From Erik’s Desk

We spend a lot of time waiting. We wait in lines at the grocery store, we sit at stoplights, we wait for our coffee, our meals, our doctors, and even for our children (or maybe our parents!). We get a lot of practice at waiting, but I still don’t like it most of the time.

I told the story in worship about my experience getting a Driver’s License when I moved to Illinois. I was thinking back on the two-hour visit and I realized that there was something funny about the process. I had to stop and talk to 12 different workers who had me do different tasks or pay fees or repeat tasks that someone else had me do. The one time where I had a long break between visits, I was thankful for it because I needed to study the booklet of rules to prepare for the written test I didn’t know I would be taking! I was shocked that I left with my new license more than two hours later and I didn’t feel as though I had waited.

It is no wonder that when we are distracted, our waiting time feels significantly shorter. Sometimes this is good. But sometimes when we forget that we’re waiting, we lose the excitement of what we are waiting for.

During advent, we aren’t pretending to wait and see whether Christmas will happen. Spoiler alert, on December 24, when you come into the sanctuary for worship, it will be beautiful and splashed with the wonderful colors and celebrations of Christmas. We will sing Joy to the World and wish one another a Merry Christmas. For children of all ages, the wait will be over the next morning and gifts will be given and received.

But the reality is this: advent is a time of expectation and transformation of our own selves and souls as we celebrate the One who has both already come (in the form of Christ on earth) and the One who will come again (as we hope for the restoration and healing of the world).

So rather than just rushing through advent and counting down the days to Christmas, the invitation is to take time during these weeks to celebrate the hope, peace, joy, and love of the God who created us and loves us.

Advent Schedule

Sunday, December 2
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
Hanging of the Greens
10:30 a.m. Advent Fair
Cookie Walk
Alternative Giving Event
(See Page 4 for details)
Fellowship
11:30 a.m. UPYs Christmas Party/Brunch

Sunday, December 9
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
3:00 p.m. All Church Caroling
(See Page 4 for details)

Sunday, December 16
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
Fellowship
5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
(See Page 5 for details)

Thursday, December 20
7:30 p.m. Longest Night Worship
(see page 5 for details)

Sunday, December 23
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Family Worship
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship
Reunion Brunch for College Students

I would like to welcome any and all college students to join me for brunch at the manse on Tuesday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m. It will be a great chance for me to meet or reconnect with you all and a perfect opportunity for you to see one another. Feel free to bring a friend along – all are welcome! – Pastor Erik

[And, parents, please help me get the word out! I’ll send invites to all of the college students, but it would really help if you let them know as well and put it on your family calendar!]

Gathering Around the Table

If you’re looking for a great way to meet new people, get connected, strengthen existing friendships, and enjoy great fellowship, fun, and food, we invite you “Gathering Around the Table.” If you are new to PCWS, or if you’ve been around here for years, this is a great place to start. “Gatherings” are monthly get-togethers where adult PCWS members and friends, married and single, gather for the opportunity to fellowship and get connected within our church family. “Gatherings” may be a potluck dinner, a cookout, appetizers night or a meal at a local restaurant. Signups are done monthly, for each gathering. Sign up and/or learn more about this fun, fellowship opportunity, and the individual “Gathering” events on SignUpGenius or on the bulletin board outside the Jones Room. If you are willing to host/organize a future “Gathering,” or just have questions, please email Theresa Dixon. New friends are waiting to meet you!

Our next gathering will be:
Saturday, December 8th  5:30 p.m.
Holiday gathering at the Bozek’s

Join the BEST PCWS Tradition - Come to Family Camp!

What’s Family Camp? A Weekend of Family-Time, Games, Outdoor Winter Fun and Fellowship. Just ask anyone who has attended Family Camp why they come and the answer is the same. “It’s the best weekend of the year!” If you’ve been, we’ll miss you if you don’t come. And if you’ve never been, you’ll leave saying, “It’s the best weekend of the year!”

January 4-6, 2019—Camp Edwards, WI
We gather Friday night and close with worship on Sunday before heading home.

The weekend includes: all weekend activities, accommodations, and food.

Costs:
Adults (over 12) $110 per person
Youth (5-11) $80 per person
Kids (3-5) $55 per person
Pay by check in the office or by credit card online.

Sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan for the “best weekend ever!”

Questions? Contact Aileen Pendleton or Allison Weber.

OUR PASTOR

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

For a complete list of our staff, visit our website: www.presbyws.org.
Safe Space Information Session

We will be offering an information session and training on our Safe Space Policy, Sunday December 9, 10:45 a.m.

One of the requirements of our policy is to have a minimum of two Approved adults present for every activity – Sunday School, nursery, UPY meeting or outing.

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 questions.

End of Year Finances

In the true spirit of Christmas giving and to wrap up the year, consider sharing a special gift, wrap up your 2018 pledges and remember to close out your Capital Campaign/Welcome the Pastor donations before the strike of the new year. As a reminder, per IRS guidelines, all contributions must be received by the church, or postmarked, before December 31, 2018 to be deducted for the year 2018. We thank you for your ongoing support of PCWS.

I also wanted to share our current financial position as we will finish the year in a solid financial position. We started the year with questions and uncertainty so let’s celebrate our good fortunes and anxiously move toward 2019.

Peter Weber,
Elder, Finance

Lunches . . Programs . . Fellowship . . Mission

Thursday, December 6, 10:15 a.m. at PCWS.
Our program, Christmas (and more) With Bing Crosby, will be presented in the sanctuary by singer John Boda. John will sing, show pictures, and relate stories from the life of the King of Crooners, Bing Crosby. Following the program, we will have brunch in the Jones Room. The cost will be $12.00. Please RSVP to Forrest in the church office by noon Monday, December 3rd.

Early Afternoon Circle – Thursday, December 20, at 1:00 p.m.
This month’s Bible Study is Lesson 4, “God with Us When We Seek God” from the Horizons Bible Study God’s Promise: I Am with You.

Late Afternoon Circle – Saturday, December 29 at 9:30 a.m.
All are invited to attend this special opportunity for conversation with Darice Wright, Program Manager of Career Connection Corporate at Moraine Valley Community College. Darice helps individuals and institutions identify goals, tap into resources, and facilitate business planning toward a need within a community. In reading Robert Reich’s book “The Common Good” our circle is interested in learning how we can help promote the dwindling values of trust, respect, and nationalism in our society. Reich says it is not too late for us to re-establish a more inclusive society.

Darice’s education includes: B.S. Finance, University of Illinois at Chicago; graduate certification, Teaching Economics, UIC; M.A. Urban Ministry, Community Development, McCormick Theological Seminary; D.M. in Building The Beloved Community, McCormick Theological Seminary. For additional information, please contact Sue Eck (sueeck@gmail.com).

Pastor’s Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, December 5. Please join Pastor Erik for our weekly, drop-in Bible Study every Wednesday 2:00 -3:00 p.m. in the Graham Charter Room. Each week, we read and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday morning. Feel free to come any time and invite a friend to join you. If you have any questions, see Erik.
December 2

Advent Fair

Our Advent Fair is immediately following worship at 10:30 a.m. Members of the congregation will have the chance to play games, participate in crafts, pose for a photo in our booth, eat delectable treats, and purchase thoughtful gifts.

Join the Fun and Fellowship after worship that day in the Jones Room.

Cookie Walk

In conjunction with the Advent Fair, the annual Cookie Walk will be happening in Room 202 — Stop by and create your own delicious box of cookies. Free Will Donations will help support the UPY Mission trip next summer.

Alternative Giving Fair

Please join the Mission Committee at our annual Alternative Giving Event during the Advent Fair. As in the past, a wide variety of gift items will be available for purchase in the Graham Charter Room after worship. Whether you’re shopping for friends, family, teachers, neighbors, coaches or even yourself, every item purchased will also “give” to someone else, here or around the world. For example:

There will be olivewood ornaments and other handmade gifts, fair trade chocolates (including the popular mints!), opportunities to make donations to Heifer International to “give” to your family and friends (for instance, for $20 you can give a flock of chicks to a family overseas in honor of your family member – that’s better than a fruitcake any day!)

Stop by and Share the Christmas Sprit!

December 9

All Church Caroling

The annual All-Church Christmas Caroling will take place Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a warm bus to chauffeur us to stops at retirement communities and homes of members. Songbooks will be provided. This is a great family event and we hope everyone will join in this Christmas tradition of sharing songs and good cheer. After spreading Christmas spirit, we’ll head back to PCWS for supper in the Jones Room.

Everyone is welcome — please let us know you’ll be caroling on the signup sheet online or in the lower-level hallway. When you sign up, please indicate if you would like to provide a portion of the meal, or help set-up or clean-up.

Christmas Poinsettias

Advent begins on Sunday, December 2, this year with Hanging of the Greens during worship. Christmas Poinsettias will again be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. You are invited to sponsor one or more plants in honor or memory of loved ones or in dedication.

If you wish to sponsor a poinsettia plant for our Christmas celebration, you may sign up online or the signup sheet in the lower level hallway. The cost per plant is $15, and the last day to order and provide dedication information is December 19.

When you sign up, please indicate your dedication, and:

1) take your plant home after the Christmas Eve 11:00 p.m. service or
2) have your plant delivered to a member or friend of the congregation.

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December, 2018

**Advent Events**

**December 16**

**Calling All Lovers of Christmas!!**

Our annual Christmas Pageant, a family favorite for many, returns to our more traditional script this year. Please come out and bring your friends and family to **join us December 16th at 5:00 p.m.**

The little ones are so excited to participate in this beloved tradition.

We are looking for:
- children to participate in all roles - *come one come all* - beginners and veterans alike!
- older children who want a bigger role, like a speaking part, or to help show the younger ones the ropes
- some adults to help with costumes and makeup!!

Please follow up with Laurie Merrifield, Candice Mares, or Forrest to let us know if you are interested in any or all of this.

For those who will be participating, there will be a Rehearsal FOR SPEAKING PARTS ONLY Friday, December 14th at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon (these roles include: Mary, Joseph, Angel of the Lord, Angel Gabriele, and Narrator.)

**PRACTICE FOR EVERYONE** will be Sunday, December 16th from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

All parts must be back at church for the big show at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, December 16th, there will be pizza for the participants. Watch for a signup genius if you want to donate our lunch meal or pizza for the night.

And most of all, we are looking for support out in the pews watching the new generation ring in the Christmas spirit.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!!

**December 20**

**Longest Night Service at 7:30 p.m.**

For many people, the Christmas season can be one that brings difficult emotions that seem so different from the joy and festivities that often marks this time. On the night when darkness lasts the longest, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer, contemplation, and peace with a hope in the One who we expectantly look toward to walk with us in the midst of our struggles. Come this night and escape the hustle and bustle of Christmas for a time of worship on the longest night of the year. See Pastor Erik with any questions or for more information.

**December 24**

**Christmas Eve Worship**

5:00 p.m.— Join us for a family friendly candlelight worship service for all ages with readings and carols.

11:00 p.m.— Join us as we will celebrate Christmas with communion and candlelight as we welcome the Light of the World!

**Christmas Poinsettias (cont’d)**

Our festive decorations, including poinsettia plants will remain in the sanctuary until after worship on Epiphany Sunday, January 6. Plants remaining after worship that day will be distributed.

Payment at the time you sign up is appreciated. You may pay online or send your check made payable to PCWS with a notation for “Christmas flowers.”

Thank you and Merry Christmas!!

December, 2018
Musical Happenings at PCWS

Do you hear what I hear? In October and November, we were blessed with a variety of music offerings, including our wonderful new organ, the No Name Band, trumpets, flutes, saxophones and, of course, our wonderful Chancel Choir. The sound was absolutely wonderful in our refreshed sanctuary. The changes in the flooring and the material behind the cross have created a whole new acoustic environment for our musicians. As they are singing and playing, the room is sustaining their sound by adding reverb. This supportive echo has been created by our updated flooring. We are still learning about our new space and making adjustments to the sound and we hope that your worship experience is enhanced. During advent, we will have even more opportunities to listen to wonderful music as we gather to worship God. And, if you haven’t had a chance, you are always welcome to join us!

The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will be rehearsing and participating in worship in December and the rehearsal dates are listed below. We are so abundantly blessed here at PCWS with wonderful musicians and music! We appreciate hearing from you about the new sound of worship in our sanctuary as we strive to make our best use of the updated space. Come and join us in worship.

Chancel 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? We would love to have you join us in the choir for Advent - it is such a wonderful time to sing of the birth of our Savior, please consider joining us!

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: Thursday, November 29th, December 13th, and December 21st. All rehearsals are from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Chancel Choir sings in church on Sunday, December 2nd - Hanging of the Greens, December 23rd, and the 24th at the 11:00 p.m. service, Christmas Eve.

Handbell Choir: We will be rehearsing in December to play on Sunday, December 16th. If you or someone in your family, 8th grade and up, would be interested in playing with us, please let me know. Watch the bulletin for the bell choir rehearsal dates.

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

As of the day we’re writing this update (November 8th), we have 75 pledges, totaling $314,804. For the latest update, please see the Chart in the Jones room downstairs.

We still had 18 pledge units at the time of this writing that pledged last year that hadn’t yet pledged this year. These 18 units pledged a total of $47,168 last year. So, assuming they’ll pledge at least the same amount again this year, we can expect our total pledge dollars to total around $361,972. Our “mean” donation was $4,254. Our “median” donation was $2,950 and our “mode” donation was tied with two amounts, $3,000 and $1,500, noting 7 instances of each.

We appreciate everyone’s generous donations and timely responses. If you haven’t made a pledge, it’s not too late. You can turn in your pledge card with the offering, or simply email your pledge amount to Leadership & Ministries at: stewardship@presbyws.org

Thanks again everyone!

Leadership & Ministries Committee
Condy Dixon, Moderator
Chad Sellman
A Word from Candice

Autumn was great! Halloween Parties complete with so much candy it hurts - check. A Haunted House that Jessie Fronk will tell you wasn’t scary but I was terrified - check. Trunk or Treat was a smash. Some games in the youth room and one gorgeous shared meal hosted by the thoughtful and intentional Pastor Erik. A good time was had by all! Thank you Fall for your special opportunities to bond and grow.

The Advent Fair is just around the corner and props to the teams of people that make it successful year after year! Thanks especially for the traditional UPY Cookie Walk once again under the careful guidance of Aileen and Jane!!

The JUPY Christmas Party will ride the coattails of caroling this year on December 9th. I can’t encourage everyone enough to get on the bus and share the voice God gave you with the world. The caroling crew will leave the church at 3:00 p.m. If you only want to party (which I understand), we will meet at the Gertsmeier’s home at 5:00 p.m. for a traditional Youth Group soiree. We will have a $10 funny gift exchange (see requirements on page 8) and will play a dice game to decide what victor gets which spoils. We will also eat dinner and have dessert, and the kiddo’s can be picked up at 7:00 p.m.

The UPY Christmas party will be something new this year. Immediately following the Advent Fair and UPY Cookie Walk on December 2, we will go to brunch and celebrate. We will still have a $10 funny gift exchange (see requirements on page 8) and will also play a dice game to decide what victor gets which spoils. I am guessing that this will be from about 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. but times may vary, and location is still TBD.

UPYs will have a weekend of FOUR INDOOR WATER PARKS overnight Friday, January 18th. Watch for the new UPY and JUPY calendar for the remainder of the year in email form coming soon.

Some Food for Thought and Planning:
Amidst the parties and gifts and chaos and stress, make sure to keep Christ a focal point of your holiday season.

Family Camp will be the first weekend in January- guaranteed good time. Remember to LIVE LOVE everyday and Merry Christmas!!

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30 Days of Character Strengths: A Guided Practice to Ignite Your Best

Men and women of all ages...Are you or is someone important to you seeking greater confidence? More engaging work or satisfying relationships? Are you interested in exploring your character strengths, key building blocks to human flourishing? Consider joining a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity facilitated by Jane Strunk Anderson, author of 30 Days of Character Strengths: A Guided Practice to Ignite Your Best. (and yes, Donna Strunk’s daughter!)

Based upon your response of interest, we are considering a 6 week series of 1½ hours face-to-face workshops on Saturday beginning in late January or early February. Virtual workshops may be possible. Her book will be given to all participants and details will be decided as we review your response of interest. Want to know more? Contact Mindy McMahon, subscribe to Jane's newsletter at www.StrengthBasedLiving.com or take the free VIA Character Strengths Survey.
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

Save the Date:
UPY Water Park
Overnight Wisconsin Dells
Friday, January 18, 2019!!!

Youth Calendar

December Dates:
Sunday, December 2
10:30 am Advent Fair/Cookie Walk
11:30 am UPY Christmas Party/Brunch

Sunday, December 9
3:00 pm All Church Caroling
(Youth Encouraged to Participate)
5:30 pm JUPY Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16
9:30 am Junior High Sunday School
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant

Monday, December 24
5:00 pm Candlelight Family Worship
11:00 pm Candlelight Communion Worship

January Dates:
Friday, January 4—Sunday, January 6
Family Camp

Sunday, January 13
9:30 am Junior High Sunday School
5:00 pm JUPY Game Night
6:00 pm UPY Game Night

Friday, January 18
UPY Overnight Wisconsin Dells Waterpark

Presented by: Candice Mares
Youth Director
cmares@presbyws.org
Text or Call (773) 771-0148

UPYs Christmas Party
December 9
3:00 p.m. Caroling @ Church
5:00 p.m. Christmas Party at the Gertsmeiers
Gift Exchange: See the rules below

UPYs Christmas Party
December 2
Immediately following the Advent Fair — Brunch
Gift Exchange: See the rules below

Christmas Party Gift Exchange Rules:
$10 maximum Gift—new, creative, gender-neutral
Make it funny, BUT, keep it Youth Group appropriate!

December Quote:
“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”
Pablo Picasso
**The Gift of Warmth**

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

As is our PCWS tradition, we will be collecting these items, as well as non-perishable food items, to share with our friends (and their children) in need.

**Do You Have Any Plastic Grocery Store Bags?**

We all seem to gather a lot of them and we know that they are a problem for landfills and the environment. Harriett Potenza coordinates a group at Oak Trace that crochets these bags into mats for the homeless. This wonderful service has been going on for many years and they need your help by providing bags. Please bring your clean plastic grocery bags to the church office and we’ll get them to Harriett.

Thank you!

**A Perfect Gift this Advent Season**

In the lead up to Christmas, many of us spend time in search of the perfect gift — the gift that communicates to friends and family how much we know and love them. We search our memories for indications of what gift might cause the faces of our loved ones to light up. We scour the stores and shops, hoping to come across the thing that will communicate a depth of love that our words cannot.

As important as gifts to loved ones are, we have an opportunity to give gifts that help many people we do not know through the Christmas Joy Offering. These gifts in particular draw us back to the manger and God’s perfect gift to us — Jesus Christ. Jesus came to live among us, bringing light into darkness, and reconciliation to God and to one another. A perfect gift from a gracious God.

During this Christmas and Advent Season, we celebrate leadership; past, present and future through support of the Christmas Joy Offering. We do so because church leaders greatly impact our lives of faith, walking with us down the path to be more like Jesus. We want those church leaders and their families who find themselves grappling with a critical financial need to have the resources they need which are provided through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. We also support the offering to help our future leaders in the church and world, like those educated at our Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Supporting these students helps the whole church develop leaders who reflect the wideness of God’s intended diversity.

For those supported through the Christmas Joy Offering, this help is truly a gift from above. May our gifts, and the leaders who receive them, point us always to the truth of the one whose birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ — the truly perfect gift. Please give generously when we receive the Offering on Christmas Eve or anytime during the month of December by sending a check (with the memo "Christmas Joy" to the Church Office, by placing it in the offering, or online.
Thank you for your service at PCWS in November! We could not do it without you.

**Helped in the office:** Amy Malone, Carol Ulreich, Joyce Rodos, Judy McAtee, Kay Kelly, Laura Fruit, and Mindy McMahon.

**Second Baptist Food Pantry run:** David and Jane Boxell

**Crushed cans:** David and Jane Boxell, Mindy McMahon, John and Frank Adelphia

**Prepared Glad Tidings for mailing:** Dorothy Anderson, Harriett Potenza, Joyce Habermann, and Mary Kae Headland.

**Flowers in November:** Jan Fortina, Nancy Glickman, Laurie Merrifield, Sue Kovalick

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**Women’s Retreat**

The annual Women’s Retreat, November 2—4, was enjoyed by 16 women at the Stronghold Retreat Center. Rev. Diane Slocum, retired pastor from Elmhurst Presbyterian Church created a series of 5 sessions that were inspirational and women responded with creativity, laughter, and meaningful conversations all weekend. Our small group projects will be on display in the near future.

We invite you to assist with plans for fall 2019 and to attend. Contact Mindy McMahon at mindymcm@aol.com if you are available to plan.

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As more of us shop online, and with the holidays upon us, if you shop at Amazon, please click on the graphic above, or use this link to shop and have a portion of your purchases donated to PCWS:
http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6009525

Or, visit smile.amazon.com and choose PCWS as your favorite charity.

Anyone can choose PCWS as their favorite charity, why not ask your friends and family to choose PCWS?

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**We’re Social! Are You?**
Follow us, share our information with your friends and family!
### Pray for our Members
Betty Toft, Billye Dvorak, Evie Meyer, John Kregg, Kathleen Kircher, Kimberly Bone, Marge Sandrik, Michael De Vries, Phil Kasik

### Pray for Relatives and Friends
Our brothers and sisters at Nueva Paz Presbyterian Church in Cuba
Our men & women serving our country in the Armed Services
Barbara Lennie, friend of Becky & Larry Glasscock
Beata B. Sak, co-worker of Lori Carsten
Betty Staab, friend of Judy McAtee
Bob DiLeonardi, brother-in-law of Bruce Barnes
Brian & Leah Kohlsaat, baby Amelia, and the Kohlsaat family
Brian, friend of the Smyers family
Dave Sipek, business associate of Bruce Barnes
Debi Mirlenbrink, aunt of Lori Carsten
Debbie Cole, daughter of Betty Anderson
Donna, dear friend of Joyce Smyers
Frank Young, cousin of Amy Malone
Gloria Torres, friend of the Merrifield family

Greg Dold, father of Roger Dold
Holly Oliver, daughter of Mary Kae Headland
Joshua Haberkorn, grandson of Shirley Pine
Marc Goldstein, friend of Carol Ulreich
Mary Jo Gallegos, friend of Jane Melilli
Mary Kate Miller, step-mother of Julie Garino
Mary, dear friend of Bruce Geary
Michael, friend of Jane Norman
Mike Slesicki, cousin of Barb Farr & Joe Benson
Molly Frank, daughter of Kay Kelly’s friend
Norb Mirlenbrink, Uncle of Lori Carsten
Paulette Erickson, friend of Carol Ulreich
Peggy Mirlenbrink, aunt of Lori Carsten
Phyllis Cordell, mother of Laura Cordell
Ruth Kaduke, niece of Herb & Joyce Smyers
Suzie, sister of Patti Mangis
Steve, friend of Mindy & Jim McMahon
Teri Tuffner, aunt of Candice Mares
The people of Syria, and especially the relatives of PCWS’ Interfaith Women’s Book Group
Theresa Ybanez, great niece of Laura Fruit
Toni Potenza Moya, daughter of Harriett Potenza & Craig Harris

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**Lorraine Hoskins and family on the death of her mother, Mary Kate Lee, November 3, in Hackettstown, New Jersey.**

**Cindi Karstens and family on the death of her mother, Rev. Rev. Winifred L. Schaumburg, November 7.**

**To the family of Fariz Ahmeti who passed away in June. The Ahmetis were our refugee family from Kosovo in 2004. Fariz, the father, suffered a stroke several years ago. Eldin, the oldest son, is married, and Elvin, the younger son, lives with his girlfriend in the city and works for a pharmaceutical company. There are still some sons in Europe.**

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**News Deadlines**

**Bulletin:**
Email announcements to the church office by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

**Weekly Connection:**
Email information to Michelle Hennessy by Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. for inclusion in the Thursday email.

**Glad Tidings Deadline:**
Articles for the next month’s Glad Tidings by the 10th of each month.

To ensure your submission is received, please email articles and pictures to: GT@presbyws.org.
Upcoming Events

Dec.  2  Hanging of the Greens, Advent Fair, Alternative Giving Fair, Cookie Walk
Dec.  9  3:00 p.m. — All Church Caroling
Dec. 16  10:30 a.m.—Congregational Meeting
 Dec. 16  5:00 p.m. — Christmas Pageant
Dec. 20  7:30 p.m.—Longest Night Worship
Dec. 24  5:00 p.m. — Candlelight Family Worship
Dec. 24  11:00 p.m. — Candlelight Communion Worship
Dec. 25  Christmas Day — Church and Offices Closed
Dec. 28  Prepare Glad Tidings for mailing
Jan.  4-6  Winter Family Camp

Holiday Office Hours:

Tuesday, December 25, 2018:  Church and Offices Closed
December 26—December 28, 2018:
  Church and Offices Open
    9:00 a.m.—noon
Monday, December 31:
  Church and Offices Open
    9:00 a.m.—noon

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.