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. Jeffry 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
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 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 siprovancal@att.net.

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.) 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!

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

HANG WITH US!

HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR.

SIGN UP for ALTAR FLOWERS