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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## JOY NAMED PRESBYTERY MODERATOR

BY SARAH WARNER



Our own pastor, Joy Douglas Strome, was recently elected moderator of the Chicago Presbytery. It's a great honor, but what does this position entail?



The Chicago Presbytery oversees 106 Presbyterian churches in the Chicago area. This governing body shapes the direction of the Presbyterian Church in Chicago, communicates with the General Assembly (the Presbyterian Church (USA) national governing body), and develops the growth of Presbyterian communities by overseeing land use and staffing. (See the Book of Order for a more detailed list.)

The Presbytery holds six meetings a year, attended by 300 people,

including elected elders from member churches (LVPC has two) and pastors. These meetings are led by, you guessed it, the moderator. The elected moderator typically doesn't cast votes, but will vote in the case of a tie breaking decision. He or she follows the Robert's Rules of Order in meetings and is assisted by a Stated Clerk, a hired staff person of the Presbytery.

The moderator oversees the various mission teams, work groups, and task forces of the Presbytery. Each

pastor must serve on a mission team. Currently, Joy is on the Business Affairs Work Group. She will be relieved of that responsibility once she starts her term as Moderator-Elect.

In addition to moderating Presbytery meetings, the moderator has ceremonial duties, such as performing the ordination and installation services for pastors. Being moderator is a three year commitment. The first year, Joy will shadow the current moderator as moderator-elect. In 2008, she will act as the current moderator, and in 2009, she will assist the next moderator as past-moderator. Joy and the former moderator will attend the General Assembly in 2008.

Joy is excited to be taking on this new role, in addition to all she does. Joy says that she is most looking forward to "having our church represented in this governing body." In wake of dwindling general church attendance across the country, LVPC stands apart with its continued growth. "I think that we really have something to offer the wider church."

***Congratulations, Joy! ☺***



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For more information on the role of the moderator, visit the Presbyterian USA website ([www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)) and search the book of order. You should also check out the Presbytery of Chicago website: [www.chicagopresbytery.org](http://www.chicagopresbytery.org).

# CALENDAR



# JANUARY

## EVERY SUNDAY

Study the Bible with the Niners Class. They meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Sunday service in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Childcare is provided in the Mulford Room. Coffee hour and time for fellowship immediately follows both services.

Sunday school for children at 10:00 a.m. Classes for ages 3–4, grades K–5, and 6–8 meet in the Academy.

Choir practice at 10:00 a.m.

Share your thoughts about faith and life in Begin@10 class, 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Free parking is available evenings and weekends in the Recycled Paper Company lot north of the church. Access the lot from the alley.



## ADVANCE WARNINGS: SIGN UP NOW!

*Food for Thought:*

*Envisioning the Beloved*

*Community—See January 9.*

*Wild Women of the Church Potluck—*

*See January 12*

*Eco-Justice Potluck—See January 21*

*Women’s Book Study—See January 27*

## MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Church office closed today.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Church office closed today.

Regular exercise is the key to vitality, so join the Seniors in Motion fitness class. An exercise specialist from Advocate Fitness leads the group. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 8:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

It’s fun for the under-five set at Playgroup beginning at 9:30 a.m. Call Kirsten Gettings at (773) 275-4487 to find out where they’re meeting.

*A Taize service features scripture reading, repetitive singing, and meditative silence, combining traditional worship forms in a contemporary way. The goal is to enable participants to remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves. Join us tonight at 7:30 for Taize.*

The Cafe Pride Coffeehouse meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight and serves a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth ages 17–21 to get together.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

New officer training takes place at 9:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Lake View Pantry food donations and Two Cents A Meal offerings will be taken at the morning worship services.

The Knitting Circle meets at 12:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Finance Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m.

*Food for Thought begins 2007 with Envisioning the Beloved Community. This four week class will explore how the Chicago region can become a more “beloved community”— a community which Dr. King argued was the basis for reaching a different and more hopeful future. The process of getting there requires policy change. With assistance from outside speakers, the class will discuss specific affordable housing, transportation and education policies that will make the Chicago region an exemplar of Dr. King’s “beloved community.” Erika Poethig leads the class. It begins at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.*

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 8:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

Spend time with long-time LVPC members at a Presbyterian Homes Fellowship from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in Evanston. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Sue Cox at (773) 281- 2655 for more information.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**

Playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. See January 5.

Join the WWC (Wild Women of the Church) for a potluck dinner tonight. Time and place TBA, but the women are fantastic! Bring a dish to share. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See January 5.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

The Social Justice Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See January 2.

Food for Thought continues at 7:00 p.m. with Envisioning the Beloved Community. See January 9.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Christian Nurture Committee meets at 7:30 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

Playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. See January 5.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See January 5.

The whole church community is invited to Out at the Movies, a special presentation of a gay-themed film. The show starts at 9:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

Session meets at 8:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

*A study at Iowa State University*

*concluded that “conventional produce items traveled from eight (pumpkins) to 92 (broccoli) times farther than the local produce to reach the points of sale.” If you’d like to learn about a better way to get food on your table, join the Eco-Justice Taskforce potluck at 12:30 p.m. Featuring three speakers, it will focus on community supported agriculture. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.*



**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**

Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See January 2.

Food for Thought continues at 7:00 p.m. with Envisioning the Beloved Community. See January 9.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

Lake View Academy Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

Playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. See January 5.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See January 5.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

The Women’s Book Study meets at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, Salon.com calls it “a stunning debut collection about Asians in America.” Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

The More Light Taskforce meets at 12:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

Seniors in Motion meets at 10:00 a.m. See January 2.

Food for Thought continues at 7:00 p.m. with Envisioning the Beloved Community. See January 9.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31**

Don’t miss a special Healing Service for health and wholeness at 7:00 p.m. Contact Sue Cox at (773) 281-2655 for more information.

Choir practice at 7:30 p.m.

Young Adult Bible Study meets at 8:30 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE**

*February 1—New Member Class  
February 3—Winterfest*



OUR NEW CHURCH OFFICERS BEGIN THEIR WORK IN JANUARY.  
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