

# Lent & Easter at First Church

**February 26**

**Ash Wednesday** ~ 6:00-7:00 pm

*Lenten Supper & Taizé Service with Imposition of Ashes*

**March 1**

**1st Sunday in Lent ~ Youth Service** with Communion ~ Worship 10:30 am

*You Are Worthy* ~ youth-led worship with scripture, drama, music and message.

**March 8**

**2nd Sunday in Lent~ Salt Creek Pulpit Exchange** ~ Worship 10:30 am

Addison: Good Samaritan

Rev. James Fu

Bensenville: First UMC

Rev. Terry McDorman

Elmhurst: Christ

Rev. Eun Young Ko

Elmhurst: Faith Evangelical

Rev. Joe Johnson

**Elmhurst: First Church**

**Rev. SoYoung Kim**

Wood Dale: Community

Rev. Han Sang

**March 15**

**Spiritual Growth Groups** Quarterly Review ~ 9:00 am

These groups will gather with Pastor Joe for a light breakfast and conversation to share changes they've experienced in their learning circles.

**3rd Sunday in Lent** ~ Worship 10:30 am

**March 22**

**Pretzel Sunday School** ~ 9:15 am

*Join Joel Toledo and Pastor Joe to make, bake and eat pretzels*

**4th Sunday in Lent** ~ Worship 10:30 am

**March 29**

**5th Sunday in Lent** ~ Worship 10:30 am

**April 5**

**Palm Sunday** with Guest Preacher, Bishop Sally Dyck ~ Worship 10:30 am

Celebratory Luncheon with Bishop Dyck following Worship

**April 10**

**Good Friday** with Salt Creek Cluster in Wood Dale ~ 7:00 pm Worship

Guest Preacher, Rev. Jeffrey Bross, Aurora District Superintendent

*Offering will support JUST of DuPage*

Wood Dale Community United Methodist Church

206 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191

**April 12**

**Easter Sunday**

9:00 am Easter Brunch

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

10:15 am Easter Vigil Fire on front lawn

10:30 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion

# Share & Serve & Support



## FIRST CHURCH HOSTS A PARENTAL SUPPORT GROUP for Parents of Youth Experiencing Mental Illness

As a community outreach project, several of us at First Church decided to sponsor a support group for parents who are struggling with teen mental illness. We have partnered with NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) here in DuPage County for training in their groups run by peer parents. Mary Lohrmann (assigned NAMI volunteer) and Chris Squier (church volunteer and NAMI-trained) have committed to 2 years of bi-monthly meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at our church. We have had modest attendance (1-3 parents) mostly referred by the NAMI office in Wheaton. In addition, Mary leads a NAMI group monthly at Linden Oaks Hospital for parents of inpatient mental health youth. Our support group parents have benefited from sharing their experiences and resources with each other.

**We have room for more parents and hope church members will refer neighbors and friends.**

The group is free, confidential, and does not require any registration or church affiliation.

See fliers by the church office or contact [squierc@gmail.com](mailto:squierc@gmail.com) for more information

Palm Sunday Volunteers  
Sunday, April 5

**Celebratory Luncheon  
in honor of Bishop Sally Dyck.**  
Volunteers needed for set up &  
clean up; If you would like to  
help, please contact Steve or  
Laurie Provancal at  
[sjprovancal@att.net](mailto:sjprovancal@att.net).

Our UMC motto of Open Hearts and Open Doors needs the entire Congregation to show off our extravagant hospitality and provide an warm & loving welcome to all who worship with us. Be sure to encourage the folks sharing your pew to sign the attendance records.

And join our worship ministry by serving as an usher or a greeter.  
Or maybe you'd like to serve as a Liturgist?

GREETERS: contact Anne Toohey  
USHERS & LITURGISTS: contact Jamie Falconer



In addition to volunteering for our Worship Ministries, there are many opportunities to share the gifts of your time and service. You can help sort and hang clothes at the Clothing Center (contact Beth Valdez at [bvaldez1142@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bvaldez1142@sbcglobal.net).) Provide cookies and snacks for Sunday Fellowship — just sign up on the chart in Wesley Hall. A wonderful way to share your family celebrations is to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on a special Sunday. The flower notebook is on the small altar in Wesley Hall.

**BE OF GOOD SERVICE!**



Clothing Center

HANG WITH US!



FELLOWSHIP

HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR.



SIGN UP for ALTAR FLOWERS