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Ash Wednesday

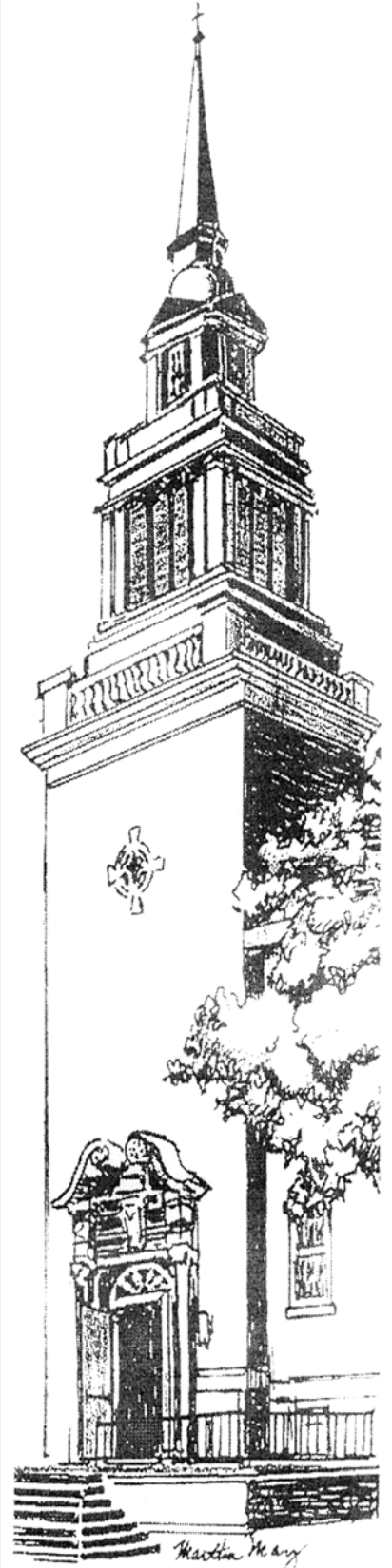
March 6 - 7:00pm - Kraft Chapel

March 6th marks the beginning of the Lenten season. This is a 40 day observance period when we remember and reflect on the days of Jesus fasting and praying. We find the description of this time in the scriptures of Matthew and Luke. However, Jesus would not be alone on this private journey; rather, the Tempter would be present offering alternatives messages, as Jesus was focusing on his God. We too may choose to do some form of intentional fasting and praying during this time, as well.



Ash Wednesday is the day which marks the beginning of this season. Many traditions will open their houses of worship for a simple service, as folks center themselves on remembrance, the Lenten season begins. Many will choose their own ways to acknowledge their personal journey with Christ

during these 40 days. Now, at North Shore Baptist, we will have a simple service for reflection and meditation. All language groups of North Shore Baptist or those passing by are invited. Our program is at 7:00pm, in our Kraft Chapel. We will have music, meditation, scripture and ashes. So come as we travel toward Easter, everyone is welcome!



Hearing in Color and Seeing Clearly: Recap

Outreach Ministry and the Young Adult Initiative sponsored a successful weekend of art and reflection around race and the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. On Saturday, February 2, over 100 people attended a concert organized by Chancel Choir baritone **LaRob Payton**. The first half of the concert, directed by LaRob, featured choir pieces, solos by **Leah Dexter** and **Joelle Lamarre**, and the string quartet Chicago Solisti. The music grappled with themes of endurance and victory in the face of unimaginable suffering. The second half of the concert featured original arrangements of spirituals by **Adrian Dunn** performed by his musical group, the Adrian Dunn Singers. Some of the arrangements were inspired by the lives and deaths of Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, and Tamir Rice. The concert ended with the powerful group singing of the message that “I am more than a conqueror.”



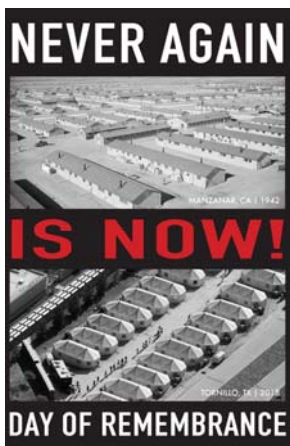
Our ears and hearts were still ringing with this music as we gathered Sunday afternoon to discuss healing and organizing in the face of racism. **Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri** shared a reflection on her recent trip to Burma, explaining how conversations around race shaped her personal identity and vocational discernment. She discussed the necessity of peeling back layers of colonialism in order to cultivate self-love. She then led self-reflective exercises on the experience of being a talker and listener in conversations about race.

Paw Say Ku led a workshop that delved into understanding trauma and the importance of active listening as a tool for evoking stories that can help heal trauma. In her workshop, the group reflected on how successful active listening is shaped by context. The stories that we tell and the way we receive them- whether with nods, affirming interjections, or by sitting in silence- depends on our culture of origin and the culture of the space in which we find ourselves.

Rev. Dr. Janette Wilson led a lively conversation on the resurgence of white supremacy in the 21st century. The group reflected on how they first experienced themselves as belonging to a certain race, and the first time they encountered someone of another race. They considered possibilities for building more cross-racial, cross-cultural spaces of conversation and relationship.

Thank you to everyone who participated in, volunteered for, or otherwise contributed to this weekend of events!

Day of Remembrance 2019



On February 17, 2018, in spite of the inclement weather, many came to attend the Day of Remembrance 2019. The keynote speaker of this year was Karen Korematsu, Founder and Executive Director of the Fred Korematsu Institute. Karen is the daughter of the late Fred Korematsu who is famous for his court case, “Korematsu vs. United States” which took place in 1944.

One memorable episode she shared with us during her speech was that she and her brother never knew about her father’s trial while they were growing up and they learnt about it for the first time at their high school. Seen as a trouble maker even by his own community, he had to keep silent for a long time although he always believed in his heart that one day he would be vindicated.

As “Never Again is Now” was the theme of this year’s Day of Remembrance, the attendees were reminded once again how important it is to speak up for justice today. The unique courage of Korematsu which eventually led him to his honor (he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998) is truly a wonderful legacy for all. ~ Pastor Yuki



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Special Adventures In Learning Class



CREATIVE PROCESS Is a combination of writing and art making. Each time we meet we will begin with intention writing, a tool for focusing and preparing to be present to the art making. Intention writing is followed by art making (drawing, painting, simple sculpture, and mixed media) which will be the bulk of our time together. Art making is followed by witness writing, a reflection of the process. We will close each session by reading (if you wish) and sharing our writings. This art is concern about the process, not the product. The art made becomes a souvenir of the journey. Writing and art materials will be provided. Speak with **Viola Mayol** for more information.

This class will meet Sundays in South Howel Hall at **11:30-12:30**. Classes will meet on **March 10, 17, 24** and **April 7** and **14**.

2019 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Missional Ministry is presenting these mission experiences to nurture your faith and fellowship with the larger Christian community throughout the world. Each opportunity involves sharing your personal pilgrimage with others of diverse evangelical journeys. Consider participating in one or all of these trips. Limited financial assistance is available to NSBC members who meet the application deadline of March 15. Your questions may be directed to **Pastors Michael Ware** and **Kathryn Ray**, or to **Dawn Noldan**, chairperson.

BPFNA/ Global Baptist Peace Conference in Cali, Colombia, July 15-20.

Planned attendees: Pastor Kathryn Ray, Pastor Michael Ware, Viola Mayol, Jim and Nicholas Fong

Airfare as of September 20, 2018: Chicago to Cali, one stop, \$600 – 1,000/RT

Registration fees: \$175 – 400 per individual, \$500 for family

On-Campus Housing: \$80 per person including breakfast (Off-site: prices vary) Meals: \$60 per person

This year's Peace Camp offers a unique opportunity—"principally to recognize, honor, and learn from the extraordinary accomplishment of the Colombian Peace Accord. "



En Vivo Joint Mission Trip to Valencia, Spain, June 23-30.

Possible attendees: Pastor Michael Ware, Celia Rodriguez,

Airfares on September 20, 2018: Chicago to Valencia with one stop in Madrid, \$1,100 – 1,500/RT

Hostel accommodations/person for the week: \$100 In-country transportation: \$50

Volunteers on the Camino service trip will spend a week serving pilgrims at a hostel on the Camino de Santiago in Spain.

Los voluntarios para el viaje de servicio del Camino pasarán una semana en un albergue del Camino de Santiago en España.

American Baptist Churches USA 2019 Biennial Mission Summit, Virginia Beach, VA, June 21-23.

Planned attendees: Pastor Kathryn Ray, Pastor Michael Ware, Ashley and Jeff Whitaker, Dawn Noldan

Airfare as of September 20, 2018: Chicago to Norfolk, non-stop, \$365-475/RT

Summit registration \$99-199 per person Hotel per night average \$199

This conference will offer inspiring speakers and preachers, opportunities for education from experienced professionals and leaders through the ABCUSA Biennial Academy, and so much more.

Youth Mission Trip, Dubuque, Iowa, August 3-8, Sponsored by Education Ministry

Planned attendees: Pastor Kathryn Ray. Drivers and chaperones needed: (1 adult per 5-7 youth)

This is the third mission trip to eastern Iowa along with other youth groups in the Edgewater area. We will stay at Westminster Presbyterian Church and perform service projects at a community garden, park, and soup kitchen in the Dubuque area.

What's Up With Our Youth?



We just completed a successful retreat to Camp Tamarack in Waupaca, WI, the weekend of February 15-18. The theme of the weekend was "What Did Jesus Come to Do?" The text for the weekend was Luke 4:16-21. We did Bible studies and activities to learn and reflect on how Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and the year of the Lord's favor.



Under the leadership of sophomore **Hel Ku Paw**, the youth cooked for themselves, preparing pancakes, spaghetti, and fried chicken. We also had plenty of time to play in the massive amounts of snow that had fallen at Camp Tamarack, with Yanira Silva overseeing the safe construction of winter forts.



In March, we will continue to meet on Friday nights for dinner and fellowship.

Excellent Plan
Youth cook (top, left) and Leaders relax (bottom, left)!

Snow Mania (right)
Snowball fight while building forts.



New Nursery Worker

Starting in February, **Alana Rasmussen** (pictured, right) joined Celia Rodriguez as one of our Sunday nursery caregivers. Alana lives in the Lakewood-Balmoral community, and has a B.A. in psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has extensive and diverse experience working with children. She has experience as a research assistant in human development and infant cognition research, and also worked at the Lil Street Art Center day camp. Completing a study abroad program in Spain, she worked in research around the mental health of unaccompanied minors and refugee children. She also has over 10 years in babysitting experience. She brings to the NSBC community a passion for work with children, excellent communication skills, and the patience that can only come from years of child work.



If you are happening by the nursery, please stop by and say hello to our new nursery worker!



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"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up." — Jesse Jackson

INSTALLATION SERVICE



Sunday
April 7, 2019
3:00 p.m.

The Pastoral team invites everyone to an important event in the vibrant ministry of our NSBC family as **Rev. Michael Ware** (pictured right) is formally installed as the English Worship Pastor. He has been a part of the ministry team since September 2018 and this important marker serves to formally recognize him as a Congregational leader and Pastoral team member. The service will be commissioning of his future leadership through Christ as he serves NSBC. This service will take place at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 7th, in the sanctuary, with light refreshments to follow.



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