

We welcome you to Faith Des Peres for worship!

Following the Closing Voluntary please join us for a
Rally Day Picnic & Carnival!
All are welcome.

Remember in Prayers:

Joanna Gerst Jasmine Reece Toy & Jerry Kircher
Sam Taylor Mallorie and Mackenzie Prophete
Brenda Modrell and family

With Appreciation to:

Barb Abbett, Erica Abbett, Dorcas Case, and Elizabeth Pribor,
worship team Daniel Mortimer, *cantor* Leslie Barnes, *refreshments*

*The flowers this morning are given by Barb Abbett:
Remembering Ed - my spouse, life partner and best friend - on his birthday.*

In Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Phil and Dianne Modrell and their family on the death of Phil's brother, Tony Modrell, on September 3 in Kansas City.

Sunday School-Kids, join us for a fun year!

The fun begins today for Kindergarten - grades 5. Sunday School for children is held every Sunday from 10:40-11:30, except for October 6, November 3 and December 1, when we celebrate communion and children attend worship for the entire service.

New this year, the "twens", grades 4-6, will have a special class of their own on September 15 and 29, October 13 and 27, November 10 and 24, and December 8 and 22. Note: when this class doesn't meet, twens will attend Sunday School with the younger kids and serve as helpers and mentors.

Nursery care for children under kindergarten age is available every Sunday from 10:00-12:00. A trained, professional caregiver staffs the nursery. When dropping off your child, please sign in on the form and indicate any allergies the child may have. Thank you.

Mark your calendar for our annual fun-raiser at Sweet Tomatoes

Tuesday, September 24, 5-8 p.m., Faith Des Peres will gather for an evening of food and fellowship at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant, which features an all-you-can-eat buffet, including fresh salads, homemade soups, pasta and more! This “fun-raiser” benefits Lydia’s House, helping abused women and their children in St. Louis. Sweet Tomatoes is located at 9846 Watson Road in Crestwood. Friends are welcome! The more, the better!

Faith Des Peres Women’s Retreat 2013

Save the date! The 2013 women’s retreat is scheduled for October 19, 2013. By popular demand, the leaders this year will be Jan Stocking and Diza Velasco who led our 2012 retreat at Mercy Center.

This year we will be going to Rockhaven Ecozoic Center near House Springs, MO, where Jan and Diza are co-directors, and this year the retreat will be a one day event. For those who prefer to stay overnight, arrangements can be made for the night of either the 17th or the 18th.

Stay tuned for more information on the October 19 annual women’s retreat.

Adult Discussion Group (ADG) meets next on September 22

This year the ADG will make some scheduling changes to try to meet the needs of more of our church members. Watch the blog and Sunday bulletins for information about meeting dates and places. Unless otherwise noted, the meeting time and place will be the first and third Sundays of the month, 9:00-10:15 AM, in the second floor Adult Meeting Room. In addition, the ADG will meet with the “Older and Wiser” group for lunch after church on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Due to Labor Day, the September meetings will be on the 8th and 22nd. These Sundays will be a two-part discussion of “Saints of the Church” led by Faith Des Peres member Barb Wright. On Sept. 22, discussion will focus on Julian of Norwich and Theresa of Avila. Come and learn about these spiritual giants of the Christian church. You are welcome to attend the ADG on any Sunday. Join us.

TNTs (Twenties and Thirties-Plus group)

TNTs are going to dinner this Friday, September 13. Childcare available at the church beginning at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 at BrickTops. E-mail Beth Willock if going. Beth.A.Willock@efleets.com

About the Music:

The reformer Martin Luther believed that the congregation needed to be able to understand the Scripture reading, the sermon, and the singing. One of his major accomplishments was the translation of the Bible into German. Another was the establishment of congregational singing. Luther's German masses included chorales, which are similar to many of the hymns we sing today. Chorales were designed to be sung in unison. They consisted of easily memorized melodies and simple rhythmic patterns. *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* found at #259-260 in the Presbyterian Hymnal is an excellent example of a chorale. If you are familiar with rhythmic notation, you will notice how different the two settings are. #259 is the original version; the rhythm of #260 has been smoothed out. The tune is attributed to Luther himself.

Luther did not object to a choir in his services, and certainly the voices of a choir are extremely helpful in leading congregations in singing hymns. However, John Calvin preferred quite a different approach to music in worship. What was it? See an upcoming *About the Music*.

All of the congregational hymns and songs will be included in the new Presbyterian hymnal, which is scheduled to arrive early this fall.

Choir rehearsals have resumed and you are welcome to join us!

The choir has resumed rehearsing for our role as leaders of worship through music. We meet on Wednesday evenings at **7:15 p.m.** The choir will explore a wide variety of music this year — some gospel songs, some pieces by classical composers, settings of beloved hymn texts and scriptural texts, and more. Plans for Advent and Lenten cantatas are in the making, and the choir will lead in a hymn festival when the new hymnals arrive this fall. The choir would gladly welcome anyone who would like to join us. Just come to rehearsal on any Wednesday if you would like to participate.

(Note: No rehearsal on September 18.)

Tai Chi resumes at Faith Des Peres *tomorrow!*

The Peace in Motion tai chi class will begin a brand new session on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm, beginning September 9th. Tai Chi is a gentle form of both exercise and relaxation.

Proven benefits are improved balance, improved immunity, improved joint flexibility, increased strength, decreased blood pressure, reduced stress and much more! Classes are \$5/person, pay as you go. All levels of fitness are accommodated.

Tai Chi connects the mind, the body and the spirit for a refreshing hour of peace. Contact instructor Susan Marting if you have any questions at 314-609-9091. Otherwise, we'll see you in the Gathering Space on Monday, Sept 9th! Bring a friend!

| THE WEEK'S CALENDAR: | | |
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| Sun, 09/08 | 9:00 am | Adult Discussion Group |
| | 10:00 am-Noon | Childcare |
| | 10:30 am | Worship with Communion |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 am | Rally Day Celebration |
| Mon, 09/09 | 5:30 pm | Tai Chi begins! |
| Wed, 09/11 | 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thur, 09/12 | 6:15 pm | Finance Committee |
| Fri, 09/13 | 6:30 pm | Childcare for TNT |
| | 7:00 pm | TNT Dinner at BrickTops |
| Sun, 09/15 | Adult Discussion Group does not meet today. | |
| | 10:00 am-Noon | Childcare |
| | 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 10:45 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 am | Coffee & Fellowship |

New Faith Des Peres logo

The artwork on the cover of this morning's bulletin is a new logo for the church. The logo was developed by our Worship and Evangelism Team this past year.