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CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION (CMA) Annual Meeting at First Church Saturday, May 3 8 AM to 1 PM

CMA MEETING

There are 107 churches included in the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ, and First Church is hosting the CMA Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 3rd. The day will include worship, business, and individual breakout sessions focusing on specific issues, all beginning with a continental breakfast and ending with a luncheon.

Churches are allowed two voting delegates, and ours have been active in other meetings, but anyone who wishes to experience the meeting only may come to observe. Further information is available in the church office.

IT'S GETTING BETTER AND BETTER – THE AUCTION!

We've told you that you won't want to miss the May 17th auction, and here are a few reasons why. You'll want to bid on

- ❖ dainty sapphire and diamond hoop earrings set in white gold.
- ❖ a round brilliant cut diamond solitaire ring set in 14 karat gold, valued at \$5,200, great for an engagement, anniversary, or graduation..
- ❖ pop-up trailer with galley and screens and more comforts, roomy for 6.
- ❖ \$400 gift certificate at Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa in Las Vegas.
- ❖ oak bent glass curio cabinet
- ❖ 3-month membership to Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center or Esplanade.
- ❖ iPod Touch Bundle
- ❖ overnight stays at the Residence Inn or Doubletree Guest Suites.
- ❖ Kahlua Beach Club time share
- ❖ Wii
- ❖ Zune digital media player: music, video, and pictures

And anyone who is still thinking about what they can do to contribute might consider donating some days from a time share package, air miles accrued through business travel, preparing a full dinner with either an ethnic or American menu for 6-10 people, baking pies or holiday cookies, tutoring help, painting a room or more, mowing a lawn for a prescribed number of times, rototilling a garden, or contributing a cash donation to be used for purchasing an item for bigger bidding. The committee encourages delivery of everything by May 1st for inclusion in the catalog which will be ready by Sunday, May 11th for perusing.

You'll also want to come to Fellowship Hall between 4:30-5:45 PM and enjoy the choices of South-of-the-Border selections prepared by the Geiger and Hill families, guaranteeing good taste and increased stamina to

withstand the bidding process that begins at 5 PM with the silent auction and continues to the 7 PM verbal bidding.

Admission to auction - \$6 per person or \$10 per couple

Admission to auction + dinner - \$15 per person

Please consider making it a party by inviting friends and neighbors. The more people present, the better the bidding, and the higher profits.

May 17th.

P.A.D.S.

On Tuesday, April 29th, First Church will host the regular P.A.D.S. night, starting at 6:30 PM and finishing at 7 AM on Wednesday. There is still need for help on the 3-5:30 AM and 5:30-7:00 AM shifts, which includes making sack lunches, finishing some laundry, making breakfast, and cleaning up. It isn't much time to spend and it doesn't cost anything, but it makes a big difference to the people who look to First Church for help and comfort. This is a chance to reach out and serve...and to feel that we've made a difference. Please sign up on the Volunteer Opportunities bulletin board to fill out the crew for these times.

SPREAD THE LOVE, STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Please read today's enclosed flyer "Spread the Love, Strengthen the Church" which gives a specific story of a difference made through the "God Is Still Speaking" effort to bring inclusivity into worship and to help nurture churches in beginning stages or needing revitalizing.

An envelope for helping fund this program will be distributed for Pentecost (the birthday of the church) which also happens to be Mothers' Day.

COFFEE, TEA, CHOCOLATE EVERYONE?

Next Sunday, May 4th, will bring the MarketPlace First Church monthly offering of fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate products, providing purchasers with quality products that also guarantee fairer wages for the workers that produce them. Sponsored by Equal Exchange, this program assures that the growers receive a larger portion of the money raised and enables them to improve their levels of housing, education, and health. For each pound of these products purchased, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the UCC "Small Farmer Fund", for projects supporting small farmers and their families. Sharing a cup of Fair Trade good coffee with family or friends provides good taste and fellowship while giving growers in South America, Africa, and Asia a chance at a better life.

FILM FEST

Whether you call it "the show", the movies, or the cinema, "Play It Forward" will play at the First Friday Film Fest this Friday, May 2nd, at 1 PM, giving seniors a chance to see entertainment without driving far at night. Starring Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt, Jon Bon Jovi, and Haley Joel Osment, it is the story of an 11-year-old boy and his idea for making the world a better place. It's a heartwarming, good time. Please leave room for the popcorn, too.

SUMMER WORKERS

There is still a need for about \$800 to hire all of the youth who have applied for the Youth Community Working Group for 8 weeks of summer work in the church and Outreach House. Anyone wishing to help in this project of church maintenance and improvement and our own youth employment is encouraged to write a check to First Church of Lombard with YCWG listed on the memo line. This effort isn't covered in the church budget, so the sponsorship of the program is contingent on the generosity of church members.

THANK YOU

Women's Fellowship wishes to thank everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale, contributing, sorting, pricing, carrying, cleaning up, or whatever. The proceeds were over \$2,400, with almost \$700 of that coming from the sales of Lorraine Hoffman's Jewelry Room. It also means less to pack up for Salvation Army, and easing that job is welcome after 3 days of working on piles of clothing and assorted items.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

Congratulations to **Sandra Bittner** and **Chris Brown** who recently became engaged. The wedding is planned for sometime this winter...**Doris Schertz** took on her first Boston Marathon last week and finished in 4 hours and 40 minutes in her senior category, and **Stephanie Wagner** took the course in 3 hours and 36 minutes in her category. To say that both were exhausted is probably an understatement!

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

GREETERS: Cheryl Cizek, Jamie Geiger, Sharon Jurgensen, Kathy Palm, Tami Urish, Gail Vandon.

USHERS: Susan Grote, Rick Hennessy, Matt Kirsh, Marianne and Kevin McGuire, Jeff Sichz, Steve VanDam, Barb Vogt.

COUNTERS: Sandra Bittner, Mark Meyer, Charlie Peterson, Barb Vogt.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER: Suzanne Sichz.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Vicki and Paul Green, Ellen Vician, Gerry Weiler.

SOUND BOARD: Rick Miller.

LITURGIST: Scott Zatt.

REACH OUT: Ruth Morrison.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sun. 4/27	9:00 AM Explorers/Confirmation 10:15 AM Worship-Main Sanctuary 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM <i>OJV & OGN</i> 4:00 PM <i>One Step Closer</i> 5:00 PM Youth Choir	Thur. 5/1	10:00 AM Crafts Group 10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:20 PM <i>Josiah Reade Ringer s</i> 7:45 PM Chancel Choir
Mon. 4/28	10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 4:00 PM Staff Meeting	Fri. 5/2	1:00 PM 1 st Friday Film Fest
Tue. 4/29	10:00 AM Walk-In Ministry 10:00 AM <i>first things first</i> 6:30 PM PADS 6:30 PM Wellness Workshop	Sat. 5/3	8:00 AM Chicago Metropolitan Association Meeting
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