FIRESIDE DINNER FELLOWSHIP 2013

Where senior friendships can begin...build...and bless!

January 10, 1:00 p.m. "A Visit from "Esther"

We will enjoy an afternoon lunch/dinner at the wonderful Chinese restaurant, China Court, 1136 West Maple Avenue, in Mundelein. We have been given this time slot in the back of the restaurant in order that we may order off the menu and be treated to our program. **Barb Shafer** will begin our FDF year with the first-person portrayal of Esther, the Old Testament Jewish queen of Persia who was involved in a plot for the deliverance of the Jews.





February 14, 1:00 p.m. Valentine's Day Fun at Elly's Pancake House

We will meet at the side room of Elly's Pancake House, 435 Townline Road, Mundelein, for a time of fun with **Pastor Brian Zahasky**, lighthearted Valentine activities and stories. We will order off the menu.

Thursday, March 14, 1:00 p.m. An Early St.-Patrick's-Day Food-and-Fun

We will venture over to the Avalon Restaurant, 4821 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, for a traditional Irish corned beef-and-cabbage afternoon dinner. (Note: You may also order other entrees off the menu as you choose.) We will enjoy Irish activities in the Avalon side room reserved for us. (Cost for Irish Dinner: Approximately \$10.00 + gratuity)





April 11, 6:00 p.m. Pizza and Movie

We will meet in the fellowship hall of the church basement and enjoy pizza, pop, and popcorn. The recent film we will see is "Unconditional," a true story of a woman overcoming tragic loss by learning to love and forgive in unexpected ways. The film is highly recommended by CHRISTIANITY TODAY. (Cost: Approximately \$9.00)

May 9, 6:00 p.m. Buffet at Whitney Street Café and Visit with Steve Barg

We will meet on the second floor of the Whitney Street Café, 30 North Whitney, Grayslake, for a "nice buffet." There is a lift in the rear of the restaurant for those of you who cannot take the stairs. Our guest speaker will be our own **Steve Barg** as he shares with us on "Conserving Natural Resources Close to Home." (Cost: \$12.00 + gratuity)



Seniors Particular Interest Network

We wish to encourage smaller-group activities—also known as SPINs. If you have a special event in which you wish to have others share, please spread the word or share with Pastor Chuck or Vonnie so that SPIN sign-up sheets may be placed on the Information Desk. When you sign up, you will be informed of the details. Possible SPIN events could be: baseball games, Ravinia concerts, Independence Grove picnic/Navy concert, Botanic Gardens carillon concerts, Senior Day at Covenant Harbor, a theater ("Music Man") and meal event, a day trip to the Racine art museum and personally guided by Docent Neale Murray, concerts, pageants, etc. Be sure to check the bulletins and Information Desk for details.



Friday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. Potluck Meal at Saddlebrook Lake House and a Visit with Coffee Master Tom Engstrom

We will enjoy a pleasant evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Tom Engstrom, Janis Carlson's grandson and a coffee barista at Starbucks, will present interesting information and tasting of this popular brew. Watch for the signup sheet for food to bring.

Sunday, October 13, 3:30 p.m. A Sunday-Afternoon Concert by Organist Michael Gagne

<u>Michael Gagne</u> is an accomplished organist whose musicianship we enjoyed in a worship service last fall. He has agreed to thrill us with his music again this year. We, of the Fireside Dinner Fellowship, will invite all church members, guests, and friends as well as provide refreshments following the concert. This is our opportunity to host this occasion for all who attend.





November 14, 6:00 p.m. Light Soup Supper and Benefit for the Illinois Shelter and Recovery Services, Inc.

The meal of the evening will be a light soup supper prepared by John Hawkins and planned in order that the money we would normally spend on a full meal would be given to this recovery ministry. **John Couleur**, the Executive Director, will be with us and speak to us of the nature of this ministry which seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and addiction.

December 5, 6:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Smorgasbord

You will be given opportunity to sign up for bringing special Smorgasbord dishes to be shared. The program will again be <u>presented by us</u> to remind us of the wonders of season as found in the birth of our Lord.







January 10, 2014, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at China Court with "A Visit from Ruth"

We will enjoy an afternoon lunch/dinner at the Chinese restaurant, China Court, 1136 West Maple Avenue, in Mundelein. Again this year, the restaurant has given us this time slot in the restaurant in order that we may order from the menu and hear from our special guest, **Barb Shafer**. This year, she will give us a first-person portrayal of Ruth, the Moabite woman who tagged along with her mother-in-law to a new land and became included in the geology of Christ.

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