Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

6:30 a.m.  Sunrise Service
Fellowship will follow with coffee/donuts/fruit and time to chat
before heading home.

8:30 a.m.  Fellowship in the Jones room will precede our worship
service at 9:30 a.m.  Come join your PCWS friends to welcome
Easter with lots of goodies and an activity table for children.

9:30 a.m.  Easter Worship Service

Safe Space Training

Come join us on Wednesday, April 18th, at 6:15 pm, or Sunday,
April 29th following worship for Safe Space training. Our goal is
to have at least a quarter of the congregation Safe Space trained
and approved. This will be easily obtained by having all our
parents, church officers, and those interested in children and
ministry at PCWS attend a Safe Space training.

So what is required of you to be Safe Space trained and
approved? Just attend one of the training sessions and fill out
the paperwork....YES!!! It is really that simple. The Safe Space
committee does the rest of the work for you.

What do you get from being Safe Space trained and approved?
You will learn more about PCWS and our policies. You will learn
why we are Biblical, morally, theologically called to be Safe
Space trained and approved....and you will be able to volunteer
to be part of our children and youth ministry. If nothing else it is
worth learning why we do this!

If you have questions about Safe Space at PCWS please speak to
Tai Cole or Michelle Hennessy.

Communion Preparation

The worship committee has a need to expand the list of those who are willing to prepare the communion
service. The hour and a half preparation of the juice trays and table service takes place on the day before
Communion Sunday. On Sunday, the bread trays are prepared 45 minutes before the service. Kindly contact
Sue Eck if you are interested (sueeck@gmail.com)

An Update From
The PNC

As Sarah articulated
during the annual
meeting in March, we have been very
busy! All nine of us are giving our all to
ensure that when we welcome our new
pastor, he or she will be the right fit for
our family and will be in it for the long
haul . . . just as all of us are.

We have reviewed over 210 Pastor
Information Forms, and have begun
speaking to some amazing candidates -
but doing things right takes time and
perseverance. The Israelites spent 40
years in the wilderness and Jesus
wandered 40 days in the desert . . . well
we have met almost every week for the
past 40 weeks.

God has a plan for us and there is an end
in sight. Your continued love, patience
and support is appreciated.

Thank you, Walt, Kay, David, Mark,
Tricia, Matt, Sarah, Peter, and Candice.
PCWS: Welcome Your New Pastor!

Now that I’ve got your attention with the title, let me begin with the disclaimers. No, you were not asleep during our recent congregational meeting and missed a new Pastor being called! (Maybe you slept during the sermon, but not the congregational meeting!) A new Pastor has not been called. No, I don’t have special insider information as to when a new Pastor will be called. Interim Pastors are ethically bound not to be a part of that process.

Welcome Your New Pastor, though, is the name of a new financial campaign the Session authorized at their last stated meeting. This $75,000 fundraiser is specifically for meeting the financial realities of tangibly welcoming a new Pastor.

$50,000 is for repairing, updating, and remodeling the manse because it sounds as if living in the manse is the overwhelming choice of most of the pastoral candidates. Updating the manse was originally not a part of our recent capital funds campaign but this need is now apparent and it is a wonderful way to welcome the new Pastor!

Some $25,000 of the campaign is to go toward the cost of bringing candidates (and families, if necessary) to the area for interviews and the cost of moving the Pastor-elect (and family, if necessary) to Western Springs. With three Pastors in its 63 or so year history, this is something PCWS does only every 21 years! So we don’t anticipate making this particular financial request again of the congregation anytime soon!

You may understandably say, “But we’re in the last year of our three year capital fund campaign and PCWS is asking for money again?” Yes, but the reason for this campaign is a once-in-every-21 year event. Or, you might say, “Between my giving to our annual budget and the capital fund campaign, I am not able to give more!” Fine, this campaign is for those who can give more. There is no shame in not contributing to this campaign if you’re already giving what you can.

But this campaign does offer a tangible way for PCWS to welcome its new Pastor when he or she does arrive. You will be hearing more details in the coming weeks.

Let’s welcome your new Pastor!

Grace and peace,

Bill
Pastor Bill
We Want Your Input!

Watch your email and Sunday bulletins for a survey from Church Life and Membership beginning April 15!

PCWS Book Club

We invite anyone to join us for the year, or any part of the year, as your time and interest permits. Discussions are always informal and often lively! Here is the book for this month:

April 23
The Spymistress by Jennifer Chiaverni

Better Angels Skills Workshop

Saturday, April 7
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There is a lot of stress these days among family members and friends who are divided politically. Polarized public conversations aren’t helping.

Please join Better Angels for a workshop to sharpen skills for having respectful conversations, those that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of relationships. The workshop is FREE of charge and will be held at:
St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Rd. Western Springs.

Advance registration via email to michael.mcgillicuddy@gmail.com is required.

For more information, visit the website: better-angels.org.

Highlights of the Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs on Sunday, March 4, 2018, the following business was transacted:

- Copies of the 2017 Annual Report and 2017 Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances were received as information.
- Elder Peter Weber presented the 2018 budget approved by the Session and questions for clarification about the budget were discussed (copies of the 2018 budget & congregational meeting agendas are available in the church office).
- Information about a special, one-time $75,000 fundraising initiative, Welcome Our New Pastor, to be conducted after Lent, was shared (see related article from the Interim Pastor in this GT).
- It was moved, seconded, and voted to ratify the Session’s action to name Peter Weber, President, Condy Dixon, Vice President, and Walt Kovalick, Secretary, of the corporation of the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs.
- The congregation ratified the Session-selected Financial Officers as listed in the Annual Report.
- Updates on the Capital Campaign and progress toward implementation of the improvements to the church as outlined in the Annual Report were noted.
- Contributions to the Church by all retiring and current Elders and Deacons, Committee members, and Financial Officers were recognized by asking them to stand.
- Sarah Sullivan and Candice Mares, members of the Pastor Nominating Committee, presented an update on the status of the pastoral search process and the PNC was thanked for their diligent work, while noting they have reviewed over 210 Personal Information forms.
- Words of encouragement were spoken by Rogers Malone to all those who have stepped up into leadership during this interim period.
- Parish Associate Rev. Don Simmonds and PCWS members who joined the Church Triumphant in 2017 were memorialized with a moment of silence followed by prayer.
What do you know about Stephen Ministry at PCWS?

Stephen ministers provide confidential lay caring for people experiencing difficulties of one kind or another—not therapy, not home-helper, not Bible study leaders. Stephen ministers provide most of their service by just listening once a week for about an hour or attempting to solve someone’s problem without being judgmental. Think about it: if life had dealt you a difficult hand at the moment (which happens to all of us at times) doesn’t it sound nice to know that a caring person would set aside an hour a week just for you. A time when you could air your frustrations, uncertainties, and emotions confidentially and without judgment.

Stephen ministry at PCWS began about five years ago when Rev. Lewis asked if I would be willing to be trained as a Stephen leader. So off I went for a week of training. Then we recruited five people here who would be willing to commit to 50 hours of training over a period of four to five months. And so we now had five Stephen ministers: David Boxell, Dom Garino, Nancy Glickman, Michelle Hennessy and Lorraine Hoskins. A year later, two more individuals committed to the training: Marilyn Hanson and Joyce Smyers. Since then these lay ministers have devoted hundreds of hours supporting 5-7 people experiencing life’s challenges. Could the minister have provided this care? Yes and no. Our ministers are certainly capable but they do not have the time to provide this intensive care.

Intrigued? Contact Joyce Rodos (jlrodos@yahoo.com) or any of the Stephen ministers. Could you or someone you know benefit from this ministry? Just let us know and we’ll take it from there. We will never even tell anyone that we’re involved.

**PW Mission Opportunity**

Did you know that SNAP participants cannot use food stamps to purchase necessary items like toilet paper? Our neighbor, St. James Lutheran Church, has a pantry devoted to helping fill this gap. Presbyterian Women is asking for the congregations’ help as they collect paper items for them at their April PW meeting.

**Thank you!**

Dear PCWS family,

Thank you SO much for the great send-off on March 11. As I was reading the reach-out cards that evening, I once again was thankful for the day I attended a PEO event where this neat lady, Michelle Hennessy, made a point of getting to know me, and mentioning a position opening at her church during our conversation. It brought me to you, changing the direction of my life. There is a commitment to mission here and I got to experience your ministry through the office.

Both Jim and I were blessed to worship with you, and the women’s choir sang beautifully. "Blessings" is one of my favorite songs. We truly believe that God’s mercies do come in many disguises.

It was awesome to sing for you afterwards! We wanted to give back. Thank you for your generous monetary gift and THANK YOU for all the hugs. There were so many stories in the room, and I’m busy writing them down. Bill, your air guitar was PHENOMENAL! Thanks for jamming with us! Thanks also to Carolyn, Ann, Amy, Laurie, Kim and Judy for fixing scrumptious food - and the cake was lovely! Peace, blessings and love from both of us, Kris and Jim Hiepler-Hartwig

P.S. - my email is kristenelhh@gmail.com - keep in touch!
Lenten Fair/ Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to the JUPYs and volunteers who made the Lenten Fair a wonderful time of fellowship and preparation for Lent.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Another year, another great chili competition where the real winners were those who will benefit from all the hard work of our UPYs, JUPYs, and children who raised money for a hunger organization. Thank you to all who made chili, gave money, and supported this effort.

In the challenge, the Eagles won $334.35 to the Patriots $171.50 for a total of $505.85. The chili cook-off winners were:

1\textsuperscript{st} place:  
Super Bowl of Chili by Jane Melli

2\textsuperscript{nd} place:  
Some Real Good Chili by Shannon Sullivan

3\textsuperscript{rd} place:  
Bean There Dip That by Theresa Dixon.

Hello PCWS Family!!

These past few weeks have been a great time for our youth program. We are growing closer as a group and getting used to each other. I feel like I am settling into my new role as director. Your support [and constructive critiques] is always welcome to keep me ever evolving and getting better.

Thank you for another impressive Spaghetti Dinner! We raised funds and felt the love when you all came out and ate, drank, laughed, were merry and of course took home leftovers! Our youth would be hard pressed without your backing and we love you for it. So, to break it down, thank you to the JUPYs who decorated; the UPYs who served; the parents who reinforced from the background; and of course, all of you who came out to support us.

April is a calm month for the Youth at church, we are keeping it low key and waiting for the rainy season to pass. It is a lot of prep work right now in anticipation for May. May 6\textsuperscript{th} will be the Baccalaureate Breakfast for our seniors and our UPYs will bring us another amazing Youth Sunday!

Loving April showers and Looking forward to May Flowers.

Peace, Candice Mares
Youth Leader

Save The Date

Sunday, May 6
Baccalaureate Breakfast & Youth Sunday!

Youth Mission Trip
July 22—28, 2018
Jacksonville, FL

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This Month’s
Baptismal Birthdays

Alexander Hanson
Jake Tinaglia
**Presbyterian Women**

**April 5 – 12:30 p.m. at PCWS**

**Lunch will be served. Cost $12**

"Getting to Know You" for Presbyterian Women will be a Reader’s Theater-style conversation between two Carol’s: one Muslim and one Christian. Carol Lambert and Carol Stoub will share their stories about their friendship, faith experiences, common interests and mutual concerns. There will be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Islam and learn from a wise and humorous Muslim woman. You are encouraged to invite friends who want to learn about the common threads of Islam, Christianity and the gifts it is possible to share as friends.

Carol Stoub – PCWS and Carol Lambert – Mosque Foundation

**Afternoon Circle** meets April 17, 1:00 p.m. in the Graham Charter Room. Lesson 8 “in Community with the Household of Faith” from Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews by Melissa Bane Sevier. Discussion will be led by Rev. Tai Zimmerman Cole.

**Evening Circle** will meet April 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**Bloggers Wanted!**

Did you know that we have a Blog! The first few articles were written on the topic “Where Do I See God in My Everyday Life.” Now, we’re looking for members who would like to write about their faith as it relates to their life – How prayer gets us through, our faith provides us support, whatever your faith means to you. Every couple of weeks, members and staff write an entry that is posted to our website. Each article is short – under 600 words, and we hope that you’ll find positive inspiration that God is present in our lives . . . each and every day.

If you’re interested in submitting an article, contact Michelle Hennessy (mhennessy@presbyws.org)

**Musical Happenings in April**

**April 8th - Kate Kelly will be joining us again and sharing her musical talents.**

**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?

April 22nd - the Chancel Choir will be singing on this date. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, April 19th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come on out and give us a try!

**Handbell Choir:** Bells will be rehearsing soon to play in May - please contact Stephanie Coates if interested in playing - we would love to have new ringers!

Please, feel free to send me an email, stefcoates@gmail.com.

Thank you Kami Booth and all of the members of the No Name Band for providing such wonderful music on March 18th - as always, we are so blessed to have so many talented people here at PCWS!

**The Interfaith Book Group**

**April 18 – 1:30 p.m. at PCWS**

Jane Boxell will lead the discussion of the book "These is My Words" by Nancy Turner.

All women of the church are welcome.
As we are looking forward to Holy Week and Easter, we have the opportunity to consider giving to the first of our four Special Offerings of the PC(USA), One Great Hour of Sharing (OGSH). This offering plays an important factor in defining what it is to be a connectional church by bringing the diversity of PC (USA) to focus and take action on shared concerns. Donating to this offering provides funds for three areas of need described below.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** – Provides immediate response to help survivors of national and international disasters recover and rebuild their lives. Recent examples are the California mudslides, the earthquakes in Mexico, and the flooding in Sierra Leone. In the past, rebuilding by PDA after Hurricane Katrina went on for years.

**Presbyterian Hunger Program:** The main goal of PHP is to alleviate hunger and most important, to eliminate its causes. Hunger is an extreme complex phenomenon with economic, political, and social causes. Direct food relief with Root Cause Work, training in developing sustainable food production, and advocacy are some actions employed in this effort.

**Self-Development of People:** The SDOP effort is to empower the poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people to change the things that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice. The objective is to change their lives so they can become self-sufficient. Learning how to run a farm, improving your financial literacy, or learning a new skill to make a product for your future business are examples of the wide variety of opportunities provided by SDOP.

While the OGHS Offering is officially dedicated on Easter Sunday, donations may be given anytime during Lent. Please be sure your donation is clearly marked for **OGHS**.

**Share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world through OGHS.**

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**Donations for Nueva Paz**

Last year, Jane Boxell applied for and received a grant for “The Breakfast Program” and it is attracting many community members for meals, reflection, discussion, and creating art projects. They are also trying to include more hands-on Sunday School practices.

Mindy McMahon and Kathy Wennerstrum are heading to Cuba, April 3, to work on the installation of the Water Purification system. They also want to take supplies that are unavailable in Cuba. The following is a list of items they would like to bring with them:

**Craft Items** (Hobby Lobby offers a great variety of supplies at discounted prices)

- Crafters Pick Ultimate Glue or multi-use glue
- Googly eyes and noses or foamy eyes for dolls
- Colorful pom-poms and yarn
- Colored tissue paper, pipe cleaners, colorful twist ties
- Stamen Bunches
- Craft kits to be made into necklaces or purses, colored markers and pencils
- Candles (violet, white, red, green)

**Medicines:**

- Medicines for asthma & other breathing problems
- Cough medicine for children
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Vitamins C, E and multi
- Ibuprofen (Advil), antacid, Imodium

**Other Items:**

- A large roller suitcase
- Church related Spanish educational games for children, youth and adults

Please bring your donations and leave in the labeled boxes in the hall outside the Graham Charter Room on or before April 1.
The Results Are In!
There was a great response to our recent music survey—with over 90 survey responses covering all age groups in the congregation. Thanks to all who participated using this very informative tool! Your Music Task Force recently shared these results with Session. There will be more details in the coming months, but one thing came though loud and clear: this congregation greatly values music as part of its overall worship experience. Here are the results:

Your Music Task Force members: Paul Banovic, Kami Booth, Stephanie Coates, Kevin Hennessy, Bill Ingersoll, John Leslie and Amy Malone.
**Music Survey Results**

### What do you find most meaningful when listening to music in worship? (check all that apply)

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### What styles of music would you like to hear more of in church worship? (check all that apply)

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## Music Survey Results

### On a 1-10 scale, how much do you like replacing traditional musical responses with new or different music, such as Glory to God in place of the Gloria Patri? (1 = lowest preference, 10 = highest preference)

1 = 12, 2 = 23, 3 = 3, 4 = 4, 5 = 5, 6 = 6, 7 = 7, 8 = 8, 9 = 9, 10 = 10

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### On a 1-10, what is your preference for contemporary versus traditional music in church worship? (1 = Contemporary, 10 = Traditional)

1 = 1 - Contemporary, 2 = 2 - 3, 4 = 4, 5 = 5, 6 = 6, 7 = 7, 8 = 8, 9 = 9, 10 = 10 - Traditional

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### On a 1-10 scale, how interested would you be in PCWS hiring (non-member) professional musicians for enhancing the worship service? (1 = not interested, 10 = very interested)

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### On a 1-10 scale, how much is music a factor in your worship attendance and experience? (1 = not a factor, 10 = a critical factor)

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### How do you think PCWS could improve its music ministry to offer a more fulfilling worship experience?

90 Response(s)
Music Survey Results

Your age range:
I = Under 20, 2 = 20-30, 3 = 31-40, 4 = 41-50, 5 = 51-60, 6 = 61-70, 7 = 70+

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1. On a 1-10 scale, how important is it for you to sing familiar hymns in church? (1 = lowest preference, 10 = highest preference) - Comments
   Answer
   [No Responses]

2. What do you find most meaningful when participating musically in worship? (check all that apply) - Other Answer
   Playing in a band
   Singing with choir
   I like a mixture of all those
   up beat and up tempo songs - more contemporary
   contemporary music
   What is most meaningful is to celebrate in a variety of ways.
   All of the above
   I like the variety of old and new
   Answer
   [No Responses]

3. What do you find most meaningful when participating musically in worship? (check all that apply) - Other Answer
   not a major part of my Church experience
   I like PCWS balance of old favorite hymns and new songs. No real preference on accompaniment. I like balance of classics and newer things.
   Open to variety and having music be active part in worship.
   I enjoy traditional hymns, but I feel a need for more contemporary upbeat music - Songs of Praise - uplifting in this depressing world
   I like it all.
   I like all kinds of music. It is important that a variety of music is performed to satisfy all tastes.
   I'm pretty old-fashioned when it comes to what we sing. Organ/piano doesn't make as much difference as being able to sing a part. It's part nostalgia and makes hymns more interesting to me.
   Answer
   [No Responses]

4. What do you find most meaningful when listening to music in worship? (check all that apply) - Other Answer
   No preference
   All of the above
   Answer
   [No Responses]

5. What do you find most meaningful when listening to music in worship? (check all that apply) - Comments
   They're all great. Our children's choir numbers seem to have dwindled so even though a kids' choir is fantastic, it's less good if it's just a very few kids.
   I enjoy most of the elements above. I like a mix.
   Variety and Energy are the key to celebrating God through music.
   Again, love the variety.
   This is where I appreciate newer, more creative music.
   Answer
   [No Responses]

6. On a grid of 1 to 10, what is your preference for contemporary versus traditional music in church worship? (1 = Contemporary, 10 = Traditional) - Comments
   Answer
   [No Responses]

7. On a 1-10 scale, how interested would you be in PCWS hiring (non-member) professional musicians for enhancing the worship service? (1 = not interested, 10 = very interested) - Comments
   Answer
   [No Responses]

8. On a 1-10 scale, how much is music a factor in your worship attendance and experience? (1 = not a factor, 10 = a critical factor) - Comments
   Answer
   [No Responses]
Member News

Thank you for your service at PCWS in March! 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, Kathy Wennerstrum, Joyce Rodos

Second Baptist Food Pantry run: David and Jane Boxell, Kathy Wennerstrum

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

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

Flowers in March: Sue Eck

Member notes:

Dear P.C.W.S. Friends,

What more can you ask. Three beautiful girls beginning my day singing Happy Birthday, bringing balloons, candy, and wonderful greetings from my loving friends at P.C.W.S. God had brought friends caring for me as I celebrate number 90. The love you sent me made my day - actually it continued for days.

I shall always remember our family’s days at P.C.W.S. Flowers decorate my room. My heart is full with thanks.

Love,
Betty Toft

Dear PCWS Family,

Words can’t express how thankful we are for all of your love and support at this difficult time. Our minds are reeling with new information we are being fed daily, and questions about treatment and the future. Through all of this though, has been the constant presence of all of you. We thank you for the offers of support, the messages received, cards for the shoveling of our snow by wonderful families teaching their kids about helping others in need, and offers of food and conversation

We’re getting our strength from you and we appreciate it so much.

Love,
Paul and Betty
We extend sympathy to Diane & Pat Ravanesi on the death of her father, Mike Wanty on February 25th.

**We’re Social! Are You?**
Follow us, share our information with your friends and family!

### 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 May *Glad Tidings* for mailing—Meet April 25, 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

† The Ahmeti Family
† Paul Banovic
† Kimberly Bone
† Diane Markley Bruser
† George Bruser
† Phyllis Cordell
† Phyllis DiFrancesco
† Billye Dvorak
† Paulette Erickson
† Becky Glasscock
† Marc Goldstein
† Joshua Haberkorn
† Herb Habermann
† Ronald Halla
† Andy Hoskins
† Orelta Jordan - mother of Laura Fruit
† Rich Kanak
† Ruth Kaduke
† Phil Kasik
† Kathleen Kircher
† John Kregg
† Barbara Lennie
† Mary Jo Long
† Patti Mangis’ mother
† Suzie – Patti Mangis’ sister
† Deborah Matthews
† Evie Meyer
† Debi Mirlenbrink
† Norb Mirlenbrink
† Peggy Mirlenbrink
† Mary Myers
† Holly Oliver
† Ginger Oswald
† Sharon Pederson
† Joyce Rodos
† Marge Sandrik
† Beata B. Sak
† Mike Slesicki
† Betty Staab
† Gloria Torres
† Betty Toft
† Norman Toft
† Teri Tuffner
† Barbara VanCura
† Theresa Ybanez
† Cheryl, Deb Mathews mother
† Brian, friend of the Smyers family
† Our men and women serving our country in the Armed Services
† Donna
  (Friend of Joyce Smyers)
† Mary - dear friend of Bruce Geary
† 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
### Upcoming Events in April

| Apr.  1 | Easter Sunday |
| Apr.  2 | Church and Offices Closed |
| Apr.  3 | Deacons |
| Apr.  5 | Presbyterian Women |
| Apr.  10 | *Glad Tidings* Article Deadline |
| Apr.  14 | Confirmation Spring Retreat |
| Apr.  18 | Interfaith Book Group |
|          | Safe Space Training |
| Apr.  22 | Earth Day |
| Apr.  23 | PCWS Book Group |
| Apr.  25 | Administrative Professionals Day |
|          | Prepare *Glad Tidings* for Mailing |
| Apr.  29 | Safe Space Training |

### Upcoming Events in May

| May  1 | Deacons |
| May  3 | Presbyterian Women |
| May  6 | Baccalaureate Breakfast |
|        | Youth Sunday |
| May  10 | *Glad Tidings* Article Deadline |
| May  13 | Mother’s Day |
| May  20 | Pentecost |
|        | Confirmation Sunday |
| May  24 | Prepare *Glad Tidings* for Mailing |
| May  29 | PCWS Book Group |

To view a full calendar of events, please visit our webpage: [www.presbyws.org](http://www.presbyws.org) and click on the “Calendar” link at the top of the page.