

News: September Church Events

Fall Concert Series

St. Thomas United Methodist Church

2S511 Route 53, Glen Ellyn, IL

All Concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m.

September 14, 2013

The Karamels, a women's quartet from the international award-winning Village Vocal Chords Women's Chorus from Glen Ellyn, will perform their crowd-pleasing 50's-inspired show.

They will be joined by an outstanding barbershop men's quartet.

October 12, 2013

Jim Hendricks, a truly outstanding Christian pianist, has performed in the past with such legends as Dave Brubeck, Della Reese, Rita Moreno, Tito Puente, Maynard Ferguson, and many others. He has also competed in numerous international piano competitions and has been a featured orchestral soloist, performing the piano music of Rachmaninoff.

Today, he dedicates himself to interpreting the Word through his incredible musical performances.

November 9, 2013

The Gayle Memorial Baptist Church Men's Choir from Aurora, IL will once again visit St. Thomas with their Gospel interpretations. In Fall 2012, they joined the line-up of artists at the St. Thomas Fall Music Festival and had attendees on their feet.

Crafters

Red Bird Crafters are going to be in our building on Saturday, September 14 from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

First United Methodist Church

155 South Main Street

Lombard, IL 60148-2627

630/ 627-2508

Flute and Percussion Recital

Come spend a delightful Sunday afternoon with flutist Stefanie Lindsay Abderhalden and percussionist Jeremy Johnston, the "Apollo Duo," on Sunday, September 22, 3:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Naperville. The pair will play a dynamic variety of music written and arranged for flute and percussion, featuring works by J.S. Bach, Astor Piazzolla, David Maki, Nathan Daughtrey and Ricardo Lorenz. Tickets are \$7 adults/\$5 seniors 65+/students and children FREE, available at www.peopleofgrace.org/concerts or in the church office. Grace Church is located at 300 E. Gartner Road in Naperville. Contact Dan Wagner at 630-355-1748, ext. 232, or andante147@gmail.com for further information.

19th annual Kendall County CROP Hunger Walk

OSWEGO, Ill.--Ending local and worldwide hunger one step at a time.

That's the theme of the 19th annual Kendall County CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 1 p.m. Oswego Presbyterian Church, 1976 Rt. 25.

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) hunger walks are sponsored worldwide by Church World Service, an international relief agency. The public is invited said Kathy Davidson of Montgomery, walk leader. Kids and dogs (on leashes) are invited. Last year a dozen dogs accompanied their owners on the three-mile walk.

The event will open with registration and a hot dog lunch at 1 p.m..

At 1:30 p.m., the walk against hunger steps off on a route that ends at the church. Two water stops are included.

Davidson said the walk has set a goal of \$20,000 to help stop hunger and poverty in Kendall and around the world, through self-help initiatives.

A portion of the funds raised in Oswego will go to the Yorkville-based Kendall County Food Pantry. Last year, Kendall County walkers raised more than \$10,000 in their locally organized CROP Hunger Walk. Since 1985, the Kendall County walk has raised \$158,371 to fight hunger. A quarter of those funds were returned to the local area. In Illinois, the Kendall County walk was the 26th highest online fundraising CROP event in 2012.

This year, Kendall County communities are among 2,000 cities and towns nationwide joining together in interfaith community CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Ending hunger one step at a time."

Many of the CROP Walkers will be wearing T-shirts, proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live -- as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites in the U.S.

CROP Hunger Walks also play a role in the U.S., helping communities ravaged by floods and tornadoes to recover.

Kendall churches participating with team recruiters are: Montgomery--Neighborhood Church of the Brethren, Ginger Florence Newark--Immanuel Lutheran, Laura Devick Oswego--Oswego Presbyterian, Kathy Davidson, Montgomery Plainfield--Followers of Christ Lutheran, Rev. Ron Voss; Wheatland Presbyterian, Nancy Krumpolz Yorkville--Church of the Good Shepherd, Donna Rodriguez; Kendall County Food Pantry, MaryEllen Dempsay; Trinity Church United Methodist, Deb Croyle and Katherine Kunkel, Montgomery; Plattville United Methodist; AuSable Grove Presbyterian; Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ, June Davis.

For more information about the Kendall County CROP Hunger Walk, call Davidson at 630-897-1108.

Xperience Re-Birth: Church & Self

all YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS and the young at heart are invited to Xperience the REBIRTH OF SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE in the parking lot @Hartzell UMC 3330 S King Dr. @6pm **9-21-13**. Pastors tell your young people and bring them to a Xperience created by them for them.

Reading Festival

To celebrate reading, Ravenswood Fellowship UMC is holding a reading festival on Sun. Sept. 22 1-2pm and Mon. Sept. 23, starting with a light supper 5:30pm, and reading from 6-7pm. This event is free, for children 3-11yrs, accompanied by an adult. You can attend one or both days. We will read some children's classic books, and make a bookmark. Hope to see you there!

Chicago Police Commander to speak at Men's Day Celebration

The men of South Shore will host their annual Men's Day Celebration on Sunday, **September 29**, 2013, at 11:00 am. at the church, 7350 S. Jeffery Boulevard in Chicago. Eugene Williams will be the featured speaker and the service will be followed by refreshments and an afternoon musical service at 3:00 pm. Featured soloists will include Jimmy Proctor, Althea Murray, Bill Nance, and others. Church choirs performing will include New Pasadena Church, Ivanhoe United Methodist, South Shore Choirs and others.

Chief Eugene Williams commands the Bureau of Administration of the Chicago Police Department and is in his 34th year of service. He is President of Chicago Chapter and Treasurer of the national chapter of N.O.B.L.E., the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. He is also president of the St. Jude Police League.

A dedicated United Methodist, Eugene Williams is a Certified Lay Speaker, Lay Leader and Council Administrator. He also serves on several committees on the Chicago Southern District and Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

"There is power in the name of Jesus," Williams recently said. "We invite the public to join us on this spirit-filled day of worship," he continued.