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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

NEW FACES

BY ERIC DIEKHANS



Eight more new members joined LVPC on June 1.

Let's meet them.

Christian and Erin Myers live around the corner from LVPC and first attended Easter service this year. "We fell in love with the Joy's message and the church," says Christian. The couple met at Washington and Lee University. Their hobbies include cooking, running and swimming. Christian describes himself as "a big math dork." He's really an actuary at Allstate. Erin is a lawyer for a large firm in the Loop.

David Alfini is also an attorney. He grew up attending Wilmette Community Church. A NYU graduate, David received Masters and Law degrees from Indiana University. Happily partnered for eight years, David says that "although I do not have the free time that I wish I had, I love all of the cultural opportunities that we have in Chicago."

You can ask **Else Gregory** what it means to be Moravian—she says the denomination is similar to the Presbyterian Church in its beliefs. A native of Watertown, Wisconsin, Else graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Stout and works as a project manager. She's passionate about travel, volunteerism, and environmental issues.

After **Maureen Shenberger** first visited LVPC, she laughed about the pair of 3-D glasses she received when she walked in the Sanctuary. Her friend Kurt Esslinger had told her that she would appreciate the multi-sensory nature of the worship service because she's blind. Maureen was baptized at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. A strong advocate for sustainable transportation, improved air quality, walkable communities, and smart urban planning, Maureen works as a consultant through the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation with the Chicago Department of Transportation in the Pedestrian Program.

Maria Larsen says she was "searching for something meaningful to belong to and a way to give back for my good fortunes in life" when she found LVPC. A native of Bogotá, Colombia, she's lived in the Chicago area since she was a teenager. A Tax Senior Analyst for Dell, Maria enjoy volunteering at Café Pride. "It has really satisfied my hunger for helping others who are less fortunate," she shares.

Tim Enright is LVPC member Kelly Enright's spouse and father to Claire, Sophia, and their newest addition, Ethan. A graduate of Purdue University, Tim loves outdoor activities, including, hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping. "We love the diversity offered by LVPC," says Tim, "and we've have met many people who will be lifelong friends."

We were unable to reach Mitch Polgar, so you'll have to find out about him on your own. ☹

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN?

Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our heritage, and much of what we believe, began with the French lawyer John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that came before him.

Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways: they adhere to a pattern of religious thought known as Reformed theology and a form of government that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members.

Some of the principles articulated by John Calvin remain at the core of Presbyterian beliefs. Among these are the sovereignty of God, the authority of the scripture, justification by grace through faith and the priesthood of all believers. What they mean is that God is the supreme authority throughout the universe. Our knowledge of God and God's purpose for humanity comes from the Bible, particularly what is revealed in the New Testament through the life of Jesus Christ. Our salvation (justification) through Jesus is God's generous gift to us and not the result of our own accomplishments. It is everyone's job - ministers and lay people alike - to share this Good News with the whole world. That is also why the Presbyterian church is governed at all levels by a combination of clergy and laity, men and women alike.

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JOURNEYING ONWARD



LARISSA KWONG ABAZIA

We continue along our journey akin to the Hebrews as they left the familiar to arrive in a whole new place full of possibility. But the forty-year journey was not without its bumps, including the man who was called to lead them out of captivity. One of the most inspiring things that draws me to Moses is his middle-ness in society. Born to a Hebrew mother but found and adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter, he surely had to wrestle with his own identity. But throw in a God's direct call from a burning bush and a greater crisis of self cannot be found!

Moses' call, although challenging his own sense of self, was a blessed gift to the Hebrew people. His upbringing allowed him to understand two different cultures and communicate with them both. He may not be the person that we initially imagine as a leader, but he was called by God nonetheless to this important task. There is much to learn from Moses as we wrestle with how God will use us as individuals and a congregation.

As we walk this journey alongside Moses and the Israelites, I invite you to consider how you are called to participate in the life of the church and the world. Explore the various ministries of the church and learn about the diversity of programs that we offer. Examine your identity and the ways God has uniquely made you as a valued part of the body. Get involved in something that challenges you. Share a personal passion with others and build the foundation for something new.

I am excited to be journeying with this congregation as we share the stories of LVPC and embrace where God calls us to next. Come and talk with me, share your dreams, and let's work in partnership to see what we can achieve. Let's follow God to places that we may never have imagined!☞

LVPC REMEMBERS CLIFF NUNN

BY RACHAEL ALBERS



REV. CLIFF NUNN

On May 25, the entire Presbyterian community mourned the passing of Rev. Cliff Nunn, who served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans for 14 years. LVPC will host a memorial in Rev. Nunn's honor on October 23.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many members of our church traveled to New Orleans to provide assistance. Everyone came back with a great Cliff story. "There were hundreds of people who stayed at First Presbyterian," recalls Sandy Roberts, "but Cliff remembered everyone."

Volunteers on the work trips were lucky enough to get the "Cliff Tour" at the end of their work in New Orleans. Cliff took us to various spots that highlighted the devastation. He added his unique and touching perspective to our members' experience and broadened our understanding of the storm. On the most recent trip this April, I got the VIP seat in Cliff's car and heard firsthand his stories of the city, before and after the hurricane hit. I was struck by his unshakeable faith, his devotion to his church, and his commitment to justice for the city of New Orleans.

Cliff returned to New Orleans immediately after the storm hit and literally talked his way into a restricted area, telling police that he had to get back to his church. He and his wife, Nieta, lived on the church grounds in a trailer for nine months during the reconstruction. Cliff devoted his life and his heart to the rebuilding of his church and his city. He brought with this devotion a thoughtful and faithful heart and a dedication to justice. First Presbyterian Church became LVPC's sister church and both churches have truly been blessed by the other's influence and inspiration. Cliff used LVPC as a model while he worked to rebuild First Presbyterian. We received the strong, faithful spirit of New Orleans as our work groups returned each year with stories of the Gulf Coast and our leader, Cliff Nunn.☞



GREEN TIP

Want to be green and save green?

Put aerators on all your faucets.

They reduce the amount of water and also add air bubbles to make the flow livelier. This way you can

reduce your household water flow by two gallons a minute. It's quick, cheap, and easy!☞

CALENDAR



OCTOBER

EVERY SUNDAY

Study the Bible with the Niners Class. They meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Sunday service in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Childcare is provided in the Mulford Room. Coffee hour and time for fellowship immediately follow both services.

Sunday school for children at 10:00 a.m. Classes for ages 3-4 and grades K-2, 3-5, 6-up meet in the Parish House.

Choir practice at 10:15 a.m.

Share your thoughts about faith and life in Begin@10 class, 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Free parking is available evenings and weekends in the Recycled Paper Company lot north of the church. Access the lot from the alley.

The Cafe Pride Coffeehouse meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight and serves a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth ages 17 – 21 to get together.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Session meets at 8:00 a.m.

This morning is the last day to drop off your e-waste at church for recycling. Finally, you can get rid off those old computers, peripherals, and cables you don't know what to do with. The deadline is 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Lake View Pantry food donations and Two Cents A Meal offerings will be taken at the morning worship services. Keep the peanut butter and jelly coming!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

The theme of this year's Senior Retreat is "Finding Our Wisdom, Freeing Our Time." They leave today and return October 9. See Sue Cox for more information.

Regular exercise is the key to vitality, so join the Seniors in Motion fitness class. An exercise specialist from Advocate Fitness leads the group. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Totally Tuesdays explores Interfaith Action at LVPC tonight at 7:00. The class will look at the ways Christianity has approached other religions as well as some of the things being done in interfaith work today. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Senior Book Group meets at 12:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

A New Members Class takes place at 7:00 p.m. See October 2.



ADVANCE WARNINGS: SIGN UP NOW!

New Member Class—See October 2

Seniors Retreat—See October 7

Totally Tuesdays: Interfaith Action—See October 7

Men's Retreat—See October 10

Totally Tuesdays: Fair Trade—See October 14

CROP Walk—See October 19

Totally Tuesdays Potluck—See October 28

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Senior Book Group meets at 12:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Find out what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of LVPC at the New Members class, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

A Taize service features scripture reading, repetitive singing, and meditative silence,

combining traditional worship forms in a

contemporary way. The goal is to enable

participants to remain open to the voice of

God and discover the prayer within them-

selves. Join us tonight at 7:00 for Taize.

CALENDAR The Flip Side OCTOBER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

This year's Men's Retreat at Conference

Point Center in Williams Bay, Wisconsin

will focus on "Man's Body." Dr. Bob Kispert,

pastoral psychotherapist and marriage and

family counselor, will facilitate. The cost is

\$130. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See October 3.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

The New Members join at morning worship services.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Finance Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See October 7.

Eco-Justice Taskforce meets at 5:30 p.m.

In recognition of Fair Trade Month, tonight begins a three-part Totally Tuesdays class on What Makes Fair Trade Fair. Find out how our church community is directly connected to the people who benefit from Fair Trade. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary. Class begins at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Senior Book Group meets at 12:00 p.m.

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See October 3.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Bring your favorite games and join in some friendly competition at Game Night. It begins at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Join LVPC to walk in the annual CROP Walk to fight hunger. See Emily McGinley for details. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

Social Justice Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See October 7.

Totally Tuesdays continues with What Makes Fair Trade Fair at 7:00 p.m. See October 14.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Senior Book Group meets at 12:00 p.m.

Buildings and Grounds Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

There will be a memorial service for Cliff Nunn, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. It begins at 7:00 p.m. See the article on page 2 to learn more.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

A Justice Revival with Lakeview area churches begins tonight at 7:00 p.m. See the article on page 5 for details.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See October 3.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

The Gardening Club meets from 9:00 a.m. to noon. for a fall cleanup.

A Justice Revival continues today beginning at 9:30 a.m.

LVPC Book Study meets at 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See October 7.

Students from Mount Carmel Academy join the seniors for a pumpkin-carving extravaganza following lunch today.

Before the Totally Tuesdays class, come from work and relax at a potluck, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Totally Tuesdays continues with What Makes Fair Trade Fair at 7:00 p.m. See October 14.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Senior Book Group meets at 12:00 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See October 3.☞

WHO YOU KNOW



BY SARAH
WARNER

EMILY MCGINLEY

Emily McGinley is LVPC's new Field Placement Student from McCormick Theological Seminary. You'll see her preaching, working at Café Pride and the Senior Site, leading a Totally Tuesdays class, and at many other activities.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Germany, spent my early childhood in Killeen, Texas, and then settled in Puyallup, Washington when I was nine.

Which class has been your favorite at McCormick?

Hmmm...that's a tough one! I think I'll go with "Introduction to Theology." I really have fallen in love with theology. I think that's where imagination and faith intersect. However, I also just recently spent a semester studying at a seminary in Beirut and that was definitely a memorable and enriching experience.

Describe your ideal Saturday spent in the city.

Eating a hearty breakfast, riding my bike up from Hyde Park to the Heartland Cafe for lunch, then winding my way back south through some of the neighborhoods, stopping for a Ferris wheel ride and dinner (with bubble tea!) in Chinatown, and then renting a movie in the evening. Of course, this would have to be with some good company too!

What's your favorite thing about autumn?

In an emotional kind of way, I kind of like the sense of sadness that comes with summer ending and the crisp turn in the air. I also love Whitey's seasonal "pumpkin" and "cinnamon" ice cream flavors!

Describe your best Halloween costume.

I have to say I have two. A couple of years ago I was a matador and it took me about three hours to make the hat. That alone made me very proud! Although, the best costume probably has to be when I was thirteen. I took a cereal box and made a fake knife with the tip covered in aluminum and blood dripping down from the hole. I was a cereal killer.

Anything else you'd like to share?

Another thing people might need to know is that I really love telling jokes, but I'm kind of bad at it. I usually either mess up the punch line or the introduction. I end up laughing harder than the listener! And, I've been attending LVPC for the last year and a half, so it really feels like my Chicago church home.☺

LVPC HOSTS SOCIAL JUSTICE REVIVAL

BY ASHLEY M. HEHER

Revivals may evoke thoughts of sweltering tents and evangelizing preachers. But a coalition of area clergy hope October's Lakeview Justice Revival re-energizes and revives members of the community to continue social justice work — and at the same time raises a few eyebrows.

Pastor Joy says the name of the two-day ecumenical seminar and workshop being held at the church is deliberately provocative. But to assuage fears, the group cautions: "this ain't your grandpa's revival."

"The way a regular revival is supposed to rev you up for being a Christian, this revival is to rev you up for social justice," she says.

Organized by ministers of eight progressive churches in the neighborhood, all of which are involved in different aspects of social justice work, leaders hope the event draws more than 150 people, who will leave the revival inspired, revived and ready to witness to the challenges in the community.

"It can be very tiring to do justice work," Joy says. "We'll try to talk about why we do what we do and what it is about being a Christian that compels you to work for social justice in the world."

The revival begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24 with an inspirational and progressive worship service led by Kazi Joshua, a former faculty member at North Park Theological Seminary who now works as coordinator of enrollment management for multicultural development at the Illinois Math and Science Academy.

On Saturday, the group will reconvene to hold a series of workshops and discussion groups.

The event is being sponsored by LVPC, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Broadway United Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lake View Lutheran Church, Resurrection Covenant Church, Resurrection Lutheran Church, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.☺

At a Glance

Lakeview Justice Revival

Lake View Presbyterian Church
October 24, 7:00 p.m.; October 25, 8:00 a.m.

Learn about social justice efforts underway at a coalition of progressive community churches, while being re-energized to continue working for ministry and justice.

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ARTS

Stephanie Browning performs:
Mondays (with **John Erickson**), Wednesdays & Fridays,
Stetson's Chop House, Chicago (312) 239-4491
Saturdays, Peninsula Hotel, Chicago (312) 337-2888

Kara Kesselring performs:
October 1, 15, 29, *Jersey Boys*, Bank of America Theatre,
Chicago, www.jerseyboysinfo.com
October 5, 19, Philanders Restaurant, Oak Park,
www.carletonhotel.com
October 8, 22, Carmine's Restaurant, Chicago,
www.rosebudrestaurants.com
October 12, Roxy Bellows Cabaret Comedy, Mary's Attic,
Chicago, www.hamburgermaryschicago.com

Deanna Boyd appears:
October 9-November 17, *Bernarda Alba; A Musical*,
Heartland Studio Chicago, www.bohotheatre.com ♪

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