Glad Tidings

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTERN SPRINGS OCTOBER, 2017

Hospitality Worship and Workshop October 15TH

Sunday worship on October 15th will focus on the Biblical practice of hospitality, using the story of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42). Hospitality in Scripture is more a theological practice than simply a social nicety. To be hospitable is to treat others as God treats us, coming to us as the living Word, Jesus Christ. That Sunday, One Church; One Book, *We Make the Road by Walking,* will be looking at Biblical siblings such as Jacob and Esau and Joseph and his brothers, so the sisters Mary and Martha are an appropriate pair to explore as well.

After worship, at our Sunday Adult Education time, Pastor Bill will be leading a Hospitality Workshop. How do we make our Sunday guests at worship feel welcome? What, for example, is the one thing we *don't* say to our Sunday guests? Please come and join us on October 15th as we seek to renew our ability to welcome others in the name of the one who said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 29

Come join us on Sunday October 29th at 4:00 p.m. in the parking lot of PCWS for Trunk or Treat. We need members to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy to all little ones. Invite all your friends and family to join us for games, snacks, and trick or treating. No scary costumes please.

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.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

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.

Get Ready To Roll Up Your Sleeves and Give!

Get ready to hydrate, eat healthy, rest up, pull up your sleeves and give blood! The Deacons are sponsoring the PCWS Blood Drive on Sunday, October 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Jones Room at PCWS. You can schedule your appointment by calling 877-543-3768 or at www.lifesource.org (use code WS14). Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE

October 29
8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Don't Toss That Leftover Candy!

In addition to planning the Blood Drive, the College Care Packages will be assembled on November 8th. Starting November 1, there will be a receptacle near the office for depositing your leftover Halloween candy and any other small items that would lift our collegians as they study!

Our Deacons have been busy arranging meals for those in need, hosting receptions, visiting shut-ins, arranging communion servers, recruiting fellowship hosts, and delivering flowers/reach out cards. The Deacons will be exploring new ways to reach out to the membership.

Thank you for all the little things you do to help us care for our congregation!

Congregational News

500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

On October 31, 1517, the eve of All Saints' Day, a German priest, Martin Luther, nailed 95 Theses, protesting the selling of indulgences to absolve sin, to the door of Wittenberg Chapel. Thus began the Protestant Reformation, which soon spread over much of Europe under the leadership of other Reformers, including John Farrell and later John Calvin, both of Geneva, Switzerland, where Presbyterianism traces its roots.

Luther's original intent was not to split from the Catholic Church but rather to reform the Catholic Church. But one thing led to another and in 1521, Luther was excommunicated.

Luther and Protestantism's primary theological beliefs that influence us even today are as follows:

- The Bible as the supreme authority for one's faith and the Church's life. This relativizes all other authorities, including church councils, creeds, clergy, even secular government. It also means education is emphasized, for if the Bible is the supreme authority, one must be able to read the Bible! Schools began to form beside Protestant churches and later, Protestants were leaders in public education
- Justification (make right with God) by God's grace through faith, not by our good works. In other words, we are "saved" *for* good works, not *by* them.
- The priesthood of all believers. Each of us has direct access to God though each of us is to be a priest to our neighbors.
- The sanctity of the common life. In Luther's day, if you really wanted to be sure you were right with God, you became a priest, monk, or nun. Luther insisted all honorable vocations, secular (common) or sacred, are in the service of God.
- The importance of conscious, deliberate choice in faith. This primarily asserts that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be received in faith.

You can observe the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on at least three occasions. One is by participating in our 9:30 a.m. worship on October 29th at PCWS. Another is to worship at a special ecumenical Taize service, sponsored by Western Springs clergy, at St. John's of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7th. (Or, third, some of us at PCWS will be attending "The Reformation at 500: An Interdenominational Conversation" at Concordia University in Chicago at 7:00 p.m. on October 30th (See related article on page 5.)

I hope you have a chance to participate in at least one of these events.

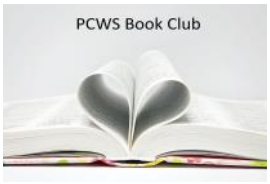
Grace and peace,

Bill
Pastor Bill

Congregational News

DID YOU KNOW :

Did you know that Church Life helps to stuff 300+ eggs full of candy for the Bunny Brunch, honors and celebrates with approximately 10 graduates during the Baccalaureate Breakfast, feeds 70-100 people on Rally Day, entertains 35+ people at the Progressive Dinner, and spreads cheer to countless people during our Caroling expedition? We encourage YOU to join us for our six or seven social events we host every year!



Book Club

We invite anyone to join the group for the year, or any part of the year, as your time and interest permit. The discussions are always informal and often lively! Here's the selections for October and November so you can get a head start:

October 23: **When the Moon is Low**
by Nadia Hashimi
November 27: **Once We Were Brothers**
by Ronald Balson

OUR PASTOR

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

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the Session will have approved the Ministry Information Form created by the Pastor Nominating Committee. Next, we need approval from the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. Then, we'll enter the data into the PC(USA) database and, poof, the first batch of dossiers will start rolling in. Officially, they're called Pastor Information Forms, PIFs for short, if you want to impress your friends. Then we go into "mum's the word" mode while we read, review, contact, interview, pray, listen, visit, pray, discuss, interview and pray some more to discern who God is calling to be our next pastor. Thank you for your questions, concerns and prayers.

Welcome Wagon

PCWS has a new outreach tool: Welcome Wagon! For the next year, PCWS will have a page in Welcome Wagon books that go to new homeowners of the Western Springs, La Grange and LaGrange Park areas. Our page encourages them to stop by to pick up a reusable PCWS shopping bag. Of course, we will conveniently fill it with a letter from the co-Directors of Lay Ministries (Jane Melilli and Kay Kelly), a copy of the most recent Glad Tidings and some of our brochures.

We'll use the names and addresses of the Welcome Wagoners to send them a letter from Pastor Bill. We will track our contacts and review the effectiveness in a few months.

"Breaking Bread" Small Groups

The "Breaking Bread" small groups are being formed. These small groups will give us opportunities to make new connections and/or strengthen ones already present. Each group will be made up of eight people from PCWS. The groups are organized and overseen by the Faith Formation committee. Each group will meet at least four times in the coming year (once a Quarter.) Over the course of the year we hope participants will get to know those in their group and make new connections within our church family. All those who signed up will be receiving an email in the first week of October advising them of their group.

If you have questions you can call, email, or speak to Tai.

Adult News

"Generations of Generosity"

"One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness"… "Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations."
Psalm 145

The annual fall financial campaign kicked off on Sunday, September 24th with an announcement of this year's theme – "Generations of Generosity".
Pledge Sunday is October 29th. But, you don't have to wait for Pledge Sunday. Go ahead and return your pledges now! You can pledge in different ways! They are:

1. On-line on our website ,
2. You may return the pledge card that was sent to you earlier in the mail; either by return mail or simply place the card in the offering plate on Sunday; or
3. Send an email to *stewardship@presbyws.org with your pledge amount.*

Whichever method you choose, please remember to submit your pledge no later than October 29th, Pledge Sunday. That way, 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 is providing weekly updates via a chart in the Jones room.

Every single gift is vital to our church. Please make your commitment today! If you have never made a pledge before, we ask that you commit to support the life and ministries at PCWS in 2018. If you currently pledge, we thank you, and ask that you renew and consider increasing **your pledge** for 2018 in response to God's love **and** the many blessings God's bestowed. Thank you for your faithful support and for all the gifts that you share.

Should you have any questions about the campaign, the Church's operations or budget, please don't hesitate to contact our committee members or pastor.

The Leadership & Ministries Committee
Condy Dixon, Moderator
Chad Sellman

Presbyterian Women

Thursday, October 5 -- 12:30 p.m. at PCWS

What makes you smile? A day away with friends? Watching your children or grandchildren play soccer or another sport? Reading a fun book? A special photo of birds, flowers, or nature's handicraft? Join your PW friends for lunch and a fun program, "What Makes You Smile". Joyce Burzloff, a premier photographer, will present what makes her smile, with snippets from her vast photographic collection. Joyce is a neighbor of Judy McAtee and Ann Jones. All ladies are invited to share a photo or two from their own collection that makes them smile. Join with the ladies of First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange at PCWS for the luncheon and program.

The charge is $12 and covers the cost of the luncheon and any program fees. Call the church office, by Monday October 2, to let us know you plan to attend.

Afternoon Circle meets October 17, 1:00 p.m. in the Graham Charter Room. Lesson 2, "In Community with the Living God" from Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews by Melissa Bane Sevier. Discussion will be led by Rev. Tai Cole Zimmerman.

Evening Circle meets October 24, 6:00 p.m. at The Grapevine (9 W. Hillgrove, LaGrange) for dinner. The group will then proceed to Sue Kovalicks' home to discuss Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving and will be led by Loretta Gratias-Bremer .

Adult News

Interfaith Book Group

The Interfaith Book Group will meet twice in October.

On October 18, we will go to the Mosque Foundation for the discussion at 1:30 p.m. leaving the church at 1:00. Ann Beran Jones will lead the conversation of our book, The Spymistress by Jennifer Chiaverini.

We will gather at Linda Larsen's home in Oak Forest on October 25 for a pot-luck salad luncheon. Linda is an artist and this is an opportunity to view and enjoy her works of art.

The women of the church are welcome to be part of this interactive group of ladies who have different faith traditions but share common bonds and friendships.

If you wish more information, contact Carol Stoub.

PW of Chicago Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 28,
9:00 a.m. - noon

The meeting will be at New Deliverance Presbyterian Church, 11200 South State Street, Chicago. Keynote speaker will be Melissa Bane Sevier, author of this year's Horizons Bible study. For more information, see the poster on the PW bulletin board in the lower hallway. Contact Mary Jo Blough, via email , mjblo@juno.com, if you would like to attend.

This Year Marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

Come, learn and celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at Reformation 500. On October 30th at 7:30 p.m., Concordia University will be hosting an interdenominational conversation among religious leaders about the Reformation. Listen in as contemporary Christian leaders discuss denominational divergence and convergence at this historic mile marker and engage in a principled conversation about the historic and theological divisions emerging from the reformation controversies, as well as points of shared concern and common cause among Christian churches. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet the speakers afterwards. Please RSVP to Tai if you plan to attend.

500TH Anniversary OF THE REFORMATION

A COMMUNITY TAIZE SERVICE WILL OBSERVE THIS Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m.

The Western Springs Ministerium is planning an ecumenical Taize Worship service to be held at St. John of the Cross to observe the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The service is entitled *One Taize: One Faith, One Baptism, One Lord.* Area churches are invited to help plan, participate and attend the service! Please plan to attend; the Deacons have already changed their meeting date for that month so they can attend. Also, if any of you would like to help plan the service, please let Pastor Bill know. More details will appear in next month's *Glad Tidings.*

COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 9, 2017
Church and Offices Closed

Children's Ministry

Godly Play

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 6th grade, will go to their classes 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 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 the 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 create 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

Faith Builders is a 45 minute learning experience after worship that allows parents and family members to attend adult faith formation. 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.

Old Town School of Folk Music's celebrated early childhood music program welcomes young children and their families to the world of music. Silly, musical, playful, and wonderful, Wiggleworms® is a hands-on exploration of rock, pop, folk, and fun.

wiggleworms

for babies, toddlers & pre-schoolers

Classes meet Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at PCWS. For more information, or to register, visit their webpage: http://www.oldtownschool.org/classes/kids/wiggleworms/westernsprings/

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 program and become an Approved Leader. If you are interested, or know someone who would be a good fit, 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.

THIS MONTH'S

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Claire Carsten
Mollie Galloway
Robert Mansfield
Piper Murray
Katie Pendleton

Adult Education

Safe Space Training
Tuesday October 10, 7:00 p.m.

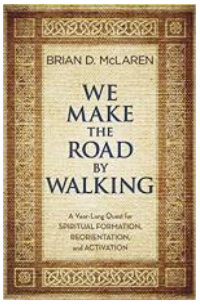
The Safe Space Team held a training session for Confirmation leaders in September and will be scheduling more in October and November. The next training is open to all adults who have not yet been trained at PCWS. If you'd like to be a certified driver for youth events, or if you are a parent of children or youth who attend any of the wonderful PCWS programs, or if you happen to be someone who might volunteer at some point in the next few years, then you are invited to attend a training session and become an Approved Leader.

So far we've trained about 40 people in the easy, healthy practice of safe boundaries for our church and we'd like that number to grow!

We believe that because our culture is one of love and hospitality, our safe space goals fit perfectly with who we already are—a welcoming place for families of all ages!

If you would like to volunteer with children or youth, contact Tai Cole for an application. Watch the bulletin and weekly email for the next training session. The policy is available on our website or from the church office.

ONE Church ONE Book



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

Discussion Groups meet on Sunday After Worship
We encourage everyone to join one of these two classes:
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 minutes in the Library 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.

Theology and Brew

Starting in October, Theology and Brew Evening Edition will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and the Daytime Edition will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 12 noon.

Both will be held at the Hillgrove Tap on Wolf Road in Western Springs. Articles for discussion will be emailed out at least a week before the gathering for you to read. Fell free to share and invite friends to join us for the conversation.

Not on the distribution list? Email Tai and she'll be happy to add you to the list.

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.

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)

Mission and ministry

Do You Know Someone Who Would Make A Good Elder OR Deacon?

While PCWS's Officer Nominating Committee had its first meeting September 12th, it is still not too late to submit the name of someone you think would serve well as an elder or deacon. The Presbyterian Church is perhaps the only denomination to ordain laypersons to church office. We have the belief that elders and deacons are called by God, just as ministers are, to serve Christ in and through the church. A first step in such a call is often a fellow church member believing someone has the gifts and graces to serve as an elder or deacon and passing that name on to the Officer Nominating Committee. Members of the Officer Nominating Committee for 2017 are:

From the Session:
Condy Dixon, Moderator
Steve Wennerstrum
From the Deacons: Jan Paddock
From the congregation-at-large: Jessie Fronk, Cheryl Hanson, Lorraine Hoskins, Kay Kelly, Joyce Smyers, Hank Vaughan

Feel free to give any of these individuals the name, or names, of those you feel are called to serve as elder or deacon.

Come Join Us in Song!
Music is what feelings sound like —
Author Unknown

The fall music program is in full swing. We have a great lineup of music to share this season. I encourage you to share your musical talents with us here at PCWS! As the song suggests, *let our talents and tongues employ!*

PCWS is a singing congregation - so many churches are not as fortunate as we are, often times it will only be a few voices or the choir that support singing of the hymns but not us! That suggests there are many hidden singers within our midsts! I know everyone is very busy so I would like to encourage you to come join us either on a Thursday evening rehearsal or even just at 8:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning. You will never know what it's like to sing in the choir until you try it. You do not have to read music to sing with the choir!!!

Here is what we have lined up so far for this season:
October 1st - World Communion Sunday, music led by the Chancel Choir
October 8th - Lesley Sharkey, guest pianist, will be back again to share her talents
October 29th - The 500th Reformation Anniversary - music will be led by the Men's Ensemble.
The Men's Ensemble will sing on Sunday, October 29th. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, October 26th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. in the Jones room.

Special Music Upcoming in November:
November 19th - No-Name Band

Special Music Upcoming in December:
December 3rd - Hanging of the Greens, music led by the Chancel Choir
December 17th - Brass and Bells

The Chancel Choir does not rehearse every Thursday, even more reason to come and give us a try! The Thursday rehearsal schedule is posted on the PCWS online calendar as well as here: October 26; November 2, 9 and 30; December 7 and 21, rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please feel free to email me for more information or if you have any questions, Stephanie (stefcoates@gmail.com.)

Mission & Ministry

Lay Ministry: Welcome Guests

Several months ago you learned that PCWS has new Co-Directors of Lay Ministry, Jane Melilli and Kay Kelly. "That's nice," you probably thought, and left it at that.

BUT . . . your Directors of Lay Ministry need your help to welcome guests and make them feel welcome. Your assistance is important in making PCWS feel like the "big hug" our PNC describes. We need to make sure that this continues to be true and even improves.

Guests should feel welcomed in ALL facets of PCWS before AND after they become members.
That's where every single person at PCWS has to help. *Every single Sunday. At every event.* Kay and Jane cannot do it all.

If you feel a little uncomfortable talking to a new person, think how a new person must feel looking at a whole church of people they don't know. A PCWS member describes these exact feelings in the article titled "Do You Recognize this Church" on the next page. Here are several ways to help:

- Sit downstairs when possible. A fuller sanctuary feels more vibrant.
- Change where you sit. You might feel more energized by the change in scenery.
- Complete the pew pad. Be an example so that guests feel it is part of our fabric.
- Take note of the names on the pew pad. When you call people by name, they feel important, that you care.
- Notice and greet those around you when we welcome each other during the service.
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't recognize. It is ok if they turn out to be members. Members need to feel welcomed, too.
- Read the bulletin so that you can invite guests to upcoming PCWS events.
- Greet guests after the service and invite them to fellowship time. Show them the way.
- Find a common topic of conversation. Ask questions. Listen to the answers. People who get to talk about themselves often feel good about the conversation.
- Spend a few minutes talking to people whom Jane and Kay introduce to you.
- Introduce your friends to someone you meet. Welcome them into your conversation.
- Thank guests for coming and invite them back.

Finally, share your knowledge with Jane and Kay. They will want to follow up and connect them with others having similar interests and backgrounds.

Kay Kelly
Jane Melilli
Co-Directors of Lay Ministry

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Donate online to help all those affected by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes!

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 the Sunday, October 1 bulletin 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.

Do You Recognize this Church?

Have you ever been somewhere and felt like a stranger? A guest walks in the door of a neighborhood church. The greeters were friendly and showed her the way to the ladies room. The people around her shared the "passing of the peace" but did not follow up with an invitation to go to fellowship hour. The order of worship felt familiar and the organ music was lovely – the congregation sang familiar hymns so those things were positive. When she finally found her way to the fellowship hour, everyone stayed in their usual groups. Several times she tried to catch someone's gaze, but no one returned her smile. She approached a couple of people and tried to strike up a conversation but was not successful. She approached the pastor twice and he walked on by her both times. She felt terrible, as it seemed that there was no way to break into a conversation. It looked friendly on the outside, but was unfriendly and close knit to one another on the inside.

Have you been to a church like this? Is PCWS like this? Do we reach out to those we do not recognize? Do you try to greet a stranger in the pews around you? While we all want to "catch up" with church friends on Sunday morning, let's try to greet the person we don't know first and introduce them to our friends. There will always be time to catch-up later. If you see someone during Fellowship, or at an event, and they look lost/ lonely, walk over and greet them. Let's be welcoming before, during and after worship.

Michelle Hennessy
Director of Communications

P.S. A member recently shared this experience with me and gave me permission to share.

Member News

Thank you for your service at PCWS in September! 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

Food For Life: Cooks: Ann DeVries, Joyce Rodos
Shopper: Carolyn Bozek
Driver/Server: Kathy Wennerstrum

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 October: Sue Eck, Laurie Merrifield, Sue Kovalick

We Hear From Our Members:

Members of the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs,
I would like to thank everyone who sent a get well card.
It was good to hear from everyone,
John V. Kregg

Dear PCWS friends in church,
The flowers are the prettiest. Friends stop in and cannot believe how beautiful they are. Norman and I are touched by your kindness!
Norm and Betty Toft

Jan Fortina: new email address: churchladyjan@gmail.com

Joe Benson
38 Red Oak Ct
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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

We're Social! Are You?

Follow us, share our information with your friends and family!

Member News

Remember in Prayer

To Rick Remiker & Family on the death of Robert L Remiker, Sr. father of Rick Remiker, on August 29, 2017.

News Deadlines

Bulletin: Submit announcements to the church office by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. **Email** to pcws@presbyws.org.

Weekly Connection: Submit information by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday for inclusion in the Thursday email.

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 November *Glad Tidings* for mailing— Meet October 25 @ 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

- **Roger Adams**
- The Ahmeti Family
- Tom Allen
- **Kimberly Bone**
- 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
- Meri van Bragt
- 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 October

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. 17 Theology & Brew Evening Edition

Oct. 18 Interfaith Book Group
Session

Oct. 21 Confirmation Fall Retreat

Oct. 23 PCWS Book Group

Oct. 24 Theology & Brew Daytime Edition

Oct. 25 Prepare *Glad Tidings* for mailing

Oct. 27 Women's Retreat

Oct. 29 Blood Drive

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(Church & Offices Closed)

Nov. 24 (Church & Offices Closed)

Nov. 27 Prepare *Glad Tidings* for mailing
PCWS Book Group

Nov. 28 Theology & Brew Daytime Edition

Nov. 29 Mission Committee

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