

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7.

SUNDAY, Mar. 7

Secret Service Auction, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Social Hall.
Childcare, 9:30 a.m., Room 203.
Inquirers Follow-Up Class, 9:30 a.m., Room 107.
St. John of the Cross, 9:45 a.m., Chapel
Ushers meeting, 9:45 a.m., Room 109.
Parents Circle *Sunday*, 9:45 a.m., Resource Room.
Exploring Beliefs & Questions, 9:45 a.m., Room 101.
Tower Club (7th-8th grades), 9:45 a.m., Room 406.
Junior Choir, 10 a.m., Choir Room.
Common Quest Bookshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Social Hall.
Character School, 11 a.m. (*child drop-off may begin at 10:50 a.m.*)
Nursery-K, 2nd floor.
1st – 6th grades, 3rd floor.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Blood Pressure Screening 12 p.m., Room 106.
Kayak Group meeting, 12 p.m., Room 101.
Membership Book Signing, 12:30 p.m., Welcome Center.
"Food Inc." movie & finger food potluck, 12:30 p.m.,
3rd floor Common Room.
Women's Spirituality Group, 2:30 p.m., Room 103.
Fountain Club, 2:45-4:45 p.m., Room 205.

MONDAY, Mar. 8

Job Search Networking Group, 9:30 a.m., Room 102.
AA Meeting, 12 p.m., Monday – Friday, Room 107.
Holistic Energy Care, 3 p.m., Chapel.
Stewardship Committee, 6 p.m., Rom 101.
Post Modern Christianity, 7 p.m., Chapel.

TUESDAY, Mar. 9

Connections Group, 9:15 a.m., Room 103.
Women's Association Board, 10:45 a.m., Room 101.

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 10

Parents Circle, 9:30 a.m., Choir Room.
'Come Sit With Us' meditation practice, 12 p.m., Chapel.
Properties Committee, 12:30 p.m., Room 108.
GRCC Diversity Lecture—B. Cazalis, 7 p.m. Sanctuary.
****Weekly Notes Deadline, 4 p.m.****
****Friday Flash Deadline, 4 p.m.****
'Coming of Age' send-off, 5 p.m., chapel.
Men's Poker & Philosophy, 6 p.m., Room 109.
District Leaders meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 101.
Voluntary Simplicity, 7:30 p.m., Room 108.

THURSDAY, Mar. 11

Expressive Writing for Healing, 10 a.m., Room 101.
Adult Choir, 7:15 p.m., gathering; rehearsal begins at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, Mar. 11

Friday Morning Poetry Group, 10 a.m., Room 108.

SATURDAY, Mar. 12

Oratorio Choir rehearsal, 10 a.m., Choir Room.

Welcome Visitors!

Want to know more about us? Meet and talk with one of our Greeters at the Welcome Center, located above the coat room by the Social Hall. We'd love to get to know you better and help you find out if Fountain Street Church is a place for you to "grow your soul."

Inquirers Classes meet regularly through the year, and are a great way to get to know our ministers and explore the church and your spiritual needs. You can get connected by filling out a Communication Card. These cards and additional information are available on Sunday at the Welcome Center, located on the Mezzanine, or in the Church Office during the week.

Visit our website and learn even more.
We can be found at: www.fountainstreet.org

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a vibrant church community that challenges individuals to craft their own spiritual journeys and to engage in creative and responsible action in the world.

We love young Fountain Streeters!

If your youngsters like to make a "joyful noise" you may go to the "**Resource Room**" which is on the 2nd floor. You can see and hear the service in a place designed for all ages. You may also take your child to the **Nursery, Room 206**, where childcare is always provided. An Usher will be glad to show you the way.

Our newsletter (The Chimes) is available online at the website address listed above.

If you need a printed copy, please see an Usher who can obtain one for you.

Questions or comments for the Governing Board? Please send them to:

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"Golfing With Monkeys"

March 7, 2010



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" This is the mission of our faith: To teach the fragile art of hospitality; To revere both the critical mind and the generous heart; To prove that diversity need not mean divisiveness; And to witness to all that we must hold the whole world in our hands"

- William F. Schulz

Music for Gathering – "Con moto maestoso"

(A-Major Organ Sonata)

Felix Mendelssohn

Marilyn Ossentjuk, Organist and Music Director

Invitation to Worship – Spoken and Musical

"Jubilate Deo"

East Congregational Junior Choir; Jane VanHof, Director
Fountain Street Junior Choir; Marilyn Ossentjuk, Director

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* Hymn No. 353 – "Golden Breaks The Dawn"

Affirmation

ONE: Small as is our world compared with the infinitude of creation.

ALL: **Brief as is our life compared with the cycles of time,**

ONE: We are so tethered to all by beautiful dependencies that not only the sparrow's fall is felt to the uttermost bound

ALL: **But the vibrations set in motion by our words reach through all space and the tremor is felt through all time.**

- Maria Mitchell, American astronomer

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Welcome

Judy Botts

Music – "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

Trad. Quaker

Arr. Ginger B. Littleton

Looking Outward

Scripture, Reading, Story

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Offering

Offertory – "When Sunny Gets Blue"

Marvin Fisher / Jack Segal

Each Sunday, all offerings of unmarked cash (or checks designated 'social ministry') are given back to the community. One of those we serve is Grandville Avenue Center for the Arts.

John Robinson, Trumpet and Vocals

Keenan Foley, Sax; Tim Foley, Bass; Bud Thompson, Guitar

Looking Inward

Prayer, Meditation, Silence

Music – "God Bless the Child / I Remember Clifford"

Billie Holiday and Arthur Herzog, Jr. / Benny Golson

Sermon

The Rev. Scott Alexander

* Hymn No. 355 – "We Lift Our Hearts In Thanks"

* Blessing

Postlude – "Jubilate"

Emma Lou Diemer

*** Interval for Seating.

* *Worshippers may stand as their spirits lead and abilities allow.*

The Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William C. Hopson, Francis T. Russell, Lucile H. Russell, William R. Bacon and George S. Bacon, from the family.

Hearing Loop Installed. Switch hearing aids to T-coil.



Weekly Notes

FEED YOUR SOUL !

Red And Blue Districts will host a soup and salad lunch after the service on Sunday, March 21. Enjoy one of three soups as you enjoy fellowship in the Social Hall. Mark your calendars.

WHET YOUR APPETITE!

After the church service **today**, the Purple and Orange Districts will host a 1 p.m. showing of "Food, Inc" for adults as well as the movie "Up" for children. Those interested in seeing these films are also invited to gather for a "Healthy Finger Food Potluck" before show time. We will gather on the 3rd floor. Stick around for a discussion afterward with a nutritionist from FSC's Wellspring Committee ... guaranteed to leave you with "food for thought."

SECRET SERVICE AUCTION BEGINS TODAY!

Secret Service Auction bidding begins this Sunday. Come to the Social Hall and get your free Secret Bidder Code for bidding. Detailed descriptions of services and bid sheets are displayed in the Social Hall. All proceeds benefit Fountain Street Church operations.

We Welcome ... a guest this week, The Rev. Scott Alexander, who spoke here some years ago. He is triply connected to us, though, being a friend and colleague of our Senior Minister, and having family who live in the area.

About his topic he says: "By way of a curious British story about a golf course in Calcutta, I want to explore one of the most important spiritual attributes we human beings can possess. Life is a complicated matter, and whether or not we successfully navigate its many challenges depends largely on how we prepare our hearts."

ARTIST RECEPTION TODAY

A reception for folk artists Reb Roberts and Carmella Loftis will take place today in the Keeler Gallery immediately following the service. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome. The exhibit will be on display through April 25. Be sure to see this wonderful show!

GATHER THOSE UNNEEDED CLOTHES!

Sunday, **April 11** will be our next clothing drive. Time passes quickly, so plan ahead and sort out the gently used spring and summer clothing that you are no longer using. Remember, we send professional work clothes to the Women's Resource Center, kids clothes to Family Haven, and any-and-all clothes to In the Image. Be prepared, start sorting now.

PLATE CONTRIBUTIONS

(To be set aside for social ministry:)

Week of Feb. 28

\$ 889.60

Total for 2010 to date:

\$ 9,957.23

Next Week in the Pulpit...

March 14, 2010

"The Work of Our Hands"

W. Frederick Wooden