PNC has Good News!

The PNC has chosen a candidate to be our new pastor.

You will be receiving a packet by mail introducing the candidate. The mailing includes a schedule of events to allow you to meet the candidate prior to worship the weekend of June 3.

Plan to attend worship on June 3 to hear the candidate preach. Then, stay for the congregational meeting where you will have a chance to ask questions and act on our recommendation to extend a call if the candidate to serve PCWS as our pastor.

The PNC is grateful for all of your prayers and support during the past year.

Your PNC
David Boxell, Mark DeVries, Peter Hanson, Kay Kelly, Tricia Koning, Walt Kovalick, Candice Mares, Matt Mosher, Sarah Sullivan

UPY Car and Pet Wash
Sunday, June 10
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The senior high youth (UPYs) are planning our annual summer mission trip and will host a fundraiser to help support this trip. The youth will wash and vacuum any car, truck or SUV that you send our way! They will also shampoo your lovable pet with all the care in the world!

Please consider allowing the UPYs to wash your car or pet! See you after worship on June 10th!

They are also looking for donations of old towels - please leave in the Youth Room or in the basket outside the Graham Charter Room.

S’Mores, Bags & Balls
Friday, June 29
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

What is your favorite lawn game? Everyone is invited to S’mores and Outdoor Games! If you prefer to relax and watch the fun, bring your lawn chair. You and your family are invited to come together for lots of outdoor games and conversation!

Invite your friends and neighbors (they do not need to be a member of PCWS.) We look forward to learning what your favorite game is! Use Sign-Up Genius so we know how many to prepare for. Of course we will plan for more people as we know some forget to sign up or last minute plans occur. Show your community spirit and join us for a couple of hours!

Questions? Contact Loretta Gratias-Bremer or Mindy McMahon.
Anticipation!

Anticipation is the attitude that characterizes the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs during this spring season. You, the congregation, are expectantly looking forward to the arrival of your new Pastor. That became obvious in the life of PCWS on April 22nd when the Welcome Our New Pastor Campaign was announced in worship. A new Pastor really is going to come!! The feeling was almost palpable. The response to the campaign has reinforced this realization: the campaign surpassed its $75,000.00 goal before it was even completed!

Anticipation and enthusiasm have continued to be evident in worship during Music Appreciation Sunday, Youth Sunday, Mother’s Day, and Confirmation Sunday. (This article is being written prior to Memorial Day weekend). Manse Clean-Up Day was not a burden to those participating but a way to prepare for a new Pastor, for a God filled future. At the time of this article’s composition, the congregation doesn’t know who the new Pastor will be but one can sense the time is getting close. Excitement grows.

By the way, an Interim learns not to take this longing by the congregation for a new Pastor personally. After all, the purpose of an Interim Pastor is to help a church prepare for new pastoral leadership. To put it another way, I came to PCWS, so to speak, to put myself out of business at PCWS, I love ministering with and to you good folk at PCWS but I also rejoice in your anticipation. Let’s share it together.

Grace and peace,
Bill
Pastor Bill

THANK YOU, TAI!

We are extremely grateful for the ministry of the Reverend Tai Zimmerman Cole. Since November 2016, as PCWS’s Interim Faith Formation Leader, she has used her remarkable gifts to enrich the life of this congregation. She utilized her creativity and Christian Education training for our children in Godly Play Sunday School and Words for the Children in worship. She put to use her organizational skills and youth leadership experience to mentor first Brendon and then Candice in youth ministry. She utilized her theological knowledge and pastoral gifts in teaching adults in Lenten studies and devotions as well as implementing and updating our Safe Space policy. These are only a part of what she has accomplished with us. We thank her!

But at the end of May, she leaves PCWS to move to Florida to pursue a new call to ministry- beginning graduate school in order to become a Children’s and Family Counselor. At the same time, her husband, John, has accepted a teaching position in the humanities that begins in mid-June at Florida State University in Tallahassee. We pray for God’s blessings upon both of them as well as John Edward, Owen, and all their family.
Thank you Rogers Malone

For the past 20 years there has been a constant at PCWS helping many young men and women explore their faith and beliefs. Rogers Malone has been leading the confirmation classes living into the baptismal covenant to help nurture and raise the children of PCWS.

During worship on May 20th we welcomed 13 new confirmands and said thank you Rogers for all he has done for PCWS.

A Warm Welcome to Forrest – our new Office Administrator

Please extend a warm welcome to our new Office Administrator – Forrest Schroeder. She comes to us with a strong track record and a wide variety of experiences in both nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses. Most recently she was the Office Manager for Walk Oak Park and the Administrative and Volunteer Coordinator for the Rogers Park Historical Society.

Originally from Alaska, Forrest found her way to the Seattle area before relocating to the Midwest. Forrest resides in Oak Park and is active in many volunteer organizations and enjoys traveling. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Northeastern Illinois. Please stop by the office to introduce yourself and welcome her to PCWS.

MAD CAMP - July 15—19

We will be having MAD Camp in July this summer. It is open to children ages 7-15. The musical rehearsals will be Sunday, July 15 to Thursday, July 19 and will be from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. with the performance on Sunday, July 22, during worship. We are also in the process of confirming an afternoon performance at Plymouth Place for the afternoon of the 22nd.

Cost of MAD Camp will be $40 per child or $50 per family. Scholarships are available. Registration is available on our website. A minimum of 20 participants is needed for MAD camp to be successful and the registration fee is due no later than July 1st.

Please contact Stephanie Coates or Mindy McMahon for more information.
Our graduates

Tyler Fronk
Parents: Chris & Kim Fronk

today
Lyons Township High School
tomorrow
University of Kansas

Parental Advice for the future:
As you begin your new adventure, we know you will do amazing things. Trust in yourself and in God, and know you will always be loved by your PCWS church family.

Favorite Scripture Passage
Philippians 4:13

Isabella Melilli
Parents: Sal & Jane Melilli

today
Lyons Township High School
tomorrow
Auburn University

Parental Advice for the future:
During your college years you may not attend church services as often but always know God is there and will listen if you reach out for help or strength. Use this experience to learn about others and be open to their differences. Be charitable.

Favorite Scripture Passage
John 3:16

Malcolm Weber
Parents: Peter & Alison Weber

today
Lyons Township High School
tomorrow
Michigan State University

Parental Advice for the future:
You are an incredibly special and giving young person who lives God’s love every day. With a generous heart and open mind, may you always reach beyond yourself and put the needs of others at the front of your life. Remember kind words and good deeds. And in doing so, might you experience true grace. Our true hope is that you may find many ways to continue to inspire and be inspired by God’s love.

Favorite Scripture Passage
Jeremiah 29:11

Davis McMahon
Parents: Jim & Mindy McMahon

today
Lyons Township High School
tomorrow
Coastal Carolina University

Parental Advice for the future:
Reach out to be charitable. Be mindful and observant so kindness is felt and success achieved.

Favorite Scripture Passage
Joshua 1:9
Children & Youth Ministry

Confirmands
Sam Blough
Carly Booth
Nick Boxell
Gabrielle Cloutier
John Cole
Mark Dold
Jayson Fronk
Abby Gertsmeier
Grace Hughes
Henry Lobash
Olivia Mezan
Katie Pendleton
David Slezak

Mentor
Scott Karstens
Sue Kovalick
Hank Vaughan
Sue Cushman
Jim McMahon
Brian Sullivan
Loretta Gracias-Bremer
Carolyn Bozek
Amy Seus
Kevin McDermott
Sheryl Allen
Jorie Malone
Sal Melilli
Presbyterian Women  
Thursday, June 7 – 12:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange  
150 S. Ashland Ave, LaGrange  
“Should I Stay or Should I Go”

Many people struggle to make decisions about the best living situation for themselves or an aging parent. Most seniors, if given the choice, would choose to remain in their own home for as long as possible, and most families want to respect that choice. What is it that makes staying home possible? This is very subjective and varies in each situation. Many family members or caregivers have a threshold—an event in which they know that living at home is no longer an option, yet others are absolute in their commitment to keeping themselves or their loved one at home no matter the circumstances. There are many options, some of which people don’t always think about and the presentation will focus on tips to help make staying at home easier and warning signs of when in-home care or a care facility is necessary.

Danette (Dani) Krogh has nearly 30 years of experience in senior care in Illinois and is past president of the Illinois Homecare Providers Association. In addition to graduate degrees, she holds a Certificate in Gerontology.

We will have cookies, bars, coffee, tea, and water at 12:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Donation baskets will be set out for the EPM (Evergreen Park Ministry) Care & Counseling Center.

Reservations by Monday June 4, 12:00 noon to: 708-354-0771 or Admin@fpclg.org

Circles will not meet.

Women’s Retreat

November 2-4, 2018

Mark your calendar for the Women’s Retreat at Stronghold Retreat Center in Oregon, Illinois. Thanks to input from numerous participants from previous years, plans are being created.

This promises to be a weekend to strengthen our relationships and sense of community. Laughter and stories are certain to be heard.

Breaking Bread Group

Updates are desired. Last October, 44 congregation members were organized into 6 groups. When did you meet? What did you find meaningful? Delicious? Send your feedback to Loretta Gracias-Bremer, Church Life & Membership so we can share with Others.

While the plan was that each group would meet 3-4 times during the year and then we would elicit interest from our congregation to form new groups, it is being reported that not all groups met as often as they desired, thus not ready to begin anew. Therefore, we encourage all Breaking Bread Groups to come together as often as you like and in January new groups will be formed for the next adventure of building our relationships among PCWS family.
Summer Music at PCWS!

Summer is quickly approaching and with that, we are looking for those of you with musical gifts to share them with the congregation this summer! There are many weeks in June, July, and August that need to be filled. If interested, please, feel free to send an email to Stephanie Coates, stefcoates@gmail.com.

As we are shifting gears into summer worship, I want to give a big thank you to all of the PCWS musicians who shared their musical gifts in worship this past year. PCWS is blessed to have so many talented members and it is has been my privilege and honor to work with all of you!

Tres Amigos

July 1 in worship

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

Summer Book Study

This summer we will be reading Falling Upward by Richard Rohr. As we wrap up the book We Make the Road, it is important to remember our journey in life is not over. From the book, “In the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity—climbing, achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way.” This message of "falling down"—that is in fact moving upward—is the most resisted and counterintuitive of messages in the world's religions, including and most especially Christianity.

In Falling Upward, Father Richard Rohr—the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation—offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth. Drawing on the wisdom from time-honored myths, heroic poems, great thinkers, and sacred religious texts, the author explores the two halves of life to show that those who have fallen, failed, or "gone down" are the only ones who understand "up." We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right.”

Discussion of the book will be encouraged during coffee hour and in Breaking Bread gatherings. The book can be ordered from Amazon or an order can be placed by the office. Cost is $13.50
Thank you for your service at PCWS in May! We can’t do it without you.

**Helped in the office:** Dorothy Andersen, Janet Andersen, Laura Fruit, Mary Jo Habenicht, Mary Kae Headland, Michelle Hennessy, Judy McAtee, Mindy McMahon, Donna Strunk, Carol Ulreich

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

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

**Prepared Glad Tidings for mailing:** Joyce Habermann, Mary Kae Headland, Harriet Potenza, and Donna Strunk

**Flowers in May:** Jan Fortina, Sue Eck, Sue Kovalick

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To Deacons of Presbyterian Church of Western Springs,

On Behalf of the Mae Love family, please accept my heartfelt thanks for the reception you hosted for my mother’s memorial service [in January]. It was wonderful. You overcame our last minute notification and changes to host a very much appreciated event. Personally, it was a great joy to see so many of you. Jeanne and I and my entire Love family want to say a sincere “thank you.”

Jim Love & family

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**THANK YOU, PCWS OFFICE VOLUNTEERS!**

With PCWS’s Office Administrator, Kristene, leaving in mid-February until our new Office Administrator, Forrest (see article on page 3) began work on May 1st, the church has not had a 30 hour a week employee to manage the office. Yet, in this ten-week period, everything that needed to get done got done well and on time. “How did that happen?” you ask.

It happened because a group of office volunteers, most of whom had been volunteering for some time in the office, stepped up to see that PCWS didn’t miss a beat. One stepped up to spending so much time in the office, about three and a half days a week, that the Personnel Committee and Session insisted that she be paid something for that time.

We are thankful for each of them. Some worked in the office often and some were able to work only a few times but each was helpful. They are: Laura Fruit, Michelle Hennessy, Carol Ulreich, Mindy McMahon, Donna Strunk, Judy McAtee, Loretta Gratias-Bremer, Mary Jo Habenicht, Mary Kae Headland, Sue Eck, Joyce Rodos, Mary Jo Long, Walt Kovalick, Jan Fortina, and Kathy Wennerstrum.

(Please advise the GT if any names were left off this list.)
To Grayson and James Van Camp and their family in the death of Grayson’s mother, Mary Agnes Ritter Myers, March 25th in Philadelphia.

To Kay Kelly and Jill Dold and families in the death of their great uncle, Russell Lockenour, on April 22nd.


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 July *Glad Tidings* for mailing—Meet June 26, 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room.

Member News

Remember in Prayer

- The Ahmeti Family
- **Paul Banovic**
- **Kimberly Bone**
- Diane Markley Bruser
- George Bruser
- Phyllis Cordell
- **Phyllis DiFrancesco**
- **Billye Dvorak**
- Paulette Erickson
- **Kim Fronk**
- Mary Jo Gallegos - friend of Jan Melilli
- Marc Goldstein
- Joshua Haberkorn
- **Herb Habermann**
- Ronald Halla
- **Rich Kanak**
- Ruth Kaduke
- Phil Kasik
- **Kathleen Kircher**
- John Kregg
- Barbara Lennie
- Suzie – Patti Mangis’ sister
- Evie Meyer
- Debi Mirlenbrink
- Norb Mirlenbrink
- Peggy Mirlenbrink
- Holly Oliver
- Ginger Oswald
- Toni Potenza Moya - Daughter of Harriet Potenza
- **Ruth Riordan**
- **Joyce Rodos**
- **Marge Sandrik**
- Beata B. Sak
- Mike Slesicki
- Betty Staab
- Margaret Swaar, aunt of Kay Kelly and Jill Dold
- Gloria Torres
- Betty Toft
- **Norman Toft**
  - Teri Tuffner
- Theresa Ybanez
- Brian, friend of the Smyers family
- Our men and women serving our country in the Armed Services
- Donna—friend of Joyce Smyers
- Mary - 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

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