

Welcome to

Northbrook Presbyterian Church

April 29, 2018—Easter 5



We are glad you're here and thankful for the opportunity to worship with you and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to be an open, rational and compassionate people, learning each week what it means to live the love of Jesus Christ in worship and work, in word and deed. "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ~ John 13:35

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Please sign and pass the Welcome Register along your row and back. Please note joys and concerns on the Prayer Request Cards and place them in the offering.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

All: Let the sound of praise ring out.

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

All: The Lord who has made everything!

*OPENING HYMN 54 —*Make a Joyful Noise to God*

Hymnal

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

—*silent prayer*—

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

* THE PEACE

As we are reconciled to God and to one another, share a sign of Christ's peace and love with your neighbor.

—*All Children are invited to go to KIDS' Connection at this time*—

SONG 12—*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymnal

SCRIPTURE READING—1 Peter 3: 13-22

NT p.234

SONG 318—*In Christ There Is No East or West*

Hymnal

SERMON—*Witnessing the Mystery*

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Acts 17: 16-31

NT p. 137

WE BRING OUR GIFTS FOR THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY SONG—*Doxology*

Stephanie Boosahda

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

* SENDING SONG 839—*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR ELIZABETH CHIU KING—MONDAY, MAY 7

On Monday, May 7, the Northbrook Book Club and the Adult Education Committee are sponsoring an evening with author Elizabeth Chiu King. She will be discussing her book *The Good Daughter: Growing Up in China and America*. Elizabeth Chiu King has many talents and has previously shared with us her gifts on meditation here at Northbrook. Regarding her book, “Elizabeth King has written an absorbing and at times, gripping memoir of a life that began in the troubled times preceding and during World War II. Her story is not merely one of survival but of good and bad luck, determination, love and eventual peace through meditation. In speaking of herself, King has spoken for a generation that lost everything and still found the strength to rebuild a life very much worth living.”—Robert Kiely, Professor of English Emeritus, Harvard University. We encourage you to join us in a lively presentation by this delightful woman at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7 in the Library. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$20. Checks should be made payable to E. C. King, LLC.

SPRING CLEAN UP—SATURDAY, MAY 12 (RAIN OUT DATE WILL BE SATURDAY, MAY 19)

Mark your calendar to join us on Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for our annual Spring Clean Up. Volunteers should bring a shovel, rake, pruning shears, gloves, etc. We will be concentrating on getting the manse property cleaned up along with the church property. We hope to have at least ten volunteers, especially ones who like coffee & homemade sticky buns!

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION CONFERENCE—SATURDAY, MAY 12

Kirk in the Hills is hosting a free Mission Conference and Lunch on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m.—1 p.m. In addition to speakers like the Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell (Past Director of World Mission (PCUSA) and currently the Director of the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), Ms. Tina Rowan (Accent Pontiac) and Ms. Khadija Fobbs (The New Foster Care), there will be more than 20 organizations sharing information about what they do and what volunteer opportunities exist to get involved in. This free conference and lunch will offer an opportunity for participants to connect with other mission-minded people in the neighborhood. To register for the conference, visit: www.kirkinthehills.org and register by May 8th. Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 1340 W. Long Lake Rd. in Bloomfield Hills.

CEREAL FOR SUMMER DRIVE—MAY 13 - JUNE 10

Kids who rely on free or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch at school often go without enough to eat during the summer. PWN and our Northbrook Youth Connection Team will be supporting the Presbytery of Detroit (P.O.D) Hunger Ministries Program’s CEREAL FOR SUMMER campaign so children can start each day with breakfast. Every item you donate will be given to families in need by the P.O.D. church partners through their food programs and by Northbrook to a more local food bank. This year, the program is doing a 50/50 split with Detroit and other church communities. Please bring boxed cereal to church. Ideally, whole grain cereals with reduced sugar and sodium are preferred, although all kinds will be accepted. The collection area will be near the long table across from the library doors.

BRAINS & BALANCE WORKSHOP!—MONDAY, MAY 21

If you are an “active adult” striving to stay mentally sharp and physically stable, this fun and innovative class is for you! This class is thirty minutes of simple exercise designed to enhance coordination and to increase blood flow to the brain followed by thirty minutes of fun brain drills focusing on memory, reasoning, conceptualization and problem solving skills. Certified “Brains & Balance” instructors, Lori Harbour and Kathy Housey, lead this unique class. Combined, they have over 35 years of fitness leadership experience. Please dress for exercise class, wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. The cost for this workshop is \$20. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21 in Fellowship Hall. The class is limited so sign up early. A \$20 check made out to Northbrook Presbyterian Church will secure your place as long as space is available. Please give your check to Liz Hurbis. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL—MONDAY, MAY 28

Join us on Monday, May 28th for a wonderful village tradition, the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival! Members of the Northbrook congregation will be marching in the parade and hosting a booth at the carnival. If you would like to march or help with the booth, contact Jackie Spycher at jacqueline@northbrookpc.org. If you're not marching, we hope you'll be there to cheer from the sidelines.

NORTHBROOK GARAGE SALE—JUNE 22 AND JUNE 23

Keep saving those treasures you no longer use for the 2018 Northbrook Garage Sale! We are beginning to collect donations, and they can be stored in the Youth House. Contact Barb Stetson at bbkstetson@comcast.net for details. Sale dates are Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23rd. Please be selective and donate items that are clean and in working condition and clothing that has no stains or rips. **Accepted items include:** clothing and shoes, art and picture frames, decorative pillows, jewelry and accessories, handbags, holiday items, bicycles, exercise equipment, books, linens, blankets, towels, rugs, sporting equipment, housewares, working electronics, iPads, video games and consoles, flat screen TV's, toys, home and garden items, luggage, furniture, appliances and lamps. **Items we cannot accept include:** textbooks, tires, fragrances, mattresses, cosmetics, old TV's prior to 2004, old computers, cribs or car seats, medications, nonworking electrical items and hazardous materials.

SAVE THE DATE—SECOND MILE CENTER GOLF OUTING ON SEPTEMBER 30

Back by popular demand! The golf outing benefitting the Second Mile Center of Detroit returns on Sunday, September 30 at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. We are partnering with First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth to get more people involved, more auction items and more competition! We have to defend our trophies! (Most golfers and winning team!) So, put the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more information. Again, there will be opportunities to donate auction items, sponsor a hole, play golf or just eat dinner. Don't miss out on the fun! Contact Kathy Bauhof at kathybauhof@gmail.com for more information.

MEN'S CONNECTION IS WRAPPING UP

Men's Connection will have its last meeting of the season on Thursday, May 3 at 8 a.m. in the Library. All Northbrook men are invited to come and enjoy conversation along with some delicious pancakes, bacon and eggs. No reservations are required.

SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch will meet on Thursdays, May 10 and May 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

KNIT WITS

Please join the Knit Wits on Wednesday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library.

ZUMBA

Join us for Zumba from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall. Classes are \$5 per session. Contact Abby Adair at abagaeladair@gmail.com with questions. *Please note that Zumba will be held on Monday, April 30 instead of Tuesday, May 1.*

SIGN UP TO BE A LITURGIST

If you would like to be a part of worship, please consider signing up to be a liturgist. The sign-up sheet can be found in the main hallway outside Fellowship Hall.

AN INVITATION TO OBSERVE SONGSHOP—THURSDAY, MAY 3

Members of the Northbrook Presbyterian Church community are invited to observe SongShop, the art of song interpretation. SongShop is a unique, hands-on workshop that provides the opportunity for singers to strengthen their interpretive abilities in song. Using a theatrical approach and cabaret techniques, participation in a SongShop session enhances the singer's ability to communicate the emotion and story of their chosen song. The class is open to singers at various levels of performance experience. Songs presented in the workshop can be in any language and selected from any story-song genre (opera, folk, art song, pop, jazz, musical theatre). Claudia Hommel is the SongShop Instructor. Born in Paris, raised in Detroit, a graduate of Cass Technical High School, Claudia went on to New York and Chicago to develop a career on stage as actor and singer. Her studies with performers like Martha Schlamme, Alvin Epstein, Steve Blier and others inspired her to "pass the torch" by coaching other singers to make the songs they sing "their own". She co-founded the Chicago Cabaret Professionals twenty years ago and is leading the preparations for the first Chicago Paris Cabaret Connexion, an 8-day conference of master classes, workshops, round table discussions and more (October 28 to November 4, 2018). SongShop sessions are 120-minute sessions, usually once a month. They run \$40 per session, Auditors are \$20 per session, and first-time observers are free. The upcoming SongShop session is Thursday, May 3 from 4:00pm - 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Don't hesitate to call Claudia in Chicago with your questions about SongShop at (773)509-9360.

This Week at Northbrook

SUNDAY, April 29

- 10:15 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY, April 30

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

TUESDAY, May 1

- 6:30 p.m. Zumba
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Connection Comm. Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Ryan Rocks! Blood Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

THURSDAY, May 3

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Connection
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, May 6

- 10:15 a.m. Worship & Communion
- 10:15 a.m. Kids' Connection
- 11:30 a.m. Deacons' Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Education Comm. Mtg.
- 11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Bingo de Mayo Fundraiser

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m.—Noon

Worship: Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

More news and calendar information can be found online at www.northbrookpc.org

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