



# ON THE STREET

## The Peoples Church of Chicago

### Newsletter for May, 2012

“A Spiritual Home for People of Conscience”

#### CALENDAR

##### Movie/Film Night

- **Fri, May 27, 6pm:** “**Jesus Christ Superstar**” – 1972 movie version of the hit musical. Popcorn, discussion.

##### Upcoming Sundays

- **Sundays 10am:** Worship Service, with Rev. Jean Darling preaching.
- **Sun, May 13, 10am MOTHERS DAY** – bring something to remember those who mothered you. Then stay to help with the community dinner downstairs in Anderson Hall.
- **Sun, May 27, 11:30: All-church Potluck** – bring a dish to share. Also, **Anna** from McCutcheon Sch. returns to plan for **tree planting**.

##### Other Events

- **Fri, May 11, 6pm: Second Friday** Taize service and Coffeehouse.
- **Tues, May 22, 6:30pm: Soup with Pastor Jean**, Molly’s Café. Thinking about the Exodus, what has **your** spiritual journey been about? Soup and conversation...
- **Sat, May 26, 4pm:** Spiritual Beans meets at Inspiration Kitchens on Sheridan.

#### Minister’s Notes:

##### What’s Goin’ On?

*Rev. Jean Siegfried Darling*

This month is so full of happenings that it seems *apropos* to talk about them, and not wax too philosophic. But first, I can mention a little about what’s happened here to help create all this activity.

As I’m sure you know by now, the shelter organization that had its home here for so many years closed its doors in December. Their work was taken on by North Side Housing, which continues to operate the interim housing program for men in lower-level Anderson Hall, and we hear good reports about them.

The National Pastime Theater moved into the beautiful Mason Hall on the fourth floor, and hosted a production of the play, “Tunnel Rat” in April – I hope you heard about it and got a chance to see this small gem about the Viet Nam war.

##### Artist and Nature

In addition, the Preston Bradley Center now has an Artist in Residence, Colette Wright Adams, who is directing and curating spaces on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 3 ½ floors as the Uptown Arts Center. She’ll be hosting her first event, “Artist and Nature,” this Saturday, May 12, from 5-8pm. You’re invited to view an exhibit of artists in our foyer, and to paint or take part in other activities to stimulate your imagination. In Colette’s words:

SKETCH!club.....Bellydancers, Yoga demonstration  
....guitars and their players...all for you to sketch and enjoy  
an exhibition of a powerful group of painters:  
ROBERT LAIT, ENNIS MARTIN, MARY PORTERFIELD,  
JANET METZGER, JOHN PRANICA, CHUCK WALKER,  
JIMMY WILNEWIC, COLETTE WRIGHT ADAMS.

#### 2 Li'l Fishes

Each Tues, Thurs, Sat and Sunday, a free hot lunch is served downstairs in Anderson Hall. All are welcome.

To help out, contact Will Pruitt, volunteer coordinator, [twolifishes@yahoo.com](mailto:twolifishes@yahoo.com).

#### Renée Baker concert

Then next week, Thursday evening, we are proud to have avant-garde classical/jazz violinist Renée Baker here with her ensemble to perform in a benefit for the building. Renée is a seasoned, world-class performer, touring Europe, Asia, and Africa, whose home audience base centers around Chicago’s South Shore neighborhood, and whose repertoire includes hundreds of her own compositions.

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## Minister's Notes, cont'd

The music will be spectacular. The performing artists will be an ensemble of some dozen musicians from the Chicago Modern Orchestra Project, playing both standard classical pieces and familiar jazz compositions along with what celebrated artistic director Renée Baker calls genre bending music – imaginative, innovative, variations, and unexpected mixtures of genres.

To obtain a sense of Renée's prowess, professional stature, and audience appeal, check out her websites [www.chicagomodernorchestraproject.org](http://www.chicagomodernorchestraproject.org) or [www.Reneebakercomposer.com](http://www.Reneebakercomposer.com).

Money raised from the performance will go toward our plan to put a wheelchair lift into the auditorium from the elevator lobby, and build ADA accessible restrooms on the first floor. Tickets are online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/243034>

It promises to be a rousing evening. I hope you can be a part of it.

### NATO Counter Summit

Then also next week we are hosting the American Friends Service Committee for a two day conference of speakers and workshops on Friday and Saturday, May 18-19. More information about the conference activities, and registration is online at <http://www.natofreefuture.org/2012/01/conference-info/>

### Parade Puppet making

In June, we are thinking ahead to our Christmas season, when we traditionally put on a pageant the Sunday before Christmas. This year we also are hoping to stage a performance of the beautiful short opera by Giancarlo Menotti, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" – you might have seen it on TV some years ago.

This year we want to dress up the occasion with greater than life size puppets of all the main characters, while the story is told or sung. Puppet artist and teacher Margaret Nelson will help us make the puppets this summer – her work, and what she brings out in her students, is beautiful, and we are looking forward to what we will end up with!

You can see examples on her website: <http://www.margaretjnelson.com/puppets/>

## Billion Tree Campaign

McCutcheon Elementary School is working with us on becoming part of the Billion Tree Campaign – they will hold summer classes for young people, and we will find places to plant trees around our neighborhood and the city.

We've invited church members to collect tree seeds, so we don't need to pay a nursery for trees – nature is providing them for free. We're excited at this budding relationship. It's bound to be fruitful!

peace, Jean



### Katie Dahl at Coffeehouse

Come to the meditative Taizé service to unwind from your stressful week, with chants, poetry and quiet reflection.

Stay for the Peoples Church Coffeehouse to hear Katie Dahl, and enjoy cheap eats: coffee and Ludie's yummy desserts. This honey-voiced singer has performed her original songs everywhere from West Africa, to France, to the American north woods.

### Spiritual Beans

Spiritual Beans (a project of Treasures of Uptown) continues its lively interfaith conversations around the table at Inspiration Kitchens, 4715 N. Sheridan. The next gathering will be on Saturday May 26, 4pm – the topic is Love. See you there!



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# Calendar – May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 FAMILY DAY 10am Service 11:30 Billion Tree campaign with McCutcheon School	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 10am Service 11:30 Trustees	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mothers Day 10am Service	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10am Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10am Service 11:30 Potluck	28	29	30	31		

6:30 Treasures steering comm.

6pm Second Fri with Katie Dahl

5-8pm "Artist and Nature" – Colette Wright Adams

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6:30pm Worship committee

8pm – Renée Baker concert

6:30 Soup with Pastor Jean

6pm Movie Night "Jesus Christ Superstar"

10 JustEmbrace Sole Care foot clinic  
4pm Spiritual Beans at Inspir. Corp.  
Joseph Bures - No recital this month

MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED

1:30 2 Li'l Fishes Devel. Comm.