GLAD TIDINGS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTERN SPRINGS SEPTEMBER, 2019

A Note from Pastor Erik …

Take a moment and imagine a charcoal fire. The fire is comprised of all the coals, burning both individually and creating a strong heat from the combined fire. If you use a pair of tongs and remove one of the coals, that individual coal will still burn – it will put off heat for a moment. In fact, if you take that coal and set it aside, it will keep burning.

But eventually, that coal will grow dim. The heat will diminish. Return the coal to the others, though, and it will be aglow again and rejoin the fire. New coals added to the fire also take on the heat and flame and they add to the fire. Again, remove the coal and it burns for some time, but to keep the flame burning … bring it back to the fire.

We can be like the charcoal briquette when it comes to our faith. When we're regularly gathering with others for worship, for study, for prayer, and for fellowship, it is easier for us to experience our faith and to remain connected to God and one another. Returning to the charcoal – surrounding ourselves with others on the journey – helps us be reminded that we're not alone.

The church is designed to be a community of faith, hope, love, and witness to Jesus Christ. We do this together! I want to encourage you to be looking for ways that you can be a part of this community through each of these characteristics of the church. There are ways within these pages to grow in faith, hope, love, and witness to Jesus Christ, but I'm sure you can also think of other ways you're already doing this and can do it deliberately! Let's bring our coals back to the flame and keep the fire going!

Peace,

Pastor Erik

Progressive Dinner

September 21

It's time to think about the church-wide Progressive Dinner on Saturday, September 21. ***All adults are invited and there will be free childcare at the church for children***. We're hoping to have a big crowd with plenty of time for good food and fun!

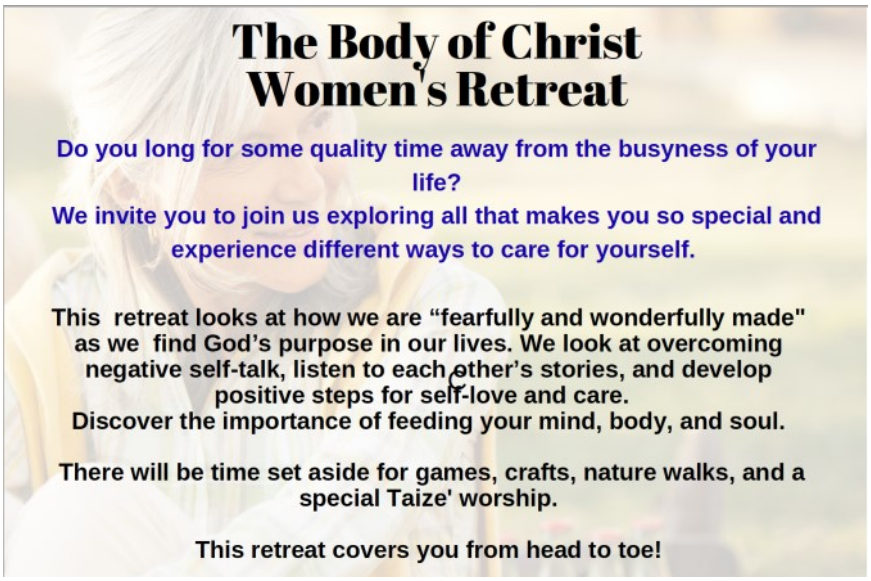
Timetable:
4:45 p.m. Drop your children off at PCWS for childcare — available through 9:45 p.m. Advance reservation required.
5:00 p.m. First course at the home of Kevin & Michelle Hennessy (appetizers, soft drinks, beer, and wine)
6:30 p.m. Leave Hennessy's for the Main course at a number of different homes, dining in groups of 8-10. Everyone will receive their main course location at the Hennessy's.

When you sign up, online or in the hallway outside the Jones Room, you'll be asked to help by choosing one of the following:

- Bring an appetizer that serves 12, **or**
- Host for 6 - 8 people, **or**
- Bring a main dish or salad (recipes will be provided for main dish and salad), **or**
- Bring a dessert of your choosing, **or**
- Contribute $15/person.

We encourage you to sign up early—deadline is September 15!
Want to attend, but need a ride?
Vegetarian or Gluten-Free?
Any questions? Please contact Jan Paddock, Val Blough or Loretta Gratias-Bremer.

FOR ADULTS



Friday, October 18, 5:00 p.m. to noon, Sunday, October 20 at Camp Manitoqua Adult Retreat Center in Frankfort, Illinois

Cost: $175.00

Registration is now open! Click on this link for more information, to register and pay online.

Please contact Mindy McMahon if you have questions.

Pastor's Bible Study

Everyone is invited to come to Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons from 2-3 p.m. This is an informal opportunity to talk through scripture with a few other people. You do not need to prepare and you do not need to have biblical knowledge. The purpose of this group is to talk through the text for the upcoming Sunday and share our thoughts in a safe environment.

We'll meet each Wednesday in September:

September 4: Philemon 1-21
September 11: Luke 15:1-10
September 18: Luke 16: 1-13
September 25: Luke 16:19-31

OUR PASTOR

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

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

Presbyterian Women

All women of the church and their guests are invited to join Presbyterian Women in fellowship and educational opportunities throughout the coming year. Questions and for additional information please contact Marilyn Hanson, moderator, or Sue Eck communications.

September 5 - 12:30 p.m.
The Reverend Jonathan Krogh will present an overview of the 2019-2020 Horizons Bible study: *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. We will gather at the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange. Lunch. Cost $12.

September 19 - 12:30 p.m.
Our newly combined circles will kick off the new year at Sue Eck's home. After a light lunch, we will look at Lesson One: "*Words of Love: I am Your God; You Shall Have No Others.*" Study books will be available ahead of the meeting. Future meetings will be in the Graham Charter Room at 1:30 p.m.

Session Scroll

The Session met Wednesday, August 21. Highlights of the meeting:

- The playground is scheduled to ship September 9
- Received the Finance Report indicating strong and encouraging mid-year results.
- Church Life and Membership reported approximately 75 attendees at each of the summer BBQ's.

For Adults

Gathering Around the Table

Gathering Around the Table is celebrating a year of gatherings! As we head into the second year, we've had many people connect with others by attending a gathering with others for a meal or other event. Do you have an idea for a way to offer adults a chance to get to know one another better? People keep coming up with great experiences including breweries and cocktail parties. If you'd like to learn more about this program, or have an idea for hosting a gathering, please Theresa Dixon or Loretta Gratias-Bremer. You are always welcome to join any of the gatherings — you can sign up online at presbyws.org/signup or on the bulletin board outside the Jones Room.

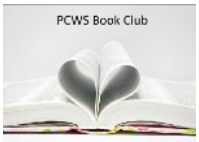
Gathering Dates for September:
September 8 – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Appetizers and Conversation (limit of 18) at the home of Sue Cushman. Bring an appetizer to share

September 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Wolf's Head Inn
6937 Joliet Rd, Indian Head Park

September 14 — 7:00 p.m.
Cocktails & Appetizers (limit of 20) at the home of Kevin McDermott. Bring an appetizer to share.

September 16 – 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast at Honey Bee
24 47th St, Western Springs

2019-20 PCWS Book Club



Beginning this fall, the PCWS Book Club will be reading the following books:

September 23	A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza (Fiction)
October 28	Falling Leaves: The True Story of an Unwanted Chinese Daughter by Adeline Yen Mah (Nonfiction)
November 25	Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love by Dani Shapiro (Nonfiction)
January 27	The Book of Joy by The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams (Nonfiction)
February 24	House Broken by Sonja Yoerg (Fiction)
March 23	Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng (Fiction)
April 27	Becoming by Michelle Obama (Nonfiction)
June 1	Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (Fiction)

The group will meet in the Graham Charter Room at 7:00 p.m. for discussion. Everyone is welcome to attended for any or all of the discussions. For more information, contact Joyce Rodos.

Adult Education:
Divine Omniscience & Human Freedom

Meets September 22 & 29, October 6 & 13 after Fellowship

Pastor Erik will be teaching a four-week series on the apparent tension between Divine Omniscience (the idea that God knows all things) and Human Freedom (often referred to as "free will"). We'll meet after fellowship on Sunday mornings from 11-12. The course is designed so that you can attend as few as one or as many as all four sessions. Childcare will be available if you notify the church office in advance. All four sessions will follow the following schedule:
"Life: Choose-your-own-adventure or Puppet-on-a string?" (Sept. 22),
"Why Pray?" (Sept. 29),
"Does God Allow Evil?" (Oct. 6),
"What Does The Bible Say About God's Knowledge?" (Oct. 13).

The course will be a combination of lecture, discussion, and exercises designed to get you thinking. All are welcome!

Family Ministries

All Church Movie Night

September 27— 7:00 p.m.

It is time for an outdoor all-ages movie night! This is a great opportunity to invite your friends (and your kids' friends!) to meet others from our PCWS family. We'll have build-your-own ice cream sundaes at 7:00 p.m. and then as the sun goes down, we'll sit on our blankets and/or chairs (bring your own!) and enjoy a movie together. Join us on the front lawn and bring a friend! (The event will be "rain or shine" and if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll be inside in the Jones Room.)

Confirmation Classes

Rogers Malone and Pastor Erik are in the Planning stages of our **confirmation program for 7th and 8th graders** which will start this Fall.

All youth entering 7th or 8th grade are welcome to participate in confirmation during the academic year in order to learn more about Christianity and what it means to be a member of a church like PCWS. Please contact Forrest if you would like your youth to participate.

JUPYs and UPYs Meeting

September 8, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Take a little break from studying and come to a fun evening of kickball with Candice and other middle school and high school students on September 8 from 6:30-8. We'll have some fun fellowship and check-in with one another. See you then and bring a friend! Questions about our youth programs? Feel free to contact Candice Mares.

From the Youth Director

I want to follow up about what an amazing representation of our church the 12 participants on the mission trip were. We split up and worked in two separate groups with two very different families and accomplished more than anyone could have anticipated. The adult chaperones of Nate Yates, Kathy Wennerstrum, and Lance Smith embraced their roles as mentors. They were warm and patient and the youth left better humans for having spent time with them. In that same breath, with no teenage angst or drama anywhere to be found, Natalie Carlisle, Jessie Fronk, Colleen Sullivan, Luke Gertsmeier, Abbey Gertsmeier, Gabbie Cloutier, Mark Dold, and newbie Cate Bonanno left the world better than they found it. Working hard, even in less than ideal weather and circumstances, never did they falter. God's abundant love shone through the hands and attitudes of our youth and I couldn't be prouder of our whole team.

Candace Mares
Youth Director

Congregational News

Congregational Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee will begin working during September as they prayerfully seek to identify individuals for service on our Session and Board of Deacons. If you have any questions, please reach out to Elder Steve Wennerstrum or Pastor Erik.

Joint Meeting: Session & Deacons

On September 18, all of our church officers will gather for a joint meeting around a potluck meal at 6:30 p.m.

Please keep the leaders of our congregation in your prayers as they start the new program year together!

Interfaith Book Group

The Interfaith Book Group will reconvene on September 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Jones Room.

Jerry Allers will lead the discussion about the book "Cry the Beloved Country" by Alan Paton. It is a classic book about apartheid in South Africa and the afternoon promises to be filled with sensitivity and deep conversation.

The women of the church are welcome to be part of this powerful group of women who share friendship and laughter around books.

For more information, please contact Carol Stoub.

Prayer Following Worship

Have you ever had someone pray with you? We often share our prayer requests through email or even in conversation, but there's something special and powerful about praying with someone.

Starting September 8, each Sunday after worship our Stephen Ministers (members of the congregation who have committed themselves to caring for others in the church) will be available in the front of the church to pray with you after the postlude. You can share with them a specific concern (or celebration) or simply ask for prayer. Give this a try and experience the gift of prayer.

Safe Space Training Sessions

We encourage everyone to participate in the Safe Space Program. You can learn more about the program by reading the policy on the PCWS website or by contacting Safe Space Committee Elder Mindy McMahon. If you have been active at PCWS for at least one year and would like to become an approved volunteer, the process is simple:

1. Complete an application;
2. Have a background check completed;
3. Attend an in-person training session.

The next information and training sessions will be held:

Sunday, September 15, 11:00 a.m. – noon.

Please contact Forrest in the office to begin the approval process and to let her know if you will be attending.

Guest Preacher on Sept. 1

Pastor Erik will be out of town on Labor Day weekend, and we'll welcome one of our Parish Associates, The Rev. Grayson Van Camp, as our guest preacher in worship on Sunday September 1. Communion will be celebrated the following week on September 8.

Mission & Service

Music at PCWS

As we look towards the fall, our worship service is joined in singing with the Chancel Choir. No previous musical experience is necessary, just the desire to sing and have fun doing it! The next rehearsal is Thursday, September 5th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Jones' room. Come join in the fun while singing praise to the Lord!

The choir traditionally sings 2-3 times a month and so there is definite flexibility with rehearsals and singing Sunday mornings. Come give it a try and see what you think for a week or two – you don't need to make a yearly commitment. Take a break and then come back when it's best for you. We are very flexible! Do you have a youth in middle or high school? They are more than welcome to join the choir for whatever time frame works for their busy schedule. And as the choir sings a wide variety of music including contemporary, classical, and gospel, there is always something for everyone!

Look for the next *Glad Tidings* for the complete schedule through Advent. Here is the schedule for September and the following months so you can make plans to join the choir:

Chancel Choir Schedule through Christmas Eve:
September: Rehearsals: Thursday, September 5th and September 19th
Sing in Church: Sunday, September 8th, and 22nd
October: Rehearsals: Thursday, October 10th and 24th
Sing in Church: Sunday, October 20thand 27th
November: Rehearsals: Thursday, November 14th
Sing in Church: Sunday, November 3rd
December: Rehearsals: Thursday, December 12th and 19th
Sing in Church: Sunday, December 1st, 15th, 22nd, and Christmas Eve

Handbell Choir: The bell choir will have rehearsals on Thursday, September 26th and October 3rd from 7:30 — 8:30 p.m. We would love to have new ringers or those who perhaps have done so in the past but haven't rung for a while. Come join in! The bell choir with play in church on Sunday, October 6th.

No-Name Band: The band will be leading worship on Sunday, November 24th. Please contact Kami Booth if interested is singing or playing with the band.

Nueva Paz, Cuba Update

We're celebrating 10 years of partnership with our friends in Nueva Paz this year! Mission is in the midst of planning some fun projects and ways for both congregations to connect in celebration of the years we've already walked together in faith as well as anticipating the new ways in which we'll continue to strengthen the strong bonds that have been built during this time.

The capstone of our celebration will be a visit to Cuba November 11-18, during which we hope to bring both gifts of celebration of our partnership, as well as gifts of compassion and care, as we do each year.

Stay tuned for more details!

Thistle Farms Products

As part of our ongoing support of Thistle Farms (www.thistlefarms.org), we are selling natural liquid soaps and lotions in the church office. You can try the products in the church restrooms. The high quality soaps and lotions are $12 and are available in four scents.

Using products made by Thistle Farms is a way that we can share the message of the important work they are doing to help women who are recovering from addiction and from trauma from abuse, trafficking, and prostitution. At Thistle Farms they boldly proclaim that "Love Heals" and we can be a part of that healing!

Mission Ministry

Margaret's Village Work Day Saturday, October 5th

As students return to school, we know Fall has arrived, regardless of what the temperature may read on the thermometer. We will be holding our annual PCWS work day at Margaret's Village on Saturday, October 5th. Lance Smith and Brian Sullivan will once again lead the way as we work to repair and refurbish the facilities run by Margaret's Village on the south side of Chicago.

On past PCWS work days at the Maria Shelter or Believe Family Shelter, our efforts have helped the women, children, seniors and families of Margaret's Village as they work to overcome the issues in their lives.

Signup online or on the bulletin board outside the Jones Room. We will plan to meet at PCWS for carpooling to the shelter.

Lunch will be provided. We are usually back to PCWS in the early afternoon (dependent on final project seletion.) We welcome all skill levels from first-time participants to those bringing their own tool kits!

Hands-On Mission

Mission Budget Series

This month in our 2019 PCWS mission budget series, we look at our Metropolitan mission giving. This category captures organizations serving diverse populations in the Chicagoland area. The **Night Ministry** works to provide housing, health care and human connection to members of our community struggling with poverty or homelessness. This agency offers a presence on the street through their mobile vehicles as well as offering shelter for people of all ages in need.

The Boulevard of Chicago provides high quality, cost-effective medical respite care, holistic support and housing services to help ill and injured homeless adults break the cycle of homelessness, restore their health and rebuild their lives. Their efforts help the homeless improve their lives by minimizing the impact of illness and injury and affirming the link between health. With our summer project supporting **Facing Forward to End Homelessness**, this agency should not be a stranger to our congregation.

Umoja Student Development equips young people to succeed in college and career and confidently claim their future. They build relationships that brings together schools, families and community partners to bridge the gap between the talents and ambitions of low-income youth and the resources they need to thrive. Umoja partners with Chicago schools to transform school culture, reduce violence and suspensions and build students' social-emotional skills for success in school, the workplace and in life.

Margaret's Village provides transitional housing for homeless women, children and families through two south side Chicago shelters as well as enrichment activities for area seniors in the Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood.

Your support of our metropolitan budget makes a difference in the lives of people working to overcome issues from hunger, homelessness or medical concerns in meaningful ways. Thank you for your ongoing support through your pledges and offerings!

Mission & Service

Let's Make a House a Home

We are just steps from the finish line with our all-church summer project in support of Facing Forward to End Homelessness. Hard to believe!

In the last several weeks, we've been very creative with gathering the items we need to fill the "welcome home" baskets we're assembling. The VBS kids started the "warm fuzzy" piece to the project by preparing several gift jars of chocolate chip banana bread mixes which our older youth recently completed. The Banovics kindly hosted a BBQ evening at their home, encouraging all attendees to bring a few items for the baskets which brought in quite a haul!

And the wrap-up collection on Kick-Off Sunday, where we gathered the remainder of the items we need to provide 50 baskets to Facing Forward which they, in turn, will be able to share with their clients as they begin the next stage of their lives in supported, stable housing.

On September 8 we will be assembling the first 25 laundry baskets to deliver to Facing Forward. Join us after worship for this all-ages, hands-on mission project!

Peace & Global Witness Offering

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The third of the PC(USA) annual denominational offerings takes place on Sunday, October 6th when we collect the Peacemaking offering. This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations may utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. The Synod of Lincoln Trails will receive 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Watch for further news about this offering through bulletin inserts and a Moment for Mission in late September. This offering is a means for us to take action in helping bring peace into a world in need.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

CROP WALK: Sunday, October 27

The 50th anniversary of the CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 27th. The walk will start at 1:15 p.m. at The First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut Street. *PCWS will be the half-way point in the walk.* There will also be a special family-friendly shorter walk in the neighborhood around the Congregational Church. Mark your calendar so you, too, can be part of the 50th annual CROP Hunger Walk in the western suburbs!

You can sign up to walk or support a walker via the internet at the CROP Walk website (LaGrange/Western Springs/Brookfield).

Look for information in the coming weeks about ways in which you can participate as a helper at the PCWS rest stop, walker or contributor to make this 50th annual walk the best ever!!!

Thank you for your support.

Mission & Service

A Great New Mission Experience

On July 10th, Jan Paddock and I volunteered at a Greater Chicago Food Depository FRESH Truck site. We were at Keeler and 55th streets near Midway Airport and we worked in a parking lot outside a public health clinic. It is one of the busier sites, according to other volunteers, many of whom are regulars at that site and others. The FRESH Truck experience involves distributing all fresh produce to eligible clients who have been found to be food insecure. Those with vouchers were served first. The clients and volunteers were very friendly and of different ages and gender. There were jobs for everyone, depending on physical abilities and other preferences. Jan and I worked as a "shopper" for individual clients. Before we assisted them with their shopping, we separated plastic bags for ease, then we helped unload the produce to put on tables. Other jobs included unloading and replenishing produce on tables, sitting under the tent and registering clients, and going down the queue and giving samples of food/recipes to waiting clients. There were many mothers with babies in strollers and many were equipped with large canvas bags. Some of them were on foot, took public transportation, or arrived by car.

Now for the fun part! We greeted our clients, many of whom did not speak English (some volunteers spoke Spanish, but it really wasn't an issue). Then we walked with each client down the line and gave them plastic bags filled with specific amounts of the following: carrots and beets, sweet potatoes and zucchini, cabbage, bananas and oranges, and peaches and apricots. While the supply lasted, they were provided with a generous amount of fantastic and quality produce which they were excited to receive. On the day we were there, the FRESH Truck benefited 337 households and 1,533 individuals were impacted. There were many cute babies!

It was a hot day and we were provided with plenty of water. The FRESH Truck operates in all weather conditions, so if you do volunteer, come prepared with weather-appropriate clothing, hats, sunscreen, etc. We arrived at 8:00 a.m. and shortly after our arrival, we worked solidly from then to clean up (we were easily done before 11:00). The distribution went from 9-10:30 a.m. The staff members were very helpful and friendly and volunteers could take brief breaks as needed. We liked keeping busy but were told that some of the sites aren't quite as busy as this one.

You sign up with others in groups of up to three people. They do not allow larger group signups because if a group cancels it significantly affects the volunteers who are the force behind the FRESH Truck. Please consider signing up, as they can use the volunteers! We signed up to do it again! The FRESH truck goes to different sites throughout the city, and the signup can be found on the GCFD website. We carpooled and had no problem finding parking. GCFD sends out an email in advance with arrival and parking information.

Amy Malone

Congregational News

This Month's Birthdays

Kevin Hennessy	9/2	Laurie Merrifield	9/15
Bob Cushman III	9/3	Pat Kelly	9/18
Chris Fronk	9/6	Condy Dixon	9/19
Lauren De Vries	9/10	Nate Yates	9/19
Grace Hughes	9/10	Jane Boxell	9/20
Clark Wood	9/10	Kathy Boxell	9/20
Maddie Mosher	9/11	Nick Bonner	9/24
Max Strohl	9/11	Kim Fronk	9/24
Scott Banovic	9/12	Kami Booth	9/26
Bob Bozek	9/13	Abby Gertsmeier	9/28
Craig Harris	9/13	Elaine Wood	9/28
Jan Fortina	9/14	Logan Hoffman	9/30
Salvatore Melilli III	9/15		

Fair Trade Coffee During Fellowship

Have you tried the coffee lately during Fellowship? We've recently started using delicious fair trade coffee from Equal Exchange (equalexchange.coop). A portion of the sales also go to the Presbyterian hunger fund through the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Started in 2001, The Presbyterian Coffee Project offers a special link between congregations and communities around the world. Through our purchase of Equal Exchange coffee, we can reach out to neighbors overseas, not only with the prayers and offerings we give, but with the goods and products we purchase. A warm cup of coffee in our hands is perhaps the most tangible daily connection we have with farmers around the world. It represents warmth, hospitality, fellowship, hard work and life's pleasures, both fine and simple. On Sunday mornings, you can enjoy Equal Exchange coffee roasts and in coming months we'll be offering coffee and possibly some other products for sale during fellowship!

Monday, September 2
Church and Offices will be closed.

Monday, September 9, we return to regular office hours: 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Office Corner

August was such a busy month at PCWS! For the first two weeks, the offices were in a bit of chaos as we re-carpeted. It was messy, but was also a chance to organize and clean. It's always a little scary when you move a big piece of furniture that hasn't been moved in years – you're not sure what you'll find behind it! There were a few days of stress and disorder, but we eventually put everything back together, and it's just a little bit neater now.

This month, we said "goodbye and good luck" to our college-bound Sextons, Dom Enrietti, Will Morgison, Nate Nichol, and Katie Evans. It's exciting to see them off to their next adventures. Hopefully some of them will return to help out during holiday and summer breaks. We also had a great barbecue to thank all of our Sextons for the work they do. It's good to remember how much goes into keeping the church tidy, and the furniture ready for all of our events. Gathering all of the Sextons together in one place is rare, and it was wonderful to see them all getting to know each other and reminiscing.

As summer draws to a close, I know that this fall will be a busy time around the church office. If you're interested in helping out, please reach out to me. I'm always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of projects, and I know that I'll need more hands (and brains) as we near Advent as well.

Forrest Schroeder
Church Administrator

Remember in Prayer

- ✞ Our siblings at Nueva Paz Presbyterian Church in Cuba
- ✞ Men & women serving in the Armed Services
- ✞ Barbara Lennie, friend of Becky & Larry Glasscock
- ✞ **Betty Anderson**
- ✞ **Betty Toft**
- ✞ **Billye Dvorak**
- ✞ Brent Young, son-in-law of Larry & Becky Glasscock
- ✞ Brian, friend of the Smyers family
- ✞ Cheryl Donchez, friend of Theresa & Condy Dixon
- ✞ **Cheryl Kroon**
- ✞ **Elaine Wood**
- ✞ **Evie Meyer**
- ✞ The Family of Gary Eiten, friend of Julie & Pat Kelly
- ✞ Gary Mirlenbrink, uncle of Lori Carsten
- ✞ Herman Mirlenbrink, grandfather of Lori Carsten
- ✞ Holly Oliver, daughter of Mary Kae Headland
- ✞ Jan Keeler, friend of Amy Malone
- ✞ **John Kregg**
- ✞ Joshua Haberkorn, grandson of Shirley Pine
- ✞ **Kathleen Kircher**
- ✞ **Kevin Hennessy**
- ✞ Kim Rae, friend of Amy Malone
- ✞ Linda Bell, daughter of Margot Walsh
- ✞ Lisa & Mike Porters, friends of the Leslie family
- ✞ Marc Goldstein, friend of Carol Ulreich
- ✞ **Marge Sandrik**
- ✞ Mary Jo & Tully Davia, Isabella Davia's grandparents
- ✞ Mary Kate Miller, step-mother of Julie Garino
- ✞ Mary, dear friend of Bruce Geary
- ✞ Mary Palmer, aunt of Lori Carsten
- ✞ **Michael DeVries**
- ✞ Michael, friend of Jane Norman
- ✞ Mike Knight, friend of Condy & Theresa Dixon
- ✞ Mike Slesicki, cousin of Barb Farr & Joe Benson
- ✞ Norb Mirlenbrink, uncle of Lori Carsten
- ✞ Friends and family of Paul Eck
- ✞ Paulette Erickson, friend of Carol Ulreich
- ✞ **Phil Kasik**
- ✞ Ravi Deva, friend of Lori Carsten
- ✞ Ruth Kaduke, niece of Herb & Joyce Smyers
- ✞ The family of Zach Fangmeier: His mother Taylor, Brother Nick, and aunt Mary Moos
- ✞ 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
- ✞ Parents of Tiffany Sellman
- ✞ Toni Potenza Moya, daughter of Harriett Potenza & Craig Harris

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**.

SAVE THE DATE!

We've got several exciting upcoming events! See the enclosed flyer. Mark your calendars, and plan on joining us!

September 21 – Progressive Dinner
September 27 - All Church Movie Night
October 27 - Trunk and Treat 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
November 2 - Potluck Dinner and Talent Show

We're Social! Are You?
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New Playground Coming Soon!

We're so excited to share that our new playground is under construction at the manufacturer and we are eagerly awaiting delivery and installation in September! Here's a sneak peak at the design! We can't wait to hear the sounds of our children enjoying it soon!

To view a calendar of events, please visit our webpage!