Glad Tidings

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

Faith Formation at PCWS

This year the Faith Formation Committee has been working to develop a mission statement to guide our work and help us develop new ways of learning and growing. This led us to ask the question: What is Faith Formation?

Faith Formation at PCWS seeks to nurture all children of God in their identity of who they are and prepare them as disciples by equipping them with Biblical knowledge and spiritual practices useful in daily life.

Therefore over the summer, the Faith Formation committee reached out to the families of the congregation to see about their needs in faith formation for children, youth, and adults. Also to see what model of classes and time of classes work best for the families of our congregation. From this we have developed our fall offerings.

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ONE Church ONE Book: See article on page 3

Adult Faith Formation: See article on page 5

If you have any questions about Faith Formation or a suggestion about a class contact Tai Cole.

Rally Day September 10!

Plan to attend Rally Day 2017 as we Journey Together. This year we are setting out to explore our faith and to travel together as the family of God upon this path.

After worship on September 10, 2017 there will be a BBQ lunch, games, and events for all to participate in. So pack your gear as we set out for this year of learning, growing, and discovering who we are as disciples.

September 4, 2017
Church and Offices Closed.

Saturday
September 30

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Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) update

Happy summer to our PCWS family! Your PNC has continued to meet weekly throughout this summer and is moving forward in the thorough, prayer-driven process to call our next pastor. We wanted to answer some common questions that have been whispered in our ears lately:

Why so slow? We hear you. At times this endeavor can seem achingly slow particularly when compared to a business job recruitment model. However, the PNC process is unique in that God is at the center of this process and gently guiding us-- first in growing as a committee, secondly in ensuring that all congregational input is collected, reviewed and considered-- as we finalize a Mission Statement and Ministry Information Form (MIF). The committee is ever cognizant that we come together to serve and represent the needs and opinions of you, our entire PCWS family.

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Congregational News

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S STUDY
Yet Another Change!

"The only constant in life is change," declares a popular truism. An Interim Pastor soon learns this. Congregations going through an interim time learn it as well. Patti Mangis' decision to move from her part-time position as Choir Director and a Music Team Leader with PCWS to accept a full-time position as Director of Music and Worship Arts at Barrington United Methodist Church was understandable and while we are happy for her, we shall miss her. We are grateful for the leadership and direction she provided our choir and overall music program. We ask for God's blessings upon her as she assumes this new call and trust that God will continue to lead her.

As much as we hate to see her go, however, Patti's departure offers an appropriate time for the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs to dream dreams and have visions of how God wants our music ministry to move into the future. How best are we to praise God in music and song? What kind of leadership, what instruments, what styles, what forms best fit the community of faith God is calling PCWS to be? We need to respond to these kinds of questions rather than simply worry about filling a staff vacancy. This is especially true since PCWS's Organist, Handbell Choir Director, and Music Team Leader, Stephanie Coates, has agreed to assume many of Patti's responsibilities during this time.

So in good Presbyterian fashion, the Session has appointed a committee! Actually, it is a task force, the Music Task Force. It consists of Paul Banovic, Kami Booth, Kevin Hennessey, Jim Koning, and Amy Malone, with Stephanie Coates and me as staff resource persons. This task force is charged with seeking to discern a renewed vision for music in PCWS's worship and corporate life. My hope is that the task force will not only respect and build upon the strengths of PCWS's musical past but will also look forward to a God-filled musical future.

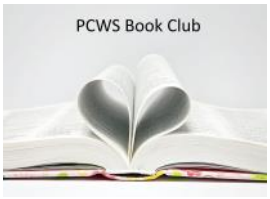
Grace and Peace,

Bill
Pastor Bill

INQUIRER'S CLASS FOR SEEKERS AND THOSE CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP

An Inquirer's Class for those considering joining PCWS or who would simply like to know more about the Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, September 24, at 10:45 a.m. in the Graham Charter Room (halfway down the hall when you come in the door from the parking lot). We'll look at Presbyterian beliefs and practice as well as opportunities for faith and fellowship at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs. Refreshments and child care are provided. Attending does not obligate one to join the church. An RSVP to the church office (708-246-5220) is helpful but not necessary. Ask Pastor Bill or Co-Directors of Lay Ministries, Kay Kelly and Jane Melilli, for details.

Congregational News



2017-2018 Book Club Selections

Last Spring, the PCWS Book Club made the selections for next year's program. We invite anyone to join the group for the year, or any part of the year, as your time and interest permit. Our discussions are always informal and often lively! Here's the list of selections so you can get a head start:

September 25**: The Kitchen House**
by Rosamunde Pilcher
October 23: **When the Moon is Low**
by Nadia Hashimi
November 27: **Once We Were Brothers**
by Ronald Balson
January 22: **The Handmaid's Tale**
by Margaret Atwood
February 26: **Hammer Head**
by Nina McLaughlin
March 26: **The Round House**
by Louise Erdrich
April 23: **The Spymistress**
by Jennifer Chiaverni
June 4: **The Last Midwife**
by Sandra Dallas

OUR PASTOR

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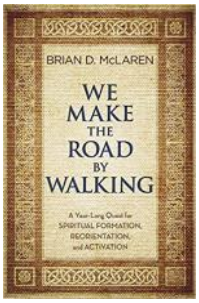
For a complete list of our staff, visit our website: www.presbyws.org.

ONE Church ONE Book



As a congregation this year we are going to set out on an adventure together, to read the same book. For the whole year we will be reading and discussing, "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian McLaren. "We Make the Road by Walking" will have short weekly readings of 4 to 6 pages and organized around the traditional church year. So that as we read together we will experience Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter along with gaining an overview of the whole Bible.

Why are we reading this book together:
The first and best reason is so that we can do something **TOGETHER** as a congregation and have something to discuss and grow our faith **TOGETHER**.

- It will also cultivate honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of discipleship. On the recent CAT survey this was one of the highest rated things for us as a congregation to focus on and learn more about.
- "We Make the Road by Walking "will engage us in discussion, in and outside of our congregation.
- It will challenge us to reimagine what it means to live joyfully lives and to be disciples in today's changing world.

So how can I participate in ONE Church ONE Book:

- Pick up your copy with the bookmark of the reading schedule on it.
- Subscribe to the weekly devotion that will be emailed out each week about each chapter to enhance your study of the book.
- Attend adult faith formation classes on Sunday that will study the scripture passages for each week.
- Form a small group of members to discuss the book and the discussion questions.
- Attend worship to hear sermons that will focus on some of the chapters of the book.

Adult News

Presbyterian Women
September 7, 12:30 p.m.

PW ladies of PCWS and First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange have an interesting and fun year planned for our joint meetings. Last month's *Glad Tidings* included the entire year's program schedule. If you need a copy, visit the church website to view the August *Glad Tidings*.

We begin our year Thursday, September 7, at 12:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, 150 S. Ashland Ave, with a salad luncheon followed by a program about this year's Horizon's Bible study. Rev. Jonathan Krogh, pastor at First LaGrange, will share his insight on Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christians in Hebrews.

If you plan to attend, please call or email Kristene in the office to make a reservation by Tuesday, September 5. PCWS ladies may transport themselves to First LaGrange or better yet, join a car pool from PCWS that leaves here at 12 (noon). If you need transportation from your home to join our car pool or directly to First LaGrange, please let Kristene know when you make your reservation. Cost $12

Looking forward to a busy and fun year for the ladies of PW!

Interfaith Book Group

The Interfaith Book Group will meet on September 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at PCWS in the Upper Room. We are beginning our sixth year and have moved from acquaintances to friends. The group has read broadly and built bridges to understanding to different faith traditions, cultures and family life. All women of the church are welcome to share this experience.

The book we are discussing in September is: *A BAND-AID FOR A BROKEN LEG* by Damien Brown. It is the story of a medical team in Africa serving impoverished people. Please RSVP to the church office by September 11.

Support PCWS when you shop Amazon. Start your shopping online at smile.amazon.com and choose PCWS as your charity!

All women are invited to join either or both circles.

Afternoon Circle
Tuesday, September 19, 1:00 p.m.

The fall season kicks off Tuesday, September 19 at 1:00 in the Graham Charter Room. Study for the year will be Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christians in Hebrews.

This circle meets third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p,m, in the Graham Charter Room.

For more information contact Joyce Rodos: jlrodos@yahoo.com.

Evening circle
Tuesday, September 26, 6:00 p.m.

The fall season will kick off Tuesday, September 26 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Panera Bread, 439 N. LaGrange Rd., LaGrange, IL. Following dinner, (7:00 p.m.), we will go to the home of Carol Stoub. We will introduce our courses of study this year that includes Waking Up White and Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews. Prepare to play a Bible game and enjoy Christian fellowship.

This circle meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in at 7:00 p.m., frequently gathering for a light dinner either in a member's home or a local restaurant. All women are welcome!

For additional information, contact Nancy Glickman @ gednan10@gmail.com.

Adult News

"Breaking Bread" Small Groups

"Breaking Bread" small groups are being formed so that members and friends can get to know one another better here at PCWS. "Breaking Bread" small groups will give us opportunities to make new connections and/or strengthen ones already present. Whatever your reason, we hope you'll choose to be a part of "Breaking Bread."

Each "Breaking Bread" group will be made up of eight people from PCWS. The groups are organized and overseen by the Faith Formation committee. As the overseers, 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, 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 make new connections within our church family.

Sign up through September 10, online at signupgenius.com, or on the bulletin board outside the Jones Room. If you have questions you can call, email, or speak to Tai.

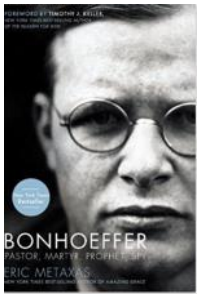
Adult Faith Formation: One Church One Book

This fall we will have two opportunities for Faith Formation on Sunday mornings following the fellowship time.

The first is open to all members and will meet in the Graham Charter room. The discussion each week will focus on the scripture passages from that week's reading of "We Make the Road by Walking. "

The second class is for families with children in Faith Builders. Grab a cup of coffee and some treats and meet for 30 mins to discuss the weekly reading in "We Make the Road by Walking" as a small group. This is a time to break away from the business of the week, to gather with others in the church, discuss life and the reading.

Special Class on Bonhoeffer



Beginning Wednesday September 20th at 7 p.m., we will dive into the world of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In this four-session video-based small group Bible study, *we* will discover the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writing and speaking and how he not only helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during World War II, but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today.

Filmed on location in Germany, author Eric Metaxas, will take us on a religious journey of Bonhoeffer's faith and why it has captured so many people's imaginations and how it has inspired the Christian faith of so many today. Pulling themes from all of his major books, Metaxas helps us understand why these spiritual truths meant so much to Bonhoeffer and how they can be an inspiration and challenge to our faith.

Theology and Brew

Theology and Brew will meet September 19th at noon and September 26th and 7:00 p.m. Both will be held at the Hillgrove Tap, 800 Hillgrove Ave, Western Springs, IL 60558. Articles for discussion will be emailed out a week before the gathering so that you can read and invite friends to join us for the conversation.

Children's Ministry

Faith Formation: Children's Ministry

This fall, our children will continue to participate in Godly Play. Each Sunday after Words for Children, children pre-school to 2nd and 3rd to 5th grade, will go to their class where they will be learning about the members of Jesus' historical family through the Jesse Tree. In Godly Play, children get to approach faith formation through learning stories and playing while gaining religious language and experience. Each week children will experience worship together, learn new songs, liturgical language, the catechism, Biblical stories, books of the bible and the location of those books, rituals, prayer, and so much more while they are playing.

The fall unit on the Jesse Tree will explore stories from Old Testament to the New Testament. As the children learn the stories they will make an ornament that represents the story, building a box of ornaments that will build their own Jesse Tree. When we arrive at Advent, children will have all the ornaments to not only build their own Jesse tree, but to tell the story of Jesus' birth from creation.

Faith Builders: Additional Hour Sunday Morning

We have heard kids over and over the past year say do we have to leave yet….now the answer is No! We will be offering an additional 45 minute learning experience so parents and family members can attend adult faith formation after worship. Faith Builders will have snack time, music, story, craft, and additional creational play time. During the fall children who participate in Faith Builders will explore additional stories of the Jesse Tree and make ornaments for those stories.

Confirmation

It is that time again, a time for our youth to take the next step in their faith journey through confirmation. Our 2017-2018 confirmation class will be commissioned in Worship on Sunday September 17th and their first class will begin that day after worship. During this year of Confirmation we ask that you keep our Confirmands in your prayers and encourage them on this journey.

If you have questions about Confirmation at PCWS speak to Rogers Malone or Tai Cole.

Help Wanted

Child-Care Assistant Needed

PCWS is seeking a second Child Care Attendant Assistant to provided nurture and care for the infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings during Worship and Faith Formation classes. The primary responsibility of the position is to provide quality care and see to needs of the children while maintaining a enthusiastic and safe environment.

All applicants must have child care experience, complete the PCWS' Safe Space training and background check. If you are interested, please send resumes to Rev. Tai Cole, taicole418@gmail.com.
The resume must be accompanied by three references that can be contacted by phone for whom he/she has provided child care services. This is a paid position.

2nd Grade Bible Sunday

On Sunday September 24th we will celebrate with our 2nd graders as they receive their Bibles during the Children's Time.

THIS MONTH'S
BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Colin Baise
Hannah Boeckmann
Max Boeckmann
Carly Booth
Adam Hanson
Lily Miller

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

September

In an effort to consolidate information, we will periodically be posting confirmation events on the youth page as well. Please keep in mind that these events are NOT JUPY scheduled events.

September Dates

Sunday, September 10
11:00 A.M. to Noon
Rally Day at Church!

Sunday, September 17 and 24
5-6:30: JUPYs
6:30-8: UPYs

Saturday, September 30
6pm-10pm: Supper and the Chicago Fire Game.

October Dates

Sunday, October 1
5-7 pm: JUPY Movie Night

Saturday, October 14
Confirmation Shabbat Service

Sunday, October 24
5-6:30: JUPYs
6:30-8: UPYs

Notable News

Chicago Fire Game

- The High Schooler's will be going to a Chicago Fire soccer game at Toyota Park on Saturday, September 30.
- We will eat supper at church at 6:oo p.m. and depart for the game at 6:30 p.m. We will return at 10:00 p.m.
- The cost is $15 dollars and may bring more for souvenirs.

Rally Day!

The Annual Kickoff of our Educational Year!

September 10, 2017

Plan on Joining us at church for an adventure that will take you all over the world!

Shabbat Service

On Saturday evening, October 14, the confirmation class will go to a Shabbat Service. The Confirmands will learn about different styles of worship, different beliefs, and will be able to ask important questions to someone who has a different lifestyle.

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.

Staff Contact Info

Brendon De Boer
Youth Director
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Brendon's email:
JupyandUpy@gamil.com
After business hours you can reach Brendon at
(712) 441-6708

Congregational News

Women's Retreat
October 27 – 29, 2017

WONDER WOMEN:
What Can We Learn from
Women of the Bible?

Where are the role models – the heroes – for our daughters and granddaughters in today's world? Heck! Who are the role models for you and me? It seems that almost every day we read about another hero who wasn't worthy of the fame and adulation our society heaped upon them. Where can we turn?

As Christian women, we know that the women in the Bible are exemplary or they wouldn't be there. So that's a good place to start. But haven't we all "been there, done that?" Maybe. Or maybe we've just been reading the sugar-coated versions. Maybe we've just skimmed the surface. One former Christian Education Director recently said, "I want to learn about all those "badassed" women in the Bible!" Well, now . . . maybe she's on to something! Mark your calendars, join Grayson Van Camp, our fearless leader and let's find out together!

Where is the retreat?
This year we will be meeting at Camp Edwards YMCA camp in East Troy, WI. Many of you are familiar with this camp - we have been attending winter family camp for over 35 years. We will have a lodge to ourselves so we will all be under one roof.

How much does it cost?
The cost is $140 and covers two nights lodging, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and a pizza dinner Saturday night. Lunch will be at your own expense on Saturday. You can pay online, or if you prefer to write a check, please send/give your check to Lorraine Hoskins.

How do I register?
There are two ways to register: the sign-up sheet on the bulletin Board outside the Jones Room or online at signupgenius.com.

Carpools can be arranged to the camp on Friday late afternoon/ early evening. We will gather together briefly around 9:00 p.m. after everyone arrives for fellowship. If you have any questions or concerns about the weekend, please contact Lorraine Hoskins at lorhos@hotmail.com.

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, September 30th

We're gearing up for the churchwide Progressive Dinner on Saturday, September 30th. The fun begins at 5:00 p.m. and wraps up around 9:30 p.m. We will gather at the Hennessys' for appetizers and beverages, and then will separate for dinner and dessert.

When you sign up, you'll be asked to host a main course and dessert for 6-8 people, choose to bring a main dish, salad, dessert, or to contribute $15/ person. Recipes will be provided for the main dish and salad. If you'd like to use your own recipe, sign up to bring dessert. If you would like to attend, but need a ride, please let Kathy Boxell know so that she can arrange transportation for you. If you are vegetarian, or gluten-free, please let us know as well.

Interested? Signup genius and signup sheets are available now! Check the Sunday bulletin and weekly email for updates.

All adults are invited and there will be free childcare at the church for children. If you need childcare, we encourage you to signup early!

BLOOD DRIVE

Save The Date:
October 29
8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Music ministry

Psalm 57: 7 ***My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast;***
I will sing and make music!

As we have wished our Music Team Leader, Patti Mangis a fond farewell and best wishes at her new position at Barrington United Methodist Church, we are moving into our fall music program here at PCWS!

I would like to encourage all of you to consider lending your musical talents in worship. PCWS has one of the most musical congregations I have had the privilege with which to work and I am hopeful that as we move into the fall, you would be willing to share your talents with us! As I am now wearing many musical hats here at PCWS, I would like to get to know more about the wonderful members who make up our congregation. Please, feel free to send me an email, stefcoates@gmail.com.

Chancel Choir: We're always looking for new members to join the choir and we can always use more voices. If you're not in the choir, what can I do to get you in the choir? Do you enjoy singing but are afraid because you don't read music? DON'T BE! You don't have to read music to be in the choir, so why aren't *YOU* in the choir?

Chancel Choir is open to anyone, age 14 and up, and does not require the ability to read music - just a desire to sing. The choir rehearses on select Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and please, if Thursday evenings are not a viable option, contact me and we will work out an alternative plan. For September, we are rehearsing on the 7th and 14th. Please come join us and give the choir a try!

Handbell Choir: The handbell choir will begin rehearsals in November. More information will be coming soon. As with Chancel Choir, no experience is necessary and as many of you found out this last spring during worship, playing the chimes/bells is a lot of fun.

Soloists: Do you play an instrument, like to sing in a small group or a solo? We would like for you to share your talents with us. As we move into the fall, we are hoping to enhance worship with many solo and/or small ensemble talent.

No-Name Band: This group of talented musicians is under the direction of Kami Booth and she is always looking for new members to join the fun. Please contact Kami if you would be interested in either playing with the band or singing with the group. This is your opportunity to be a part of a high-energy, enthusiastic group.

Family Band: The Family Band is made up of family members who play various instruments as well as the family members of PCWS. Many of you probably played an instrument growing up (or are in band now at school for our children/youth). Some of you probably still have your instrument in a closet somewhere in your house and have wondered what it would be like to play it. Come join us! The music is suitable for all levels of playing abilities - not too many churches can say they have their own concert band, but we can!

I am looking at dates for the Family Band this fall. I am hopeful the band can play during the month of October or November. Please let me know if you would like to give this a try. We will have 1-2 Thursday evening rehearsals to prepare the music.

Stefanie Coates, Interim Director of Music

Mission & Ministry

PNC Update (Cont'd from Page 1)

Why so secretive? When will we hear more? It is inherent to a PNC that much of what is discussed must be kept confidential. To illustrate, candidates who make themselves known to us have likely not publicly announced that they are seeking a new call. Those who are not selected, especially, deserve this confidentiality. However we encourage you to speak with a PNC member if you have questions about the process or have comments to share. Your PNC will strive to provide monthly updates in the Glad Tidings and occasionally during worship as we progress along.

What CAN you share now? Your PNC is close to finalizing the Mission Statement and MIF which is very exciting! The MIF is a very important document that tells potential candidates about our amazing PCWS church family and the skills and qualifications that we desire in a pastor. Once the MIF has been approved by Session and the Presbytery of Chicago's Committee on Ministry (COM), the MIF information will be entered into the PC(USA) database. This will allow candidates to see our position and the PNC to search for viable candidates.

The PNC is fully aware of the responsibility and trust bestowed on us by the congregation. We continue prayerfully proceeding with our tasks, as quickly as possible, to ultimately allow selection of the candidate we trust will satisfactorily match with PCWS to help lead us all in a vibrant future. We ask for your continued prayers as we journey together.

Please speak with a PNC member if you have questions about the process or have comments to share. We are here for you and ready to listen!

Kay Kelly, Co-Chair — Walt Kovalick, Co-Chair

Candice Mares	Mark DeVries	Tricia Koning
Matt Mosher	Sarah Sullivan	Peter Hanson
David Boxell		

"Generations of Generosity"

Ref: Psalm 145

The annual fall financial campaign kicks off on Sunday, September 24th with an announcement of this year's theme – "Generations of Generosity". Here's a friendly reminder of the different ways to pledge:

1. On-line on our website ,
2. You may return the pledge card that will be sent to you in the mail, or
3. Send an email to: *stewardship@presbyws.org.*

Whichever method you choose, please submit your pledge no later than October 29th, Pledge Sunday, so that Session can complete the 2018 budget in a timely manner. The goal of this year's fall financial campaign is $385,000 and the Leadership & Ministries Committee will be providing weekly updates as we progress toward this goal. Funds pledged go directly to the 2018 operating budget which covers items such as properties, programs, personnel and mission. Thank you for your faithful support and for all the gifts that you share.

Please contact Condy Dixon or Chad Sellman with any questions.

Sincerely,
Leadership and Ministries Committee

Laptop Needed

About 8 to 10 years ago we provided a new laptop to our friend Nelson Davila in Cuba. He has used it faithfully and had it repaired several times. Recently, while the screen works and he can receive e-mails, the keyboard no longer works, it cannot be repaired. He works a few days a week for the Synod in an office at First Havana, he has access to a computer there. However, he does not have the benefit of a laptop to take back and forth to the seminary and for his use there when he is teaching. Would anyone have such a used laptop? If you have such a computer or know how to get one, please contact Jane Boxell.

Mission & Ministry

SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?" – Psalm 78:19

Where lives are threatened by injustice and violence, God can, has, and will spread a table of peace and reconciliation.

This is the message of this year's Peace and Global Witness Offering, collected during the Season of Peace, September 3rd through October 1st, World Communion Sunday.

Each year, gifts to this denominational offering support ministries that help to bring people together at "tables" of many types that help to resolve injustice and transform violence and hate into compassion and community. Each local congregation is tasked with allocating 25% of their collection to local ministries to promote peace and reconciliation in our own neighborhoods. Another 25% is allocated to Presbyterian mid-councils and the remaining 50% is used at the national level by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice.

Please look for more information in September bulletins on this important offering and thoughtfully consider how your gift will help provide peace in our neighborhood and beyond. You can donate online, or on Sunday mornings through October 1.

¡Bienvenido, Izett!

The most recent PCWS Cuba team is pleased to introduce you to one of the driving forces of our partnership with Cuba, Pastor Izett Sama, who will be joining us in Worship and Adult Education on Sunday, September 17.

Our special guest, Izett, is a graduate of the Seminario Evangélico de Telogía of Matanzas and is presently serving as the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Los Palos, near our partner church in Nueva Paz. In the absence of a full-time Pastor in Nueva Paz, Izett also moderates the Session there – all this while serving as the General Secretary of the Presbytery of Havana.

Izett will be in the United States to attend the Cuba Partners Network meeting in Houston and plans to visit the Los Palos sister churches in Oak Park and Long Island afterward. We are very fortunate that she will be available to join us in worship Sunday the 17th in the midst of her travels.

Even better, in addition to joining us in worship, Izett will also be joining our team's presentation of photos and stories from our June trip and will add invaluable depth and perspective with personal insights and stories of her own.

Please mark September 17 on your calendars and set aside time to join us for this unique opportunity in Worship and in Adult Ed!

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

On Sunday, October 15th, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world. We need Walkers and sponsors for the LaGrange/Western Springs CROP Walk.

Please see our website, www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/PCWS, for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, a sponsor, or both. We will have packets to collect cash and checks soon. You may also email Nate Yates at yates15@yahoo.com. Last year, PCWS had 19 walkers and raised $1,165. Thanks for helping feed the hungry in our community and throughout the world.

Member News

Thank you for your service at PCWS in August! 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

Second Baptist Food Pantry run: David and Jane Boxell

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

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

Flowers in September: Nancy Glickman, Laurie Merrifield, Sue Kovalick

Letters from members

Dear PCWS family,
Thank you for your wonderful book of reach out cards and 90th birthday wishes for my dad. We've enjoyed reading each of your notes and I re-read them with Dad periodically. They are so appreciated! Dad is acclimating to his new "home." Please feel free to write or see him. Mornings seem to be when he's especially awake. Thank you again.
Love, Donna and Diane Kanak

Dear PCWS,
I would like to thank you for allowing me to not only have my ceremony at the church, let alone do my Eagle Scout project at the church as well. I hope my bench is used and enjoyed throughout the years.
Davis McMahon

Dear PCWS friends,
The flowers were beautiful and drew much attention. The arrangement cheered all who came in. I noticed especially, the rose. You made the day special. Laura brought them in. I am grateful beyond words!
Betty Toft

Address change:

Richard Kanak
6101 South County Line Road, #356A
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Congratulations to Ashley Glickman and Mike Kozma on the birth of Roxie Eleanor Kozma, born July 30. Proud grandmother is Nancy Glickman.

We extend sympathy to Noreen Coyan the Simmonds family on the death of Rev. Don Simmonds August 17.

Congratulations!

Michelle Hennessy was recertified as a Certified Church Administrator (CCA) on July 3 at the 61st annual National Conference of The Church Network in Oxford Hills, Maryland. Michelle was originally certified in July, 1998, after completing a two-year training program and a thesis project and is one of approximately 600 formally certified Church Administrators in the United States.

Member News

Do You Like Working With Numbers?

PCWS is looking for someone to fill the role of Assistant Treasurer. Here's a brief description of the duties:

- Good computer skills
- Knowledge of basic accounting principles
- Be a member of PCWS
- Have 2 hours per week to volunteer

If interested, please contact:
Peter Weber
(peter.weber@compass-usa.com)

Bulletin Deadline

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

Email to pcws@presbyws.org .

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 October *Glad Tidings* for mailing— Meet September 26 @ 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
- Phyllis Cordell
- **Bill Dougherty**
- **Billye Dvorak**
- Norm Erickson
- Paulette Erickson
- Elaine Greco
- Joshua Haberkorn
- Ronald Halla
- **Rich Kanak**
- Ruth Kaduke
- **Phil Kasik**
- **Kathleen Kircher**
- **John Kregg**
- Barbara Lennie
- **Mae Love**
- Deborah Matthews
- Carolyn McClintock
- **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
- Mike Slesicki
- Betty Staab
- Gloria Torres
- **Betty Toft**
- **Norman Toft**
- Jeanne Trotter
- Teri Tuffner
- Marie Vejsada
- Cheryl, Deb Mathews mother
- Dorothy Wilson
- Brian, friend of the Smyers family
- 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 September

Sept. 4 Labor Day (Church & Offices Closed)

Sept. 5 Deacons

Sept. 6 Faith Formation Committee
Worship Committee

Sept. 7 Presbyterian Women

Sept. 10 Rally Day
Glad Tidings Article Deadline

Sept. 14 Finance Committee

Sept. 17 Rev. Izett Sama (Cuba) in Worship

Sept. 19 Theology & Brew Daytime

Sept. 20 Interfaith Book Group
Faith Formation: Bonhoeffer Class Session

Sept. 25 PCWS Book Group

Sept. 26 Prepare *Glad Tidings* for mailing
Theology & Brew Evening Edition

Sept. 27 Mission Committee Meeting

Upcoming Events in October

Oct. 1 World Communion Sunday

Oct. 3 Deacons

Oct. 4 Faith Formation Committee
Worship Committee

Oct. 5 Presbyterian Women

Oct. 9 Columbus Day (Church and Offices Closed)

Oct. 10 *Glad Tidings* Article Deadline

Oct. 11 Personnel Committee

Oct. 12 Finance Committee

Oct. 15 CROP Walk

Oct. 18 Interfaith Book Group
Session

Oct. 21 Confirmation Fall Retreat

Oct. 23 PCWS Book Group

Oct. 25 Prepare *Glad Tidings* for mailing

Oct. 27 Women's Retreat

Oct. 29 Blood Drive

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.