

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

TODAY

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.

Pastor Annie will be on vacation from December 25th through January 1st, though you may still contact her in an emergency. Many thanks to **Rev. Joe Marting** for leading worship today. The church office will be closed Jan. 1st.

THIS WEEK

Sun, 12/29	10:00 am	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship
		<i>Sunday School and Tweens classes do not meet today.</i>
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
Mon, 12/30		<i>Tai Chi does not meet tonight.</i>
Wed, 1/1		<i>New Year's Day—church office closed.</i>
Thurs, 1/2 & Fri, 1/3		Confirmation Retreat at Mound Ride
Sun, 1/5	9:45 am	Special Session Meeting
	10:00 am	Childcare
	10:30 am	Worship & Communion; Feeding the Flock
		<i>Sunday School and Tweens classes do not meet today.</i>
	11:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	12:00pm	ADG Book Study begins (study at 12:30)

Please remember your food donations for next Sunday's collection for **Feeding the Flock**. *Current critical needs include: jelly, cereal, canned meats (chili, canned stew, canned chicken, canned ham, etc.), canned fish, toilet paper.* You may also donate at any time by leaving food items in the Gathering Space. Thank you for helping others in need!

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!

THIS MONTH

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 is in the Gathering Space. Please let Marie in the church office know that you'll be attending so she can send you a reading guide (adminasst@faithdesperes.org).

January 10, 2014

The next **TNT (20s and 30s something)** dinner will be on Friday, January 10th at 7:00 pm. Childcare will be available at the church beginning at 6:30pm. Place to be determined – look for an e-mail or upcoming blogs for a location announcement.

COMING SOON

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.

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.

TOGETHER AT FAITH DES PERES

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Worship Team: Barb & Erica Abbett
Refreshments: Leslie Barnes

THANK YOU!

A special note of thanks to all of the people that have lit candles this Advent season and all who have assisted with the Chime Peals: Matthew Willock, James Dolley, Elias Klein, Charlotte Epling, Simonne Klein, Danny Mortimer, Samantha Stout, Katy Spears, Henry Epling, Tommy Epling, Margaret Onken, Kathy Sherrick, Rachel Neuner, Gay Spears, Julia Epling, Cameron White, and Morgan Dolley. And thank you to Samantha Stout, who loaned the chimes to us for the season.

Special Music Fund Donors: Faith Des Peres would like to acknowledge the donors and supporters of our Special Music Fund: The Janet Boyer Fund was established in memory of longtime Faith Des Peres member Janet Boyer, who was an accomplished musician and founder of Music Folk in Webster Groves. Gifts to the Boyer fund make appearances of musicians such as *A Fifth Above*, the *Jim Dandys*, and brass musicians for Easter possible, and in the past, gifts have funded the purchase of our electric keyboard. We thank the following donors for your generous support in 2013: Ron and Marilyn Scott, John and Beth Willock, Bill and Pat Malkemus, and Bernie and Leila Davis. Gifts were given by the following donors in honor of Clare Dingus upon her graduation from high school: Bernie and Leila Davis, Will and Charlotte Ridley, James and Terry Baker.

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Hymn #137:

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High Times and Thin Places:
Singing Glory to God through the Liturgical Year

A Hymn Festival
celebrating *Glory to God*, the new Presbyterian Hymnal

Led by **Mary Louise Bringle**,
Chair of Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song

Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church
9450 Clayton Road
St. Louis, MO 63124

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