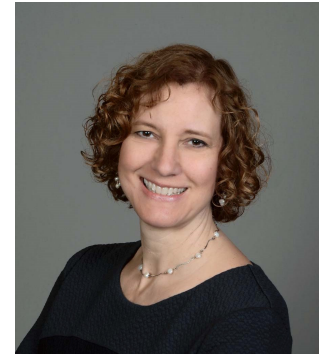


Star of Grace

I installed the annual Epiphany display at church today for the celebration of Christ's manifestation to the world. Over the years I have collected art, photographs, and text to include in the case. When creating the first Epiphany display, I tried to find the perfect star and searched everywhere. I really didn't know what I was looking for, but the star eventually found me. I remember the day well; the day of the 2010 New Year's Eve tornado. Driving by a small store in Webster Groves, I was unaware that a tornado was near. A large tin star filled with light, on display in the window, caught my eye. I ran up to the door only to find it locked. The owner had taken cover from the tornado and was surprised to see me. The whole episode of my search for the star now makes me laugh. It also reminds me of another journey; a time I found God in the asphalt.



One day I was taking a walk on a bright sunny day. My eyes were drawn to the road covered with sparkling objects reminiscent of thousands of glittering stars. It was a beautiful sight and I was filled with the urge to pray. Later that same year, at a sad time in my life, I was eager to feel the presence of God again, so I went for a walk along the same path. It was another sunny day, but I didn't see the "stars". I kept looking all along the road ahead, beside and behind me. No stars. I was so disappointed! Continuing on my walk I tried not to be too discouraged. As I rounded the corner to return home I noticed a greeting card, a bit dirty, on the road next to a trash can. It caught my eye because butterflies were pictured on the front of the card (I have stories about butterflies for another time). I opened the card and nothing was handwritten inside. Its message said, "Thinking of you and wishing you happiness this day and always". That day was near the anniversary of my mother's death and I felt as if she was speaking these words to me. My tear-filled eyes were again drawn to the road. There they were; millions of stars! To my amazement God had reappeared. As I reminisce about this experience, it seems as if God was playing a game of hide and seek with me, taking great delight in his creation. God is never found in the same place, but if we seek him with our whole heart, mind and soul we will find him. God, who shines like stars in unexpected places, motivates me to shine the light of Christ in the world.

I admire the Magi for their faithfulness and perseverance, and I pray that my journey continues to be sustained by the light of Christ.

While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys and urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light. O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.

~ Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837

Anne Peacock
January 2020

Adult Education Session IV January 5, 12, 19, & 26

Arts

Faith in the Future: Four Institutions that Shaped St. Louis

Gulick Room

Four beloved local institutions—three still thriving, and one gone—were formed by extraordinary St. Louisans who had religious faith, determination, and the strong belief that the future could be better than the past through improvements in education and health care. On each of the four Sundays in January, Candace O'Connor will trace the history of these institutions.

Leader – Candace O'Connor

January 19: St. Louis Children's Hospital

January 26: Homer G. Phillips Hospital

Religion

War and Peace in the Christian Tradition

Fireside Room

Leader January 19, & 26– Dr. Tobias Winright, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics and Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University and former law enforcement officer.

January 19: The Crusades and Holy War

January 26: Just War, the Responsibility to Protect, and Just Peace

Family Matters

Mellow Library

January 19: Medical Issue, Leader— Dr. Randy Clary, Ladue Chapel member

January 27: Medical Issue, Leader— Dr. Alison Snyder-Warwick, Ladue Chapel member

2020 Men's Retreat



The 2020 Men's Retreat was enjoyed by all!

Route 345 is going to Incredible Pizza

Join us at 1:00 p.m. on **Sunday, January 26**, for lunch at Incredible Pizza! There will be 3 hours following lunch for games and activities. The cost is \$23 per person and everyone is invited to attend. Bring the whole family!

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: Tom Grass, Linda Defendeifer

If you are aware of a member in the hospital or anticipating a hospitalization, please call the church office at 993-4771 ext 0 or speak to one of the pastors. We are available to offer a ministry of care, compassion, and prayer in times of need.

Joys & Celebrations

Congratulations to Ruth Bock, who celebrated her 102nd birthday this week.



**DINNER, FELLOWSHIP,
MUSIC, AND WORSHIP
WOW!**

Join us on Wednesdays for
dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30
p.m.

January 22
Pastor's Bible Study

Cost

Adults \$10

Students (age 10-17) \$5

Children (under 9) are free

RSVP to 314-993-4771 ext 0.

The Pastor's Bible Study, hosted by the Rev. Susan R. Andrews, is an opportunity to engage with the pastors and one another in the study of Scripture.

Ladue Chapel Family Game Night

Friday, February 7 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome for this fun evening so bring your family and friends! Cost is \$5 per person with a max of \$10 per household to cover the cost of the pizza. We will kick off the night with Pizza and Bingo. Bingo will include traditional Bingo along with Picture Bingo for the little ones. Please bring either a new or gently used book for the Bingo Prize Table for each person that will be playing. The evening will conclude with a team scavenger hunt around the church. Please contact Patty Boehm (patriciajboehm@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Hope you can join us for this fun evening!



CHANGE IN SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE - MARCH 1

At its December meeting, the Session approved a TRIAL change in our Sunday morning worship and education schedule. A representative task force spent three months evaluating the suggestions offered in the Holy Cow Questionnaire and the 21 Community Conversations held by the Pastor Nominating Committee. Much thought was given to the concerns of younger families, who find the timing of our current Children's Church School and Worship services difficult for family schedules. The new trial schedule will begin on March 1st, and will continue until the first Sunday of June (when our single summer service will resume at 10am). this change will be evaluated during the summer of 2020.

New Trial Sunday Schedule: March 1st - May 31st

8:15 - Worship (45 minutes, no Good Shepherd, no Children's Message)

9:15 Adult Education, Intergenerational, experiential educational experience - ungraded - for all children

10:30 Worship Service with choir, Children's Church School (pre K through 5th grade)

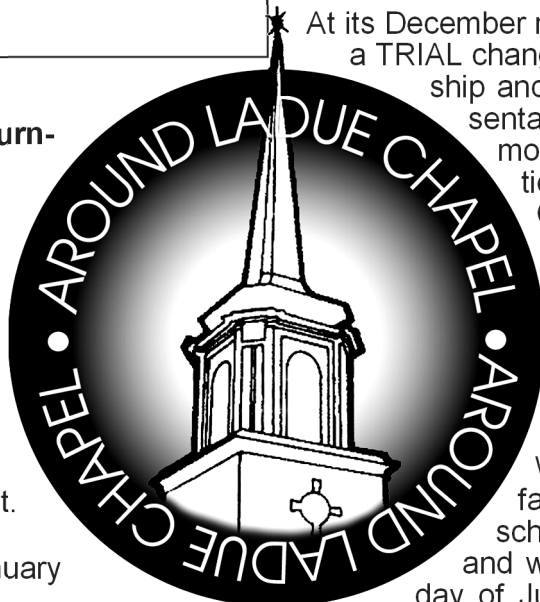
4:30 - 6:30 - Education and Fellowship for Middle School and High School Youth

Details and more information will be coming, as plans for this change are finalized.

-Sunday Schedule Task Force Members: Ted Peachee, Ralph Grimm, Anne Duncan, John Spencer, Bary Rudert, Julie Cobaugh, Elizabeth Thompson, Dieter Heinzl, Mel Smith, Courtney Chandler, David Erwin, Susan Andrews

The Antiques Roadshow is returning to Ladue Chapel!

On **Tuesday, February 4**, we welcome back church member and professional appraiser Julie Nicolai for her expertise. This is an opportunity for you to bring in an item and Julie will estimate its value. We will meet in Fireside at 11 a.m. and enjoy a catered lunch (\$10) after the event. Please call the church office and make a reservation by Friday, January 31.



Clean-Up Buckets

Many hands make light work! Help us fill 240 Clean-Up Buckets to be distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to those in need after natural disasters. On **January 26** at 12:15 p.m., join us in Fellowship Hall to help fill the buckets with clean-up supplies. You can also sponsor a bucket for \$25 to cover the cost of the supplies that go in to the bucket. Members of the Mission Committee will be in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings in January to collect for this worthy mission activity.

Ladue Chapel Nursery School—We are gearing up for the 2020-2021 school year at Ladue Chapel Nursery School. Please see the website for more information or call Karen at 993-3993.

Ladue Chapel PDO—PDO is looking for substitute teachers to add to our sub list. If you are interested, please contact Terry at 993-2429.

LCNS Yoga: On Mondays at 2:30 p.m., there are level 1 and 2 yoga classes available to all members. The classes are instructed by Mary Ann Kuehl certified through alliance, with 25 years of experience in fitness. For more details, call Mary Ann at (314) 495-4643. The cost is \$10 per class



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE
DETAILS INSIDE!**

**Sunday, January 19
Worship Services at 8:30 &
11:00 a.m.**

Scriptures

Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-11; 1
Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Music Ministry

At both services Tara Campbell will lead a responsorial setting of Psalm 40.

At 11:00, Chancel Choir will sing *Lamb of God* by Kalinnikof.

In Their Own Words Concert – Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m.

“The Power of Spirituals” is an interactive event based on Eileen Guenther’s recently-published book *In Their Own Words: Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals*. In this program Guenther, a graduate of Kirkwood High School, combines first-person narratives from books written by those formerly enslaved, interviews conducted with them in the 1930s and her own commentary. These narratives are interwoven with the singing of spirituals by guest soprano and St. Louis native Marlissa Hudson, our Ladue Chapel Choir, and the audience. Many Americans have gaps in their historic and cultural education; this powerful music and the texts of this presentation not only shine a light on the events of the past, but also offer hope and reconciliation to present-day circumstances.

Wooster Chorus in Concert – Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The Wooster Chorus, from the College of Wooster in Ohio, one of our leading PC/USA colleges, will present a concert in our sanctuary on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. One of the featured singers is senior Andrew Peacock, from Ladue Chapel. (Andrew was heard recently as one of the kings on Epiphany Sunday). We have been asked to provide overnight housing for the 70 singers, so if you can host some singers, please contact David Erwin or Anne Peacock.

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