

Preacher: Rev. Charles Miyamoto
Title: Be Content With What You Have
Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-9
(New Testament, pp. 217-218)

Big Idea: The meaning and mechanics to contentment.

Next Week

Summer Worship hours begin!
10 a.m. Worship Service
Title: Is God Enough?
Scripture: Psalm 24:1-10

Big Idea: Part of being content is remembering that everything we own is on loan from God.
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

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 NEXT Sunday, May 28, our summer worship service schedule will begin, moving to one service on Sundays at 10 am. Children and Youth Sunday school classes will be on hiatus until Fall.

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 this afternoon at 3 pm, in the Sanctuary. Come join us as we continue our remembrance of the reality of Christ's resurrection!

Rev. Endrias Tihit of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Mekane Yesus, will be joining us for our Prayer Gathering on Wednesday, May 24, at 7 pm in the Parlor. Come hear about and pray for this young church in the region of Ethiopia.

In honor of our special guest, Rev. Endrias of Ethiopia, this week's Wednesday Night Dinner will include injera (Ethiopian flatbread) and four sauces: ater kik alecha we't (split pea stew); yemiser kik we't (split lentil stew); ye'atakilte we't (mixed vegetable stew); yebeg we't (lamb stew). The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family, payable at the door. Reservations are appreciated and can be made on our website, at the front desk, or by calling 847-864-1472.

Muslims celebrate Ramadan each year, a month of prayer and fasting set aside as a holy time where they hope God might hear their prayers. Please pick up a copy of *30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World*, in order to pray during Ramadan this year, May 27-June 25. These prayer guides are available in the lobby, the narthex and throughout the Sanctuary.

Worth Noting

We offer our condolences to the family of Susan Olson, a long-time member of FPCE now living in Arizona, who passed away on May 11 while visiting England. Our prayers are with her son, Rob Olson.

We offer our condolences to the family of Paul Ackles, a former long-time member of FPCE, who passed away on May 11 in Kansas. His children, Kevin, Kim and Jenny, are in our prayers.

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.

Stephen Ministry will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary at FPCE on Sunday, June 4 with a luncheon following the service. We will celebrate the past and present service of Stephen Ministry members as we look forward to the future. All those interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister are invited to attend. Call RuthAnn Ostrowski at 312-613-0644 or Michael Denesha at 847-612-9479 for more information.

The next New Members Class will be Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 2:30 pm for all interested in membership at First Pres. Childcare available with a prior reservation: Contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org.

First Pres will be conducting baptisms for children and adults on Father's Day, June 18, 2017 at our 10 am service. Contact Janice at 847-864-1472, jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org if you are interested or would like more information.



Missions

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Pray for Our

Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Pastor Younan and Layla Shiba of the Family Life Development Foundation, listed on pages 90 and 91 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions*. Pray for their work of reaching Muslims in Illinois and Milwaukee with the love of Jesus. Pray for God's blessing over Younan's trip to Europe to visit refugee churches and camps. Lift up his arts ministry, their radio program, and especially their daughters. Ask God for wisdom as they seek new means of provision for themselves and the Foundation.

An exhibition of prize winning photos entitled "Palestine: Unlimited" will be on display at FPCE June 4 - July 3. The exhibit is from students at Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture (which is an extension of our Sister Church, Christmas Lutheran in Bethlehem). Contact Caryl Weinberg for more information.

FPCE will be hosting an Iftar dinner for our local refugee families on Friday June 9. More details to come!

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

Save the Date

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 hmccconnell@firstpresevanston.org.

On June 4 we will remember Pentecost, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after His Ascension that can be found in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. We invite you to wear red that day to remind us of the work and fire of the Spirit.

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.

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

Employment Opportunity

First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill a part-time position for a Youth Ministries Program Assistant. 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 jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org with "Youth Ministries Program Assistant" in the subject line.

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 \$10,405 toward our goal of \$20,000 (52%). 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

hcoates@firstpresevanston.org

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

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:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last year</u>
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.