

THE CHURCH CHIMES

North Shore United Methodist Church

February 2016

Pastor Paragraphs



For two weeks in the month of January, I took a class for seminary. I had never had this professor before, and I did not know what to expect from a class about United Methodist Studies surrounding topics relating to the 20th century and the present. Surprisingly, this class has been such a joy for me. Though it can be tough to have class all week for two weeks straight, I have learned so much about the Church and the United Methodist Church specifically. I thought it

would be encouraging if I would share some of this learned information with all of you.

One thing that we talked about in class is something I shared with at the church council meeting in January. My teacher shared with us that we (as Christians) cannot fully love God if we do not truly love our neighbor. We can love our neighbor without loving God, but to love God with our whole heart we are called to love our neighbors too. How powerful is this? Think about it. This idea is the greatest commandment that God has given creation. What would this world look like if we fully obeyed the greatest commandment?

When we come to church, where is our focus? What are we thinking about during worship? Through my seminary experience so far I have learned to value the words that we share in our worship liturgy and the words that we sing from the hymnal. These words that we profess, words that we put to music, are so theologically rich, and we would be missing out if we ignored or forgot about those words. Next time you are singing a song or responding to “the call to worship,” REALLY think about what you are saying and what those words mean to you in your life as you are a part of creation.

Remember that we are the church. We are the church while at church, while at work, while at home. We represent God wherever we go. When we leave the building each Sunday after worship, we are called to bring Christ into the world. John Wesley (the founder of the Methodist movement) is known to have said, “The world is my parish.” The world is not just the church building but is all creation. I encourage you to embrace John Wesley’s ideology as you live your lives remembering that God is everywhere, and we are called to share God’s love everywhere we go.

Ash Wednesday

February 10

Lent is a solemn time of the year and one of the most wondrous and mystical seasons of the liturgical calendar. Lent begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday and culminates with Holy Week. Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting, is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity. It occurs 40 days before Easter (not including Sundays) and can fall as early as 4 February or as late as 10 March. Ash Wednesday's observances are carried out by many Western Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and Roman Catholics. During this season of penitence, it is customary for many Christians not to eat certain foods, as well as to abstain from some activity, as a way to remember the suffering of Jesus Christ. According to the Oxford Encyclopedia, some of these traditions have become somewhat relaxed in a few churches, except for the "fasting" tradition in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where adherence to it remains strict. Mardi Gras, a French term known in English as Fat Tuesday, refers to events of the Carnival celebrations that culminate on the day before Ash Wednesday. Popular practices of Carnival, such as indulging in rich foods and merrymaking, are in full force before the fasting and religious obligations of the penitential season of Lent begin. Shrove Tuesday is also used to refer to Fat Tuesday. This term derives from the word "shrive" meaning to "obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confessions." It is customary for some people to eat pancakes on Fat Tuesday – the day before Ash Wednesday. The reason being that making pancakes is a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar before the obligatory fasting begins.



The North Shore United Methodist Church has altered the tradition of Shrove Tuesday somewhat by moving it from Tuesday to the Sunday immediately preceding Ash Wednesday. Most longtime members are familiar with the **pancake the races** held on that Sunday. The races are an annual fundraiser, based on an English legend from the Middle Ages. According to the legend, in 1445, in the town of Olney, England, a lady was preparing breakfast the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday when she suddenly heard the church bells calling the townsfolk to attend the morning service. Supposedly, so she would not miss any part of it, she ran out her kitchen door still wearing an apron and holding a frying pan full of pancake batter. No one is totally certain of the accuracy of this legend, but it surely adds to the fun and interest of Fat Tuesday celebrations.

Pancake breakfast and races



Sunday, February 7



The FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE presents
its annual SUPERBOWL party in Barbee Hall
Sunday, February, 7.

Starting time for this party is ½ hour before kick-off. Bring a dish large enough for ten to share.

Black History Month

Black History Month, also known as Afro-American History Month in the United States, is an annual celebration observed in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. Both the United States and Canada celebrate during February; the United Kingdom celebrates in October. The precursor to Black History Month developed in the United States in 1926. Historian, Educator, and Publisher, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founded a week-long celebration he called “Negro History Week.” Dr. Woodson selected February in which to carry on the celebration in honor of Frederick Douglass and Pres. Abraham Lincoln, both of whose birthdays occur during the month. The event had lukewarm reception.

By 1929, the Journal of Negro History was able to note; however, that with only two exceptions, officials with the State Departments of Education of “every state with considerable Negro population.” had made the occasion known to that state’s teachers, and distributed official literature associated with it. Negro History Week grew in popularity throughout the following decades, with mayors across the United States endorsing it as a holiday. In February 1969, the expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month was first proposed by the leaders of the Black United Students of Kent State University.

The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, in February 1970. In 1976, as part of the United States Bicentennial, the informal expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the US government. President Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this, urging Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” (**Taken from the Presidential Archives at the University of Texas**)

The first celebrations of Black History Month, in the United States, occurred in 1987. Canada’s House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada in 1995 by honoring black Canadians. Black History Month stimulates annual debates about the continual usefulness of the month. In the International Journal of Radical Critic, actor Morgan Freeman said: “I don’t want a black history month. Black history is American history.” He argues there is no white history month because the white race does not want its history relegated to one month of the year only. The fairness of designating one month to honor a single race has also been questioned. Many people are concerned about the “hero worshiping” upon which the month focuses. However, some of these fairness questions have been rectified by the many celebrations in place; i.e., National Hispanic Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, LGTB History Month, among them.



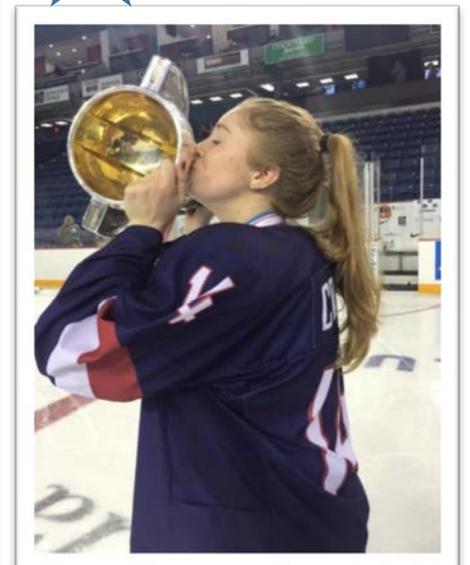
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In this beloved musical, pompous phonetics professor Henry Higgins (Rex Harrison) is so sure of his abilities that he takes it upon himself to transform a Cockney working-class girl into someone who can pass for a cultured member of high society. His subject turns out to be the lovely Eliza Doolittle (Audrey Hepburn), who agrees to speech lessons to improve her job prospects. Higgins and Eliza clash, then form an unlikely bond -- one that is threatened by an aristocratic suitor (Jeremy Brett).

The Fellowship Committee proudly presents the 1965 eight-times Academy Award Winner. Please join the group and other members of the NSUMC family in a delightful evening of food and entertainment.

*We are very proud of Jesse Compher
and the UNDER 18 USA HOCKEY TEAM
for winning the gold medal this past January.
They are the current Women World Champions.*

Congratulations



BELOW IS A SHORT ESSAY BY FRIAR MICHAEL HEINZ, PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT BOSTON COLLEGE. THIS ESSAY IS BASED ON A DEFINITION OF "LOVE" OF THE 13TH-CENTURY PRIEST, PHILOSOPHER, AND THEOLOGIAN, ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

(TAKEN FROM "WWW.YOUTUBE.COM.")

LOVE

You can imagine how hard it must be to define the word LOVE. Many people have tried, and I must confess, I know nobody who has done it better than Thomas Aquinas.

Now, as often happens with St. Thomas – as often happens with scholastic philosophy and theology – when you first hear this definition, it sounds “dry as dust,” but when you start to unpack it, it’s immensely rich and insightful.

Thomas defines LOVE, CHARITY, AGAPE as “The Effective Willing of the Good of the Other.

As I said to you, it sounds very dry. But notice what Thomas does. First of all, he doesn’t say that the Love he is talking about, this Love that is the first of all the virtues and makes everything else to be a virtue, he says that Love is neither an emotion nor a feeling or passion – but it is “effective willing.”

So, the first thing to notice about his definition is that Love is a CHOICE; it is, something people choose to do. It is not something we feel or happens to us, but something we do – a very important thing to notice, because it often is missed in our world.

For example, think about the typical image on the Valentine’s Day cards of “love.” That little angel, Cupid, shooting an arrow at the person who is going to “fall in Love” as though Love hits you from the outside, much like being pierced by an arrow. And to this Thomas is saying, “no, there is nothing wrong with that image, but that’s not what the center of LOVE is. Love is first and foremost not something that happens to us. It is a choice that one makes; something that one does – a purposeful will.”

What is it that one is choosing when one love. According to Thomas, we are choosing, THE GOOD OF THE OTHER. Not our Good first, but the Good of the other.

This type of Love centers on the person or thing loved. Its purpose is the best for this other person – not in the sense of wishing them well or as a benevolent feeling.

A benevolence is a great good, it’s a fine thing, but it’s not Christian charity nor is it Agape.

According to Thomas, Love is wanting the best for the other person and acting upon it to make that real for them. It’s something that is a choice that makes it effective, real, powerful in other people’s lives what the good for them is.

Thomas is the definition of love is choosing to do the best for the other person and then acting in accord with your choice.

Therefore, THE EFFECTIVE WILLING OF THE GOOD OF THE OTHER is about the best and most complete information of love I have heard.

Fr. Michael Heims,

Professor of Theology at Boston College

CALLING ALL GREETERS AND USHERS!!



Are you interested in serving the church without having to go to any Committee Meetings? Well, have I got a deal for you!

Volunteer for Greeting and/or Ushering on Sunday mornings at church. You can sit with your family once the service has started.

Greeters arrive at 9:45 am and work until 10:00 am greeting people.

Ushers hand out the bulletins, collect the offering and take care of the candles.

**Please consider offering your services for these two positions:
SIGN UP THE SHEET ON THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR GREETING OR CALL
JUDI STILES AT 847-835-1249**

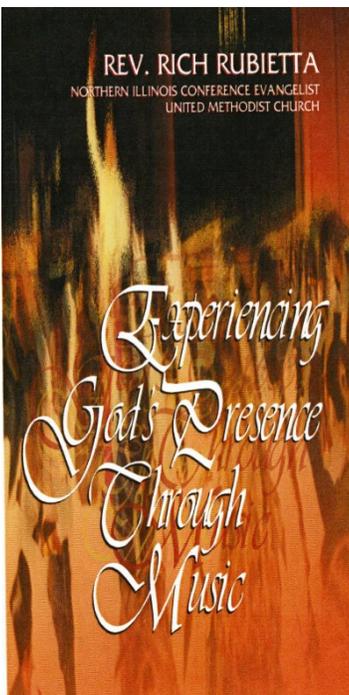
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Thank you in advance for your attention.
Sincerely, Judi

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He uses God's gift of music to:

- ✓ Share Christ's good news and call to discipleship
- ✓ Develop creative worship services that retain the tradition of great hymns while engaging both our youth and the unchurched
- ✓ Help people experience God in less self-conscious and more animated worship
- ✓ Call forth the artistic gifts of laity and clergy and train Youth and Adults to lead worship together
- ✓ Seek God with the musical styles of many cultures
- ✓ Be of service to persons of all economic and social classes
- ✓ Introduce original electronic and acoustic music based upon the UM Hymnal, TFWS, new worship songs from around the world & original scripture-based songs.



**Reverend Rich Rubietta
Sunday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.**

REACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH... BY ELLEN PASELTINER



Lisa Goodale is a life-long Methodist, who grew up in Moline, Illinois. She and her husband Ed have been members at North Shore United Methodist Church since moving to Glencoe in 1984 after graduate school at University of Illinois. Until Lisa was fourteen years old, her father served as a “supply” minister to a small Methodist church in the town of Preemption, Illinois. A supply minister was not a full-time minister, so her father had another job during the week. On Sundays, her family would drive about twenty miles out to the church that was in the middle of a cornfield. She remembers spending a lot of time there and, as a pastor’s child, she and her sister were like the church’s “kids.” One of her childhood memories is a Christmas Eve where they went out to the service, but it was snowing, and they could not make it back to Moline. Her family spent the night on the floor in front of a fireplace at the home of a woman in the congregation.

This woman recently passed away at the age of 103 which reminded Lisa of their Christmas overnight. When Lisa was a teenager, her father quit the ministry to work full time in development and fundraising. They then started to attend a larger church in Moline where she was active in the MYF. She remembers a church mission trip to Oklahoma. But she was baptized and confirmed in the small country church in Preemption. Lisa and Ed met in high school in Moline. They were in choir and English class together and were each other’s dates for their senior year. After high school, they headed off to college and work. They married at the First United Methodist Church in Moline and moved to Urbana soon after they were married. There, Ed studied architecture and Lisa got her masters in social work. While in graduate school, they lived in an apartment house and became friends with Barb and Scott Javore. The couples lived across the hall from one another. After school, Barb and Scott moved to Glencoe where Scott grew up. Ed and Lisa would visit on occasion and liked the area. When they decided to relocate to Chicago for jobs, they moved to Glencoe to be near their friends. They embarked on a concerted search for a place to attend church, but after attending the North Shore United Methodist Church they thought “why go elsewhere?”

North Shore was very much like the churches that they attended in their younger days - it felt like a small and welcoming community. Lisa remembers Dorothy Fosse introducing them to everyone she could when they first visited. They stayed on and joined the congregation. They were recruited for the choir, and Lisa remembers Ed Kemp and Bert Peterson being very excited to have Ed Goodale as another tenor. Ed and Lisa’s daughter Robin was born in 1987 and then Meredith in 1991. Both daughters were baptized and confirmed at North Shore and Robin was married in the church. Lisa has served in many capacities at North Shore. She has been head of Church Council and has been on the Staff Parish Committee, which she currently chairs, the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee, and the Reconciling Task Force. She enjoys working at the Rummage Sale in the furniture department. One of Lisa’s notable achievements was helping to shepherd the driveway and accessibility ramp through a contentious neighborhood process. Lisa says that being a part of North Shore is like having an extended family. She feels that people genuinely care about one another. They are here because they want to be. She found it a huge benefit for her daughters to be a part of the church. She says it strengthened them as individuals. She also finds that people are very interested in social mission at the church. They want to do things for and with others. Lisa has been a committed and wise leader for our congregation for many years. We have enjoyed her and Ed’s singing as well!

FEBRUARY 2016 INSERT

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

- ◆ Carol Monsees and family
- ◆ *Prayers for infant* Ryan Olumstad.
- ◆ *Prayers for the Wiant family* of on the death of Judy Wiant, mother of Jeff Wiant and mother-in-law of Alice Muir Wiant.
- ◆ *Prayers for* Helen Burczak.
- ◆ *Prayers for* Carolina Ibarra.
- ◆ *Prayers for Jim Javore*, Scott's brother, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- ◆ *Prayers for Ruth Woods' grandson*, Nicholas Glennon, who has a serious medical condition.
- ◆ *Ed Kemp and family.*
- ◆ *Linda Fetzer.*
- ◆ *Tull Monsees*, who is at The Mather in Evanston.
- ◆ *For all those* in need of healing.
- ◆ *For those who are unemployed* and searching for meaningful work.
- ◆ *Ruth Woods.*
- ◆ *For an end to gun violence* in our cities.
- ◆ *For the Refugees* of the Middle East.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Robert Compher
- 4 - Peggy Bird,
Walter Calhoun,
Linda Fetzer
- 9 - Bruce Boudreaux,
Isidro Ibarra
- 14 - David Harwich
- 18 - Todd Kemp,
Jake Moskow
- 24 - Robert Abuls



Thursday, February 4, 2016

7:30 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 7, 2016

10:00 am ~ Worship Service

Rev. Rich Rubietta presenting

“Experiencing God’s Presence through Music”

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

7:00 pm ~ Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, February 11, 2016

7:30 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 14, 2016

10:00 am ~ Worship Service

Valerie LaBounty is Preaching

Thursday, February 18, 2016

7:30 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 19, 2016

6:30 pm ~ Dinner & Movie Night –

"My Fair Lady"

Saturday, February 20, 2016

9:00 am ~ Trustees Meeting

10:30 am ~ Church Council Meeting

Sunday, February 21, 2016

10:00 am ~ Worship Service

Thursday, February 25, 2016

7:30 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal

February 28, 2016

10:00 am ~ Worship Service

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**THE CHURCH CHIMES
FEBRUARY 2016**

February Greeters & Ushers

Greeters

Ushers

February 7: Linda Fetzer
February 14: Carlos and Mary Figueredo
February 21: John Martin and Vicki Bosler
February 28: Art and Leslie Muir

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