

# April 2019



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

### Snippets from your Pastor/Matt Matthews

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The first congregation that called me “pastor” was located downtown in the river town of Dardanelle, Arkansas. People came downtown to get their mail. Their kids would play baseball at the park along the river. Farmers brought trucks of grain to the elevators across the river where it was eventually loaded onto barges and taken to Little Rock, and other the ports down the Mississippi.

Above town, five miles to the west, was a mountain that sat like a shoe box on the flat floor of farms and grasslands that made up the Arkansas River Valley. They called the mountain Mount Nebo. Look it up on a map. It’s beautiful there. On a clear day you could see for miles. You could see Lake Dardanelle and the Arkansas River. You could see Dardanelle and Russellville. You could see the distant lights of Pottsville, London, Clarksville, Conway. You could watch storms approach, night fall, moonrise.

I’d bring friends up the mountain and we’d hike the Rim Trail. When we got to Sunrise Point and looked east, I’d point down and say, “There’s the promised land.” I was pointing downtown, to my house, our church, the post office, City Hall.

It was—for me—a promised land because that land is where the people I loved lived. Carl Jagers’ pharmacy and the post office were on main Street. And while milk and honey didn’t flow in that land, you could get both local milk and local honey at the IGA; Melba Warren, in fact, would spread honey on the peanut butter and jelly she’d make you at the back counter at Warren Grocery on Main street. Larry Ragsdale spent all of his days and some of his nights farming the Carden Bottom down by the River. Jimmy raised hogs down the highway. The Sisson boys hunted those woods. Lee set up his easel to paint: the quail, the barns, rusted cars, fields, the deer. Page and Juana and many others taught in the public schools. AnnieLaura studied birds at the Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge only a few miles from where hang gliders would launch themselves off of Sunrise point, drop below the ridge, then be lifted on warm thermal winds up into the sun.

When I stood on Mt. Nebo, I’d look down and I could see the faces of saints: my friends, parishioners, neighbors.

Irene took care of her husband while dying, herself, of pancreatic cancer. Lloyd, didn’t speak much, but he spoke up when somebody brave needed to speak up. Larry tried honestly to be everybody’s friend. Evelyn could be mean as a snake

### Holy Week Schedule

see page 2 for more information

#### Palm Sunday, April 14

8 & 9 AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15 AM Contemporary Worship/  
Centennial Hall

#### Maundy Thursday, April 18

6 PM Soup Supper & Worship/  
Centennial Hall

#### Good Friday, April 19

7 PM Worship/Sanctuary  
(combined service with First Methodist)

#### Easter Sunday, April 21

8 & 9:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary

11:15 AM Contemporary Worship/  
Centennial Hall

There is no adult or youth Sunday School on Easter. Childcare will be provided for children 5 years and under in the nursery.



but she made sure everybody in the public schools had good shoes on their feet and warm enough coats for the winter. Les took care of his wife long, so long, after she had forgotten his name. Judy delivered meals on wheels to old folk who long before had helped raise her.

It was quite a view from up on Mt. Nebo, looking down into that promised land, imagining all the faces of all the faithful people who taught me how to be a pastor.

I imagine that you could stand on your own Mount Nebo and tell me about the people who have nurtured, challenged, and loved you. You could close your eyes and tell me about the people you love. You could tell me about your late, beloved sister. You could tell me stories about your grandparents, and great grandparents, about how your family tree twines with the lives and the heartbeats of other families. You could tell me about the hopes and dreams you have for your kids and grandkids, and your students, and your friends.

You've seen the promised land, also.

I think this is what the Psalmist meant when she proclaimed, "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." We are children of God, created in God's image. We are brothers and sisters, friends and kin, putting down roots, hauling in crops, making a life in a place we call home, a home God provides, in a place God blesses.

Indeed, "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations."

## Spring Music Sunday, May 12

9 AM

Special musical offering of  
Mozart's *Missa Brevis* in C

*This will be the only traditional service that day.*

## The Passion of Holy Week Leads to the Joy of Easter

BY JUDI GEISTLINGER, WORSHIP CHAIR  
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Please join us for a meaningful Holy Week this year.

### Palm Sunday, April 14

We will have a palm parade during the 9 AM service

### Maundy Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday from the Latin 'mandatum' hence the word "Maundy" commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. Thursday, April 18, will include a soup supper followed by communion around tables. Dinner is at 6 PM, with worship and communion to follow, all in Centennial Hall. Judi's Covenant Bibles study group is providing homemade Minestrone soup, so come to feast and experience a holy service of communion, shared at table as we remember what Jesus did on that first institution of this sacrament.

We could use a couple more soup providers. Pick up the recipe at the Welcome Center, so we are all preparing the same meal. Clean up help is also needed, as we will be using real dishes. There will be at least one gluten free table. Please let **Judi Geistlinger** know if you can help provide soup or clean up.

### Good Friday, April 19

We will have a solemn service of Tenebrae (or darkness), with our Methodist brothers and sisters at 7 PM in our Sanctuary.

### Easter, April 21

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior on Easter morning, April 21, at 8 or 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary or at 11:15 in Centennial Hall. There will be no adult or children's Sunday School, but childcare for children 5 years and under will be available in the nursery.

## Liturgical Arts Team

A new worship team is forming to help with special worship services, for planning and decorating. We have a small crew, and would welcome additional, creative people who are interested in helping dream and plan to make worship meaningful. Contact **Judi Geistlinger** for more information.

## Liturgists Needed

The role of liturgist in our worship services is to do the "work of the people" to lead our Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon and Sharing of the Peace.

I am a liturgist because I love leading worship. I like sharing my faith by putting meaning in the words as I read. To me worship is so much more than just reading a prayer; it is finding meaning in those words and listening for God's voice. When standing in the front of the sanctuary, sharing a word from scripture, I love looking out at the faces of our congregation. The smiles shared, the people who sit in another part of the sanctuary whom I seldom see in the sharing of the peace, I find these times so holy.

It is on the chancel, at the pulpit, that I know I am doing the work of the people, leading us all together to hear afresh that we are called to be together, to worship God and to share our failings and our hope. I believe in the priesthood of all believers, where we are all called to serve in some way. If you feel a nudge to lead, please talk to me (**Judi Geistlinger**) or sign up for a slot at: [firstpres.church/liturgists](http://firstpres.church/liturgists)

# Congregational Life

## Face to Face

**“Pray for the most vulnerable and serve with the heart of Jesus.”**



Ouaouel Jacqueline Seyi

### What brought you to First Presbyterian Church?

I have been Presbyterian all my life and I was not going to change when I came to Champaign.

### What has been the highlight of your church experience?

ESL. Once I came to the church I began ESL and I continue to learn English. This has been very important to me along with worshiping and praying together with everyone. I met many angels in ESL.

### Tell me about your family? Your work?

Well, I live with my daughter, son-in-law and their four children and they are my life. All the rest of my family is in Cameroon. I do child care for a Congolese family. Before that I worked at Menasha Packaging.

### What are your favorite bible characters?

Moses. He was a strong and faithful leader. I named my son Moses.

### How can the church best be the church?

The church should pray for the most vulnerable and serve them with the heart of Jesus. I am speaking of the orphan and widow, visiting the ill and the prisoner, the lonely and the bereaved.

Ouaouel joined our congregation on February 3.

## Nurturing

### Fellowship, Hospitality

BY GARY PETERSON, CHAIR  
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Our committee provided dinner for Young Lives in March. Please consider doing this with your group or committee in the future. It is much appreciated. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Nurturing has decided to look into the feasibility of resuming the Parish Nurse program at our church. If you have been involved with this in the past or would like to be involved in the future, please **let Gary know at 217-398-8504 or amer\_swede@yahoo.com.**

**Bob Kirby**, as part of our team, presented two ideas that he would like your input on. Please contact Bob at 217-621-5915 or [rwk3213@gmail.com](mailto:rwk3213@gmail.com) if you would be interested in one or both of the following:

### International Invitation and Hospitality

In *Matthew 28:19*, Christ commands us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Champaign-Urbana the nations have come to our doorstep. How do we respond with invitation and hospitality? Bob with the Nurturing Committee is gathering ideas on how we might reach this International community.

## Letter Writing Ministry

Many in our congregation are regularly intentional in writing notes thus walking with others during hard times and joyful times. Still, others of our brothers and sisters in Christ remain in need of support. For those who are lonely, ill, melancholy or bereaved a note might lift them up and demonstrate our love. We now have at least three congregants on active duty in our US Army, we have at least one lonely in prison, as well as those who are elderly feeling isolated and alone. Let's explore how we are currently serving in letter writing and whether more people can be reached with more coordination and more volunteers.

## Spiritual Formation

BY CLAUDIA KIRBY, CO-CHAIR  
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April brings showers and opportunities to reflect on and renew our faith. It is not too late to come to our Forgiveness study on Sunday morning in Mae Chapin Parlor at 10:10 AM. With the coming of Easter, it is a great time to think about and discuss with others our desires to be forgiven and to forgive as Christ asked for us to be forgiven. There will be no class on Easter Sunday.

The Spiritual Formation Team has also planned a six-week series starting April 28 in the Parlor on Sunday mornings with **Pat Phillips** as our discussion leader.

This series will be Tedtalk videos with discussion. Our first one will be the **Rabbi Sharon Brous**. She will discuss four principles of religion: wakefulness, hope, mightiness, and inter-connectedness. Rabbi Brous is a leading voice in reanimating religious life in America, working to develop a spiritual roadmap for soulful, multi-faith justice work.

Come join us with a cup of coffee and deeper fellowship in mind.

# Children, Youth & Family

## Children, Youth & Family Update

BY MINDY WATTS-ELLIS, DIRECTOR OF CYF

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### Sunday School Notes

There will NOT be Sunday school on April 21. Please enjoy your time to celebrate our Lord's resurrection with family and friends. There will still be child care for preschoolers and younger in the education building during the worship services. There will be a children's sermon during worship and there will be special worship bags for all children in attendance with Easter gifts.

In March the preschool class learned "I take care of my body" and "Jesus is my Friend." The elementary classes learned the stories of Holy Week in 'Jesus in Jerusalem.' The Middle School studied the Bible ancestors Mary and Martha, Judas Iscariot, and Pontius Pilate. The High School studied the spiritual discipline of prayer.

In April the preschool class will learn "Jesus is Alive!" The elementary grades will study the "Women at the Tomb."

The third grade Bible class started March 24 and will finish April 7. Students will receive their Bibles on April 14. **Kathy Schoeffmann, Nancy Pippin, and Laura Walsten** have volunteered to be the teaching team for this short course on basic Bible skills and learning the ten commandments.

### Youth Group

Thank you to all who helped with the pancake breakfast and all who came and donated! We appreciate the church's generosity and are well on our way to funding our summer trip to Triennium.

This past month we have had a ton of fun with youth group. We went to Elevate Trampoline Park and have been doing a combined Middle School and High School Lent study on Sunday nights called *Just Eating*. We have been looking at how we can practice our faith at the table, which we will wrap up here in April.

In Sunday School, the High Schoolers have been looking at prayer and different ways we offer prayer and make room to listen to God's answer for prayer. We have also been using the *Bible Project* to guide our discussion on the life of Jesus on his journey to the Cross and the Resurrection.

The Middle Schoolers have been studying New Testament ancestors specifically looking at Judas, Pontius Pilate, Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas. They have also been working on their Bible Skills.

## We Are Celebrating Two New Employees

Your HR team is pleased to announce that we have recently hired two new employees.

**Rachel Matthews** is serving as our Interim Mission Coordinator until we find a permanent person. Rachel is an ordained Presbyterian pastor and has extensive experience serving in churches in various capacities. Please give her a warm welcome the next time you see her.

Also, we are very pleased that **Richard Rossi** will be re-joining us as our church organist in August.

# Financial Update

## Finance Report

BY MARK SCHOEFFMANN, CHAIR  
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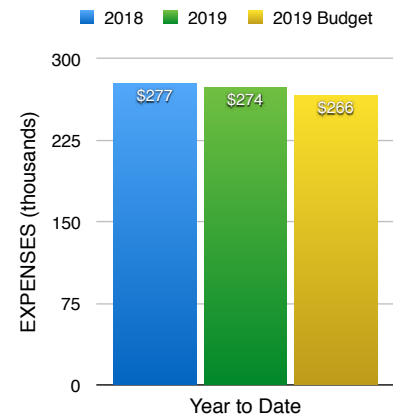
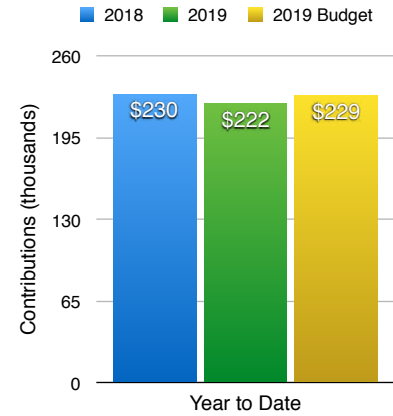
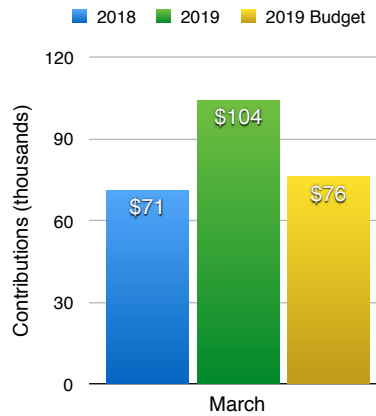
### Contributions

Contributions in March were \$33K more than in 2018 and \$28K above the budget at \$104K. The Year to Date total is below last year by \$8K and below the budgeted amount by \$7K. These figures include prepaid pledges (those paid in the year prior to the budget year) that are prorated over the year with 1/12 added to each month's contributions. Including all revenue sources, at 25% through the year, we have received 29.8% of the expected 2019 revenue.

### Expenses

Year to Date expenses are \$8K above the budget at \$274K but less than in 2018 by \$3K. Considering all sources, revenue exceeds expenses by \$33K which is \$52K

less than at the end of March in 2018. This figure includes \$32K less in prepaid pledges than in 2018. At 25% through the year we have experienced 25.8 % of the expected 2019 expenses.



## He Has Risen

What a shock the two women must have had when they went to the tomb and found the stone rolled back with an angel sitting on it who said, "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." (Matthew 28:6)

This is the good news that we celebrate on Easter. Jesus Christ conquered death by rising from the grave, and gave eternal life to all who believe in him.

The next verse in Matthew tells the women to go quickly and give this news to Jesus' disciples. Pray that we, the church, will bring this good news to the world.

# Mission Updates

## Compassion Peace and Justice Ministry

BY BOB KIRBY

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The Presbyterian Church commitment to justice is core to its identity and understanding as followers of Jesus Christ. Beginning with the ancient texts of the faith, God's people have given both voice and witness to the prophet Micah's calling to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Our congregational committee is currently focused on the school to prison pipeline and immigration reform. We are studying *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. Our mission focus is DREAM House, an educational program primarily for African American boys and young men at promise. DREAM has its offices on our church campus and is supported through our Community Mission Deacons. DREAM is part of our Presbyterian Self Development of People Ministry (SDOP) nationally. **Tracy Dace** is executive director of DREAM and serves on the national SDOP committee.

Join us at 11 on the first and third Thursdays in the church library. Bring your own lunch.

- Teach a cooking lesson to a small group of DREAMers
- Teach table etiquette and kitchen skills
- Share the places you have traveled through your pictures and videos
- Teach a foreign language to a small group
- Cook a meal or prepare a hearty snack for a group of active boys

Are you concerned about your time? There is no need to worry. These opportunities are scheduled based on your availability, and we are flexible. If interested, please contact **Tracy Dace** at info@dream.org or (217) 530-0110 (office).

## Annual ECIRMAC Fundraiser Banquet Saturday, April 27, 2019

RSVP by Thursday, April 18, 2019

Established in 1980, the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center has provided services to refugees, immigrants, and their families who settle in East Central Illinois. This past year, we have served over 2,000 clients by providing a variety of services that include resettlement, translation, adjustment,

citizenship, and a children's tutoring program. Helping our clients is an ongoing process that requires tremendous efforts and support.

To benefit the work of the Refugee Center, the Twelfth Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at 6 PM at the Round Barn Banquet Centre located at 1900 Round Barn Road, Champaign, IL.

### Evening Itinerary

- 6 PM Silent Auction Opens & Welcoming Entertainment
- 6:45 PM Introductions
- 7 PM Buffet Dinner Service Begins (Vegetarian available)

Entertainment and Program will follow dinner service

### Ticket pricing

\$80 per person or \$600 per Table of Eight. Tickets now available for purchase!

### For more information

Call 344-8455 or Board President **John Muirhead** at 398-1048  
Email: admin@ecirmac.org

Unable to attend? Please consider making a donation to help support the work of ECIRMAC

Online at [www.ecirmac.org](http://www.ecirmac.org) or mail a check to 302 South Birch St. Urbana, IL 61801

## Make a Difference With DREAM

Are you passionate about helping children and youth to succeed? DREAM House needs YOU! We are looking for volunteers to assist with daytime and after-school activities. You can make a difference in the following ways.

- Help a young adult pass the GED by tutoring math, science, or language arts
- Become a reading partner to improve a boy's reading skills



Mission Possible 2018

## Make the Mission Possible

Additional volunteers are needed for the Mission Possible adult work trip to Camp Carew at Makanda, IL May 12-18, 2019.

If you know anyone who may be interested, please share this information.

Questions? Call **Dave McNattin** at 649-1019

## ESL Program Update

BY JEANETTE PYNE, ESL COORDINATOR  
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### Dinara's Presentation

At the First Pres ESL Program, we try to foster a student-centered learning environment, which includes reciprocal learning between the students and volunteer teachers. Students are encouraged to teach everyone in the program about their culture whether through conversation, bringing in food to share, or giving a presentation about their home country.

This is exactly what Dinara, a student from Kazakhstan did on March 14. She talked about the geography of Kazakhstan, which made everyone in the audience want to visit the country because it is absolutely breathtaking. She told us about Kazakh culture, history, and famous people. In the past, Kazakhs were nomadic people who lived in yurts. "Kazakh" means "free" or "freedom-loving" and "stan" means "country" or "land". So, "Kazakhstan" means "free land" or "freedom-loving land". Dinara also told us about Nauryz, the Kazakh New Year. It means "new day" and is celebrated starting on March 21st for several days. Finally, Dinara also brought a traditional

Kazakh dish, bread filled with beef and onions, to share with the ESL Program. We really enjoy it when students teach us about their cultures.



From left to right: Stella, Yara, Dinara, Sophia, Belinda, Chris (tutor), Qi, Kim (tutor), and Macey.

### The Tuesday Green Class

The Green class consists of intermediate learners of English, who have various reasons for learning English. They are from all around the world. In this picture, we have students from Brazil, Korea, Kazakhstan, China, and Mexico. The tutors for this class are **Kim File** and **Chris Luke-man**. They have been tutoring with the First Pres ESL Program for a long time. They usually co-teach the Green class on Tuesdays. Recently, they have been learning about food, ordering at restaurants, ordering coffee, etc. These are vital vocabulary and skills for our students to know, so they can successfully accomplish tasks related to food in the US.

### Prayer Requests

- Pray that the Lord will grow the Wednesday night class, and we would be able to serve more people in providing quality English instruction.
- Pray for the Lord to provide more volunteer tutors for the summer and fall semesters.

## Bookkeeping Position

*empty tomb*, inc., is in need of a paid full-time bookkeeper. For more information, contact **Shannon** at 217-356-2262 or email [coor@emptytomb.org](mailto:coor@emptytomb.org).

**Help is needed throughout the year for empty tomb food deliveries.** First Pres has long partnered with *empty tomb* in providing groceries to those in need. Stop by the Welcome Center on a Sunday morning to volunteer and learn more.



Dinara giving her presentation on Kazakhstan.

# Cuba Our Neighbor

## Rejoice in the Lord

The Seventh Annual Cuba Forum is Saturday, May 4, from 9 to 11 AM in Westminster Hall. The purpose of the Cuba Forum is to update our congregation about our sister church in Havana and about the life of our brothers and sisters there.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 is a lesson Cubans have learned well. They now face the most severe shortages in thirty years – shortages of food, power, medicine, deodorant, feminine hygiene products and shoes for their children. Yet, they continue to rejoice in the Lord. Their faithfulness has been often tested but they have not waived. Now, in our abundance, may we learn from them and join them as we rejoice in the Lord.



**Ellen Moodie, PhD**

Professor **Ellen Moodie's** research traces links between “ordinary” lives in Mid-western towns like ours and the events in Central America and the Caribbean. She has traveled in Cuba more than a dozen times. She will share her insights about the Cuban people and lead a short dialogue. Moodie is an associate professor of Anthropology at the University of Illinois. Following Professor Moodie's presentation at 9 we will serve a light brunch you can enjoy while you receive a short report from our 2019 Cuba trip delegation.

## Cuba Two Step Supports Partnership with Sister Church

Let's come together on Sunday, May 5, for worship followed by an afternoon of fun and fellowship as we raise funds for our partnership in Cuba. Worship in the morning when we will share hymns and prayers with our brothers and sisters in Cuba. Return at 4 PM when **Yuri Sohn** will lead us in a salsa dance lesson in Westminster Hall. After that enjoy an authentic Cuban dinner prepared by Chef **Peter Yau** and his team. Check out our silent auction and enjoy pictures and music of Cuba in the background. Tickets are recommended for the Cuban Two Step. A donation of \$20.00 each is suggested.

The Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba works in a resource-limited country to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The church is growing and receiving children and young adults who grew up outside the church with little if any Christian education. Despite their material poverty the people are spiritually strong and quick to provide authentic hospitality to strangers.

The church at Luyanó has an impressive mission program providing filtered water for the neighborhood, daily breakfast or a roll and milk for the indigent elderly and outreach to Afro-Cuban children in the neighborhood whose parents do not participate. The church provides transportation each Sunday morning to the many congregants who live throughout the city.

The mission programs of the church are all funded by outside donors. Our partnership is shared with Covenant Presbyterian Church in Austin TX with whom we partner each July in assisting with Vacation Bible School in Cuba.

## Silent Auction

A silent auction will add some fun to our Cuba Two Step dinner on May 5 at 5:30 PM. Please think about what you can contribute to the auction. Think about services like an hour of consultation time in your field, an hour of leaf raking or gardening, three days in your vacation retreat. Other valuable contributions are gift baskets, dinner tickets, a massage or a hot air balloon ride.

How are you blessed and what can you share for our brothers and sisters in Cuba? Think about what you can do. Ask your friends to help. Then tell our auction leaders **Tim and Betsy Bartlett**. [tabartlett@urbanaparks.org](mailto:tabartlett@urbanaparks.org)

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received Easter Sunday

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the PCUSA to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Drop your donation into the OGHS offering envelope or simply mark your check "OGHS."

Thank you for your continuing support of OGHS!





**CUBAN TWO STEP**

**MAY 5**

**ONE STEP**

**SALSA DANCING 4PM**

**TWO STEP**

**CUBAN DINNER 5:00PM**

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**Sunday:**

8 AM Contemplative Service

9 AM Traditional Service

10:15 AM Sunday School and Adult Education

11:15 AM Contemporary Service

**Saturday:**

6 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering

(French-English Service) Centennial Hall

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