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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## OUT AND ABOUT GEARS UP FOR AN EXCITING JUNE AND BEYOND!

BY JOHN VESSELS



In January of this year, LVPC's More Light Task Force turned a significant corner. The name changed, and the scope of mission expanded. More Light became Out and About, and our concern broadened from advocacy and outreach to include newer focuses on fellowship, nurture, and education.

The mission of Out and About is to create a community at LVPC where every member—gay and straight—is loved, healed, taught, understood, and championed by his/her church and community. New programs include a discussion group that meets on the 1st Thursday of each month to tackle tough issues and to address questions participants may have once thought only they had. Also new is a potluck that meets at a different host's house on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Affectionately known as Big, Gay Potluck, it has become a great time to get together for a purpose no loftier than to break bread, visit, and enjoy the warm LVPC family.

As June approaches, Out and About is preparing for an exciting month of events and activities. In recognition of Pride month—and in place of the June Discussion Group—LVPC has extended Food for Thought into June to examine such topics as the array of programs offered at the new Center on Halsted (May 27), the challenges and strategies facing gay couples and individuals in the American legal system (June 5), and the histories of the That All May Freely Serve (June 19) and More Light Presbyterians (June 26) movements in Chicago.



Wednesday, June 20th offers a Pride Worship Service in conjunction with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. We are thrilled that our guest preacher for the evening will be Janie Spahr, outgoing director of That All May Freely Serve.

Saturday, June 23rd will be Big, Gay Potluck in the form of a BBQ and movie on the lawn of LVPC.

Sunday, June 24th is LVPC's Pride Worship Service (only one service this week at 10 a.m.) followed by a chance for members and friends of the church to show their pride (and their support) by marching in the Chicago Pride Parade!

June promises to be a great month full of opportunities to get to know more about your LGBTQ brothers and sisters, but it's only the beginning. Out and About is already making exciting plans for the fall. If you are interested in the work of Out and About, or would like get involved, contact any member of this year's steering committee:

**John Vessels**, Chair and Fellowship Liaison  
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# CALENDAR

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# JUNE

## EVERY SUNDAY

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 follow both services.

Choir practice at 10:00 a.m.

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

Help beautify the Sanctuary by donating flowers. To sponsor a Sunday, sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.



*As part of Pride Month, Food for Thought turns its focus to LBGT issues. This week, a look at the challenges and strategies facing gay couples and individuals in the American legal system. Class starts at 7:00 p.m. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Worship Committee meets at 6:00 p.m.

Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

A Sunday school teachers meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m.

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

Running Club meets at 6:15 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. See June 1.

Don't miss the Lake View Academy Graduation Celebration at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony gives the "flavor" of life at LVA, with a little humor, a little inspiration, and a little music.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight in the Fellowship Hall. See June 1.

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Holly Jensen leads the Wild Women of LVPC on a tour of the hidden secrets of Millennium Park and the surrounding area at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the park's welcome center. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

## ADVANCE WARNINGS: SIGN UP NOW!

*Food for Thought, LBGT Issues—*

*See June 5*

*Wild Women tour—See June 9*

*Pride Parade—See June 24*

## FRIDAY, JUNE 1

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.

*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, JUNE 2

No matter what color your thumb is, you can be part of the LVPC Garden Club. They meet in the church yard from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine. Bring work gloves, hats, and any garden tools you like to use.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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, JUNE 4

The Running Club meets at 5:15 a.m.

Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 5

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 11  
The Running Club meets at 5:15 a.m.

The Eco-Justice Taskforce meets at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12  
Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 5.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13  
Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 14  
Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

Running Club meets at 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15  
Playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. See June 1.

Cafe Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See June 1.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16  
Session meets at 9:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 18  
The Running Club meets at 5:15 a.m.

Social Justice Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19  
Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 5.

*This week's Food for Thought explores the history of That All May Freely Serve, an organization working for the ordination of qualified gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender candidates in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Class starts at 7:00 p.m.*



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20  
Don't miss a special Pride Worship Service in conjunction with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. The guest preacher will be Rev. Janie Spahr from That All May Freely Serve. It starts at 7:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 21  
Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

Running Club meets at 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22  
Playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. See June 1.

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See June 1.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23  
Garden Club meets at 9:00 a.m. See June 2.

The Women's Book Study takes place at 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy the beginning of summer at a Big Gay Potluck, with BBQ and a movie on LVPC's lawn. It starts at 7:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24  
Because of the Pride Parade, there will be one worship service today at 10:00 a.m.

Be part of the action by joining LVPC's parade contingent. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary.

MONDAY, JUNE 25  
The Running Club meets at 5:15 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26  
Seniors in Motion fitness class meets at 10:00 a.m. See June 5.

This week, Food for Thought looks at the history of More Light Presbyterians in Chicago, a group that seeks the full participation of LGBT people of faith in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church. Class starts at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Jeff Doane from Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church will be the guest speaker.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27  
The Buildings and Grounds 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, JUNE 28  
Senior Movie at 12:30 p.m.

Running Club meets at 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29  
Playgroup meets at 9:30 a.m. See June 1.

Café Pride meets from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. See June 1. ♯

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**Jennie Martin** production manages:  
*Widowers' Houses* by George Bernard Shaw, through July 1,  
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**Stephanie Browning** performs:  
Fridays (except June 10), Stetson's Chop House, Chicago  
(312) 239-4490  
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**Kara Kesselring** performs:  
Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, La Notte Restaurant, Darien  
(630) 663-1920  
Tuesdays, June 5, 19, 26, Seneca Hotel, Chicago, (312) 266-4500  
Wednesdays, June 6, 20, Grape Restaurant, Westmont,  
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