



BONHOMME
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“TASTE OF BONHOMME” OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY ON MAY 15

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Bonhomme Presbyterian Church is celebrating its bicentennial in 2016. At 200 years old, it is the oldest Presbyterian church west of the Mississippi River. And, on May 15, 2016 the church will host a community-wide “Taste of Bonhomme” fair at its Chesterfield campus. Stop by, join us for lunch and sit back and relax while meeting new people—or bring a friend and come just for dessert and a concert.

Beginning at Noon the church will offer complimentary lunch, food trucks and live music to guests. Children’s activities ranging from crafts, games, pony rides and face painting, to the Balloon Man and Serengeti Steve Reptile Experience will be available as well. A catered lunch from Kenrick’s Meats will be served and food trucks from Sarah’s Cake Shop and Frosty Favorites Ice Cream will be onsite for dessert.

At 1 p.m. the church will celebrate the rededication of its Watson Chapel, the original worship space of the current campus that was erected in 1959. The chapel, damaged by a water leak in 2014, received a complete restoration that was finished this past fall.

The event will conclude with the Bonhomme Chancel Choir, with chamber orchestra, presenting “The Glory of God’s Grace” at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Complimentary childcare will be provided during the concert.

“We are excited to celebrate our bicentennial with the West County community that has helped us grow in faith over the last 200 years. We hope to give people a ‘Taste of Bonhomme’: our friendly people, our beautiful campus and help people understand that going to church can be meaningful, fun and engaging,” explains AmyRuth Bartlett, Minister of Community.

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church was founded 200 years ago, in 1816, with a pioneering spirit and a strong foundation of faith. That spirit and faith, established by our missionary founder, Salmon Giddings, has led us to join a new pioneering denomination of Presbyterians called



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the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO), and grow to nearly 1500 members. Our church is warm and welcoming, with an updated campus that includes state-of-the-art facilities (including the Bonhomme Preschool and Kids Day Out program) with comfortable commons, classrooms for all ages and technology to enhance worship. We are situated atop a hill covering approximately nine acres in West County, Saint Louis. Our people grow spiritually through worship in both traditional and contemporary styles, as well as Bible study, community groups, missional service and more. Bonhomme Presbyterian Church is led by a group of inspirational, highly educated and grounded-in-faith pastors. Dedicated to providing a spiritual life that is centered in Jesus, and multigenerational and missional in approach, our church welcomes people of all ages and circumstances. Bonhomme helps people grow in faith, hope and love by proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior. We want to meet you where you are in your journey of faith and help you grow. For more information, visit bonpres.org or call 636.532.3486.

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