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“Finding God in the Darkness”

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.” — John 20:1

While it was still dark...Mary discovered the empty tomb. We often associate Easter with bright lights, blasting trumpets, and blazing colors. But the first witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ stumbled upon this miracle in the darkness.

How much of our lives do we spend in darkness? We grow in our mother’s wombs in total darkness. We spend a third of our lives sleeping in darkness. We walk through days, months or even years of darkness if we experience depression, grief, or suffering. It seems we are always waiting for “Alleluia!”

It is reassuring to realize that Mary found God in the darkness, even before the world turned to admit the light of dawn. Hope is born, love walks into our lives, and faith sits down at the kitchen table...even as we stumble in the darkness.

Whether you believe that Christ’s physical resurrection is literally true or simply a metaphor, the meaning remains the same. Resurrection is not only about what happens after we die; it changes the way we live. Heed these words from Wendell Berry’s poem “Manifesto.”

“So friends, every day do something that won’t compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it. Ask the questions that have no answers. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Be joyful, though you have considered all the facts.

Practice resurrection.”

In Christian love,
Julie R. Harley

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Mary James
Tom Ferguson
Ted Despotes
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mother of Bobby Everson

Condolence: Lucille Beaulieu
Carol Van Decar, aunt of Stu Gillette
brother-in-law of Yvette Bouchard
father of Augusto Guevera, grandfather of Erik and Joe
Macy Valentine, aunt of Shannon Leveridge

Worship in April Waiting for Alleluia

April 3 Lent 4 – Communion Sunday and Anointing for Healing
Psalm 23 and John 9:1-41
“Finding Divine Healing”

April 10 Lent 5
Psalm 130
“Finding God in the Wilderness”

April 17 Lent 6 – Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
“When Love Comes to Town”
Baptism: Alexander Barnes

Maundy Thursday, April 21

6:30 pm Soup Supper and Communion in Centennial Hall
7:30 pm Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 22

5:00 pm *Walk of the Cross in the Community*, beginning on the Lake Street steps.

This outdoor walk is for all ages, and families with children are especially welcome. We will read the story of Christ’s walk to the cross, while visiting several locations within three blocks of First United. We will carry the cross with us, and stop at Austin Gardens, the Post Office, Scoville Park and our own Memorial Garden to remember Jesus’ journey to Calvary.

6:30 pm *Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service in the Sanctuary*

This contemplative service of prayer, music and scripture readings will be held around our new art installation in the chancel.

7:15-8:00 pm *Good Friday in Music*, played by Cathryn Wilkinson

On Good Friday we remember the death of Christ with a wide range of emotions, from horror to numbness, from doubt and, gratefully, to hope in the face of impossible despair. In observation of Good Friday, this year we will present a musical reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ, featuring compositions for the organ.

We often associate organ music with grand and majestic themes that are not in keeping with the solemnity of Good Friday. We look forward to festive music on Easter, but for these moments of sadness, we will hear organ music that expresses the agony of the crucifixion. This time for reflection will last about 45 minutes, including the reading of Christ’s Seven Last Words, and music.

Easter Prayer Vigil in the Chapel

All are invited to sign up for a one or two-hour time of prayer in the Chapel, between 8 pm Good Friday and 7 am Easter Sunday. Individuals, couples and families can take time to pray, meditate, walk the labyrinth, create artwork, listen to music or read. The Prayer Around the Cross installation will be in the center of the Chapel surrounded by candles, and devotional books and art supplies are available. A security staff member will be on duty in the Chapel narthex from midnight to 6 am on Saturday and Sunday overnights to provide additional safety. Sign up in the lounge.

Easter Sunday, April 24—Worship with Communion

8:00 am and 11:00 am in the sanctuary, with brass

Colossians 3:1-4 and John 20:1-18

“Finding God in the Darkness”



The Wildly Important Goal of First United Church is “creating and maintaining a framework that nourishes the spiritual welfare of the congregation.”



Easter Offering

—Marcia Ashton

Our Easter Offering on April 24 will support LGBT advocacy which advances our congregation's commitment to be an open and affirming church. First United Church has traditionally supported four groups working to support, educate and advocate for a society that embraces everyone. Our Easter Offering will be directed to PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays), UCC Coalition, and two Presbyterian organizations, The Covenant Network and More Light Presbyterians. An important current issue in the Presbyterian Church is the upcoming vote on Amendment 10A, allowing LGBT folks to serve as ordained elders, deacons and ministers.

May 1 – Youth Sunday and Communion, followed by Congregational Meeting to elect elders, deacons and committee members.

First United Resident Mission Projects – Walk-In-Ministry!

—Bob Haisman

I think we have all the experience of encountering pan handlers. The pan handler's stories vary but my reactions don't. I feel sadness, regret, and wonderment at why that particular person has ended on the edge. I never know what to do. The 'conventional wisdom' is not to give money. I'm always torn, conflicted. I remember Jesus' words in the gospels – I usually give something --I have never cared much for conventional wisdom.

The Walk-In-Ministry was started at First United by a group of Oak Park Congregations wanting to do more for people than giving a few dollars of charity. The Walk-In-Ministry was designed to help those marginalized folk find a way back. It was designed to help immediate needs but to offer a hand up to people who wanted to help themselves. It is a volunteer organization. Volunteers get training. There are plans and procedures to get folks help. The WIM lives the First United Vision of moving from charity to change. The Walk In Ministry needs volunteers. WIM needs money but it never lacks a passion to help. See First United's Bob Hahn (bhahn@dimensions-aps.com) or Catherine Rison. info@walk-in-ministryopr.org

Affordable Housing Action Team

—Bob Haisman

What would Jesus do.... if he saw a homeless family living in a car, trying to survive the Chicago winter? The Faith In Action Committee of First United (former Mission Committee) is grappling with that question and similar ones — as we engage First United's extraordinary "Vision 2020" document. The Faith in Action Committee is attempting to move "Mission at First United" from charity to action. We are dealing with the enormity of 'systemic change.' FIA is developing five Mission Action Teams that invite participation by church members.

Marcia Ashton and I are co-chairing the Affordable Housing Action Team. We are confronting the question — as often as we dare — "What would Jesus do for people so poor — they do not have a home?" Using our Christian values as guidance, we are addressing the basic injustices surrounding the issue of housing for the poor. Initially, we could not ignore the Comcast Housing Project within our own village. As soon as the decision on Comcast is worked through — we will expand to other projects within Oak Park and nearby areas. Our church is forming an advocacy group for affordable housing.

Dinner and a Movie Friday, April 1, features "The Mysteries"

—Julie R. Harley

We will watch a BBC production of the Medieval Chester Mystery Plays, in a spectacular South African version. This two-hour drama tells the story of the Bible, from Creation to Christ's Resurrection, with exhilarating songs, dance and heart-breaking drama. You will not forget it, and it will enrich your Lenten journey. Dinner is at 6:00 pm, movie at 6:30 pm and I will lead a discussion at 8:30 pm. Cost is \$6 per person.

Faith
IN ACTION



Presbytery Vote on Amendment 10-A Continues

— Pauline Coffman

Presbyterians who care about full inclusion of all people in its leadership are watching the ongoing vote by 173 presbyteries around the country. Will they reach the needed majority of 87 “yea’s”? It is beginning to look like it could happen this year! (I didn’t say that out loud.)

Amendment 10-A amends the Book of Order, section G-6.0106b, to delete the sentences that require ordained leaders “to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness.”

This process is being watched carefully by the Covenant Network, an organization of mainline church leaders who favor full inclusion, organized 13 years ago to encourage the church to take this step. A similar vote two years ago failed.

If you want to see the presbytery-by-presbytery vote results, and check out the part of the country you care about, go to: <http://www.covnetpres.org/amendment-10-a-resource-collection/>

The Network posts results as soon as they learn them on their Facebook page and soon afterward on their website. Today’s update says: “The currently-known presbytery tally stands at 67-48, still a substantial lead, but obviously it’s not over til it’s over — there’s lots of work yet to be done, and your prayers and efforts are still needed.”

Lenten Reading Groups

This spring we will read and discuss the book, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, in small groups that meet in homes and in our church building. There is a Monday night group, a Wednesday night group, a Thursday night group, and a Sunday morning group. The gatherings are happening for the six weeks of Lent, from the week of March 14 through the week prior to Easter, which is April 24. If you would like to join one of the groups, you can sign up in the church lounge or email Pastor Rob at rleveridge@firstunitedoakpark.com. You can purchase a copy of the book from Pastor Rob, or on your own. We encourage patronage of our local independent bookstore, The Book Table, at 875 Lake Street. They will have copies.

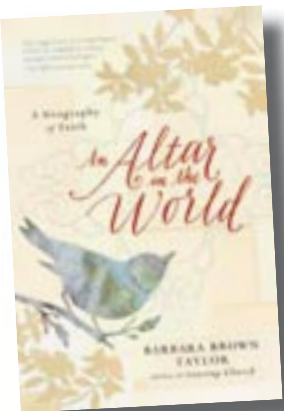
An Altar in the World is a book about encountering God beyond the four walls of a church building and in experiences outside of Sunday morning church services. Describing spiritual practices as basic as walking, carrying water, choosing Sabbath, being with other people, and saying blessings, Taylor calls conventional distinctions between the sacred and the secular into question. Delving into darker practices of getting lost, falling ill, feeling pain, and grieving loss, she challenges the notion that God does God’s best work in the light. Throughout this richly personal narrative, she suggests that no physical act is too earthbound to become a path to the divine. The world is full of altars, she says, for those willing to welcome the truth that comes to them in the flesh.

GREEN SPACE

Community Aggregation—A Smart Choice

—James Babcock

On April 5 Oak Park voters will have the opportunity to authorize the Village to bundle—or aggregate—all residential and small commercial electric accounts and seek bids for electricity on the open market. The goal of the program, called Community Choice Aggregation, is to save money on electricity bills, and, perhaps more importantly, to have a chance to specify a portion of our power to come from clean, renewable sources like wind and solar. This can be an important step in transitioning to a clean energy system, reducing greenhouse gas pollution, and protecting our planet. More about Community Choice Aggregation, including an informative video and FAQ’s can be found on the Village website: www.oak-park.us/aggregation





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Youth Ministry:

—Leah Fowler

FUSH (First United Senior High, 9th-12th grades) and FUJI (First United Junior High, 7th-8th grades) meet Sunday nights from 6-8 pm unless otherwise noted.

April 3: FUSH- Guest Speaker! Sign up for Youth Sunday roles
FUJI- Speed Friending

April 10th: FUSH- Youth Sunday Planning
FUJI- Outdoor or Gym Games (dep. on weather)

April 12th (Tuesday night) Youth Board 6 pm

April 17th: FUSH Outdoor Play!
FUJI- Youth Sunday Art Project

April 24th: Easter- No FUSH/FUJI

May 1st: Youth Sunday

CROP Walk (FUSH and FUJI) after worship

Adult Education—Leah Fowler

Sunday Morning Classes at 9:30 am:

This Lenten season come and experiment with the creative process as spiritual practice. Instead of thinking of art-making as a way to create a product, we will utilize the process of art-making to tell our wilderness and journey stories through both word and image. Reading and interpreting the Psalms through images and art-making will deepen your Lenten experience and give you the opportunity to hear the Psalms in a new way. We will use a variety of materials over the course of the three week series to make Lenten Prayer Cards that you can use or share with others throughout the Lenten season. The Psalm for each week will be the same Psalm used during worship. Rev. Shawna Bowman, *Images in Art-Making in Ministry and Spiritual Care*, leads us.

April 3: Psalm 23- Anointing

April 10: Psalm 130- Waiting

April 17: Palm Sunday- Psalm 118- Refuge

Living the Questions Bible Study- meets in the Conference Room.

UP! Bible Study—Thursday, April 7 We will look at what Paul writes about sexuality in Romans. We'll meet at 8 pm at First United Church. Joe and Duane will provide hospitality at the church.

Planned Giving Special Event, April 10

—Ann Armstrong

More than thirty members of First United have informed us that their estate plans include a gift to the church. This is truly gratifying. It also reflects a recognition that it is important to explain our plans to loved ones and to inform those who will receive a gift upon our death. Have you prepared your will? Have you reviewed the designated beneficiaries provisions in your life insurance policies? Have you remembered the church in your plans? Clearly, many of our members have already made specific plans to ensure that what happens to their worldly possessions after they die will reflect their values and how they want to be remembered.

If you have not yet completed these tasks, please join us after worship on Sunday, April 10th for "Don't Leave Your Family Guessing." Don Hill from the UCC national office will talk about how to tell our loved ones what we want done with what we have accumulated during our lifetimes and ways we can, in the process, help our church embrace the future. All are welcome. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at the Elder's Desk or contact Ann or Gene Armstrong at 708-524-0381 or geneann1113@yahoo.com.

**Clerk's
Corner**

— Beth Mrkvicka

Council's Big Picture conversation in March focused on the nominating process this year. Great effort has been made by the Nominating Committee and a few others to get all members of First United involved in some sort of group, whether it be a committee, study group, social, art or music related. Using the new "Gifts We Bring" checklist, the Committee is working hard to match people's skills and interests with a meaningful group. We spent time offering up names of spiritual, visionary people interested in being part of church leadership as possible candidates for Council. Representatives from Personnel were present to talk about Marylen Marty Gentile's steps toward ordination as she finishes her CPE and seminary training. Last month we had a stimulating presentation by Mark Loafman and Jackie Karob about the exciting things going on in Faith in Action. This included its new approach on focus areas in education, affordable housing and economic stability and continues our long-term relationships with the Middle East and Colombia. FIA is thinking outside the box and wants us to move from charity to changing structures. Very cool stuff.

Get Ready for This Year's CROP Walk!

—Marcia Ashton

In 2010, our church was the #1 fundraising group in Illinois and the #10 internet fundraising group in the USA!!! Are you ready for this year's challenge?

The 2011 CROP Walk Hunger Walkathon West will take place on Sunday, May 1. The event benefits local and global agencies working to alleviate hunger. This year's goal is \$14,300 which is only \$5.00 more than last year! You can participate by walking and raising funds, or by donating any amount to sponsor a walker or the First United team in general. If you would like to participate or if you have questions, please see the CROP recruiters in the Lounge before or after church on Sundays, or talk with Marcia Ashton, Mary Anne Loafman, or Gy and Sylvia Menninga. Additional information is available on the Hunger Walkathon West website: <http://oakparkhungercropwalk.org/>. We look forward to your participation and generosity to make this year's CROP Walk an outstanding success!!

Evening Division

—Rosemary Irmis

Evening Division of the First United Church of Oak Park has a \$1,000 grant available to a worthy non-profit organization. Grant application forms are available on the Elder Desk. Applications are due April 22, 2011. Any questions, please contact Carole Ferguson or Chris Davis. Join First United Evening Division on Thursday, April 7. Susan Cartland-Bode will entertain us with her Irish fiddle and song, Belinda Bremner, playwright/actor/director, will present Irish poetry, and all will be accompanied by Hannah Voigt on keyboard. Dinner at 6:30 pm is \$15.00. Call Ruth Ashman at 708-366-3689 by April 4 for reservations or sign up at the Elder Desk. Program begins at 7:30 pm with no reservations needed.

PrimeTime Hull House/Restaurant Trip!

—Janet Haisman

On Friday, April 15, PrimeTimers will visit Hull House, the famous settlement house established by Jane Addams. Our tour will be led by Rima Schulz, an expert on Jane Addams, an Oak Park resident, and a friend of Barbara Ballinger's who is organizing this trip for us. We will meet at church at 9:20 am and will carpool to Hull House. Afterward, we will have lunch at a restaurant on Taylor Street. Your costs will include your lunch (and \$2 for your share of the gasoline if you are a rider). Please RSVP to Joyce Carey via e-mail at jcarey553@comcast.net or call her at (708)386-4204, and be sure to let Joyce know if you can drive or if you will need a ride. This is a very special tour, so be sure to make your reservation soon. See you there!



peace
prayers

Prayers
for Peace
On the front
steps of the
church every
Friday evening
at 7pm

InnerPeace
WorldPeace
Saturday at
8:30 am, in the
Conference
Room

All are invited.



Stewardship

—Ken Honderich

A ruler, having asked Jesus, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life,” was told (Luke 18:18-30), “Keep the commandments.” He replied, “These I have done since my youth.” Jesus said, “You lack one thing, sell all you have and distribute to the poor and you shall have treasure in Heaven. Come follow me.” The ruler was sorrowful because he was very rich. Jesus said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Then he promised a real transformation. Any who follow shall receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Later (Luke 21:1-4) Jesus saw rich men giving gifts. A poor woman gave her two “Mites.” Jesus said, “This poor widow has given more than these others. Those with abundance gave offerings to God. She gave all the living she had.” Jesus emphasized a principle of 100% stewardship of life energy. He was not as impressed with the amount of one’s giving as he was with the fullness of life commitment to follow him.

We have always asked, “How much shall I give?” (Psalm 116:12) “What shall I return to God for all his bounty to me?” The apostle Paul taught (II Cor. 9:6-10), that sowing sparingly reaps sparingly, sowing bountifully reaps bountifully. Giving should be according to the purpose of one’s heart. “God is able to make all grace abound toward you—to provide sufficiency in all things, to multiply our gifts and increase the fruit of one’s righteousness.” We can find joy in giving sacrificially and in being faithful stewards. Merely knowing that we have given and done rightly is a great personal award. Generous giving helps us realize that everything we have belongs to God. In some mysterious way, a transformation of one’s heart comes about with the simple joy of benefiting others and trying to make the world a better place.

The quake and tsunami in Japan has shown us that the world is not always generous or beautiful. Where would we be without benevolences to help hungry youngsters, to aid the distressed and injured, to cure diseases, to educate the unlearned, to house the homeless? Let’s be generous, benefit others, know the joy of loving God, and walk in peace. We can!

Bergstraesser Library

—Barbara Ballinger

First United members are encouraged to check out current magazines as well as books; many back issues of magazines are free for the taking. Recent browsing turned up articles on a wide range of timely subjects: Dead Sea Scrolls to be digitized: *Biblical Archaeology Review*. A socially conscious business man produces gourmet chocolates: *Christian Century*. Women in mission: *Common Lot*. Reinventing the church: *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Ministries to immigrants: *Presbyterians Today*. How to end the war in Afghanistan: *Sojourners*.

Midpoint Wine Tasting

Amber Stitzel Pareja

“What though youth gave love and roses, age still leaves us friends and wine.” – Thomas Moore, 1815. All 30- to 50-something First United members/friends are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship and wine tasting at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 15 at Susan Buchanan’s home 1033 Clarence Avenue, OP). Please BYODOC (bring your own drink of choice); appetizers and desserts will be provided. There will be a contest for the best wine in the following categories: red, white, and sparkling/rosé. If you would like to participate in the contest, please bring two bottles of the same wine (\$20 per bottle or less). Please do not feel pressured to participate in the contest – we would like you to join us regardless of whether or not you do so. Contact Amber Stitzel Pareja (aspereja@gmail.com; 708-250-9126) or Susan Buchanan (sbucha3@uic.edu; 708-848-6558) if you have any questions.

Spiritual Guidance Groups will not meet in April. Participants are invited to attend Holy Week services.

Art Guild
Lenten Sanctuary
Art Installation

Guild members:
Jim Bailey
Jane Barker
Marylem Marty-Gentile
Emory Mead
Sara Stevenson
John Zaruba

Prayer Around the
Cross will be placed
in the Chapel during
the Easter Prayer Vigil
8:00p Friday to
7:00a Sunday

Wind, Sleet, Snow...Softball?

—Matt Kemper

We're registered again this year for the Friday night Co-ed league. This league uses a 14" softball and is played using gloves. Start times for the games will be one of the following: 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 8pm, 8:45pm, 9pm, 9:45pm, or 10pm. The first game of the season will be Friday, April 26. The season lasts through Friday, August 6. If you're interested in joining our team, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Lounge or contact me, (mattkemper1227@gmail.com or 708-383-2952). There will be a \$25 fee collected from anyone who plays to cover the Park District registration fee.

Prayer Around the Cross

Prayers for healing are not restricted to those who are broken by physical disease and pain. They also include those torn by relationships; those who are depressed, hopeless, or homeless; those who are burdened by the harm they may have caused to someone else; those grieving the loss of someone close. We pray for the healing of creation's wounds: misused land, polluted air, and poisoned water. Our prayers embrace those suffering the ravages of war, violence and racial and ethnic divisions, or society's structural injustices. Our understanding of healing is far-reaching because the mercy of God reaches even farther than our understanding. —*Prayer Around the Cross*

Icon 1—
Christ of the People
—Janet McKenzie, 1999
Calling from the future...

Icon 2—
The origins..
(Cygnus loop, super nova)
Hubble Telescope

Icon 3—
Christ of the Maryknoll
—Br Robert Lentz, 2005
Is he inside the wire or
outside looking in at us?

Icon 4—
Head of Christ
—Georges Roualt, 1939
Can we understand?

Icon 5—
Christ of The Sinai,
6th century
Calling from the past...



ThankyouThankyouThankyou!

Hello First United Family!

We cannot thank you enough for the wonderful support that you all continue to offer us as we serve God and God's people here in Colombia. From the kind notes on our blog (www.calledtocolombia.org), to quick posts and chats on facebook, to prayers for our well-being, to generous gifts for Nora and even more generous financial gifts to support our ministry through both the Alternative Christmas Store and the Faith in Action Committee, we are humbled and grateful.

To give you an idea of how often we think of you all...

- each morning Nora wakes up chatting to the mobile that you all sent us which we placed over her crib
- each day we leave the house Nora puts on one of the sun bonnets that you all sent to her
- each time we are out we make sure to pack the "whozit" and crackle book to keep Nora entertained
- each evening we read a story from the Children's Family Bible you all signed and sent to Nora and before we leave the room each night, we turn on the night light for Nora to sleep. You are literally with us all the time.

That doesn't even cover the car seat, the onesies, the sweet elephant lovey, the books, the post-partum mama box, the maternity clothes, the peanut butter and combos, the baby backpack, the windchimes, the blankets, and more.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We have included a couple of pictures of Nora for your viewing pleasure. Just know that she sends a hearty asldkgoia hefkas ndfka;sld to each and every one of you. :) Que Dios les bendiga,

Mamie, Richard, and (of course) Nora Elena

www.calledtocolombia.org of Nora for your viewing pleasure. Just know that she sends a hearty asldkgoia hefkas ndfka;sld to each and eveone of you. :)

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/missionconnections/broadhurst-mamie-and-richard-williams/>



Save these dates

Friday, April 1	6:00p	Dinner and a Movie
Thursday, April 7	6:30p	Evening Division Dinner
Friday, April 8	7:30p	Dinner with the Villa Park Mosque
Sunday, April 10	12:15p	Planned Giving Event
Friday, April 15	9:20a	PrimeTime to Hull House
	7:30p	Midpoint Group - Wine Tasting
Thursday, April 21	6:30p	Maundy Thursday Supper-Communion
	7:30p	Tenebrae
Friday, April 22	6:30p	Good Friday Service
	7:15p	Good Friday through Music
	8:00p Friday — 7:00a Sunday —	Easter Prayer Vigil
Sunday, April 24	8:00a	Easter Sunrise Service-Communion
	11:00a	Easter Service-Communion
Monday, April 25	Church Office Closed	



To see additional First United Church events go to our website calendar

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The May Messenger Bell deadline is April 15

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