF PARADE... meet in OFHS parking lot at 9 a.m. Parade starts at 11 a.m.

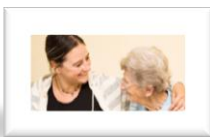
PARADE WALKERS ARE STILL NEEDED! If you are able to walk several blocks at a leisurely pace, and are willing to pass out candy, church literature, and promotional items... please contact Amanda Brown at (708)268-4223 or abrown@bhsd228.com. All ages are encouraged to participate!

***Donations of hard, wrapped candies are being accepted up until the day of the parade**

Collecting Food item *to be announced*

March 18, 2012

For the food pantry, to be given to Together We Cope



Caring Ministry

If life is difficult now and you need a ride to the doctor or the store, a meal cooked, simple home repairs, or just someone to talk to...

Fill out a form at the Connection Center and we will get someone to help.

For more information, Call Jan Shaulis 444-8560

Faith United Methodist FALCONS Basketball Team

Inaugural Season 2011-2012

| Date | Day | Team | vs. | Team | Time | Location |
|---------|----------|-------------------|-----|---------------|------------|------------|
| Dec. 4 | Sunday | FAITH | | O'Toole | 2:30 PM | St. Joseph |
| Dec. 10 | Saturday | TOURNAMENT | | | TBA | Bro. Rice |
| Dec. 11 | Sunday | FAITH | | St. Gerald | 1:30 PM | St. Joseph |
| Dec. 18 | Sunday | NO GAME | | | | |
| Dec. 27 | Tuesday | FAITH | | Christ/Savior | 8:00 PM | Holy Ghost |
| Jan. 3 | Tuesday | FAITH | | Card. Bern. | 7:00 PM | Holy Ghost |
| Jan. 8 | Sunday | FAITH | | St. Agnes | 1:30 | St. Joseph |
| Jan. 10 | Tuesday | FAITH | | Keller | 8:00 PM | Holy Ghost |
| Jan. 15 | Sunday | FAITH | | Christ/Savior | 1:30 PM | St. Joseph |
| Jan. 22 | Sunday | FAITH | | Infant Jesus | 3:00 PM | Inf. Jesus |
| Jan. 29 | Sunday | FAITH | | Card. Bern. | 2:30 | St. Joseph |
| Feb. 5 | Sunday | FAITH | | Keller | 2:30 | St. Joseph |
| Feb. 12 | Sunday | FAITH | | O'Toole | 2:30 | St. Joseph |
| Feb. 19 | Sunday | FAITH | | St. Gerald | 2:30 | St. Joseph |
| Feb. 26 | Sunday | NO GAME | | | | |

Everyone is invited to attend!

Cars will depart from church parking lot 1 hour prior to game time.

If you need transportation please contact us to reserve your space.

Darryl Wertheim – 708-923-0021

Cliff Eade – 708-687-5670

David Notestein 708-268-1741



It's Volleyball time again! If you're (high school age or older) and interested in playing volleyball in a friendly competitive league with other churches, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby. Any questions, contact Steve Olson 708.444.8560



Come join the fun at our
Pizza Party and playing Jeopardy
on Saturday March 24 at 6 PM
at Faith United Methodist Church.

All are invited but must sign up by March 18 at the Connection Center
or call Genie Lang for more information 708 429-2205.

The Fellowship Committee invites you
to the performance of

THE KING & I

performed by Orland Park Theatre Troupe
at Carl Sandburg Performing Arts Center

Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 2PM

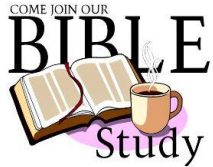
Tickets are \$35.00 and deadline to sign up at the Connection Center is April 7.

For more information call Faith United Methodist Church 708 560-8126

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Missions Committee is asking for volunteers to participate in our
Food Pantry Program. Mon. /Wed. /Fri. 9 a.m. – Noon. Sign up in the lobby.

See Sandy Ward or Rick McDaniel for more information.



Ladies Bible Study

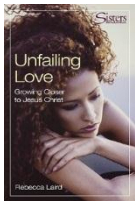
All women welcome

During the month of January we will be studying
“Sisters, Unfailing Love”, Growing closer to Jesus Christ.
In this study we will look at Jesus as an infant and a child,
we consider his baptism and his ministries, we look at his
relationships, and we witness his journey to the cross.

This is a six week study.

Study is held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00.

Cost is \$9.00 to cover the price of the book.



Are you ready to:

- Deepen your relationship with God?
- Strengthen your spiritual walk?
- Develop friendships with other women?
- Experience growth through a small group?
- Discuss connections between Scripture and everyday life?

For More information speak to Jan Shaulis 444-8560

Starting Feb. 21st we will be doing a Lenten Study



Adult Sunday School

Every Sunday – 10 -10:45 am

Class is taught by Bob Ohlson & Herb Goodwyn

Schedule for Youth Group/Confirmation

February

19— C—Creed: *Why do we say we believe in “the holy catholic church” if we’re not Catholic?*

26— C—Other Beliefs: *Why are there so many different Christian churches?*

March

4— C—Tough Questions: *Is it a sin to think about sex?**

11—Youth Group

18— C—Jesus: *If Jesus was God why did he have to die?*

25—Youth Group

26-- Mission Opportunity & visit Chicago Temple (Bishop?) *All Day*

*Parents are especially encouraged to attend these days



Easter Prayer Vigil

“Can you not pray with me one hour”

Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Could you not watch for one hour? Watch and pray so you will not fall into temptation.”

Mark 14: 37-38

Thursday April 5 Noon till 6:00 pm

Friday April 6 9:00 am till 6:00 pm

Saturday April 7 9:00 am till 6:00 pm

We will be offering the traditional Prayer Vigil
as well as a Labyrinth Walk.

Plan to spend some time with God.

Call the church office to sign up - phone 708-444-8560

If you have questions speak to Jan Shaulis.

Faith Family Nite

Workshops for February

Family Night is an event that is held every Wednesday evening. We have workshops on spiritual growth, personal growth, personal interest (FUN).

God Squad will be held at the same time, as well as baby sitting.

Dinner at 6:00 pm...workshops start at 6:30

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR BOTH THE DINNER AND THE WORKSHOPS SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO PLAN FOR.

Topics for February are...

- Facebook 101 Pastor Melissa Feb. 1
- Twitter 101 Pastor Melissa Feb.15
- Living the Question Pastor Caleb Feb. 1
- Faith in the Midst of... Pastor Caleb Feb. 26 – April 1
- World Travels Feb 8 and 14
- Disciple 1 Feb 1 (continues for 34 weeks)
- Book of Genesis Feb 8,14, 29 March 7 and 17
- “When Christians Get It Wrong” Feb. 29 – April 4
- NO WORKSHOPS Feb. 21 due to Ash Wednesday





Blood pressure check February 26, 2012

The fourth Sunday of each month we will be doing blood pressure checks. Please plan to stop by and get your blood pressure checked, remember that High Blood pressure is called the “Silent Killer”.

If you are trained in taking blood pressure and would like to join our group, who serve in this manner, please speak to Jan. If you have questions please see Jan Shaulis.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Starting Wednesdays

Feb. 29th – March 28th

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Sign up at the Welcome Center



Ladies Retreat - May 4 - 6, 2012

This years theme: The Shell!

If you are a female, age 20 to 90 years old, and want to get away for 48 hours.

Do you want to spend time with your daughter, granddaughter, best friend, or just yourself? We will have workshops, free time, fun time and time with God. Space is limited, sign-up now!!!

We will be leaving Friday May 4 at 6:00 pm, and returning around 2:00 pm on Sunday May 6. We will be carpooling to Wesley Woods, in Wisconsin. Cost \$85.00 per person includes room and food, except for dinner on the way up and lunch on the way back.

We will stop along the way for those meals.

If you have questions, call Jan Shaulis (708) 717-3908.

\$40.00 due at time of registration and the balance by April 1.

Hearing assistance provided for Sunday services

If you are in need of hearing assistance during our Sunday Services, please see one of our Ushers or ask someone at the Welcome Center.

Please note that an AUDIO/VISUAL REQUEST FORM

has to be filled out for any event that requires audio or visual equipment. Forms can be found in the lobby or website www.faithumcop.org They can be turned in to the office or directly to Diane Barnett.