

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TODAY

TONIGHT, 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!

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 Sunday, December 29, or in the mail postmarked no later than December 31.

THIS WEEK

Sun, 12/15	10:00 am	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship & Christmas Cantata, presented by the Faith Des Peres Choir
	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"
Mon, 12/16	10:30 am	Presbyterian Women Brunch and Cookie Exchange
	5:30 pm	Tai Chi
Tues, 12/17	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch
Wed, 12/18	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs, 12/19		<i>No Session Meeting in December</i>
Sun, 12/22	10:00 am	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship & special music by <i>A Fifth Above</i> , woodwind quintet
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Tweens Class
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	12:00 pm	Older & Wiser Lunch, Brio's at Frontenac Plaza
Mon, 12/23		<i>Tai Chi does not meet tonight.</i>
Tues, 12/24	5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service

THIS MONTH

You won't want to miss the **December 22nd** worship service, featuring musical presentations by *A Fifth Above*. They are the woodwind quintet that joined us on Pentecost, and they are fabulous!

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.

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 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 5th, 12th, and 19th) 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) 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

THANK YOU!

Worship Team & Refreshments: Barb Abbett, Elizabeth Pribor, Dorcas Case, and Leslie Barnes

Liturgist: Barb Abbett

Readers: Will Ridley, Minna Onken, Dianne Modrell, Joe Marting, and Julia Epling

Music: A very special thank you to Gay Spears and all of the Faith Des Peres choir for the beautiful music during our Christmas Cantata today. Choir members: Jim Baker, Leslie Barnes, Aleta Klein**, Danny Mortimer*, Rachel Neuner*, Charlotte Ridley, Kathy Sherrick, Jared Spears, Samantha Stout*, Cameron White*, Bob Wyman, Sharon Wyman. (*Section leaders; ** Children's Choir leader)

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

Suzu Standley, in memory of Marvin Standley

Barb Wright, in memory of parents

Acknowledgements

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Christmas Doxology:

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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)

COMMUNION...

Because we believe Christ welcomes everyone to the table, we welcome everyone to the table. Anyone who trusts in Jesus Christ is welcome to take communion at Faith Des Peres; you do not need to be a member of this church to receive communion, and children may also receive communion.