Glad Tidings

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WESTERN SPRINGS **SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Get ready for Rally Day on September 11!

We will begin with worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will include a sermon teaching about Moses and the burning bush by Pastor Matt. The burning bush is the sacred place where new adventures are found; a fitting message for Rally Day as we kick off all our new Sunday School adventures this fall.

Following worship, the fun will be turned up a few notches with some fun games and activities, including an inflatable and face painting for the kids, as well as, some lawn and table games for families. Don't miss the live band this year that will be providing some toe-tapping music while you eat lunch. We will have some tantalizing BBQ sandwiches from Chuck's along with appetizing side dishes and desserts supplied by all of you (more information to come). We look forward to seeing everyone at Rally Day!

Transition Topics

There's no question that our church is excited to have an Interim Pastor/Head of Staff to lead us through this transition, which is why we're happy to share that our search is making progress. While most of this is super top secret (that's a joke Pastor Matt likes to make), we are happy to share that we have begun reviewing candidates. We've even conducted a few first interviews.

Session Members on the search committee include: Moderator Paul Banovic, Kathy Boxell, Lance Smith, Nate Yates, Condy Dixon, and Pastor Matt Schmidt. Please pray for us as we seek to thoughtfully hire the right person.

OUR PASTORS

Rev. Matthew Paul Schmidt,
Associate Pastor mschmidt@presbyws.org

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

This Is Explore: Podcast

Have you listened to the new Explore Podcast yet? Rather than gather each week at PCWS, Explore will meet whenever you want, on your smart phone! This electronic format allows you to listen to recorded teachings by Pastor Matt and interviews with various guests.

The first interview is with Rev. Deborah Matthews about her bipolar diagnosis, and how we can all help lower the stigma of mental illness. Links for the most recent episodes are on the church website. You can also subscribe to the Explore Podcast through iTunes.

2nd Graders Receive Bibles September 18th

Second graders will receive bibles in worship on Sunday, September 18. A gift from the Robert Cushman Memorial Fund, students are gifted with age-appropriate bibles that will serve them well at home and in Sunday School.

Second graders receiving bibles are:

Madison Reed
Marissa Carsten
David Skjei
Carter Yates
Jillian Yates

Congregational Life

Presbyterian Women
Thursday, September 8
12:30 p.m. at PCWS

Join us for our traditional salad luncheon hosted by the PW board. Rev. Matt Schmidt will introduce the Horizons Bible study, ***Who is Jesus? What a* Difference *a Lens Makes*** By Judy Yates Siker. Each lesson will explore the question, "Who is Jesus?", through a particular theological lens. We will be joined by our friends from LaGrange and Highlands Presbyterian Churches. Cost $10.00

Thursday, September 15: 1:00 p.m.
Afternoon circle at PCWS
Lesson 1: "Who is Jesus…According to Mark?" We look forward to welcoming the Rev. Don Simmonds as our study leader this year.

Tuesday, September 27: 6:00 p.m.
Evening circle at Boxells, 125 Acacia Circle, # 604, Indian Head Park, for potluck dinner. The study for the year is ***The art of Comforting: What to Say and Do for People in Distress*** by Val Walker. Please read the introduction and Chapter 1 through page 13.

How Are We Using the Capital Campaign Money?

The Finance and Property Committees are working hard to make progress as we transition from a successful capital campaign to securing the loan for the funds promised. We're also actively receiving bids for the projects that will first and foremost help address the water issues. Stay tuned for more reports as our Elders make progress on this big project. For inquiries, contact Neil Pendleton, Elder of Properties.

PCWS Gift Card Program

By now you've probably heard a lot about the Gift Card Program at PCWS, but you may not realize just how much the church can make in rebates from the program. There are over 700 different vendors in the program, with rebates of up to 15% depending on the merchant. So stop by the Gift Card Table on Sunday and purchase a few gift cards!

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Garino via email: jgarino@mindspring.com

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Save the Date—October 16, 2016

PCWS will again be participating in the LaGrange-Western Springs CROP Walk, scheduled this year for Sunday, October 16.

As you know, this annual event raises money for our local food pantries and supports numerous national and international relief efforts sponsored by Church World Service. Put this family-friendly event on your calendar now and prepare your team for a little pledge-gathering and community building fun!

For more information, please visit the CROP Walk website at www.crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil.

Congregational Life

Session - Did You Know –

- Did you know that our church has up to seven computers all connected to our network at any given time?
- Did you know that we have WIFI throughout the building?
- Did you know that we have a 65 inch Smart TV on a cart, available for use in most rooms throughout the building, all-the-while connected to the network?
- Did you know that we have a dedicated, volunteer Director of IT who keeps all this technology up and running smoothly?

His name is Hank Vaughan and he solves problems, keeps our computers updated and working properly, and our staff and volunteers could not do all the hard work that we do here without him. We thank Hank for his gifts and his willingness to help! What a guy!

Theology & Brew

All adults are welcome to gather in September at Hillgrove Tap for any combination of craft beer, food, friendship, and thoughtful conversation.

The daytime edition will gather on Monday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. and the evening edition is scheduled for Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. Hillgrove Tap is located at 800 Hillgrove Ave downtown Western Springs. Topics and readings are determined closer to the date. To make reading suggestions, or to join the mailing, contact Pastor Matt via email at mschmidt@presbyws.org.

2016-17 PCWS Book Club

In May, the PCWS Book Club made the selections for next year's program. We invite anyone to join us for the year, or any part of the year, as your time and interest permit. Our discussions are always informal and often lively! Here's the list of selections so you can get a head start:

Sept. 28	Gutenberg's Apprentice by Aliz Christie
Oct. 26	Fifty Children: One Ordinary American Couple's Extraordinary Rescue Mission Into The Heart of Nazi Germany by Steven Pressman
Nov. 30	Nothing Daunted by Dorothy Wickendon
Jan. 25	Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson
Feb. 22	The Whip by Karen Kondazian
March 22	The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
April 26	The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry: A Novel by Gabrielle Zevin
May 24	Four Corners: A Journey Into the Heart of Papua New Guinea by Kira Salak

Interfaith Book Group

The Interfaith Book Group will meet the third Wednesday of the month alternating between PCWS and the Bridgeview Mosque Foundation.

The dates for 2016 are:

September 21 -- at PCWS
October 1916 -- at Mosque Foundation
November 16 -- at PCWS
December -- no meeting

We meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Upper Room when we meet at PCWS and are usually out by 4:00 p.m. When we meet at the Mosque, we meet at 1:30 p.m. upstairs. All women are invited to attend.

EDUCATION

Fall Sunday School

This fall, the children with begin in worship and head to Sunday school following Words for Children. Our wonderful group of teachers and youth will be using the Presbyterian curriculum, *Grace and Gratitude* again this year. Moses, Miriam, and the Ten Commandments are among the stories we will explore. Children will be in class until 10:30.

One Sunday each month we will have a gathering of children PreK-5th grade together for a Kid's event of worship, science, movies, special music, art, cooking and more. It is going to be an exciting year!

What is a JUPY? Ditto UPY?

At PCWS, we value our youth and desire for them to have opportunities for fun, fellowship and faith formation. This fall, we have lots of wacky events, service/mission projects and faith discussions planned for both JUPYs and UPYs.

JUPYs is for middle school students. We meet every Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The only reason we won't meet is if it's a holiday weekend. All 6th grade through 8th grade students are welcome to join us.

UPYs is for senior high students. This year, we will meet at a slightly new time, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Sunday except for holiday weekends. Our youth room is decorated with hands that spell L-O-V-E and comfy couches because we believe that God's love holds us through everything. Our hope is that both old and new friends will feel welcome to gather with us for food, fun, mission projects and good conversations.

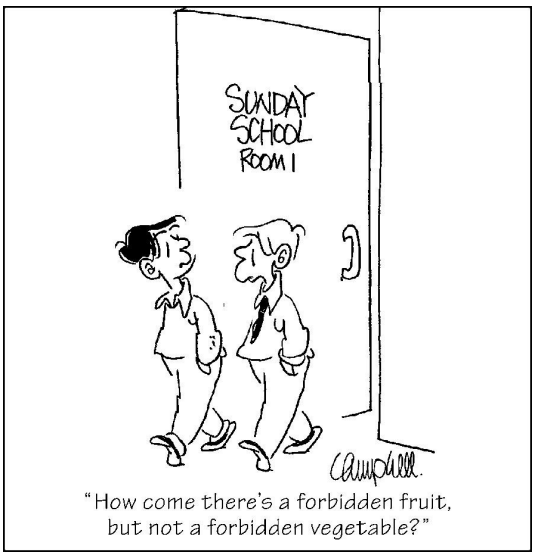
Both JUPYs and UPYs will kick off this fall on September 18 to welcome the new 6th graders and new freshman!

For more information about our youth ministries please call the church office and ask for Pastor Matt or Youth Elder Lance Smith.

Keep Faith Boxes

Keep Faith Boxes have been a special place to collect and keep memories of your child's faith journey. We will have a table with the boxes available for pick up on Rally Day.

If you are here before Rally Day, they are located in the 3rd floor hallway. This has been an amazing activity through the years and we are excited for you to continue this tradition at home. Thanks to everyone how created, participated and encouraged this project over the years.



THIS MONTH'S

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Colin Baise
Hannah Boeckmann
Max Boeckmann
Carly Booth
Tessa Holbrook
Lily Miller
Emma Reed

Youth Ministry

JUPYs (Grades 6 – 8)

Sept. 18
Kickoff Party
5:00-6:30

Get this year off to a great start! Come and meet your fellow JUPY's and play ALEIN and then have dinner. Find out what fun is in store the coming year.

Outdoor Games Night

Sunday, Sept. 25 ♦ 5-6:30 P.M.

Let's take advantage of some warmer weather and play outside. Wear shoes you can run in! We guarantee fun and some games and food you will love.

Coming in OCTOBER:

Oct 2-Pack the Place

Oct 16-CROP WALK

UPYs (Grades 9 – 12)

UPY Kickoff Celebration Whirlyball
Sept. 18 6:00-8:30
Approx $20

Sept. 25
6:30-8:00 p.m.

MiniGolf
Meet at church and bring $10

Coming in OCTOBER:

Oct 2-Diaper Drive for IWT
Announce this exciting Mission Project
10:30 Collection Begins

Oct 16-CROP WALK

Youth Sunday School Returns

After a few successful weeks of Junior High and Senior High Sunday School last spring, the Faith Formation Committee has decided to offer Sunday School during worship on the second and fourth Sundays each month.

Junior High SS will meet in room 302 and Senior High SS will gather in the youth room. The first regularly scheduled classes will begin two weeks after Rally Day, on September 25 during worship.

Congregational news

Members to Visit Cuba in November

Kathy Wennerstrum, Mindy McMahon, and Jane Boxell are going to Cuba on November 13th. Below is a list of items they wish to take with them which you can start buying now. Look for sales and put your items in a box marked "Cuba" by the lower level coat racks.

Medicines

Cough medicine for infants and up
Allergy
Indigestion / antacid
Vitamins multi, C, E, B12 w/iodine
Bone health
Antibiotic cream
Antihistamines
Bandaids, gauze, tape

Sunday School

Glue sticks
Crayons and markers
Balloons
Suckers / candy
Books in Spanish - all levels;
religious and non-religious, to start their church library
2 - 4 pkgs. Colored construction paper

Women

Crochet hooks G1 or smaller
Crochet yarn - thin
Knitting needles - #7 or smaller
Knitting yarn - light weight
Embroidery yarn

General

Projector to be used during Worship Service

Many thanks for your donations in advance.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?" – Psalm 78:19

Where lives are threatened by injustice and violence, God can, has, and will spread a table of peace and reconciliation.

This is the message of this year's Peace and Global Witness Offering, collected during the Season of Peace, September 4 through October 2, World Communion Sunday.

Each year, gifts to this denominational offering support ministries that help to bring people together at "tables" of many types that help to resolve injustice and transform violence and hate into compassion and community. Each local congregation is tasked with allocating 25% of their collection to local ministries to promote peace and reconciliation in their own neighborhoods. Another 25% is allocated to Presbyterian mid-councils and the remaining 50% is used at the national level by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice.

Please look for more information in October on this important offering and thoughtfully consider how your gift will help provide peace in our neighborhood and beyond.

Mission & Ministry

"Drive Me To The Moon" Annual ICP Annual Fall Benefit

Interfaith Community Partners is proud to present its 14th Annual Fall Benefit "Drive Me To the Moon."

The evening will feature The Nick Pontarelli Band, a fresh take on all of the greats including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and more. Also performing is the Loyola Medical Students singing group, Healing Notes. Enjoy an evening of music, dancing, and friendship while supporting this wonderful organization.

When: Friday, Sept. 23 - 7:00 p.m.
Where: William Tell Holiday Inn
Terrace Room, La Grange
Cost: $55 per person

Ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, with a cash bar for cocktails. There will also be a silent auction and paddle raise.

Please visit their website to purchase tickets:
InterfaithCommunityPartners.org

ICP is a non-profit organization that provides transportation for older adults and people with disabilities to physician appointments and quality of life erands. We rely solely on private donations, grants, and support from local church congregations.

Please call their office at 708-354-9328 with any questions.

PCWS Music News

Music Ministry

You may notice some title changes in the bulletin. Patti's new title is Music Team Leader (Music Administration, Choral Music) and Stephanie's new title is Music Team Leader (Organist, Handbell Choir). We are both excited about working creatively and collaboratively and look forward to finding new ways to make music for the glory of God! Thanks to Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis and Paul Banovic for facilitating this change.

There are SO many ways you can be involved with music at PCWS, whether you are in kindergarten or are retired or anyone in between! Take a look and see how you can fit in.

Bethlehem Choir.for children grades K-2 who want to sing.
JAM Choir for children grades 3-8 who want to sing and/or play handbells.
Chancel Choir is open to singers high school and above.
Family Band is for anyone who has been playing an instrument for at least one year.
Handbell Choir can be rung by middle-schoolers through adult.

For all our music groups, we will be continuing with the modular scheduling system we started last year:

*Chancel Choir - two week rehearsals/performance. The choir rehearses on a Thurs/Sun/Thurs/Sun rotation, singing on both Sundays. Chancel Choir's schedule is available on the calendar on PCWS' website; talk to Patti for more details.

*Handbells: 4-5 rehearsals prior worship on Sunday, November 20th.
*No-Name Band: 2-3 rehearsals prior to Sunday
*Family Band: just a Sunday rehearsal

Music Start dates for fall:
Chancel Choir - Thursday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.
Family Band - Sunday, September 25, 8:30 a.m.
Bethlehem Choir - Thursday, September 15, 4:30-5:00 p.m.
JAM Choir, - Thursday, September 15, 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Handbell Choir - TBA week of October 20th

Member News

Thank you for your service at PCWS in August! We can't do it without you.

Collated and/or folded bulletins: Laura Fruit, Judy McAtee

Helped in the office and with database updates: Carol Ulreich, Michelle Hennessy, Donna Strunk, Laura Fruit, Mindy McMahon, Judy McAtee

Crushed cans: David & Jane Boxell, Mary Jo & Ron Blough

Second Baptist Food Pantry run: David & Jane Boxell

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

Flower Guild designers: Sue Kovalick and Laurie Merrifield

Statewide Green Team Summit

faith in place

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2016
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: The Field Museum
1400 S Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

Learn how to mobilize your House of Worship to take better care of the Earth with a Green Team!

Join Faith Place at The Field Museum in Chicago on Sunday, September 25th from 12pm - 4pm for an afternoon of learning and relationship-building.

Send your Green Team members, clergy, and lay leaders to get a designated Green Team Coach. We'll give both new and existing Green Teams of all faiths from all across Illinois the tools, resources, and inspiration needed to spark meaningful change in the community.

This event is **FREE** and lunch is provided. You and your family will receive **free** access to The Field Museum and guided tours before and after the summit - plan to arrive early or stay late! There will be eco-activities for youth ages 13+.

For more information, or to register, visit:
http://www.faithinplace.org/news-events/events/statewide-green-team-summit.

Hayden Ellezabeth Miles, born to Kati and Jason Miles June 17, 2016. Proud grandparents are Sherrie Black and Joe Benson

Monday, September 5, 2016
Church and Offices will be closed.

Member News

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all announcements to the church office by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Email to pcws@presbyws.org or fax to 708-246-4276.

Are you on Instagram?
Join us at @pcwsyouth and get connected!

Did you know PCWS is also on Yelp!

Find us at https://www.yelp.com/biz/presbyterian-church-of-western-springs-western-springs.

Find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/presbyws

You don't need to join Facebook to see photos of all that's happening at PCWS.

Glad Tidings Deadline

Articles for the next month's *Glad Tidings* are due by the **10th** of each month.

To ensure your submission is received, please **email** articles and pictures to:

GT@presbyws.org

Help prepare the October *Glad Tidings* for mailing
Meet September 27 @ 10:30 a.m.
in the Jones Room.

Remember in Prayer

- The Ahmeti Family
- Tom Allen
- **Kimberly Bone**
- Diane Markley Bruser
- George Bruser
- Sandy Carucci
- David DeFano
- **Bill Dougherty**
- **Billye Dvorak**
- Norm Erickson
- Paulette Erickson
- **Bob Fencl**
- Agnes Garino
- Marc Goldstein
- Elaine Greco
- Ronald Halla
- Loy Hovious
- **Rich Kanak**
- Lynda Kajdi
- Ruth Kaduke
- **Phil Kasik**
- **Kathleen Kircher**
- **Mae Love**
- Deborah Matthews
- **Evie Meyer**
- Scott McCormick
- Mary Kate Miller
- Peggy Mirlenbrink
- Mary Myers
- Holly Oliver
- Ginger Oswald
- Sharon Pederson
- Robert Petersen
- Gretchen Quinn
- Rev. Maricela Gonzalez Rubio
- **Marge Sandrik**
- Perry Sells
- **Lewis Skeels**
- Mike Slesicki
- Patti Schoenbeck
- Kent Simmonds
- Susan Simmonds
- Betty Staab
- **Carol Stoub**
- Margaret Swaar
- Gloria Torres
- **Betty Toft**
- **Norman Toft**
- Beth Tooth
- Dorothy Wilson
- Cheryl Vejsada
- Donna
  (Friend of Joyce Smyers)
- Michael
  (friend of Jane Norman)
- Presbyterian Church Congregation in Nueva Paz, Cuba
- Sister of Pastor Marielys at Nueva Paz
- The people of Syria, especially family members of PCWS Interfaith Women's Book Group

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Upcoming Events in September

Sept. 5 Labor Day
(Church and Offices Closed)

Sept. 6 Deacons Meeting

Sept. 7 Committee Meetings

Sept. 8 PW Salad Luncheon & Bible Study
Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin

Sept. 10 *Glad Tidings* Article Deadline

Sept. 11 Rally Day

Sept. 15 PW Afternoon Circle
Bethlehem Choir Rehearsals Begin
JAM Choir Rehearsals Begin

Sept. 19 Theology & Brew Daytime Edition

Sept. 21 Interfaith Book Group
Session

Sept. 26 Theology & Brew Evening Eidition

Sept. 27 Food For Life
Prepare *Glad Tidings* for Mailing

Sept. 28 Book Club

Upcoming Events in October

Oct. 1 Communion Preparation Class

Oct. 2 World Communion Sunday

Oct. 4 Deacons Meeting

Oct. 5 Committee Meetings

Oct. 6 Presbyterian Women

Oct. 10 Columbus Day
(Church and Offices Closed)

Oct. 16 CROP Walk

Oct. 19 Interfaith Book Group
Session

Oct. 25 Food For Life

Oct. 26 Prepare *Glad Tidings* for Mailing
Book Club

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.