Glad Tidings

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTERN SPRINGS **AUGUST, 2018**

You Are There: The Ordination of Erik Khoobyarian

As Reported by Kay Kelly

I sat surrounded by thirty people I'd met an hour earlier. The choir at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, California, welcomed me with open arms. I joined them for the ordination of our new pastor, Erik Khoobyarian. During the prelude, as I scanned the packed church, I recognized a handful of faces. Walt and Sue Kovalick were there, as were the members of Erik's family and the friends whom Walt, Sue and I met at a BBQ the night before.

I was touched by the warmth of everyone at that BBQ and before the choir rehearsal. They told me how much they loved Erik and admired the journey he has taken. And they felt that PCWS was the luckiest congregation on the planet. We knew that when we voted to extend the call in June.

The worship service started with bagpipes and a formal procession of youth acolytes, pastors and ruling elders. We in the choir rocked Tom Fettke's *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*. In his sermon, Erik's preaching mentor, Rev. Dr. David A. Davis, reminded us that through the spirit-led grace of God our best days are yet to come.

Then, the Service of Ordination began. Erik's former camp counselor and camp-leadership colleague, Sheila Denton, introduced him. She described elementary-aged Erik as "precocious and adorable," the maturing Erik as a "very loyal and thoughtful friend," "very dedicated follower of Christ," and "innately faithful to the Presbyterian church," and camp staffer Erik's "emerging sense of leadership," including being an "elegant communicator" who "systemized all the minutiae" to create "an efficient and enjoyable place to work."

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Rally Day —

What is It?
Who is it for?
When is it?

Rally Day is the kick off to our church year of worship for all ages on September 9th.

The day begins with worship at 9:30 a.m. and music by the Chancel Choir. Our preschool children -5th grade will meet their Sunday School teachers after Words for Children to hear the exciting plans for their Sunday School year with all of the teachers.

Our Youth Leader, Candice Mares, invites middle school through high school students (JUPYs and UPYs) to sit with her during Worship and then assist at Rally Day with games, face painting, chalk art, cookie walk, Bouncy House, etc.

Following worship, at 10:30 a.m., on the lawn, the Rally Day program begins for everyone. Music will be offered by our fabulous musician, Kevin McDermott, and his band. Games and activities for all ages will begin and lunch will be provided—a Food Truck will be ready to begin serving lunch @ 11:00 am!

Members are encouraged to RSVP on the signup and also indicate how they would like to help out— whether they would like to donate items or help coordinate a game.

Plan to spend some time together and get to know each other and Pastor Erik Khoobyarian at Rally Day.

From Our Pastor

Many years ago, some friends of mine were pregnant with their first child. Early in the pregnancy my friend shared with me in confidence that he was nervous about becoming a dad. He said, "I'm afraid I'm not ready for this." I smiled at him and told him it was okay that he wasn't ready because neither was the baby and that he'd be ready at the right time. I have been thrilled to see him flourish as a father, not just to his first daughter, but to two more children as well. Pregnant times are filled with mystery and the unknown, but they are also opportunities for growth and doing things we never knew we could do.

The past two years at the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs have been pregnant times as you and I together will begin a new chapter of ministry together. Make no mistake about it, ministry has been happening – and flourishing – over the past two years just as it has since 1955. But the departure of a long-time pastor and the arrival of an interim pastor, and the anticipation of a new called and installed pastor is a lot of change for any church and the people who call it home.

The wonder and beauty of the church is that we are called to be a people of consistency and of change. We will remain consistent in our commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ in Western Springs and the western suburbs. We will remain consistent in our love for neighbor and our ever-expanding understanding of what it means to be a neighbor and who our neighbors are. We will remain consistent in the quest to be the hands and feet of God in the world. But we will be doing this together for the first time.

As I said when I was with you in June, I recognize that I am joining your family. It will take time for me to learn about you all and meet you, and I hope that as we begin our time together you will make the effort to introduce yourself to me and get to know me as well. It will be a wonderful and challenging time and we will enter it together and learn from and with one another! You have been well-prepared by Pastor Bill, and I'm confident that you are ready!

I'm looking forward to being with you all very soon. As I write this, I'm finalizing my move from California and I will soon be driving to Western Springs. There has been so much work at the manse in preparation for my arrival, and I am extremely grateful to everyone who has put time and money into the project. It will certainly take me some time to move in and settle into the manse, but I do look forward to making it my home. All of the work you have done has made this possible. Thank you!

I want to thank you also to those of you who have been involved in the process of calling me to PCWS. The PNC, and their spouses, made a significant sacrifice of time over the past few years, and I hope you all will join me in extending gratitude to them. I am also grateful to everyone who was involved in making my candidating weekend in June a wonderful visit. I think you will agree that the receptions provided a great opportunity for us to begin to get to know one another.

Finally, I hope that during this pregnant time at PCWS you have each grown in your role and involvement at PCWS. In our time together, I hope to help you find continued inspiration to bring all of who you are into the life of the church so that we might, together, work to continue the mission of the church, but also grow as individuals as we seek to understand our role as children of God. Are you ready? See you soon, and know that you are in my prayers and I covet yours as I head your way!

Pastor Erik

Congregational News

Safe Space Information Sessions

Are you interested in helping with Sunday School, JUPYs or UPYs? We will be offering information sessions and training on our Safe Space Policy.

The dates are:
Sunday, August 26 -- 10:45 a.m.
Tuesday, August 28 -- 6:30 p.m.
(precedes Sunday School Teacher Training at 7:30 p.m.)

One of the requirements of our policy is to have a minimum of two Approved adults present for every activity – Sunday School classroom, nursery, UPY meeting or outing. Once "Approved," you are able to teach, lead, or, simply be the second adult so that classes and events can be scheduled. Without the second adult, classes and events will have to be cancelled! Please consider becoming "Approved" and helping PCWS offer safe programs for children, youth and adult volunteers.

Please contact Loretta Gratias –Bremer or Michelle Hennessy with any questions or for more information.

THIS MONTH'S
BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Alena Cushman
Elena Kovalick

OUR PASTOR

Rev. Erik Khoobaryian, Pastor
Email: erik@presbyws.org

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

Volunteer Opportunities Sunday School and JUPY/UPY

We are grateful to those of you who have responded to our request to **teach Sunday School.** Every Sunday, we anticipate that we will have 2 classrooms of pre-school children through 5th grade. To meet our Safe Space requirements, we will need four adults, one teacher and one assistant for each of these classrooms. We hope to have enough teachers to create a rotational schedule and provide Sundays for your own spiritual growth. We are also seeking adults to assist Youth Leader, Candice Mares with JUPYs or UPYs approximately twice a month, to provide meaningful exploration with our youth.

If you are interested in teaching or assisting with children or youth, Kim Fronk invites you to join her on August 28,7:15 p.m., in Room 302 for training on the *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* Curriculum and to arrange schedules that are convenient for all teachers. Bring your calendars as we will be planning for the Fall semester. All adults must be approved under the Safe Space and that is being offered at 6:30 p.m. - see article to the left.

If you have questions about volunteering, contact Kim Fronk!

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**

Adult News

You Are There (cont'd)

The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Presbytery Vice Moderator, asked him the constitutional questions of ordination. Then, all the ruling elders present -- including me -- joined in the laying on of hands. As I placed my hand on a fellow elder, I saw Walt Kovalick's hand on Erik's shoulder. What a way to connect PCWS to our new pastor!

Throughout the service, I saw smiles, nods of affirmation, and tears of joy. And I was glad I had thrown a pack of tissues into my borrowed choir folder.

Privately, choir member Ellen told me how much they would miss Erik, but were glad he was following his calling. Gene, a church member who helped coordinate the reception, said she knew that Erik had fallen in love with our congregation. She charged us to love him back.

Finally Executive Presbyter, The Rev. Joey Lee, charged Erik with three things:

- Know when to say "no" because pastors are asked to be superhuman. He presented Erik with a "NO" button. (Think the EASY button from Staples.)
- You are a servant and will "wash lots of feet." Erik got a new towel.
- Remember that, when the first two conflict, or when things get confusing, true north rests with God through Jesus Christ. Erik's new compass will help him with this.

Then, the exec gave Erik his business card, hoping Erik would someday want to come back the San Jose Presbytery. Walt and I locked eyes, immediately vowing to "help" Erik lose that business card! All of us at PCWS will make Erik feel so much at home that he'll flash the "No" button to California as we move together toward greater service to God.

To view the video of Erik's ordination, click this link!

https://tinyurl.com/RevErik

November 2-4, 2018

O clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy. **Psalm 47:1**

How are the hands of women instrumental in bringing joy to our lives and the lives of our family and friends? These questions will be explored at our **November 2-4, 2018 Women's Retreat** at Stronghold Retreat Center in Oregon, Illinois. While plans are underway, we seek women of our congregation to offer music, crafts, décor, bring games or share a talent that you would like to offer at our retreat.

We hope you have responded to the survey that was emailed to all women! Reach out to Mindy McMahon, mindymcm@aol.com to express your interest or ask questions.

Mens' Night Out with Pastor Erik Thursday, August 9 - 6:30 p.m.

All men of the church are invited for an evening of dinner and fellowship with Pastor Erik at Lucca's Restaurant (108 W. Burlington) downtown LaGrange. There will be a private room with a set menu of appetizers, salads, pasta dishes and will be served family style. Non-alcoholic drinks will be included in the $35 price.

RSVP via Sign-up Genius before 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 29. Questions can be directed to Erik Boechman, Faith Formation, ericvonn62@gmail.com.

Adult News

Lunches . . . Programs . . . Fellowship . . . Mission

Join your Presbyterian Women friends from PCWS for a fun and educational program year in cooperation with our PW friends at First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange and Highlands Presbyterian Church. PCWS and First LaGrange will each host three gatherings and Highlands will host two gatherings. We will meet the first Thursday of the month except January and most meetings will begin at 12:30 p.m. Here is a summary of what to look forward to seeing and hearing.

2018

September 6 – Rev. Jonathan Krogh, senior pastor of First LaGrange, will do a short overview of the Horizons Bible Study *God's Promise, I am With You.* Lunch at First LaGrange.

October 4 – Betty Kay, Illinois author, will give a presentation in which she portrays *Three Illinois Women During the Civil War.* Lunch at Highlands.

November 1 – Danette (Dani) Krogh, Rev. Jonathan Krogh's wife, will give a presentation on Hoarding & Clutter. Dessert at First LaGrange.

December 6 – Christmas themed music performed by John Boda at PCWS. Early start time 10:15 with lunch to follow.

2019

January – No official meeting. Church Women United fundraiser at Baker's Square, LaGrange.

February 7 – Sharing our favorite books at Plymouth Place. Dessert hosted by Highlands.

March 7 – Presentation by Aunt Mary's Storybook about their work with incarcerated people and their families. Lunch at PCWS.

April 4 – A speaker from Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee of Chicago Presbytery will talk about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Lunch at First LaGrange.

May 2 – A presentation on Comfort Dogs. Lunch at PCWS.

From Church Life and Membership

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Church Life SURVEY! We gathered lots of information, and many of you volunteered to help with events at PCWS. Church Life and Membership committee planning team – Val Blough, Nancy Glickman and Sarah Sullivan have met to review the survey results and comments! We will share details from the survey in the near future.

Please thank the Co-directors of Lay Ministries – Kay Kelly and Jane Mililli! They are working hard to reach out to our neighbors and friends – why not help by inviting a friend to join you at worship or an upcoming event!

Upcoming Events:

September 9 IS RALLY DAY!
Faith Formation will be planning the event with the assistance of Church Life and Membership Committee.

September 29 - Progressive Dinner! Watch for details in Sunday bulletins and the September *Glad Tidings*!

October—Breaking Bread Groups will begin! Questions? Ask Theresa Dixon!

JANUARY 4 – 6, 2019 - Winter Family Camp! Allison Weber and Aileen Pendleton will be coordinating! Put the date on your calendar now!

I so appreciate all of you who have volunteered to help! Many, Many Thanks! Any ideas – just let me know!

Loretta Gratias-Bremer, Church Life and Membership

Packing for college? Take along your Faith!

Packing for College

There's a lot of STUFF to pack when heading off to college. Whether you're a young adult or know some young adults, you get it: clothes, bedding, electronics, snacks. But there's more. Mixed in with the suitcases and boxes are piles of expectations, fears, hopes, and questions of faith.

It can be overwhelming to get ready for a new academic year, especially in a new place. How can you make room for faith during busy college years? What can you bring along to college that will help?

1. Pack Your Curiosity

You will likely meet students from diverse backgrounds, from all over the world, and from religions other than your own. They have important things to teach you. Ask respectful questions about how they celebrate holidays. Ask if you might tag along to a Shabbat dinner or a prayer service. As you develop friendships with peers from diverse backgrounds, you'll learn more about the world and also about your own beliefs.

2. Save Room For Questions

Whether you were taught to question your faith or not, college will bring a chance to ask questions about God and the world. These questions are a natural and important part of growing up. Read the Psalms to see how often the psalmist asks God questions. Find someone with whom you can talk through your questions, like a friend, chaplain or a pastor/priest. Bring your questions and doubts to God in prayer (see Psalm 10:1).

3. Bring Along Your Bible

You can pack your favorite paper Bible, of course. Or you can try out a Bible app so the Bible is always with you on your phone. Check out other devotions like Pray As You Go or verse-a-day websites like the one from Bible Study Tools. Spending even a few minutes connecting with God can help you through your busy day.

4. Prayer May Look Different In College

Find what works for you. Many students I know listen to their favorite music to unwind at the end of the day, and bring their concerns and joys to God as they listen to music. Some like pen and paper journaling as a way to write out their prayers. Others find themselves praying as they walk down the sidewalk on the way to class, "God, help me through this exam!" Find a couple of people you can pray with on occasion.

5. Seek A Church Community And You Will Find (But You May Need To Seek Awhile)

You will not find an exact replica of your home church if you go to college in a new town. But it's great to find a faith community in your home-away-from-home city. Check out a campus ministry through your denomination's website or explore your college's campus ministry offerings. Stop into a local church. Keep in mind it may take several visits until you feel comfortable in a new place, and you may need to check out a few communities before you find a good fit. Many churches will welcome you to just come in to pray during the week if you need some peace and quiet.

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Packing for College (Cont'd)

6. Asking For Help

Many college students find themselves overwhelmed by anxiety or struggling to adjust to their new environment. You, too, may find yourself in need of some help as you adjust to college life. If you notice an increase in anxiety or wonder if you may have depression, seek out a counselor at your college, a chaplain or another trusted adult.

Asking for help is a sign of strength and something we all need to do from time to time. This is a great time of life to seek out someone to talk to in confidence.

7. Remember God Is With You!

As Jesus promised in the Gospel of Matthew, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (28:20). Take some time to remember God's promises to travel with you to college, to class, as you study abroad, as you travel back home again. Look for signs of God's presence in your conversations and in the exploration you get to do during college. God. Is. With. You. Always!

Pastor Callista Isabelle is the Resident Pastoral Minister at Hope Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Missouri. She previously served as the Chaplain at Muhlenberg College and Associate Chaplain at Yale University.

We hope you enjoy this article by Callista Isabelle that was recently published on Building Faith. You can find the article here: https://www.buildfaith.org/packing-for-college-take-along-your-faith/

Faith Formation Committee

What is the **purpose of Faith Formation Committee** (FFC)? After our touching Youth Sunday program, created by congregation members and our Youth Leader, we know our purpose is best achieved with the input of many. We also heard older congregation members say they would like to be 'wrapped in a blanket and cared for' as our UPY seniors were. What are you wanting? Are you seeking comfort? To be inspired? To be comforted? Touched spiritually?

During our monthly FFC meetings we discuss prior programs and offerings, examine feedback from those who participated, and elicit the input of our congregation. We plan to try some new ideas, listen to ideas offered from Pastor Erik Khoobyarian and continue to ask you to offer your input so we can fulfill your needs. Some of the questions we will pose and ask you to reflect on and respond to throughout the year after FFC events include:

- A past/evaluation question (ie., how was "Smores and Boards meaningful for your family?)
- A present question (ie., how do you think we can meet the needs of members from cradle to grave?/womb to tomb?)
- A future/planning question (ie., what ideas do you have for Sunday School?)

We also hope to provide you with seasonal topics for consideration as you and your family seek spiritual nourishment. With summer upon us, fall heading our way, and a desire to pray, we offer you the preceeding article about heading to college. Always in thought and receptive to talking with you.

Your Faith Formation Committee members:
Eric Boechman, Carolyn Bozek, Kim Fronk, Candice Mares, Mindy McMahon

Adult News

Thank You and… Thank You!
From Bill

I hope to accomplish two purposes with this article. The first is to say thank you and the second is to say thank you for *something else*!

First, thank you for the tribute in worship and the wonderful reception given in my honor on Sunday, July 15. I was deeply touched by the events of that day. I appreciate the generous financial gift given, the flourishing flower basket from the PCWS flower guild, the beautiful floral arrangement, and the thoughtful comments made in the worship service by Paul Banovic, Walt Kovalick, Peter Weber, and Steve Wennerstrum. I hope you could tell how surprised and grateful I was to learn that the new lectern Bible with its moving inscription has been given as a tribute to me. The Deacons did an outstanding job in preparing the reception with its delicious food including the cake with its sweet message on the icing. I am thankful for the sentiments expressed in all the reach out cards and other cards I received and the comments you made to me. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all the presenters, planners, contributors, workers, and participants who made the day so special. I cannot imagine it being any better!

Secondly, thank you for being "church" during my time with you. As I contemplate the future of the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs, I am filled with hope. Your many gifts and talents will be enriched by the pastoral leadership that Pastor Erik will bring. I look forward to hearing good things about the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs in the years to come!

As we have journeyed together, I have been inspired and impressed by your devotion to Christ's mission. I have truly enjoyed serving with you. I am grateful for the support, warmth, and encouragement you have given me in my ministry among you. I think the late minister Carlisle Marney said it best, "I have found church with you. And all my days and all my ways will bear the marks of what you have given me."

Thanks again for everything!

Grace and peace,
Bill

"We are the music makers,
and we are the dreamers of dreams."
Arthur O'Shaughnessy

As we wrap up summer worship in the month of August, the installation of our new organ should occur sometime within the month. We are planning an **Organ Dedication Concert on Sunday, September 9th at 3:00 p.m**. – the same day as Rally Day! Dr. A. Steven Taranto will be at worship that morning, as well as the featured organist for the concert. Watch for more information in bulletins and weekly connection emails.

Many people are not organ aficionados, so here is some information on our new instrument. It is a three-manual (keyboard) organ from the Allen Organ Company. It looks very similar to the organ we currently have, the noticeable differences come in the high quality craftsmanship of the internal components of the instrument as well as the high quality audio sampling of the digital sounds of each stop (the set of sounds assigned to drawstop, such as a flute or trumpet stop). There is also a computer system on the instrument, similar to that of an electronic keyboard, that will add additional sounds not built in as well as other instrument sounds not found on an organ, such as a cello stop.

REHEARSAL NOTE:
Chancel Choir will begin on Thursday, August 30, 6:30 p.m. We would love to have you come and sing with us, sooooo if you haven't ever done so, join us in the Jones Room!

Adult News

From the Youth Director

In addition to traditionally being the hottest month of the year, I also read on the internet that August is also national "Happiness Happens" month. Truer words were never spoken. I foresee nothing but bright, sunny skies in the future of our church family. BRING ON THE HAPPINESS!!

Welcome Erik! Thank you for embracing us. We look forward to the growth and guidance we will experience together in your tender and capable grasp. Erik and I have already hit the ground running and have lots of plans and ideas to share with you all.

We are all hoping for awesome weather and an ever better showing of the PCWS TEAM to SUPPORT **RALLY DAY September 9th**. Please come! Bring your friends- with enough youth turnout we can get in one or two epic games of our choosing to start the year off on the right note!!

Also please mark your calendar because **September 23rd from 5:30-7:00 p.m. will be an all family combined JUPY & UPY meeting and meal** to discuss the plans and dates for the upcoming year!

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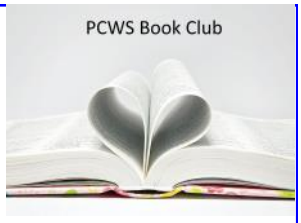
Book Club Selections for 2018



After lively discussion, Book Club members came to a consensus on the choices for next year's reading material. The selections cover a wide range of materials: fiction, nonfiction, historical fiction, history and social justice. There is something for just about anyone—sorry, no fantasy or traditional mystery books. Look over the list now and see if you would like to join us for at least one meeting.

2018-19 Book Selections

Sept. 24	The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict—A brilliant physicist in her own right, Mrs. Einstein must fight to make a place for herself in the male-dominated scientific world.
Oct. 22	The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim DeFede—Small town meets the crisis as 38 jetliners are diverted when U.S. airspace is closed.
Nov. 26	Killer of the Flower Moon by David Grann—In the 1920's the Osage Indians were quite rich but they are being murdered one by one.
December	Enjoy the holidays

Please mark your calendars for the 4th Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Graham Charter Room, for interesting discussions!

From the Youth Leader (cont'd)

The UPYs had an amazing time swinging hammers and doing God's work in the humid heat of the Florida sun. We learned about life, God, each other and hard work. Under the wise and steadfast leadership of the great Lance Smith, we add another notch to the belt of meaningful and fulfilling PCWS UPY mission trips. Thank you to everyone who made this happen.

Though I am not ready for summer to end quite yet, please know I am looking forward to the resumption of normalcy and routine and mostly seeing all your smiling faces with regularity again soon! In closing remember:

"Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product" -Eleanor Roosevelt

Member News

Thank you for your service at PCWS in July! We could not do it without you.

Helped in the office: Janet Andersen, Dorothy Andersen, Laura Fruit, Amy Malone, Judy McAtee, Mindy McMahon, and Carol Ulreich

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

Crushed cans: David and Jane Boxell, Ron and Mary Jo Blough, Mindy McMahon, Colleen Sullivan, Sarah Blough, Kate Vaughn, and Davis McMahon

Prepared Glad Tidings for mailing: Dorothy Andersen, Jane Boxell, Joyce Habermann, and Mary Kae Headland

Flowers in July: Sue Kovalick, Sue Eck, and Laurie Merrifield

Member letters

"Dear PCWS Family,
Thank you for all of the wonderful, creative cards, the neat birthday reach-out book, and the clever and pretty floral arrangement.
They all made Dad smile and us, too…. We keep re-reading them to him. Thank you for remembering Dad… it means a lot.
Love, Donna & Diane Kanak"

Aluminum Recycling

Please continue depositing aluminum items in the container just inside the Porte Cochere door. Acceptable items:

- any aluminum beverage cans,
- aluminum foil, and
- aluminum baking pans.

Our goals are to:
assist in cleaning and protecting the environment, sell the aluminum to raise money to feed the hungry, and support our sister church in Cuba.

Thanks for your participation!

Save the Date:
Saturday, September 29

Watch for details in the Weekly Connection and September *Glad Tidings*!

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
- **Chris Fronk**
- Mary Jo Gallegos - friend of Jan Melilli
- Marc Goldstein
- Joshua Haberkorn
- **Herb Habermann**
- **Rich Kanak**
- Ruth Kaduke
- **Phil Kasik**
- **Kathleen Kircher**
- Debbie Kohl, daughter of Betty Anderson
- **Brian & Leah Kohlsaat, baby Amelia, and the Kohlsaat family**
- **John Kregg**
- Barbara Lennie
- Suzie – Patti Mangis' sister
- **Evie Meyer**
- Mary Kate Miller, Julie Garino's Step-Mother
- Debi Mirlenbrink
- Norb Mirlenbrink
- Peggy Mirlenbrink
- Holly Oliver
- Ginger Oswald
- **Shirley Pine**
- Toni Potenza Moya - Daughter of Harriet Potenza
- **Ruth Riordan**
- **Joyce Rodos**
- **Marge Sandrik**
- Beata B. Sak
- Mike Slesicki
- Betty Staab
- **Donna Strunk**
- Margaret Swaar, aunt of Kay Kelly and Jill Dold
- Gloria Torres
- **Betty Toft**
- Andy Toft
- Wendy 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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Upcoming Events in August

Aug. 1 Pastor Erik Begins his Ministry at PCWS
Faith Formation/Church Life Committee Meeting

Aug. 7 Deacons

Aug. 8 Worship Committee Meeting

Aug. 9 Finance Committee Meeting
Mens Night Out with Pastor Erik

Aug. 10 *Glad Tidings* Article Deadline

Aug. 15 Session

Aug. 26 Safe Space Info & Training Session

Aug. 28 Prepare *Glad Tidings* for Mailing
Safe Space Info & Training Session
Sunday School Teacher Training

Aug. 30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events in September

Sept. 3 Labor Day (Church & Offices Closed)

Sept. 4 Deacons
Faith Formation Committee

Sept. 5 Worship Committee

Sept. 9 Rally Day
Organ Dedication Concert

Sept. 10 *Glad Tidings* Article Deadline

Sept. 13 Finance Committee

Sept. 19 Interfaith Book Group

Sept. 23 JUPY & UPY Family Meeting

Sept. 24 PCWS Book Group

Sept. 27 Prepare *Glad Tidings* for Mailing

Sept. 29 Progressive Dinner

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