

May 14 Sermon Notes

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton
Title: Safely Passing the Baton
Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3-8
(New Testament, pp. 202-203)

Big Idea: Passing faith on to the next generation is not a given and so must be handled with care and intentionality.

Next Week

Sunday Worship Services at 9 and 11:30 am
Title: Be Content With What You Have
Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-9

Big Idea: The meaning and mechanics to contentment.
Preacher: Rev. Charles Miyamoto

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

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Highlights

Beginning Sunday, May 28, our summer worship service schedule will begin, moving to one service on Sundays at 10 am.

Let us continually remember the reality of Christ's resurrection! A free concert with the FPCE Chancel Choir and orchestra featuring works of Handel's La Resurrezione and Part III of Messiah will be held Sunday, May 21, at 3 pm, in the Sanctuary.

FPCE invites you to join our "pop-up" Community Choir, to sing Sunday, June 4, at our 10 am service. All who love to sing to God are welcome: any ability, age 10 & up. Rehearsal: Sunday, June 4, at 8:30 am. Questions? Contact Hannah McConnell at hmconnell@firstpresevanston.org.

Stephen Ministry will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary at FPCE on Sunday, June 4 with a luncheon following the service. All members who might be interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister are invited to attend. In September, a Stephen Ministry training class will be held. Call RuthAnn Ostrowski at 312-613-0644 or Michael Denesha at 847-612-9479 for more information.

Worth Noting

We welcome for the sacrament of baptism this morning, Samantha Joan Bennett, daughter of Justin and Elizabeth Bennett as well as Arthur Michael Witwer, son of Michael Witwer and Kalysta Harmon Witwer.

Join us for dinner at Culver's in Skokie on Monday night, May 22, and help raise summer camp funds for kids! From 5-9 pm, a portion of sales will benefit the Connie Floyd Memorial Church Camp Scholarship Fund. Come enjoy a burger, frozen custard, or cheese curds and support a great cause! When ordering, be sure to mention that you are there to support Church Camp scholarships. Their address is Culver's of Skokie, 9455 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077.

All are invited to our church's farewell potluck party in honor of Jud and Elizabeth Curry on Sunday, June 4, 3-7 pm, at the Northfield home of Sherryanne Robertson and Morgan Porter. Please bring a potluck dish to share. For more information (including driving and carpool options), please inquire at the church front desk. Contact sherryannehome@aol.com for more information or to RSVP.

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill a part-time position for a Youth Ministries Program Assistant. The job is for 12 hours per week with flexible work hours, Monday through Friday, with availability on Sunday mornings as needed. The job description is posted on the First Pres website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/about-us/employment>. To apply, please e-mail your resume to jdobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org with "Youth Ministries Program Assistant" in the subject line.

Chicago Botanic Gardens is hosting a special presentation on "Passed and Present: Keeping Memories of Loved Ones Alive." The event takes place Sunday, June 4, 1-3 pm and includes a presentation by author Allison Gilbert, creation of projects in her book and a guided tour of the Enabling and Sensory Gardens. The Chicago Botanic Gardens are located at 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL. The event and parking are free, though guests must register at <https://www.northshore.org/apps/calendar/detail.aspx?id=24984>. See Julie Ruchniewicz for more information.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, SAT-7 (Middle Eastern Christian Satellite Television), listed on pages 88 and 89 of 52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions. Pray for their work of building the church in North Africa and the Middle East through non-political, non-partisan, biblically-based programming for children, families and adults through four satellite channels reaching 25 countries and over 21.5 million viewers. Pray for their financial provision, for their wisdom and guidance as they produce programming, and for their relationships with various government officials in the areas they serve.

Stop by the Spring Art Exhibit located in the second floor hallway to see the work of 20 artists in our congregation. Through such media as photography, acrylics, and collage, these images portray God's promise of resurrection and rebirth.

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/serve/in-the-world/>

Calendar Updates

Children and Families

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If you haven't yet registered your child for Church Camp, it's not too late! We have a limited number of spaces still open. Students currently in grades 2-6 are invited to join us June 18-23 at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago, WI. Learn more and register online through our website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>

Vacation Bible School registration is now open online! Join us at the Maker Fun Factory as we discover that we were created by God and built for a purpose. We'll meet at church July 24-28, from 9-11:45 am, to learn Bible stories, play games, create projects, and learn how God wants us to be involved in our world. Children who will enter 3-year-old preschool through 6th grade in the fall of 2017 are invited to participate. Learn more and register online through our website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>.

Families are invited to join us for a weekend Family Camp, August 4-6, at Stronghold Camp in Oregon, IL. Our weekend will include games, crafts, swimming, campfires, and fellowship in the beauty of God's creation. Camp fees include lodging (tent or retreat center), food, activities, and programs for all ages. Contact Kristin Mueller for a registration form.

Scholarships are available for all of our summer programs and camps. Contact Kristin Mueller for an application.

Friday's community playgroup has concluded for the season. We look forward to offering more playgroup dates in the fall!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/>

Calendars are available in the Narthex or at the Front Desk. They are inserted in the "First Pres at a Glance" at the beginning of each month.

Youth

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NUBS (6th-8th Grade)

Meetings are 7-9 pm Fridays in the NUBS Lounge on the third floor. **Our last meeting is May 26.**

PYGS (High School)

PYGS gatherings are finished for this school year and will resume in the fall.

NUBS and PYGS t-shirts are now available. First come, first served! Purchase at the front desk.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our fundraising for the Youth Mission Trip to this point. We have currently raised \$8,240 toward our goal of \$20,000 (41.25%). If you are still interested in giving, contact Liz Ribeiro. Silent auction winners have now been contacted via email and should coordinate with ehendricks@firstpresevanston.org to pick-up your items.

Registration for Great Escape is here! The trip will take place July 10 through 15! This event is for rising 6th graders through graduating 8th graders! Great Escape is a sleepaway camp in Greenlake, Wisconsin for Middle Schoolers. Registration forms can be found online and on the children's and youth table.

The PYGS' 2017 Mission Trip is set for July 29 through August 5. The team will be traveling to Wetumpka, Alabama, as part of an outreach by Youth Works. Registration forms are available online and on the children's and youth table.

More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP to 42828 to subscribe!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/students/>

Important Web Links

Events:

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/>

Resources:

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/resources/>

Small Groups for Adults:

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/small-groups-at-fpce/>

Young Adults/Families

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Family Open Gym

Thursdays, 4-7 pm, Roy Hall

Open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

Bodyweight Workouts -- NO GATHERING MAY 18

Thursdays, 6 pm, Roy Hall

For those training to be in the Spartan Race or anyone just wanting to work out. Come on out and let's exercise hard together!

Pastor Henry is looking for donations of medicine balls, kettle bells, and slam balls for the weekly exercise class he is hosting during open family gym time in Roy Hall. Donations should be made to Pastor Henry's office and are greatly appreciated!

Pastor Henry is looking to put together a team for the 2017 Chicago Spartan Race. The Reebok Spartan Sprint is perfect for athletes of all levels; from first timers to seasoned obstacle courses racers. The 3-5 Mile Sprint packs more than 20 Signature Spartan Obstacles. If you think you can't do it, you're wrong. The race will be in the afternoon of Sunday, June 11. If you're interested in participating or looking for more information, connect with Henry after church or shoot him an email at hcoates@firstpresevanston.org. Partial scholarships are available. Training sessions have begun, and all are welcome (see above). Deadline for registration with Pastor Henry has been extended to June 9. The Spartan Race is a fun, challenging event, and it would be great if we could put together a team from First Pres!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/young-adults/>

Stewardship

Following is the giving revenue received through April 30:

	Actual	Budget	Last year
Pledges	\$347,240	\$367,019	\$322,458
Faith giving	49,110	61,509	53,978
Loose plate	6,327	5,463	4,036
Total	\$402,677	\$433,991	\$380,472

Thank you for your support. Please contact our Business Manager, Melody Henrie, if unforeseen circumstances will prevent you from meeting your 2017 pledge commitment.