

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## TODAY

Today will be the **Dedication of the Gifts from the Christmas Giving Tree**. Gifts have been given by members of the congregation to support families from Lydia's House and South Side Day Nursery. Join us for hot cider and Christmas cookies to celebrate your generosity!

Faith Des Peres is participating in the **Christmas Joy Offering** of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a means of expressing and experiencing God's love. The flyer in the pews today explains more about this special offering which continues through our Christmas Eve Service. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Faith Des Peres and note that the gift is for the Joy Offering. Thank you.

**Year-end donations to the church:** Contributions that you wish to include on 2013 tax documents must be in the church office no later than Monday, December 30, or in the mail postmarked no later than December 31.

## THIS WEEK

Mon, 12/9	5:30 pm	Tai Chi
Wed, 12/11	2:30 pm	Shared Ministry Meeting
	6:15 pm	Finance Committee
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sun, 12/15	10:00 am	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship & Choir Cantata
	10:45 am	Sunday School
		<i>Tweens Class does not meet today.</i>
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	5:30 pm	Movie Night: "A Christmas Story"

## THIS MONTH

December 15th is **Movie Night** at the church. All ages are invited to watch "A Christmas Story" from 5:30-8:00pm in the Gathering Space. Bring a munchie to share. Join us for a commercial-free viewing of this quintessential Christmas movie!

December 16th at 10:30am is the **Annual Presbyterian Women Brunch and Cookie Exchange**. Leila Davis will be hosting. Bring 2-3 dozen cookies to exchange. Please RSVP to Leila at 314-994-0039 or Marie in the church office at 314-432-8029 or [adminasst@faithdesperes.org](mailto:adminasst@faithdesperes.org).

**Have you thought about a new year resolution?** How about reading the entire Bible in one year? If that sounds challenging, it is! But, it's doable . . . and more fun with a group of people. It takes about 20 minutes a day. Of course, it also requires some energy to plan reading time into your daily schedule. If this is something you'd like to try, e-mail Annie at [pastor@faithdesperes.org](mailto:pastor@faithdesperes.org) or sign-up in the Gathering Space. Reading schedules are provided, and monthly get-togethers to touch base are optional (time to be decided by participants). Readings begin January 1st. Together, we can do this!

## COMING SOON

### January 5, 2014

The **Annual ADG Book Study** will be on three consecutive Sunday afternoons (January 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>) from 12:00 - 1:30 PM in the Gathering Space. Lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks) will be available for a small fee, and the discussion will be from 12:30 - 1:30. This year's book is *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, by Reza Aslan.

Copies of the book can be obtained from the church office for \$16.50. The book can also be purchased at local bookstores (\$27.00), or ordered from Amazon (\$16.36 for a hardback copy, or \$11.75 for a Kindle version). A sign-up sheet for lunch will soon be in the Gathering Space.

### March 26, 2014

**Tour Churches of Soulard** with the History Team and find out why St. Louis was once called the "Rome of the West." Visit Trinity Lutheran, St. John Nepomuk, St. Vincent De Paul, St. Mary of Victories and St. Raymond's. Have a Lebanese feast for lunch (at your expense) and see the "Who's Who" of St. Louis. Cost is \$49. Make reservations with Betsy Stoll ([stolldickandbetsy@att.net](mailto:stolldickandbetsy@att.net)) or call 314-821-0533.

# TOGETHER AT FAITH DES PERES

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Helen Barks | Joanna Gerst | Toy & Jerry Kircher | Barbara Moorman | Mackenzie Prophete  
Mallorie Prophete | Jasmine Reece | Larry Schumacher

## THANK YOU!

*Worship Team:* Ron & Marilyn Scott, Marilyn Phillips, Nancy Hope, Suzy Standley

*Liturgist:* Ron Scott

*Refreshments:* Leslie Barnes

*Music:* A very special thank you to Gay Spears and all of the Faith Des Peres choir for the beautiful music during our worship service last Sunday and throughout this Advent season. We are so blessed by your faithful ministry!

## *The poinsettias in the Sanctuary have been given by the following individuals and families:*

Barb Abbett, in memory of Ed and our parents

Erica Abbett, in honor of my mom and in memory of my dad

Jim & Terry Baker, in memory of our parents

Leslie Barnes, in memory of Shirley Barnes

Nancy Bender, in honor and memory of family

Dorcas Case, in memory of Jim

Leila & Bernie Davis, in memory of our parents

Joanna & Jim Gerst, in memory of our parents

Nancy Hope, in memory of parents

Lindsay & Joe Marting, in memory of our parents

Phil & Dianne Modrell, in memory of Tony Modrell

Jean & Susan Neunreiter, in memory of Bob Neunreiter

Sean & Sako O'Rourke, in honor/memory of parents and grandparents

Whitney & Phil Payne, in memory of Roger & Fran Beal

Charlotte & Will Ridley, in honor/memory of parents and grandparents

Judy & Rufus Sisson, in memory of Dale R. Sisson and John "Doc" Graham

Suzy Standley, in memory of Marvin Standley

Barb Wright, in memory of parents

### **Acknowledgements**

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## WE WELCOME YOU TO FAITH DES PERES FOR WORSHIP!

### WHO WE ARE...

We are an inter-generational community. Adults and youth know each other on a first-name basis. We come from across the St. Louis metropolitan area. Some of our members have been here a long time, and some of them are new. We accept people for who they are and where they are on their faith journey. We are inquisitive by nature. We are not content with the same old answers to the same old questions, and we are OK with not having all the answers. We welcome young and old, singles and families, regardless of race, nationality or sexual orientation.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE...

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. -from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith, 1983