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## JUST FLICKS PRESENTS

*César Chávez*  
Sunday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Christian Church

Join the two Peacemaking groups from First Pres and Central Christian to watch César Chávez. In 1952 César Chávez was a Mexican-American agricultural worker who, along with his family, followed the harvests in central California doing backbreaking work for criminally low wages. In 1952 César was introduced to community organizer, Fr. Donald McDonnell. It was this meeting that would change his life. This 2014 bio-pic traces the rise of this champion of the chronically exploited migrant worker to eventual co-founder of the United Farm Workers. As always, there will be refreshments.

## Celebrate Easter with us at First Pres.



You are cordially invited to *hop* on over for

**Easter Breakfast on March 27** – from 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Serving egg casseroles, breads, juice and coffee.

A free-will offering will be accepted. RSVP by March 20!

And **One Festive Service of Worship** – at 10:00 a.m.  
Using musical elements of all the services

Sign up your family and friends. If you'd like to help out with the breakfast, either by preparing food or helping to serve, feel free to call Cathy Force or Carolyn Allin.

*Easter is a joyous day of great celebration.*

SERVICES	Time	Service
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Education Hour – Everyday Issues Class
	9:15 a.m.	NewSong Worship Service – Chapel
	10:15 a.m.	Chapel Class – Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Church School – Lower level

**Deadline** for the next issue is **Monday, March 21 at noon.**



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# Coming Events . . .

## Wednesday, March 9



### Prayer Shawl Group

10:00 a.m.

Meet in the Library to knit and converse.



### Caregivers Support Group

2:30 p.m.

You are not alone. There is support for caregivers. Discuss issues and take home tips. (Meet in the chapel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays).

### Understanding World Religions



6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

## Thursday, March 10

### Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m.

We are using a study guide, "The Present Word" and applying it to our modern lives. We will meet from 7 to 8 each Thursday morning at the home of Paul Rosenberger. Come share the Bible. Contact Jerry Atkins, Dick Fiala, Paul Rosenberger, George Batson or Ray Landon

## Sunday, March 13, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



### Understanding World Religions

9:00 a.m., Dining Room

### Deacon's Meeting

11:30 a.m., Dining Room



### Just Flicks

6:00 p.m., Central Christian

## Tuesday, March 15

### Lent Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Understanding World Religions, 7:00 p.m.  
Our last Lent class and soup supper - A soup and sandwich meal (\$5 per person or \$15 per family) is offered in the dining room before the 7 pm World Religion class. Please call the church office (429-4195) or sign up in the Gathering room by Monday.

# Looking Forward . . .

## Wednesday, March 16

- String Band practice, 5:00 p.m.
- Understanding World Religions, 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist – Last class and meal

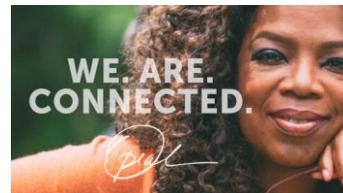
## Thursday, March 17,

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m., Paul Rosenberger's home

## Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday

- Everyday Issues class, 9:00 a.m.

### Oprah's 'Belief' Series Video



As a follow-up to our Lenten series on "Understanding World Religions", we'll watch one of Oprah's Belief videos which highlights various religious traditions around the world. We'll visit a Buddhist monastery, catch a glimpse of Holi (a Hindu Spring celebration), drop in on a Hasidic Jewish Wedding and follow a Muslim convert on his pilgrimage to Mecca.

- Teen Church School (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades), 9:00 a.m., lower level

Teens meet bi-weekly in the lower level to set the agenda and select the topics. All teens from 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. Contact Mac Moore at 855-3259, or [moore.mw@gmail.com](mailto:moore.mw@gmail.com)

- Children's Church School, 10:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, March 23

- Prayer Shawl Group, 10:00 a.m.
- Caregivers' Support Group, 2:30 p.m.
- String band practice, 5:00 p.m.

## Thursday, March 24, Holy Week

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00 a.m., Paul Rosenberger's home
- **Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.**

## Friday, March 25, Good Friday

- Office closes at noon

## Thursday, March 31

- First Friends, First United Methodist, 10:30 a.m. in Susannah Wesley Room
- Women's Night Out has been moved to the end of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Paco's Sol Bistro.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Elmer Turner** is healing from knee surgery.
- **Richard Sublett's** lung surgery has been moved to March 9.
- **Ron Wisner** is at McKinley Ct. in room 311 for rehab on his back, and improving.

† Our sympathy is extended to the family of Lisa Anne Pondelick Olson from Minnesota. Her father Leo Pondelick died February 22, 2016. He was living in a care facility near his daughter and family in Minnesota. Her mother Anne died December 25, 2014.

Cards may be sent to Lisa at 4195 40<sup>th</sup> Street W, Webster, MN 55088-2417.

## THANK YOU

◆ When you look in the library and the Pastor's office, you will see a new look. Isn't it wonderful that **Ronn and Carolyn Allin** like to go to auctions! And does Carolyn ever have an eye for a fantastic buy. They have donated items to freshen up both of those areas and we think they look great. Thank them the next time you see them. The old furniture has been donated to a group that takes items to Appalachia.

◆ **George Wells** and **David Williams** have agreed to help **Walt Lohmann** with the sound technician job. Training was performed by Brenda on Monday evening and a schedule is being developed. It is wonderful to have people step up to the plate whenever there is a need.

◆ Kudos to the church members, **Sue Grieve** and **Rick Koetje** for volunteering to help staff member Ann Elder publish a 'new - look' and concise Tower Notes. It is a nice improvement!  
From A longtime member of the church

◆ Thank you, **Norm Jensen** and **Charlie Platt**, for filling in for me last weekend. You are lifesavers in my times of need.  
Jim Lycan

## NEW ADDRESSES

**Simon Nicholson's** new address is:  
603-2 East Grayson St.  
San Antonio, TX 78208  
Same cell number - 217-521-6246

**Phyllis and Bob Schwandt**  
2772 W. Avante Loop  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-0333

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Rob and Katie Eytchison** welcomed their newborn son, **Lawton Robert**, on March 2, 2016. Lawton is 7 lbs., 20 in. Jackie Lawton is Rob's proud aunt.

# First Presbyterian Church

## Prayer Chain



To request prayer for someone, call any one person on the prayer chain. Contact Lori Jensen or Yvonne Lewis for further questions or information. An alternative to making a phone call is to send an email to the church at [fpdec@comcast.net](mailto:fpdec@comcast.net) and/or [lori.jensen1@comcast.net](mailto:lori.jensen1@comcast.net).

Your prayer chain people who pray for you are compassionate and caring. We do have a request for those who call in petitions for prayers: Please update Yvonne Lewis or Lori Jensen following your initial request within two weeks, so we can all pray specifically and intelligently.

Joan Brown	877-0880
Gayle Bruckner	877-4116
Marty Cushman	433-0526
Jean Gift	428-1698
Lori Jensen	429-3400
Yvonne Lewis	423-8727
Susan Marshall	422-0824
Verlyn Rosenberger	877-4789
Harriet Sadowski	428-5607
Jane Spires	520-1884
Sue Weinstein	454-7819
Joan Winick	428-5437

## HEALTH NEWS



## WHAT ABOUT DECATUR'S DRINKING WATER?

After the devastating effects of high levels of lead in the drinking water in Flint, MI, I checked on what is happening in Decatur. The 2014 report of samples taken from 30 locations in the community showed all the samples were acceptable, presenting no danger related to high lead levels. From the children tested for lead poisoning in 2012, 9% in Macon County showed high blood lead levels.

Often the problem is in the home. Lead in home plumbing can be a factor, especially in older homes. There are some things you can do. If your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential of lead exposure by flushing your tap with cold water for 30–60 seconds before drinking or cooking. You can also have your water tested. For information, you can call U.S. EPA's [Safe Drinking Water Hotline](http://www.epa.gov/safewater) at 800-426-4791.

With the average person in the U.S. using 80–100 gallons of water each day, we must not forget the people of Flint.

*Phyllis, Parish Nurse*

## **Easter Lilies**

Lilies are available for purchase in honor or in memory of your loved ones during the Lenten season. Lilies are \$12.75 each. Call 429-4195, sign up on the church office clipboard or e-mail [fpdec@comcast.net](mailto:fpdec@comcast.net) with your remembrance information.

### **“Servants Among the Powerful and The Powerless” Adventures in Mission Trip 2017**



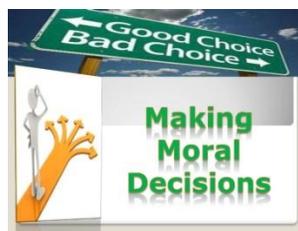
The youth and adults will be attending the 2017 Presidential Inauguration & Parade in Washington, DC, January 17-21 as well as doing a Mission Project in DC (i.e. DC Central Soup Kitchen). The group will be staying at the Washington Seminar Center in Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. Are you interested in attending this multi-generational event? If so, please contact Brenda Aymer at 217-791-0493.

### **Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering – April 9, 2016 Charleston First Presbyterian 311-7<sup>th</sup> Street, Charleston, IL**

For all Presbyterian women, time is 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Enjoy lunch at noon for \$7. Morning speaker, Michael Stopka from Public Action to Deliver Shelter, will talk on sheltering the homeless in Mattoon. In the afternoon, Carole Franceski of Tender Loving Care Ministries in Appalachia will speak on clothing the underprivileged children of Appalachia.

Registration is by church email:  
[presby1@consolidated.net](mailto:presby1@consolidated.net) –

Or, at First Pres. Decatur, we have a registration form and flyer posted on the church Gathering room bulletin board.



### **NEW COURSE IN APRIL**

The firm of Mike, Miley, & William, Ink., will present a six-week syndicated class on “Making Moral Decisions,” beginning April 3 at First Pres and First United Methodist churches. Tuition is free for this one-time offer. Just show up.

Dr. Mike Zia, M.D., Miley Palmer, and Bill Keagle will offer three sections of the class, covering the same material— at First Pres on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and Tuesday afternoons at 1:30, and at First United Methodist on Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

The course will cover the Ten Commandments (Exodus and Deuteronomy), Jesus’ commentary on the Ten Commandments in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew), the Apostle Paul’s moral reasoning (Romans 14), and then deal with current moral issues, including medical decisions, such as treatment options and end-of-life issues. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss other moral issues, such as abortion, distribution of wealth, and any others that the groups want to tackle.

Dr. Zia has served on the Medical Ethics Committee at DMH for several years.

### **2016 CONFIRMATION CAMP AT CAMP CAREW**

Camp Carew is hosting a Confirmation Camp at



Camp Carew at no cost to churches of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. It will be held on April 1-3, Friday 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 1:00 p.m. It is

open to grades 6 through 12. You must RSVP by March 25 by calling 1-800-456-7734. There will be six sessions covering the church, mission, Christian living, being Presbyterian, worship, and the sacraments.

Besides the 45-minute sessions, there will be plenty of camp experience with canoeing, games and campfires!

Confirmation can be both a learning and fun experience! Take advantage of this!

We send over 200 Tower Notes and will always mail to those who wish it. However, we would like to encourage you to try getting them by email. If you would like to try this, please let the church office know.

Also, check our webpages on [firstpresdecatur.org](http://firstpresdecatur.org).