

## Sermon Notes – and more

**Today's Scripture** Deuteronomy 8 (Old Testament, p. 168)

**Your Notes:**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON

# First Pres at a Glance

July 26, 2015

## First Five

**1. All supplies for the Deacons' Backpack Project must be dropped off in the church office by Monday July 27.** Please contact Julie Stamos at [j.allenstamos@comcast.net](mailto:j.allenstamos@comcast.net) with any questions.

**2. During the month of August we will move to one Sunday morning service at 10 am.** During the service childcare will still be available and there will be Children's worship.

**3. Five of First Pres mission partners on staff with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) will be with us on Sunday August 2. Acomplimentary special brunch following the service—please join us!** We will hear about student work throughout Africa and news from this World Assembly.

**4. New Members Class led by Pastor Ray Hylton will be on Aug 8 from 9am-2pm** for all interested in membership at First Pres Evanston. Childcare is available with reservation. Please RSVP to Janice at 847-864-1472 or [jdob-schuetz@firstpres-evanston.org](mailto:jdob-schuetz@firstpres-evanston.org).

**5. First Pres Forums August 9, 23 & 30 after the worship service.** We will host a series of discussions to inform and teach about issues surrounding the redefinition of Christian marriage and issues related to inclusion of gays in the life of the church. (For more details, see notice on inside page.)

## Worth Noting

We welcome guest speaker, **Rev. Dr. Doug Wilson**. Doug has served for 28 years with Avant Ministries, a non-denominational church planting mission. Previously he and his wife Sheila spent 12 years in the Republic of Mali, a Muslim country in West Africa. He has a PhD in Intercultural Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and has served as an adjunct professor or instructor at several institutions. Doug and Sheila have been members of FPCE for 12 years. They have three grown sons.

Join us in thanking **Craig Johnson** for two years of service as our choir director. He will be missed! Cake will be served in his honor during fellowship hour. Come by and thank him for his contribution to FPCE.

## Condolences

We offer our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to Jane Pranga for the loss of her mother who passed away July 15 in Wisconsin.

## Pray for Our Mission Partner This week- 10th of

**Ramadan**, page 94-95 in the 52 Weeks of Prayer for Mission book. Please pray that God will help them begin a center that presents spiritual and social development in a new area in our city.

**Listen to Sunday Sermons** on the FPCE website or "First Presbyterian Church of Evanston" iTunes podcast. Sermons usually uploaded by Tuesday evenings.

**Next Week:** Missionary Partner, Gideon Para-Mallam will speak on *Philip: The First Missionary* from Acts 8: 4-25.

## Calendar of Special Events

(For all recurring groups see right column.)

### Sunday, July 26

No scheduled special events

### Monday, July 27

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, FPCE

### Tuesday, July 28

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, FPCE

7:30 pm Indoor Volleyball, Roy Hall

### Wednesday, July 29

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, FPCE

### Thursday, July 30

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, FPCE

7:30 pm Men's Basketball, Roy Hall

### Friday, July 31

9:00 am Vacation Bible School, FPCE

9:00 am Souper Saturday Prep

### Saturday, August 1

8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Dining Room

11:30 am Souper Saturday

## Resources for You

Our church is a compassionate caring family that offers three uniquely different types of support to anyone in need. **Friends In Christ** (Bonnie Kath 847-491-9194) can

provide short term, lay-person practical help such as a ride to the doctor or a meal.

**Stephen Ministry** (Kathleen Lin 773-465-8323) offers trained lay-person support to those experiencing difficult times and needing someone to walk and pray with them.

**The Counseling Center** (Charles Miyamoto 847-864-9133) provides professionally trained Christian counseling in our own facility. Call Pastor Ray or our Parish Nurse Julie Ruchniewicz, 847-864-1472, if you need help in discerning which ministry fits your needs.

## Small Groups:

To be part of a Small Group, contact Katy Ingle 847-724-8560, katymi47@gmail.com.

## Adult Education this week

**Moms R Us: Bible Study** Thursdays at

9:30am. All are welcome. \*On break.

Ask front desk for details on summer book study!

### Women's Open Door Bible Study

Tuesdays from 9:15 – 11:00 am

Taking a break for the summer. Returning in Sept with a study in the Old Testament.

### Thursday Night Women's Bible Study

5:45 pm on Thursday. Contact Barbara

Holm at 847-328-0049.\*On break for summer. Will resume Sept 10.

### Friday in the "Loop" Bible Study

Fridays from 12 – 1 pm in Chicago's Loop.

Interactive Bible study on the book of Nehemiah. Tracy at 312-726-1243 for details.

### Knit, Eat, Laugh, Pray 12 – 2 pm on 1st

Fridays/3rd Saturdays. Knit prayer shawls and scarves for those in need. All levels of experience are welcome! Contact Marge Oakley at margeoakley@gmail.com

### Saturday Men's Breakfast

Saturday morning from 8–9 am in the Parlor. A guest speaker, refreshments and fellowship.

**Working Moms** Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month, resuming in September

## Youth

### High School- PYGS

### 6th, 7th and 8th Grade- NUBS

August 28, 7-8:30 pm-- Meet at Andy's Frozen Custard, Downtown Evanston.

## Children

### Kingdom Kids

Co-op class for toddlers that meets Friday mornings 9:30-11:30am. Curriculum taught introduces kids to the wonders of God.

### Voyagers

Club for children K-5th grade. Come for Bible Study, games, music and fellowship.

\*Regular meetings will resume in the Fall

## Save the Date

**Please claim any personal items left at the front desk or in the lost and found today.** All unclaimed items will be donated

Monday.

**The Nominating Committee requests your input to identify members for officer candidates to our Deacon board who can serve starting in 2016.** Drop

off Nomination Forms at the Reception desk or email [fpce nominate@gmail.com](mailto:fpce nominate@gmail.com) with your suggested officer names.

### NUBS (6-8th grade) Summer Events:

**August 28, 7-8:30 pm--** Meet at Andy's Frozen Custard, Downtown Evanston.

**The Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, August 18 from 1:30-3:00 in the parlor.** We will be reading Mary Coin. "Best selling author Marisa Silver takes Dorthea Lange's Migrant Mother photograph as inspiration for a story of two women-one famous and one forgotten-and their remarkable chance encounter."

## Special Notice

First Pres in August will host a series of discussions to inform and teach about issues surrounding the redefinition of Christian marriage and issues related to inclusion of gays in the life of the church. The first segment, Aug. 9, will review the history of the gay marriage issue in the national Presbyterian church, the Chicago Presbytery and at First Pres. The second, on Aug. 23, will review the Scriptural basis for differing points of view. A final segment on Aug. 30 will invite discussion about how our church can proceed, in unity and love, and how First Pres might be affected by decisions Session must make regarding gay marriage and related issues. A letter from Session, with a list of reading materials, is posted on the church website.

## Opportunities to Serve

**Clothes Closet** accepting gently-used, seasonal clothing: dresses, skirts, and other feminine apparel; jackets, blue jeans, slacks, shorts, belts, and shoes. Bibles are often requested and greatly prized by our guests. *Note: Currently in urgent need of more men's clothing and shoes.*

**Our mission partner, Pastor Younan Shiba needs a vehicle.** His current vehicle is in need of repair. A loaner car or a permanent (donated) car would be appreciated. Contact Laura Casey at [lcasey@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:lcasey@firstpresevanston.org).

**Interfaith Action, our Mission Partner, needs a Hospitality Center Greeter for Tuesdays 9-11 am.** The Hospitality Center for the Homeless needs a volunteer to greet guests. They are located at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 1509 Ridge in Evanston. If interested please contact Sue Murphey at [ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org](mailto:ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org).

**Looking for families to host a female, Japanese, non-Christian college student from 8/17 through 9/11.** The student will be working downtown. Great occasion to be Christian witnesses. Please contact Kay Sugiura at [kaorusugiura915@gmail.org](mailto:kaorusugiura915@gmail.org).

**FPCE is seeking a part-time choir director.** For more information, visit <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/about-us/employment> or email Elda McGinty, [emcginty@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:emcginty@firstpresevanston.org).

**Chancel Bells' season starting soon!** If you are interested in playing handbells this fall and have some musical background, sign up at Fellowship Hour or contact Pam Pettibone at [ppettibone@juno.com](mailto:ppettibone@juno.com). Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7pm, starting on 9/2