### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES: 10 COMMANDMENTS REVISITED

The 10 Commandments are a monument to our faith in exciting and sometimes troubling ways, but they are often misunderstood. During the month of September we will go through each of the 10 Commandments, what they meant then and what they might mean for us living in the world today. Come and join us!

## SACRED CIRCLE CLASS TODAY

Children ages 3-8 are welcome to join the Sacred Circle, a new worship program led by Joy Richardson Moon, during the worship service (after the Benevolence Collection). Children will hear a story before they are invited to visit hands-on centers to further experience the story through music, play, drama, and art. Joy is still collecting supplies for the class. If you can donate or purchase any of these items, please bring them to the church office:

- Magnifying glass
- Medium/large mirror (1), smaller mirror (1)
- Silk plants
- Dried leaves
- Prisms
- Dolls & puppets
- Crosses of all sizes and types
- Simple drama props such as broom, small table, chairs, rocking horse, old boxes of different sizes
- Electric candles/tealights
- Scissors, glue, sequins, buttons, etc. for decorating
- Tubes for blowing

#### ANGOLAN VISITOR IN SEPTEMBER

Mr. Armindo Jelembi will be staying with Nancy & Rich Reed the last two weeks of September. If you would be interested in helping him practice his English by spending some time going to lunch, taking a walk, touring Chicago, etc., please email Nancy Reed (<a href="mailto:nreed8603@yahoo.com">nreed8603@yahoo.com</a>) or talk to or email Zuberi Badili (z.badili@att.net).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- For member Betty Rummel, whose daughter passed away August 19.
- Jay Wilcoxen, recovering from a heart attack.
- Jonathan Cahill, our recent ministerial intern, who left Thursday for a month in the Congo.

# Welcome to University Church

A Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ congregation.



August 27, 2017

### UNIVERSITY CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Julian DeShazier Music Director: Charles T. Hayes

Youth Director: Ramona Gant Bamgbose Church Administrator: Jean Newcomer

Property Manager: Vincent Cole Maintenance: Joseph Brown

Child Care Attendants: Diamond Mitchell,

Colleen Patikas

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

\*indicates those who are able may stand.

**Prelude:** "Hymn Medley" arr. C.T. Hayes

**Call to Worship** 

\*Opening Hymn #52 "There Is a Name I Love to Hear"

\*Invocation

Ministry of Music "City Called Heaven" arr. Hall Johnson

Jodette F. Adams, soloist

\*Passing the Peace
Words of Welcome

**Affirmation of Faith** Boy Scouts

Craig Truitt

**Benevolence Fund Collection: Hymn #283** "Spirit of the Living God" (Children are invited to collect this offering with baskets provided at the back of the sanctuary. Contributions are used to help people meet basic needs in times of crisis.) Children may then go upstairs to Sacred Circle (ages 3-8) or to the library for Junior Church (grades 4-8).

# Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer....when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer...come and listen to me.

Ministry of Music "For Your Praise" music by Keith Hampton

Lyrics by Jodette F. Adams, soloist

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

**Sermon:** "Caring for the Soil" Mary Stainton

\*Offertory Hymn #236 "Halle, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

\*Closing Hymn #28 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter Scholtes (please join hands and form a circle as a sign of community). (Words printed in the next column.)

The Lord bless you and keep you, and make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and give you peace.

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**COMMUNION** is served in the sanctuary for those who are interested. Others are invited to leave quietly for social hour in the dining room.

**CHILD CARE** is available during the entire service in Room 21 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) for ages 0-5. Others are invited to their classes after the Benevolence Collection. Children ages 3-8 are invited to a new worship program, Sacred Circle, in Room 22 (adjacent to nursery on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor). See a description about Sacred Circle on back of this bulletin. Youth in grades 4-8 may go to the library for Junior Church.

### **SOCIAL HOUR**

Please join us for conversation and fellowship in the dining room immediately following the service. Thank you to today's host: Sarah Jones.

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THIS WEEK | August 27-September 3

TODAY **Hospitality Committee meeting**, 12:15, east aisle.

MON. 28 **Youth Repertory Theater rehearsal,** 3:30-6:00 pm, library. This free camp for ages 7-17 is led by Maggie Brown through the Blue Gargoyle.

TUE. 29 **Gentle Yoga**, 6:15-7:30, sanctuary.

WED. 30 **Youth Repertory Theater rehearsal, 3:30-6:00** pm, sanctuary.

**#GetItInWriting Education Forum**, 6:00 pm, Kennicott Park, 4434 S. Lake Park Ave. This is the final theme-based forum to discuss issues that need to be addressed in a Community Benefits Agreement for the Obama Presidential Center. The final forum will be a summit on Wednesday, September 20.

FRI. 01 Re-Sale Shop Open, 10:00 am-5:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> floor & basement.

Youth Repertory Theater rehearsal, 3:30-6:00 pm, sanctuary.

SAT. 02 **Re-Sale Shop Open,** 10:00 am-3:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> floor & basement.

Please send calendar events, prayer requests, and announcements for the bulletin and/or website to: **events@universitychurchchicago.org**