Glad Tidings

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

All Saints' Sunday - November 5th

On Sunday, November 5th, during our 9:30 a.m. worship, we will have a memorial service to commemorate the lives of those in our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last memorial service on October 30, 2016. There will also be an opportunity in the service for those in attendance to name family or special friends outside our congregation who have died in the past year.

For centuries the church universal has set aside November 1st as All Saints' Day to remember those who have gone before us in the faith. In the Presbyterian tradition, "All Saints' Sunday" has been observed on the first Sunday of November as we are doing this year. "Saints" in the New Testament are simply Christians, believers in Jesus Christ. We are saints not because we are holy, but because God is holy. We are saints because God has called us out and set us aside for service to God and to others. No single individual is referred to as a saint in the New Testament, for no one is set apart alone. Saints in the New Testament are found only in the plural. In other words, we are in this together as a community of faith.

Please join us on Sunday, November 5, as we remember those in this community of faith and others dear to us who have "fought the good fight" and passed on the faith to us. Those individuals who have been a part of PCWS we will be remembering are: Bob Fencl, Lewis Skeels, and Don Simmonds.

A Community Taizé Service
Will Observe the 500th Anniversary
of the Protestant Reformation
Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m.

The Western Springs Ministerium is planning an ecumenical Taize Worship service to be held then 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 participate in and attend the service. The Deacons have already changed their meeting date for November so they can be present.

Leftover Halloween Candy Wanted!

The Deacons will be sending out College Care Packages in November. At the November 8th meeting, they will be packing up 31 boxes to send to our college students.

Please consider donating your left-over Halloween candy to be included in these packages. On November 1, there will be a receptacle near the office for depositing your leftover Halloween candy!

As always, the Deacons thank you for your continuing support.

Remember to turn your clocks back Sunday, November 5!

Congregational News

Someone with whom I work closely asked to write this month's Interim Pastor's Study article for me. What follows is that article.

Bill

HELLO THERE!

I am the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs' **Budget**. Through me baptisms, marriages, funerals, and worship services are performed; our children, youth, and adults are educated in the Christian faith; wonderful music sounds praises to God; our people receive the pastoral care they need; our building is heated, cooled, cleaned, and insured; human needs are met in this area and in lands across the oceans; the wider church of Christ is strengthened for the many ministries that God has established to reach out to other people.

I have no false modesty or apology. Through me the truth gets told, and people are emboldened to grow and to open themselves to God's leading. Through me the sick, weary, troubled, bereaved, and discouraged find strength, hope, and wholeness. Through me, PCWS's Pastor Nominating Committee has been assisted in their search and the new Pastor who is called by this congregation will be supported. Through me, the good news of Jesus Christ is proclaimed in words and deeds within this community and around the world.

Yes, I am your Budget. Many of the exciting, life-giving things happening in and through the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs could not happen without me. Therefore, I want those of you who have supported me this year and pledged to support me next year to know how grateful I am. Thank you!

I am requesting those of you who have not yet supported me this year or pledged to support me next year to prayerfully consider doing so. Please do so in a spirit of gratitude, remembering all that God has given you. I believe God has great plans for the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs, but I need your prayers and your financial support to help make these plans a reality.

Faithfully yours,

"The Budget"

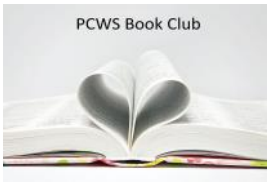
Saturday,
November 11

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



We invite everyone 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 selection for November so you can get a head start:

November 27: **Once We Were Brothers**
by Ronald Balson

The group will not meet in December, but will meet again January 22, 2018.

Theology and Brew

Theology and Brew Evening Edition will meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month (November 21) at 7:00 p.m.

The Daytime Edition will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month (November 28) at 12 noon.

Both will be held at the Hillgrove Tap. Articles for discussion will be emailed out at least a week before the gathering for you to read and invite friends to join us for the conversation.

Save the Date:
All Church Caroling
Sunday, December 10, 4:00 p.m.

"Breaking Bread" Small Groups

Our Breaking Bread groups have now been formed and we will have six groups meeting throughout 2017-2018. Members who have signed up should have received an email and letter with details about the Breaking Bread group they are in and the upcoming year.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Tai Z. Cole.

From the Finance Committee

Earlier this year at a congregational meeting, we shared that we needed to fund the 2016 deficit with the intent to not continue this need in 2017. Based on the approved budget, we are expecting a shortfall of approximately $60,000 from pledges and contributions for the full 2017 year. As of September 30th, our actual pledge/contributions are ahead of budget due to timing. Additionally, the Session and Staff have done a commendable job of expense savings and therefore we have reduced the anticipated shortfall for the end-of-year results. The finance committee and Session is committed to exercising all efforts to minimize any deficit for 2017 and we ask that you satisfy your 2017 pledge in the coming months. We will provide additional details of the financial position at the congregational meeting in November.

Your finance committee respectfully reminds you that we need you to complete your pledge commitment for next year. The 2018 budget is being completed based on your pledges. We rely heavily on this commitment as we contemplate our expenses including personnel costs, mission, facility costs, etc. that are vital to the wellbeing of our church.

Thank you for your regular support of PCWS and its mission.

Adult News

Presbyterian Women

Thursday, November 2 -- 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange

"Water, Water Everywhere, But Not a Drop to Drink" (from Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Coleridge). Our communities are built near locations of fresh water, both for drinking and transportation. What are the implications when global climate change both ravages existing cities through severe weather and diverts rainfall away from population centers. The impact of reduced glaciation, severe storms and the socio-economic impact of these changes will be discussed. Presenter will be Melissa Cogan.

Melissa Cogan holds a PhD in biology from the University of Chicago and she taught biology and Human Impact on the Environment at Loyola University for over 10 years. She is a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange.

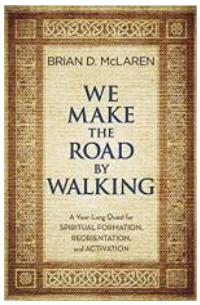
Program will be at 10:30 a.m., with brunch following at 11:30 a.m. in Westminster Hall. Enter through the Catherine Ave. door or through the handicapped entrance off the parking lot. Cost is $12. Please call Kristene at the PCWS office by Monday, October 30, so we can have an accurate count to give FPCL.

Afternoon Circle
Tuesday, November 21, 1:00 p.m.—Afternoon Circle at PCWS. Cloud of Witnesses, Lesson 3, In Community with the Living Word Led by Rev. Tai Zimmerman Cole.

Evening Circle
Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 p.m.—Dinner at a local restaurant (TBA). Discussion of Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, by Debby Irving will be at 7:00 p.m. at Carol Stoub's, 141 N. LaGrange Rd, #206. Loretta Gratias-Bremer will lead the discussion. Call Nancy Glickman if you have questions.

Church Women United
Friday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. — Church Women United World Community Day at St. James Lutheran Church, 5129 Wolf Rd, Western Springs. Bible study at 9:30 a.m. followed by program at 10:30 a.m.

ONE Church ONE Book



As a congregation this year, we are together reading the same book. For the entire 2017-2018 season, we will be reading and discussing, "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian McLaren. There are short weekly readings of 4 to 6 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.

We Make the Road by Walking Adult Faith Formation class meets each Sunday in the Graham Charter room at 10:45 a.m. Join us each week for a discussion of the week's chapter and share the way you are journeying together.

If you are interested in leading one of the weekly discussions please speak to Tai. The more voices and perspectives we have the better discussions we will have.

Interfaith Book Group

The Interfaith Book Group will meet on November 15 at PCWS at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Room.

We will discuss the book "*The Tea Girl of Mockingbird Lane*" by Lisa See. This promises to be another insightful discussion. All are welcome.

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

November

The information gained at the parents/youth meeting in September was used to reevaluate our schedule and I made some changes accordingly. Please make sure your calendar matches up with the schedule to the right!

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UPY Movie Night

- The UPYs will be given a choice among movies when the date gets closer, so be on the lookout;
- We will have snacks and drinks for our time together!
- Time Permitting, we will discuss how the movie impacts us as youth in the world today.

Sky Zone, Orland Park

Novmeber 12, 2017

- **We will leave church at 4:00 p.m.**
- **The Cost is $20 per person**
- **The Cost includes Jump time, Jump Socks, and Dinner**
- **We will return to church around 8:00 p.m.**

November Dates:

Sunday, November 5
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
UPY Movie Night

Sunday, November 12
4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
JUPY Sky Zone Event in Orland Park

Sunday, November 19
6:30 p.m. —8:00 p.m.
UPY Game Night

December Dates:

Sunday, December 3
10:00 a.m. UPY Cookie Walk and Toy Donation Drive
5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
JUPY Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
UPY Christmas Party

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.

Christmas Parties

We are looking for a host for the UPY Christmas Party. If you or someone you know would be willing to host, please contact Brendon with the information found to the right.

Staff Contact Info

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

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

Congregational news

Musical Happenings in November:

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 (stefcoates@gmail.com) and we will work out an alternative plan.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals:
Thursday, November 2nd and November 9th.
Choir sings in church on Sunday, November 5th and November 12th.

Please consider joining us for one or both of these times. Please feel free to send me an email, (stefcoates@gmail.com) or a text/call anytime, 630-697-4028.

Handbell Choir: The handbell choir will begin rehearsals in November. If you would like to come and ring with us, or even just give it a try, please let me know.

No-Name Band: The band will be leading worship on Sunday, November 19th. Please contact Kami Booth if interested in singing or playing with the band.

Would you Like to Enhance Christmas Eve Worship?
Looking towards Christmas Eve, instead of having pre-service music before the Christmas Eve service(s), the churchI would like to incorporate any soloists who would like to sing or play on Christmas Eve, into the 5:00 p.m. service. Please email me if you have someone in your family who would like to share his/her musical talents, or even the whole family, on Christmas Eve. More information will be coming, but it's not too early to plan now.

Stephanie Coates (stefcoates@gmail.com)

Advent Fair December 3

This year our Advent Fair will focus on the theme of the Jesse Tree. Members of the congregation will get the chance to create ornaments to make their own Jesse tree at home. This is also in conjunction with the Advent Devotional written by members of the congregation.

Join the fun and Fellowship on December 3 after worship in the Jones Room along with the cookie walk, and alternative giving fair.

December 3, 2017

Family Camp 2018

Mark your Calendar—the Annual Family Camp will be January 5th-7th , 2018.

Don't miss the fun of board games, fireside conversations, late night laughter, and memories that last generations.

All are welcome and encouraged to join this fun weekend. More details coming soonl

Mission & Ministry

Work Day at Margret's Shelter November 4!

PCWS is having a work day for Margaret's Village (f/k/a Maria Shelter) on Saturday November 4, 2017. Plan to meet at PCWS at 8:00 a.m. to carpool down. Lunch will be provided and we will plan to be done around 2:00 p.m.. We will have projects for all skill levels. Dress for outdoor and indoor work.

This year the confirmation class and mentors will join the group as one of their two mission projects for the year.

Come join our 'Fixin' & Fellowship!!!

Safe Space Training Sunday November 5, 10:30 a.m.

The Safe Space Team will hold another training session for any adult who would like to volunteer with Children or Youth programs here at PCWS. Even if you'd just like to learn more about the Safe Space program, we invite you to attend this training session.

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! The policy is available on our website or from the church office.

Save the Date for the Alternative Giving Fair Sunday, December 3, 2017

Please join us after worship on Sunday, December 3rd. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to give directly to local, global and denominational missions, as well as fair-trade items for purchase that are always great holiday gifts for neighbors, friends, family and teachers.

For starters, we will again feature annual favorites: Divine Fair Trade Chocolate, Heifer International, Church World Service and Walmart gift cards for Margaret's Village (formerly Maria Shelter) AND will have some surprises again this year, too.

Watch for more details in your next Glad Tidings and PCWS communications!

The Gift of Warmth

As the seasons change and the Holidays approach, please consider setting aside gently used coats and jackets, and new warm hats and mittens/gloves to place at the Christmas Giving Tree coming in December.

We will once again be collecting these items, as well as non-perishable food items, to share with our friends (and their children) in need.

They're Back!

The chocolate Advent calendars will be back again this year! Celebrate each day in Advent by opening a square to uncover a delicious chocolate treat! A fun and thoughtful gift to share with family and friends of all ages, the 2017 calendars will be available in the Jones Room after worship on Sunday, November 19 so you'll have them in plenty of time for the first Sunday in Advent, December 3. Calendars have sold quickly in the past, so be sure to get yours while supplies last!

Member News

Thank you for your service at PCWS in October! 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: Mary Jo and Ron Blough, Sue Eck
Shopper: Carolyn Bozek
Driver/Server: Kathy Wennerstrum and Marsha Martinaitis
Thank you Marsha, for serving with Kathy in September.

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

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

Flowers in November: Sue Eck, Sue Kovalick

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Carlisle	Charlie Carlisle
Marissa Carsten	Connor Cushman
Isabella Davia	Jayson Fronk
Caleb Strohl	Kate Vaughan
Carter Yates	Jillian Yates

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Congratulations Henry Lobash!

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Henry Lobash auditioned and was selected for the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra in September. Henry plays the trombone in the CYSO debut orchestra which provides mainly middle school-aged student musicians with their first exposure to high level full orchestra training.

Henry is a 7th grader at Park Junior High in La Grange Park where he is in the school band and jazz band. He is the son of Mike Lobash and Laura Cordell.

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Member News

Member Updates:

Marilyn Hanson no longer has a land line. Her only phone number is her cell phone: 708-846-6261

Shirley Pine has gone digital! Here's her email: shirleypine1@icloud.com

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 December *Glad Tidings* for mailing— Meet November28, 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

Remember in Prayer

- **Roger Adams**
- The Ahmeti Family
- Tom Allen
- **Kimberly Bone**
- Diane Bonner
- Diane Markley Bruser
- George Bruser
- Phyllis Cordell
- **Bill Dougherty**
- **Billye Dvorak**
- Norm Erickson
- Paulette Erickson
- **Becky Glasscock**
- 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**
- 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 November

Nov. 1 All Saints Day
Faith Formation Committee
Worship Committee

Nov. 2 Presbyterian Women

Nov. 4 Margret's Shelter Work Day

Nov. 5 Daylight Savings Time

Nov. 7 Community Taizé Worship Service

Nov. 8 Deacons
Personnel Committee

Nov. 9 Finance Committee

Nov. 10 *Glad Tidings* Article Deadline

Nov. 15 Interfaith Book Group
Session

Nov. 21 Theology & Brew Evening Edition

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving
(Church & Offices Closed)

Nov. 24 (Church & Offices Closed)

Nov. 27 PCWS Book Group

Nov. 28 Theology & Brew Daytime Edition
Prepare *Glad Tidings* for mailing

Nov. 29 Mission Committee

Upcoming Events in December

Dec. 3 Hanging of the Greens
Advent Fair
Cookie Walk
Alternative Giving Fair

Dec. 5 Deacons

Dec. 6 Faith Formation Committee
Worship Committee

Dec. 7 Presbyterian Women

Dec. 10 All Church Caroling Event
Glad Tidings Article Deadline

Dec. 13 Personnel Committee

Dec. 14 Finance Committee

Dec. 20 Session

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day
(Church & Offices Closed)

Dec. 26-29 Holiday Office Hours
(9:00 a.m.—noon)

Dec. 27 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.