

# THE Chapel Bell

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In 2007 I was introduced to Godly Play, a Montessori style curriculum used for children in churches. I quickly fell in love with this style of learning the biblical stories while experiencing worship. Later I learned that it is called a variety of things. Some churches refer to this program as "Worship and Wonder" while Ladue Chapel calls it "Good Shepherd." I cannot tell you how excited I was to hear that you had a version of this fantastic curriculum.



Good Shepherd allows children to experience worship in their sacred setting and gives them the biblical stories that make us who we are as people of faith. It enables children space to reflect in their way and in their own time. Good Shepherd gives children a solid foundation to begin their Christian journey.

It is hard to explain what happens in Good Shepherd because it is something more to be experienced. The best I can do is tell you what we do.

Every Sunday, children gather on the rug, and we discuss the color used in worship and the season of the church calendar. We light the Christ candle, "There was once a man who said and did many wonderful and amazing things. He was a teacher and a preacher. He fed people and healed people. One day someone asked him, 'Who are you?' and he said, 'I am the light.'" We then sing the Gloria Patri before hearing our sacred story for the week.

Bible stories are told mostly using wooden figures. As the storyteller brings scripture to life, the children are engaged and immersed in the story in such a way that allows for imagination and a sense of wonder. As the story comes to an end, wondering questions are asked. Sometimes the children answer while other times you can see the wheels turning as they ponder these questions. Some of the questions used in recent weeks are: I wonder how the Magi knew the star was special? I wonder why the Magi brought gifts? I wonder what it's like to a baby and a king?

As we end the story, we sing the doxology, dim the lights, offer prayers and thanksgivings then conclude with the Lord's Prayer. We then change the light, "The light that was in one place at one time is now in all places at all times, because this light goes with us everywhere we go."

We move to the table for a "feast," where we serve one another crackers and water and wait for each to be served before eating together.

Children are then allowed to spend time reflecting on the story through play, art, or even building things with Legos. Finally, they clean their space as a way of showing honor and respect to their place of worship.

As I move into the second half of my first program year with Ladue Chapel, I continue to see ways in which to build upon Good Shepherd that will make it stronger and even more meaningful for our children. If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd, I am happy to answer any questions I may have. If you would like for me to come to a meeting and lead a group through a Good Shepherd experience, I welcome this as well. After all, regardless of our age, we are children with a sense of wonder when it comes to God.

-Rev. Courtney Chandler

# 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 12:** Barnes-Jewish Hospital

**January 19:** St. Louis Children's Hospital

**January 26:** Homer G. Phillips Hospital

### Religion

#### War and Peace in the Christian Tradition

Leutwiler Room

**Leader January 5, 19, & 26–** Dr. Tobias Winright, Associate Professor of Theological Ethics and Health Care Ethics at Saint Louis University and former law enforcement officer.

**January 12:** Pacifism and Nonviolence: From Being the Norm in the Early Church to Its Revival Today, led by Margaret Gilleo

**January 19:** The Crusades and Holy War

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

### Family Matters

Mellow Library

**January 12:** Strengthen Your Family by Reconnecting with Your Spouse Leader— Susan Rosga, MSW, LCSW Staff Therapist at Care and Counseling

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

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

### Cares & Concerns

*Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home:* Tom Grass

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to :

- Cathy (Dave) Cortright and Lynn (John) Wright and the family and friends of G. Fred Heimburger, who died and entered the Church Triumphant on December 15. Services have been held. We have established a memorial in Fred's name. Contributions can be made to the Ladue Chapel G. Fred Heimburger Memorial Fund.
- The family and friends of Paul Vaporean, who died and entered the Church Triumphant on January 4. Services are pending. We have established a memorial in Paul's name. Contributions can be made to the Ladue Chapel Paul Vaporean Memorial Fund.
- Virginia Watson and the family and friends of Paul D. Watson Sr., who died and entered the Church Triumphant on January 6. Services are pending. We have established a memorial in Paul's name. Contributions can be made to the Ladue Chapel Paul D. Watson Sr. Memorial Fund.
- The family and friends of Nancy Cornwell, who died and entered the Church Triumphant on January 3. Services are pending. We have established a memorial in Nancy's name. Contributions can be made to the Ladue Chapel Nancy Cornwell Memorial Fund.

### Joys & Celebrations

We offer our congratulations to Natalie Noonan & David Walsh, who were married in our Sanctuary on January 4.



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

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

**January 15**  
Contemplative Worship

**Cost**  
Adults \$10

Students (age 10-17) \$5  
Children (under 9) are free

RSVP to 314-993-4771 ext 0.

Contemplative worship in the Taizé style is deeply personal and songful, using candlelight, prayerful silences, and repetitive singing to establish a mood of communion and joy. The service is less like a feast and more like savoring a glass of fine wine or a great cup of coffee. It opens your spirit to God's Spirit in a unique way.

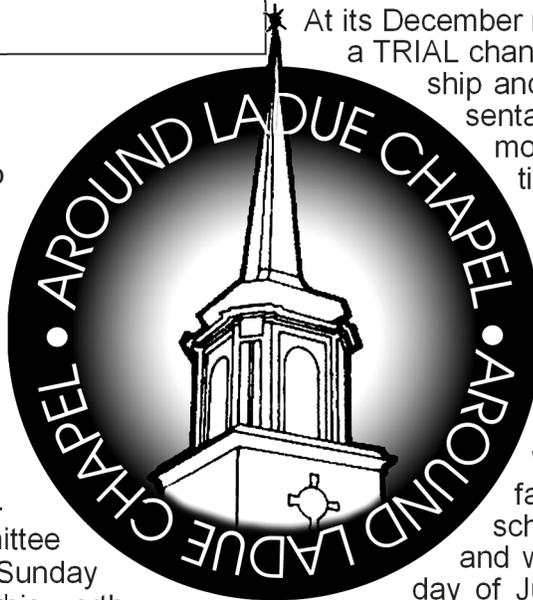
**Goodbye to Rebecca Braun**

After two years serving as our Member Care and Music Ministries Assistant, Rebecca Braun has left our staff to begin a new opportunity with the Kirkwood School district. We are grateful for Rebecca's ministry working with the Deacons, the Stephens Ministers, the Pastors, the program staff, and the committees connected to our music and new member programs. After reassessing our staff design, the Staff Resources Committee will work with the professional staff to find new support staff assistance. Continue to use [rbraun@laduechapel.org](mailto:rbraun@laduechapel.org) for emails. They will be monitored by office staff.



**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 Reident, Julie Cobaugh, Elizabeth Thompson, Dieter Heinzl, Mel Smith, Courtney Chandler, David Erwin, Susan Andrews

**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.



**Second Sunday Bread Breaker's Brunch**

Please join fellow church members after church on Sunday, **January 12** for a time of friends, fellowship and food—and fun. Carolyn will provide a delicious brunch which is \$10 per person. We will meet in Fellowship Hall from 12:15 to 1:30. This is a great way to start the new year socializing with friends. All you need to do is RSVP to the church office by January 8 We look forward to sharing this time with you. All are welcome. Please contact Carol Carlson or Connie Lippert if you have questions.

## Men's and Women's Retreats

**Men's Retreat**—The Men's Retreat is **January 10-11, 2020** at Marianist Retreat Center. Rev. Dieter Heinzl will speak after dinner on Friday evening and Rev. Amy Bertschhausen, Exec. Dir. of Care and Counseling will join us on Saturday morning after breakfast. Cost for the full retreat is \$125 and Saturday only is \$62. To register, call the church office at 314-993-4771 or visit [laduechapel.org/mens-retreat-2020/](http://laduechapel.org/mens-retreat-2020/) Contact Steve Peacock at 314-540-2667 if you have any questions.

**Women's Retreat**—Register NOW for the Ladue Chapel Women's Retreat, **January 24-25, 2020** at the Marianist Retreat Center. All women 18+ are invited to participate. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Sonia Waters. Registrar at [laduechapel.org/connect/adult-fellowship/womens-fellowship/retreat2020/](http://laduechapel.org/connect/adult-fellowship/womens-fellowship/retreat2020/) Questions? Please contact Mel Smith ([msmith@laduechapel.org](mailto:msmith@laduechapel.org) or 314-993-4771)



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### *In Their Own Words Concert – February 12 at 3 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.

**Sunday, January 12  
Worship Services at 8:30 &  
11:00 a.m.**

### **Scriptures**

Isa. 42:1-9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17

### **Music Ministry**

At both services, a quartet will sing *Jesu, Thou the Virgin Born* by Gustav Holst  
At 11:00, Chancel Choir will sing *Jesus, the Light of the World* and *God Be in My Head*

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