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MESSENGER*bell*
june 2017



2017 Confirmands: Magnolia Chesney, Josephine Desir, Evelyn Drews, Charlie Kennedy, Sara Krissingner, Lucas Larson, Paul Raducha, Jordan Sibley-Diggs, Kayla Smith, Juliet Thurman, Jane Vachon. Leaders: Kathleen McKenzie, Alicia Reese, Art Spooner



moving from
WORDS TO WITNESS
IN OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD.

moving from
INDIVIDUALISM TO
INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP IN
OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
CHURCH COMMUNITY.

moving from
CHARITY TO CHANGING
STRUCTURES IN OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
WORLD.

Come to sing or come to listen!

Chicago
Summer
Sings



CELEBRATING OUR FOURTEENTH YEAR!

Tuesdays in June...

Join fellow music lovers to sing great choral works conducted by three great conductors. Listeners welcome, too!



JUNE 6

Brahms: Requiem

Conducted by Wilbert Watkins, Director of the Pilgrim Congregational Church Choir and founding artistic director of the Sing to Live Chorus.



JUNE 13

Mozart: Requiem

Conducted by Julia Davids, Associate Professor of Choral Activities at North Park University and Director of the North Shore Choral Society.



JUNE 20

Schubert: Mass in G

Conducted by Jonathan Miller, founder and artistic director of Chicago a cappella, as well as a composer, cantor, and conductor.

INFORMATION

708.386.5215 ext. 39

- ▲ All events start at 7:00 pm.
- ▲ Tickets are \$12 to sing or listen.
- ▲ Bring a quartet and the fourth member's free.
- ▲ Buy a ticket for all three evenings and save \$10.



Music
At First
2017-2018
SEASON

MEET THE ALSAAD FAMILY!

Before leaving Iraq, Ghassan worked as a mechanical engineer at a petrochemical company and Nadia was an English teacher. Ghassan and Nadia have four children: Ayat, 13; Abrar, 12; Mujtaba, 8; and Banen, 7.

The family lived in a refugee camp in Turkey for eight years before finally being able to move to the United States in mid-February. They live in Skokie, all four kids are enrolled in schools, and the parents are taking English classes and participating in RefugeeOne programs.



First United is sponsoring the Alsaads through RefugeeOne. The First United Refugee Support Team (FURST) is arranging tutoring for the kids, scheduling family visits and collecting items the family still needs. If you would like to donate or have questions, please contact Charlie Morris (cmorris91120@gmail.com), Leah Beckwith (leahb44@ameritech.net) or John Chapman-Rienstra (wolverienstra@gmail.com).

2017 PER CAPITA COLLECTION HAS STARTED

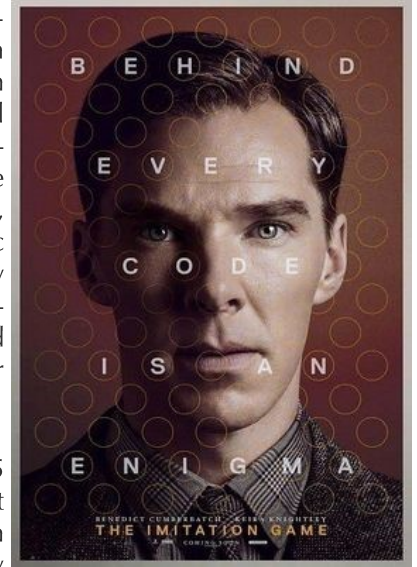
The per capita fee paid to the denominations for each confirmed member of the church is \$33.38. You can multiply the number of confirmed members in your family by \$33.38 and send a check for the total amount to the church office or you can put a check in the Sunday offering plate.

To ensure proper credit, please write "2017 per capita" in the memo field. Thank you to all for your past and continued generosity to First United!

DINNER & A MOVIE THE IMITATION GAME

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Chronicling mathematical wizard Alan Turing's key role in Britain's successful effort to crack Germany's Enigma code during World War II, this historical biopic also recounts how Turing's groundbreaking work helped launch the computer age.



Dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5 donation); Movie at 6:30 (free), Sign up in lounge or call Nancy Pennington, 708.386.9195, if you are interested.

EVENING DIVISION GRANT: HELPING CHILDREN



Thursday, June 8, Evening Division is proud to present a program on Changing Worlds, winner of this year's annual Memorial Grant Award of \$2500. Changing Worlds fosters inclusive communities through writing and art programs that improve student learning and enhance cross-cultural understanding. Founded in 1996 by a documentary photographer who was active in human rights work with Central American refugees, CW now involves over 10,000 students across Chicago with in-school, after-school and community outreach initiatives.

Come to our monthly meeting to learn more. Supper (\$15 donation) at 6 p.m., program (free) at 7p.m. in Centennial Hall. Call 708.848.2757 to reserve. All ages welcome!

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THE BEATITUDES, MATTHEW 5, (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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