Glad Tidings

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTERN SPRINGS **JUNE, 2017**

CAT Survey Interpretation for the Congregation June 4 & 11

Following worship and fellowship time on both Sunday, June 4, and Sunday, June 11, the Transition Steering Team will present the CAT Survey results to the congregation. Following each presentation, there will be time for questions and a deeper dive into the survey's results. The similar presentations are being offered two Sundays in order that more people can attend. It is not necessary to attend both of them.

In March, we kicked off the process of our pastoral search by asking each member of the church to complete the 97 question survey. The CAT Survey is officially called the Congressional Assessment Tool. The output of this survey was a formal presentation by the Samaritan Center, who had been trained by the administrators of the tool, Holy Cow Consulting. This was presented to the Session, Deacons, and the Pastor Nominating Committee on April 19th.

Highlights of the survey: in a testament to the passion of the members of the church, we had 110 responses, noted as very high by Holy Cow. The survey was designed to provide a view or snapshot into the current sentiments and disposition of the congregation in addition to what the congregation most desires in a new pastor. Overall, the results were common of a church and congregation in transition.

We described our top three drivers of satisfaction as 1) in important church decisions, adequate opportunity for consideration of different approaches is usually provided, 2) the worship services at our church are exceptional in both quality and spiritual content and 3) our church provides opportunities for education and formation in a variety of ways so that I can find one that fits my complex lifestyle.

Our top three priorities to drive energy were 1) make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth, 2) develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church and 3) create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships.

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SUMMER MUSIC

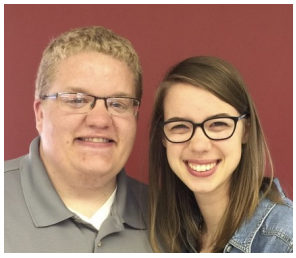
Melodious music from a multitude of gifted PCWS-ers will enhance our worship this summer. Scheduling is still in process but should include vocal music by Amy Malone; the "Kelly" trio of Kay Kelly, Kate Kelly, and Jill Dold; and summer Chancel Choir. Dates for summer Chancel Choir will be the last Sunday of each month: June 25, July 30, and August 27.

People whose schedules preclude participation during the "choir season" are especially welcome. No choir robes, just normal Sunday church clothes. Rehearse at 8:30 and sing in worship.

Instrumentalists on our lineup so far are Mike Lobash on trumpet, Tanner Booth on piano, and we hold out hope for a summer appearance of the No-Name Band. If you or your child has musical gifts to share, contact Patti at pmangis@presbyws.org right away!

Congratulations!

Our own Brendon DeBoer is engaged! On April 17, the day after Easter, he proposed to his girlfriend of 4.5 years, Rachel Slager. They are planning for a wedding next June.



Congregational News

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S STUDY
Join the June 4 Pentecost Celebration!

Sunday, June 4, is the Day of Pentecost, one of the three most holy (and joyful!) days of the Christian year, along with Christmas and Easter. Any child in the church can tell you Jesus was born on Christmas and any bereaved Christian can tell you that Jesus was raised from the dead on Easter. But what happened at Pentecost?

It is the day we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit to the first believers (see Acts 2:1-21). Those early believers, all of whom received the gift of the Spirit, had a new sense of power and courage, daring to oppose rulers and mobs. They were united as a community of faith, becoming what we now call the Church. They received a renewed sense of mission, being sent forth to claim the world for God by preaching the gospel and ministering to human need. Such is the Spirit of Pentecost some 2,000 years ago and today.

We hope to capture some of that spirit in our worship on June 4. As we seek by God's Spirit to renew PCWS in preparation for this church's next Pastor, Pentecost is a vital step in that journey. Please join us as that ancient story is brought to life with banner, streamers, several languages, Scripture, prayer, and song. Remain after worship to hear an interpretation of the recent CAT survey done at PCWS. Hear what the Spirit is telling us as we renew our discipleship during this time of transition.

Grace and Peace,

Bill

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY—June 11, 2017

When I came to PCWS, I was astonished to learn that over 25% of members participate in music, and that remarkably large percentage continues. Last year 60 individuals led worship but because we have multi-talented folks, the number of people participating in various groups totalled 124--plus 11 more for MAD Camp! We have much to be grateful for in the breadth and depth of musical gifts in our congregation.

Moreover, I am continually amazed at the way people at PCWS go out of their way to thank us for our musical efforts Sunday by Sunday. Tradition sets aside a special Sunday to appreciate the role of music and musicians in our worship. We have chosen hymns and anthems that reflect the theme of the day, and will have both choral and instrumental music lifting up our hearts to the Lord.

Thanks to the Worship Committee for providing a small token of appreciation for musicians.

Patti Mangis, Director of Music

OUR PASTOR

Rev. Bill Ingersoll, Interim Pastor wjingersoll@att.net
For a complete list of our staff, visit our website: www.presbyws.org.

Congregational News

"Breaking Bread"

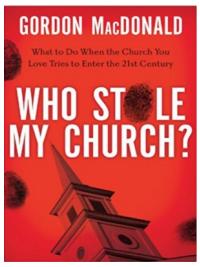
"Breaking Bread" small groups are being started so that we can get to know one another better here at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs. We sit in the pew to worship together, we share coffee hour, we sit in committee meetings, and we pray for one another. Sometimes this limits our ability to get to know one another and build relationships within our community of faith at PCWS. "Breaking Bread" small groups will give us the opportunity to make new connections or strengthen ones already present. Whatever your reason for joining, Welcome!

Each "Breaking Bread" group will be made up of 8 people from PCWS. The groups are organized and overseen by the Faith Formation committee. They ask that each group meet at least four times in the coming year (once a quarter). The purpose is for the group to have a meal together either at someone's home or out at a restaurant. It is up to the host/hostess for that quarter to choose. The meals can be lunch out at a restaurant or picnic in the park, a dinner in your home where you plan the meal or a potluck you ask everyone to bring something. It is really up to each group to how, when and where you gather to Break Bread.

Over the course of the year we hope you get to know those in your group and will make new connections within our church family.

The groups will be formed in August—sign up online or on the church bulletin board. If you have questions you can call, email, or speak to Tai.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY



This summer, we will have the opportunity to read the book "Who Stole my Church" as a congregation. Anyone who would like to join the book study is welcome. Who Stole My Church: What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21st Century by Gordon MacDonald.

Has your church been stolen out from under you?
A storm hits a small New England town late one evening, but the pelting rain can't keep a small group of church members from gathering to discuss issues that lately have been brewing beneath the surface of their congregation. They could see their church was changing. The choir had been replaced by a flashy "praise band." The youth no longer dressed in their "Sunday best." The beautiful pipe organ sat unused. How will this group overcome a deepening rift in their fellowship and nourish the relationship between the young and old? Can their church survive or even thrive?

Who Stole My Church? is a fictional story that tells the all too real tale of many church communities today. In this book you can walk alongside an imaginary community, led by real life pastor Gordon MacDonald and his wife, Gail, and discover how to meet the needs of all believers without abandoning the dreams and desires of any.

We will hold Discussions of the book in late July and early August. Watch for dates in the July *Glad Tidings*.

CAT Survey Interpretation

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In terms of what we wanted in our next pastor, the top three critical abilities were 1) preaching – capacity to inspire and connect people to God's word, 2) strategic leadership – capacity to cast a vision and lead the church toward the realization of the vision and 3) pastoral care – capacity to engage people empathetically and care for persons in times of need.

We look forward to sharing the survey results with you on June 4 & 11.

Children & Youth Ministry

Youth Mission Trips

JUPY/UPY Service Day #1 - June 24
This summer, we are finding ways to serve which means that our youth will be volunteering at "Feed My Starving Children." This organization helps package food for children and adults who are in need all across the world. We are scheduled to serve on June 24. We will leave church together at 3:45 p.m. and head to their packing facility. After our time of service, we will be going out to eat before returning to church at 8:00 p.m.

We are looking for four drivers and two additional adult Volunteers. If you feel called to be an advisor, please email Brendon at JUPYandUPY@gmail.com to let him know.

SAVE THE DATE: UPY Service Day #2
On August 12, we will be having our second service day this summer. More details available soon.

A Note to the Graduates:

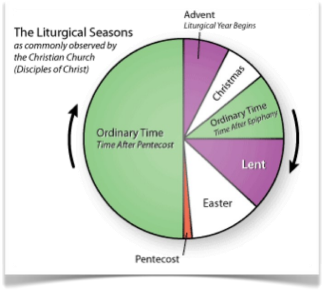
Dear Katie, Lacey, Maryna, Hunter, Jamie, Abby, Megan, Erin, Dan and Spencer;

Let me start off by saying, it has been an honor to be able to be a part of your lives here at PCWS. In my brief time here, you all have begun to show me how much of a home this church can be. Although I regret I couldn't serve you for a longer period of time as a Youth Director, I know that there are many mentors, role models, and pastors that you have been able to look up to in years past. You have experienced more transitions and changes in leadership than most will who are twice your age. As an indirect result of these transitions, I have seen maturity, growth, and wisdom coming from you that is beyond your years. It is my hope that you take these attributes and use them as you transition into the next stage of your life, whether it be college, the workforce, traveling, or sitting in your parent's basement. Whatever it is you decide to do, use it to the glory of God! With this in mind, go. And although we will miss you, leave this place knowing you are loved, supported, and encouraged to pursue the life that God is calling you to.

Sincerely,

Brendon De Boer

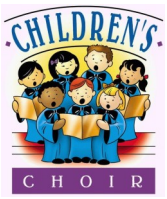
Godly Play



What is that little RED line? It is Pentecost!

The past few weeks we have been discussing Pentecost in Godly Play and preparing to celebrate Pentecost with the entire church family.

Children's Choir



During Godly Play each week, we have time set aside for Patti Mangis to work with our children on songs that are part of Godly Play and our Milestone Ministry curriculum. On May 7th they sang our benediction, "Go, Now in Peace". You will get to hear their beautiful voices again on Pentecost Sunday when they sing "Remember Me" another song they have been learning in Godly Play. "Remember Me" is sung each week as our prayer before Feast Time (Snack time). During our Feast Time, we talk about our prayer concerns and joys and then end with a prayer. Feast Time is a way for children to practice pass the elements and being in prayer similar to communion preparing them for a class eventually on the sacraments.

THIS MONTH'S
BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Frank Adelphia
Mackenzie Hoffman
Alyssa Lombardi
Ellie Tester
Marin Yates

Youth Ministry

"Let no one look down upon you because of your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." Timothy 4:12

This Month

End of the Scheduled Year

May 7 marked the end of our Calendar year. We will no longer have regular Sunday night JUPY's and UPY's until the fall term begins.

Notable News

Feed My Starving Children

- Service day number one is intended for both JUPYs and UPYs.
- Advisors and youth will meet with Brendon at church and leave for the FMSC warehouse in Aurora, IL at 3:30 p.m.
- Serve from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Please Bring $10 dollars for dinner.
- We will be returning to church by 8:00 p.m.

Prayer Concerns

Did you know that our youth are being prayed for each week? The Sunday School Teachers, Youth Advisors, and Faith Formation Team prays each week for the youth.

Secret Safari

Daytime road trip to a secret location

July 12, 2017

We will leave from Church on Wednesday afternoon and return that evening.

Total Cost: $15

Parents Meeting

On Sunday, July 30, after worship at 11:00 a.m., we are having a parents meeting to cover expectations, schedules, and events of the 2017-2018 season. Plan on having at least one parent attending per household.

Mark Your Calendar

June Dates:

Sunday, June 4
Lyon's Township Graduation!
Saturday, June 24,
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Service Day at
Feed My Starving Children
June 25 - 29 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Youth volunteers needed to help with VBS!

July Dates:

Wednesday, July 12
3:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Secret Safari
Sunday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.
S'mores and Volleyball at Church for UPYS.
Sunday, July 30, 11:00 a.m.
Parents Meeting

Staff Contact Info

Brendon DeBoer
Youth Director
Church Office:
(708) 246-5220

Brendon's email:
JupyandUpy@gmail.com
After business hours you can reach Brendon at
(712) 441-6708

Vacation Bible School - June 25 - 29, 2017

VBS: The Wonders of Water

We will be making a splash this summer together as we "Dive In." The Presbyterian Church of Western Springs invites children, adults and the entire family to explore the deep blue waters with us as we discover God's love runs deep. This year the church will be filled with excitement as we explore all the adventures and discover the surprises our under water expedition holds. Our program will provide fun memorable Bible learning for the entire family. So pack your bags as we set sail on June 25th for uncharted waters. (Children and youth should be prepared to go home wet each night so bring a towel.)

On June 25th at 5:00 p.m. come prepared for an opening night of fun and adventure. This year we will have an adult class taught by Rev. Bill Ingersoll (see article below). There are volunteer opportunities for the JUPYs and UPYs to be involved as well.

Schedule for each evening:

5:00 p.m. Gathering Time
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Classes for children Pre-K to 3rd grade,
4th and 5th graders
Class for Adults

Costs (Includes Dinner): $20 per child, $5 per adult

Visit the PCWS website for more information, to register and pay online.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is a church wide event that involves all of us no matter our age or experience. This year Vacation Bible school has expanded to include a fellowship dinner each night but also an adult Bible Study. We need lots of hands to help make this a fun experience and one where we grow spiritually and build new relationships.

We need volunteers to help:

- Prepare dinner each night
- To help decorate before VBS begins
- Adult and JUPYs/UPYs to guide our Pre-k, K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade groups from station to station
- Adult and JUPYs/UPYs to teach Storytelling, ReCreation, and Arts/Crafts
- Adults and UPYs to help Brendon lead our pre-JUPY group (4th & 5th graders) in Mission Quest

If you have questions you can speak to Tai. You can sign up to help online at Sign-up Genius or on the church bulletin board.

Adult Vacation Bible School Class

Who am I? What does it mean to be human? Am I really free to choose between right and wrong? Why does our family not get along better? Why is our world in such a mess? How can I forgive?

At Vacation Bible School this year, Pastor Bill will be exploring these questions using an ancient but not out-dated resource . . . the Bible, specifically the first eleven chapters of Genesis.

Known as the Primeval History, these chapters are not really a history but a story . . . a story about our world, our humanity, a story about you and me. Like other great stories, it can tell us a lot about ourselves. It seeks to evoke, not explain, to allow for wonder and awe rather than to describe and detail. Yes, it's our story. How will it end? Come and let's explore.

Mission & Ministry

MAD Camp

June 12—16,
2:00—5:00 p.m.

The building will be bursting with creative energy as our annual MAD (Music and Drama) Camp produces "What's Up Zak?" Ages entering grades 2-8 learn the music and drama, create the sets, props and costumes—everything to prepare this 40-minute musical for Sunday, June 18 worship happens in one week! Drawing on the story of Zaccheus from Luke 18, this story reveals the core of Jesus' heart. Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus may have been outsiders who didn't fit in but when Jesus came to town, He went out of his way to be their friends. He knew their names. He healed their ill-nesses. He came to their houses and ate with them. We hope after you see our show,: if you ever feel lonely or on the 'outside,' you will remember you can always count on Jesus, who knows you by name and loves you -- just the way are!"

The production will be directed by Patti Hughes Mangis, assisted by Assistant Director Erin Sullivan and Technical Director Colleen Sullivan. The art/ Christian Education portions of the camp will be led by Tai Zimmerman Cole. We are excited to reprise our production at 2:00 that afternoon at Plymouth Place.

It is not too late to register. Click on the link on the PCWS website.

Mission Trip to Cuba

June 12th, the following will be leaving for Nueva Paz: Andy Hoskins, Paul Banovic, Mary Jo Sindelar, Kathy Wennerstrum, Mindy McMahon, and Jane Boxell.

In addition to the items listed below, they have a request for a medication for a person with kidney failure. The prescription cost is about $190. If you would like to help cover the cost, you may indicate CUBA Trip on your check memo, or via the online donation page.

Medicines	General
Cough medicine for infants and up	Projector to be used during Worship Service
Allergy	Print cartridges, # MK990
Indigestion / antacid	Twin Sheet sets
Vitamins multi, C, E, 812 w/ iodine	Liturgical cloths for chancel area
Bone health	Monetary donations for tools
Antibiotic cream	Craft Items
Antihistamines	Crazy eyes
Bandaids, gauze, tape	Felt pieces or plush fabric

Contact Jane Boxell with questions at jboxell@ameritech.net. Thanks!

Deacons Continue to Find Ways to Reach Out

Our Deacons have been busy planning ways to reach out to members. Starting in May, on a monthly basis, the Deacons are resurrecting the Reach-Out Cards for shut-in members and members who could use a word of good cheer or a congratulatory message. This is just another special way to make contact with members in a special way. If you know of anyone who would benefit from reach-out cards from worshippers, please let the church office know.

Reach-out cards have touched the lives of many members, so the Deacons want to keep that tradition alive at PCWS.

Member News

Thank you for your service at PCWS in May! We can't do it without you.

Helped in the office, helped with bulletins and with database updates: Carol Ulreich, Michelle Hennessy, Donna Strunk, Laura Fruit, Mindy McMahon, Judy McAtee, Kay Kelly

Food for Life Team: Shopper – Carolyn Bozek
Cooks – Sue Eck, Mary Jo and Ron Blough
Drivers/Servers – Paul and Betty Banovic

Second Baptist Food Pantry run: David and Jane Boxell

Crushed cans: David and Jane Boxell, Mary Jo and Ron Blough, Mindy McMahon, Davis McMahon

Prepared Glad Tidings for mailing: Ruth Riordan, Dorothy Andersen, Joyce Habermann and Mary Kae Headland.

Flowers in June: Jan Fortina, Sue Eck, Sue Kovalick

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your support !

We collected $2,353.64 during the Lenten season that will go directly toward PCUSA Mission Agency's efforts to provide assistance to those in need throughout the world. The three programs you've supported: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Programs, will provide a range of responses to people and communities with both immediate and long-range needs.

From Our Members

To my wonderful church family,
Thank you so much for all the cards and good wishes while I recuperate. It's amazing how many restrictions you have to deal with when you break a hip.

They say I'm mending and ahead of schedule so that's a good thing. Thanks again for your care and love.

Blessings, Becky Glasscock

Theology & Brew Daytime Only

Theology and Brew Daytime Edition will meet on Tuesday, June 20th at noon. Join us for lunch, fellowship and discussion at Davanti Enoteca, 800 Hillgrove Avenue, in Western Springs.

Presbyterian Women
Thursday, June 15

Ladies, join us for brunch on June 15th, 11:00 a.m. at Baker's Square, 942 S. LaGrange Road, LaGrange. RSVP by June 13.

Bring a friend, renew old friendships, make new ones. All women of the church are invited to munch, chat, share and just relax together.

Call or email Marilyn Hanson at msh4183@gmail.com. Baker's Square will provide separate checks.

Member News

To Rev. Bill Ingersoll on the death of his brother, John Thomas "Tom" Ingersoll, who passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

To Jean Janecek on the death of Sarah Foster, wife her grandson, Alex, who passed away Friday, April 28, 2017.

To Debbie Randa on the death of her mother, Georgian Kopach, mother of Debbie Randa, who passed away May 17, 2017

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all announcements to the church office by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Email to pcws@presbyws.org .

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Glad Tidings Deadline

Articles for the next month's *Glad Tidings* are due by the **10th** of each month.

To ensure your submission is received, please **email** articles and pictures to:

GT@presbyws.org

Help prepare the July *Glad Tidings* for mailing— Meet June 27 @ 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

Remember in Prayer

- **Roger Adams**
- The Ahmeti Family
- Tom Allen
- **Kimberly Bone**
- Suzi Brinkman
- Diane Markley Bruser
- George Bruser
- **Oliver Carter**
- **Michael De Vries**
- **Bill Dougherty**
- **Billye Dvorak**
- Norm Erickson
- Paulette Erickson
- **Becky Glasscock**
- Elaine Greco
- Joshua Haberkorn
- Ronald Halla
- **Rich Kanak**
- Ruth Kaduke
- **Phil Kasik**
- **Kathleen Kircher**
- Barbara Lennie
- **Mae Love**
- Deborah Matthews
- **Evie Meyer**
- Debi Mirlenbrink
- Norb Mirlenbrink
- Peggy Mirlenbrink
- Mary Myers
- Holly Oliver
- Ginger Oswald
- Sharon Pederson
- **Pat Petros**
- **Joyce Rodos**
- **Marge Sandrik**
- Beata B. Sak
- **Lewis Skeels**
- Mike Slesicki
- Betty Staab
- Jerry Tausk
- Gloria Torres
- **Betty Toft**
- **Norman Toft**
- Teri Tuffner
- Marie Vejsada
- Cheryl, Deb Mathews mother
- Dorothy Wilson
- Our men and women serving our country in the Armed Services
- Donna
  (Friend of Joyce Smyers)
- Michael
  (friend of Jane Norman)
- Presbyterian Church Congregation in Nueva Paz, Cuba
- The people of Syria, especially family members of PCWS Interfaith Women's Book Group

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Upcoming Events in June

June 4	**CAT Survey Interpretation**
June 6	**Deacons**
June 7	**Faith Formation Committee** **Worship Committee** **PNC Committee (every Wednesday)**
June 8	**Finance Committee**
June 10	***Glad Tidings* Article Deadline**
June 11	**Music Appreciation Sunday** **CAT Survey Interpretation**
June 12	**MAD Camp** **Mission Trip Leaves for Cuba**
June 14	**Personnel Committee**
June 18	**Father's Day** **MAD Camp Performance at PCWS & Plymouth Place**
June 24	**JUPY/UPY Service Day @ Feed My Starving Children**
June 25	**Vacation Bible School Begins**
June 27	**Prepare *Glad Tidings* for mailing**

Upcoming Events in July

July 4	**July 4th—Church and Offices Closed**
June 10	***Glad Tidings* Article Deadline**
July 25	**Feed My Starving Children**
July 26	**Prepare *Glad Tidings* for mailing**

To view a full calendar of events, please visit our webpage: www.presbyws.org
and click on the "Calendar" link at the top of the page.