



February worship—not to miss



February 5
A super Sunday
(remember your SPC subs!)
"Kerdaño ...winning"
1 corinthians 9: 16-23



February 12
"confrontation?!"
mark 1:40-45

February 19

One service at 11:00 !
Twentieth-year celebration of the contemporary service
(followed by congregational meetings,
youth "chez" and variety show)
"Recommendation please"
2 Corinthians 3:1-6



Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday Worship to begin Lent
7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
(for all ages)



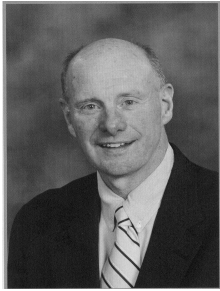
It's time for some Tuesday Night **Elevation!** Beginning Tuesday,

February 7, Pastor Andrew will lead this *new* weekly teaching and discussion time (complete with snacks and dessert) on **Tuesday night; from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Good for all adult ages (senior highs through seniors) and all stages of faith, these teachings will build on previous weeks' lessons to provide an overall big-picture, but drop-ins are always welcome each week.

We'll start with what it means to be a **Christian disciple in the 21st century** and wrestle with scripture, culture, philosophy, tradition, and maybe some song-lyrics. Who knows what else we'll dig up as we delve deeper into our faith and grow together spiritually. Here's the gamut of topics and questions we'll try to cover between now and Tuesday, March 20 (the Tuesday before Spring Break):

- What exactly does it mean to be in a "relationship with God"?
- What does Jesus' discipleship program look like, and what am I supposed to look like in the end?
- How does a "Jesus-education" differ from education in this culture and century?
- What does it mean to have a Christian "world-view" and how might that differ from other world views?

Childcare available upon request.



Leap Year and a Leap of Faith!

2012 is a leap year. We get the extra day this month. We can thank Julius Caesar, who adjusted the calendar in 45 B.C. in

order to simplify things, with creating the months and their number of days that comprise our calendar. We can also thank Pope Gregory XIII, who in 1582 further refined the calendar with the rule that leap day would occur in any year divisible by four. (2012 divided by 4 = 53.)

But will this be a month that includes a "leap of faith" for each of us?!

Remember when Indiana Jones was forced to pass through three challenges to reach the Holy Grail and save his father from death. These tests were designed to prevent the faithless from

reaching the cup. Dr. Jones, Indy's dad, had uncovered ancient material that described these perils, and he had recorded them. In order to succeed, Indiana had to decipher the riddles in the diary to make it through the maze of dangers or die in the process. The last trial before entering the inner room containing the grail was the leap of faith. From Indiana's view, he was stepping out into thin air over a deep chasm. But the prospect of losing his father motivated him to make the leap and he landed on a camouflaged ledge that caught him! He had firm ground upon which to walk!

The writer of the book of Hebrews provides us with a definition of faith: "*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen*" (Hebrews 11:1). Notice the terms he uses to describe faith —

assurance and conviction. This is more than a wish. Faith is not believing something because we want it to be true. Faith is believing what God has said because we are *convinced that it is true*.

This Februarius I invite you to take a leap of faith and also enjoy an extra day doing it. Consider your leap of faith: claim an hour a week and go deeper in prayer; read and study a book of the Bible; make a commitment to be a part of *The Power of a Whisper* group; or ??? Decipher the riddles of your life, and together let's take a leap of faith in this leap month.

Leaping with you,

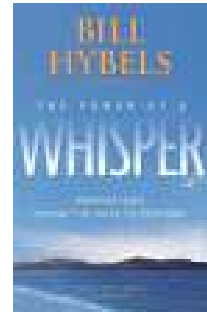
Pastor Steve

Power of a Whisper

Sound intriguing? We read in the Bible about how God spoke to Moses and Isaiah and many others. Do you wonder if God is still speaking? Best-selling author Bill Hybels researched this question, employing members of his church to see if people believe they have heard from God. He narrates some of his parishioners' messages. Maybe you have heard a still, small voice—a whisper in your own life.

You may be wondering how you can know when a whisper you receive is really from God? Would you like to hear from God? We hope you'll join our four-session small group during March, an exploration into how we as Jesus' followers can learn to hear God. We'll be sharing stories and learning how we can become wide open to hearing from God.

Make this Lenten time one of nurturing your relationship with God. You'll be happy you did, for Jesus promised us life, life abundantly.



For Your Marriage



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) This oft quoted phrase can be deceiving. It depends on an honest love of self and then transferring that attitude to your neighbor — and of course your closest neighbor is your spouse. Don't put yourself down today.

foryourmarriage.org

Please Welcome . . .

New members Ruthann Sayre (a retired school-teacher from Iowa with a lot of zip and a little bit of sass, now living at the Moorings) and Nikki Mather (lives right here in Scarsdale and is a new mother (hello Cooper Douglas!) and wife to Cameran - busy times as she also works downtown in the loop. So glad to have you with us!



The New Jubilee Directories are HERE!



Please pick up your copy (one per family) at the Welcome Desk. Get caught up with our Church Family, and enjoy the trip down memory lane with the mini-timeline.

24 Hours that Changed the World



Begin your Lenten preparations by joining acclaimed author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he introduces us to actual sites that witnessed Jesus' last pre-crucifixion hours. Beginning Sunday, March 4, in the chapel, Hamilton's series *24 Hours That Changed the World* will provide fresh perspectives on a familiar story. Hamilton's aim is "to help you better understand the events that occurred during the last 24 hours of Jesus' life, to see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death, and to reflect upon the meaning for your life."

- † Discover the steep stone incline leading to the palace of the high priest, Caiaphas, which Jesus walked as well as the pit found beneath the ruins of this house, which was likely the horrific holding place for prisoners awaiting trial.
- † Walk the likely street Jesus would have taken from the palace of Caiaphas to Fortress Antonia, the traditional site of His trial before Pilate.
- † Imagine yourself standing on the stone pavement where the crowd gathered for Jesus' trial.
- † Hear Hamilton question whether Di Vinci's portrayal of the Last Supper was accurate and listen as he provides a new look at those who wanted Barrabas freed.
- † Witness the construction of a cross and the likely spot where Jesus was crucified.
- † Discuss how Jesus' words on the cross give meaning to the Gospels' claim of who He is, and what prompted the Roman guards to say, "Truly this man was God's son."
- † Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, considered to contain both the place where Jesus was crucified and the tomb where he was buried.

This presentation shows how Passover Seders were celebrated and the meaning of our Holy Communion. We'll also view the Garden of Gethsemane with its 3000 year-old Olive tree, the Church of All Nations, and the rock considered the traditional site of Jesus' prayers in Gethsemane. You'll have a chance to question as a disciple whether you would have remained awake during His prayer time.

The series will conclude on Sunday, April 15, with "Christ the Victor," and a visit to a rock tomb in Megiddo of the type used for burial in Jesus' time, a stone table representing where Jesus' body was prepared for burial; and a small shrine believed to contain all that remains of the tomb of Jesus.

Hamilton is senior pastor at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly-visible mainline churches in the country. P.B.S.'s Religion and Ethics Newsweekly named him one of "Ten People to Watch."

Children's Corner

Dear Kingdom Doors Kids,

Have you seen the **Harry Potter** movies or read the books? Aren't they fun? What is your favorite "spell" that Harry does?

There's a lot of "**magic**" happening in the made-up story of Harry Potter's life! Some of the magic is unbelievable! Wouldn't it be great if we all had a **magic wand**? Or if we knew magic words? Or if we knew someone who did?

There's another book that has a lot of *almost unbelievable things* that happen. That book is the Bible! Jesus did many **MIRACLES**. All of them were pretty awesome!

For this unit in Kingdom Doors, we will be learning the difference between **magic tricks, facts, and miracles**. Jesus did some **OUTSTANDING** miracles **for real**...and he didn't use a wand.

Here are some **MIRACULOUS** things Jesus did:

- **Walked** ON TOP OF **water**!
- Made **DEAD** people **ALIVE**!
- Controlled the **WEATHER**!
- **CURED** diseases!
- **Fed** 5,000 people lunch with only 2 fish and 5 pieces of bread!



We're going to learn all about **REAL MIRACLES**, but it's also fun to see some magic **TRICKS**.

If you know a magic trick, practice it at home and then bring it to Opening Time to show everyone.

First, you will do the magic trick. Then, you can show why it's a trick and show us how it's done!

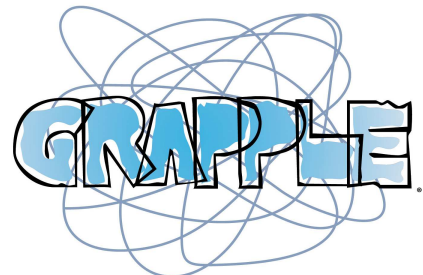


This month in Grapple, we will be grappling with ... The Bible - Fact or Fiction...

God used several people to write the books of the Bible, so we can confuse kids when we tell them that God wrote the Bible. This unit will help us to understand that even though God might not have written words on paper, God is the Bible's author. God spoke to Moses, John, Paul, and others who listened to God and wrote the Bible so that today we can read God's most important message!

Here's what our four-lesson unit asks:

- Did God really write the Bible?
- How do I know if the Bible is true?
- How is the Bible different from other books?
- Why should the Bible matter to me?



Aging Adult / Parent Caregiving & You

Just when life is rolling along fine, the unexpected hits; the question that follows is "What am I or we to do, now?" When it comes to caring for an aging parent or adult, this is a question many of us may face or have faced. On Sundays throughout February at 10:10 a.m., the Discipling Team will be presenting a four-part series of classes on "Aging Adult / Parent Caregiving & You." Speakers will discuss the topics of health concerns, family issues, how choices are made, finances, power of attorney and how to plan well, emotional and spiritual needs, and how to handle the stress. Please join us, beginning February 5.

Night Ministry Donations



The Night Ministry connects with Chicago's vulnerable youth and adults, providing self-care supplies, free healthcare, housing and supportive services for youth, referrals to other resources, and more. At the moment of need, they provide services right on the street through a mobile health bus, a shelter, and supportive service programs for homeless youth.



Collections will be taken throughout February and can be dropped off in the mission boxes located at the church's front entrance and outside the office.



Please consider donating any of the following travel or sample-sized items: shampoo, conditioner, comb, small brush, hand lotion, lip balm, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, small bar of soap, disposable razor and shave cream, washcloth, pre-moistened towelettes, new white adult tube socks, and new men's and women's underwear in a variety of sizes. Please remember that your help is greatly needed and greatly appreciated.



Got Mission?



With the New Year comes a new Mission meeting time. Because we're always looking for your talents to help spur new ideas, we hope you'll join us and share your ideas at our new time, 7:15 p.m. the second Monday of every month. Next meeting: Monday, February 13. Hope to see you there!



Please note:

The food collection containers have been moved. Please place any food donations in the large wooden Mission boxes located at the church's front entrance and outside the office.

Calling all SPC ladies!

Relax and reconnect with your fellow SPC women. Paint pottery, shape clay, or work the pottery wheel while enjoying some fellowship together. All of us could use a shiny new spoon rest, a platter, bowl or mug that has good memories behind it.

2012 Ladies Night Out

Saturday, March 10
7:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Thrown Elements Pottery
260 N. Evergreen Avenue
Arlington Heights, 60004
847.818.1313

As always, snacks will be served – feel free to BYOB!

Half-off studio fees if pre-paid - \$4.50 (Over-the-phone credit card payment is accepted.)
Studio fee upon walk-in that day - \$9.00

Hope you can join the fun!



Senior High Presents
SPC LIVE
(The Chez) February 19 @ 1:00 p.m.



Join us on February 19th




















- * 11:00 a.m.
20th anniversary contemporary service
- * 12:00 noon
Annual Church Meeting
- * 12:30
Lunch prepared by Senior High parents
and served up by the Junior Highs
- * 1:00
The Chez

All proceeds go to our mission trip! We will serve the people of McDowell County, West Virginia while sharing and exploring our faiths. These people lost a lot of jobs due to a coal mining incident, and we can't wait to bring some hope into these people's lives!

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February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  7:00 am <i>Men's Sharing</i> 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	2  7:00 pm <i>Men's Bible Group</i> 7:00 pm Praise Singers 5:30 pm <i>Love and Logic Group</i> 8:00 pm Central Road Band Rehearsal	3 	4
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19 Contemporary Worship Celebration at 11:00 am followed The Congregational Meeting and youth luncheon and variety show.	20 6:15 pm LUV Group 7:15 pm Property, Church Life and Personnel Min. Team Mtgs.	21  9:30 am <i>Beth Moore Book Group</i> 1:15 pm "♥ of a Woman" 6:30 pm "Elevation" 7:00 pm Jubilee Ringers	22 Ash Wednesday  7:00 am <i>Men's Sharing</i> 7:00 pm Service of Worship 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	23  7:00 pm <i>Men's Bible Group</i> 7:00 pm Praise Singers 5:30 pm <i>Love and Logic Group</i> 8:00 pm Central Road Band Rehearsal	24 	25
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