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IT'S LEAP YEAR!

WHY A LEAP YEAR?

2020 is a leap year. Simply, leap years synchronize the calendar year with the solar year, with Earth's movement around the Sun, for a true astronomical year.

From www.mathisfun.com, "Because the Earth rotates about **365.242375** times a year—but a normal year is 365 days—something has to be done to 'catch up' the extra **0.242375** days a year.

"So every 4th year we add an extra day (the 29th of February), which makes **365.25** days a year. This is fairly close, but is wrong by about 1 day every 100 years.

"So every 100 years we **don't** have a leap year, and that gets us **365.24** days per year (1 day less in 100 year = -0.01 days per year). Closer, but still not accurate enough!

"So another rule says that every 400 years is a leap year again. This gets us **365.2425** days per year (1 day regained every 400 years = 0.0025 days per year), which is close enough to 365.242375 not to matter much."

O.K., if math is not fun with all of the decimal details, then the math can be made clearer in order to know if any year is a leap year.

If you want it in a box, www.mathisfun.com provides:

"Leap Years are any year that can be exactly divided by 4 (such as 2016, 2020, 2024, etc)

except if it can be exactly divided by 100, then it isn't (such as 2100, 2200, etc)

except if it can be exactly divided by 400, then it is (such as 2000, 2400)."

Math Is Fun continues, "So 2000 and 2400 **are** leap years but...2100, 2200, and 2300 **are not**. Apart from that, **every year divisible by 4** (2012, 2016, 2020, 2024, etc) is a leap year. [However,] just before 2100, the worst year is 1.2 days ahead, but because 2100 is **not** a leap year, they all get adjusted back by 1 day. So this keeps us pretty close, and any other adjustments can be done way in the future (when the Earth may be rotating a little slower, anyway!)"

For a quick history lesson, let's use www.infoplease.com/leap-year-101. "The Egyptians were the first to come up with the idea of adding a leap day once every four years to keep the calendar in sync with the solar year. Later, the Romans adopted this solution for their calendar [the Julian calendar of 45 BC], and they became the first to designate February 29 as the leap day. ... If you add a leap day every four years, the calendar would

still overshoot the solar year by a little bit—11 minutes and 14 seconds per year. These minutes and seconds really start to add up: after 128 years, the calendar would gain an entire extra day. ...To rectify the situation, the creators of our calendar (the Gregorian calendar introduced in 1582 [when the Julian calendar was off by 10 days]) decided to omit leap years three times every four hundred years. This would shorten the calendar every so often and rid it of the annual excess of 11 minutes and 14 seconds. So in addition to the rule that a leap year occurs every four years, a new rule was added: a century year is not a leap year unless it is evenly divisible by 400. This rule manages to eliminate three leap years every few hundred years. This ingenious correction worked beautifully in bringing the calendar and the solar year in harmony, pretty much eliminating those pesky extra 11 mins and 14 secs. Now the calendar year and the solar year are just about a half a minute off. At that rate, it takes 3,300 years for the calendar year and solar year to diverge by a day.”

The conclusion is some fun facts about leap day taken from www.infoplease.com/leap-year-explained.

“The chances of being born on leap day are about 1 in 1,500.”

“There are about 187,000 people in the US and 4 million people in the world who were born on Leap Day.”

“If you are born on a Leap Year, can you get your driver’s license as early as February 28th? Well, each state decides whether or not February 28 or March 1 will be the day you are eligible to get your license. ... Leap year babies get their driver’s licenses when they are officially four years old (16). There are no rules on when you have a party, however, so really any day in February or March is fair game to celebrate a leap year birthday.”

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

February 2	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
February 26	7:00 p.m.	
	Ash Wednesday	



SESSION REPORT

Special Session Meeting, December 29, 2019

Session voted to receive into Active Membership Emily Hanley by reaffirmation of faith. As Emily Olson, she left us to enroll in the United States Naval Academy and served terms of active duty and reserve duty. Now married with two children, Emily returns to us.

Special Congregational Meeting, January 5, 2020

Edward Wahl was nominated and elected to fill a vacancy in the Session Class of 2020. Joyce Anders, Shirley Armistead, and Kathie Darman were nominated and elected to the Session Class of 2022. Earl Anker, Laura Dillman, Phil Dillman, and Paul Gerrish were nominated and elected to the Trustees Class of 2022.

Joyce Anders, Janet Bunker, Emily Hanley, Tricia Hentschel, Howard (Bob) James, Jay Ruklic, and Lauren Ulrich were nominated and elected to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The PNC is fully constituted.

Special Session Meeting, January 6, 2020

The purposes of the meeting were to prepare Elder-elect Joyce Anders for ordination and installation, to schedule the installation of elected-and-continuing Elders Shirley Armistead, Kathie Darman, and Edward Wahl, and to discuss a proposed new church policy. The ordination and installation of all new church officers was scheduled for the worship service on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Regular Session Meeting, January 20, 2020

Session voted to receive into Active Membership Jessica Lopez-Jursa and Lina Jursa, both by reaffirmation of faith.

A new **Church Policy on Building Access and Usage** from the previous Special Session Meeting was reviewed and approved. It states:

The Church Building comprising the Sanctuary Building and Christian Education Building will normally be open to the public and general membership while a participant in worship services and other scheduled missional or fellowship activities. At all other times, the Church Building will be closed, and the entrance doors will remain locked. When the entrance doors are locked, only the following shall have access to the Church Building:

- Church staff (Pastor, Music Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Sexton) and those meeting with church staff.
- Other elected/appointed persons conducting official church business.
- Approved outside groups possessing official door keys.

For reasons of safety and security, no other unsupervised persons shall have access to or be allowed to remain in the Church Building when the entrance doors are locked. Effective date: January 20, 2020

On Monday, December 16, 2019, Rev. Elvery led a Special Worship Service for Healing and Wholeness (for the Longest Night) following the Community Dinner for 26 persons.

Rev. Elvery celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for Brodie Bleau Jursa in worship on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020. His parents are Kenneth Jursa and Jessica Lopez-Jursa. There were 69 persons attending the Christmas Eve service.

The Mission Study Team has completed their final report. Session received the report to read and then vote via e-mail to adopt it by Saturday, January 25, 2020. Once adopted [NOTE: it was unanimously adopted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020] it will be ready to forward to the Presbytery of Chicago to trigger the next step in the pastoral search process.

On Sunday, December 16, 2019, Sexton Johnnie Dorsey was involved in an automobile accident while on the way to his own church. Johnnie was hospitalized with six broken ribs and sternum. Filling in for Johnnie since then has been a team of Trustees. The Personnel & Administration team working with the Trustees has found a temporary replacement person who will be working two days a week for up to 20 hours until Johnnie is recovered and healed enough to return to work.

There were a number of death notices received:

- ✚ Non-member Jack Bonthron, father of Active Member Douglas Bonthron, father-in-law of Active Member Sally Bonthron, grandfather of Active Members Ian Bonthron, Jean Conover, Leslie Bonthron, and Michael Bonthron, on Monday, December 16, 2019.
- ✚ Non-member Peggy Judge Dillman, aunt to Active Member Phil Dillman and Active Member Laura Dillman, on Saturday, December 14, 2019.
- ✚ Active Member Deacon Raymond Baird, husband of Active Member RoseMary Baird, on Monday, December 23, 2019. He was cremated. Memorial arrangements are to be announced.
- ✚ Former member Betty Smallwood, in Florida, on Thursday, December 26, 2019.
- ✚ Non-member Marlin (Bud) Leimnetzer, brother of Active Member Melodee Leimnetzer, on Friday, November 29, 2019. Rev. Elvery officiated his funeral service at Tews-Ryan Funeral Home and private gravesite service at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.
- ✚ Non-member Henry Noetzel, father of Active Member Lauren Ulrich, on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Executive Presbyter Sue Krummel from Presbytery of Chicago sent a personal thank you card for our congregation's gift of \$3,500 in 2019 for Shared Mission from our Mission & Ministry Endowment Fund.

Once again, the problem with the elevator was misdiagnosed. A replacement part was ordered and paid for, but when it arrived, there was nothing wrong with the original part. The real culprit was discovered when the good part was being replaced: a steel gear in the hydraulic system was cracked, and a replacement had to be paid for and ordered. There is no estimate of the repair date and return to service.

The average number of Community Dinners served weekly has climbed to 72. On Monday, January 20, 2020, the count reached 88 because another church's Monday night dinner was cancelled for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, and many of their guests came to us for a meal.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward C. Wahl, Clerk of Session



Session Appointments 2020

Church Treasurer

Linda Daanen

Financial Secretary

Melodee Leimnetzer

Carillon Editor

Janet Wahl

Church Historian

Phil Dillman

Church Librarian

Paul Gerrish

Memorials and Gifts

Ed Wahl

Endowment Fund Managers

Joyce Anders (2020)

Earl Anker (2020)

Jim Foster (2021)

Kathie Darman (2022)

Melodee Leimnetzer (2022)

Rolls/Registers

Ed and Janet Wahl

The seven-member

Nominating Committee

will be set at the Annual Meeting



ANNUAL MEETINGS

Annual Reports will be available in the Narthex to take home and read before the annual meetings. If you have specific questions, it helps to know in advance so the leaders can provide more thorough answers. Please contact Clerk of Session Ed Wahl. As always, questions are welcome from the floor that day, too.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
and
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
February 16, 2020**

A Potluck Lunch will be served before the meetings, so please bring a dish to share and join us for this important gathering of our congregation.

The purposes of the meetings are to review the past year via annual reports for 2019, to look over the financial report and present the 2020 budget, to nominate and elect members of the Nominating Committee, to hear from the Trustees, and to conduct any other business items brought to the meeting. Please plan to attend.

 **FROM THE PASTOR**

Le roi est mort; vive le roi! was first declared upon the accession to the French throne of Charles VII after the death of his father Charles VI in 1422. Translated into English and many other languages, this phrase became the emblem of continuity during transition. “The King is dead! Long live the King!” led into the notion of the Once and Future King, which was modified by Loren Mead in the title of his book, *The Once and Future Church*. Mead takes a broad look at past and present changes in the church and postulates a future to which those changes are calling us. Denominations, once structured to deliver resources to far-off lands of foreign mission, now encounter the mission field in the layperson’s workplace and the community surrounding the local congregation. Thus, the church is called to reinvention for this new mission frontier.



First Presbyterian Church of Homewood began the process with New Beginnings several years ago. Out of it came the picnics that transformed into the still transforming Monday Night Community Dinners. From this experience and process come several important lessons. First, we are capable of looking around us at our resources and community and seeing and responding to the needs that God uses to call us into action. Doing so has invigorated and helped redefine us. We are known as “the church that does community dinners” in Homewood and the area. Second, we can survive changes and new directions. We can do more than survive; we can thrive, too. I think a question we were asking, “Will we survive?” has added another word to it. The new question I hear being asked is, “How will we survive?” Not “How **have** we sur-

vived?, but “How **will** we survive and thrive?” The shift from the past tense to the future tense helps us focus on where our future lies, in the future and not the past.

First Presbyterian Church of Homewood is indeed the Once and Future Church!
Dudley Elvery

 **CHURCH OFFICERS 2020**

SESSION	
Class of 2020	
Ed Wahl 957-3643	Karen Maurer 248-6777
Kathleen O’Hanlon 312-953-1898	
Class of 2021	
Kathie Hazlett 471-3626	Sylvia Tufts 799-7606
Jay Webster 224-234-7244	
Class of 2022	
Shirley Armistead 798-4697	Joyce Anders 899-5066
Kathie Darman 207-2813	
The Rev. Dudley Elvery, Moderator	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	
Class of 2020	
Marge Errant 532-2276	Rod Dunlap 799-2681
Jim Foster 957-5087	Paul Tufts 799-7606
Class of 2021	
Nancy Beaudoin 334-5023	Vern Moore 436-1100
Eleanor Steiner 798-6082 R. Shropshire 798-8755	
Class of 2022	
Laura Dillman 890-4425	Paul Gerrish 205-5478
Phil Dillman 799- 8486	Earl Anker 815-469-4770

 **MUSIC MINISTRY**



February means that it is time for the **South Suburban Church Choir Festival**. This year, the festival will be at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 23. Our Chancel Choir will participate with choir members from St. Paul Community Church joining us. There will be seven or eight church choirs, some of them also combined. Each choir sings two songs and all choirs sing three songs together. This year all choirs will sing a Cameroon song in that language! Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of music.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

There is no luncheon meeting for the Women's Association scheduled for February, but the Board will still meet on Thursday, February 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

Sponsored by the Women's Association, a **Bake Sale** will be held in **Westminster Hall on Sunday, February 9, during Heavenly Perks**. Bakers and buyers are needed. This is the first of several bake sales, and it will benefit the operations of the Women's Association. Most of the next ones will benefit the Community Dinners.



Our new donation method will apply again – take the items you want and donate whatever money you want.

Charlene Hansen

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXEC BOARD

President	Laura Dillman	890-4425
Secretary	Eleanor Steiner	798-6082
Treasurer	Charlene Hansen	672-7986

Circle Chairpersons

Lydia	Jonna James	957-0658
Rebecca	Laura Dillman	890-4425

CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – No February meeting

REBECCA – Wed., Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jan Bunker, 19630 Heritage, Tinley Park. Co-hostess is Laura Dillman. Karen Maurer will lead the lesson on chapters 10-12 of *The Screw-tape Letters*.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHICAGO HEIGHTS

First Presbyterian Homewood men are invited to join the Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship Lunch on Friday, February 14, at 12:30 p.m. at Paulie's Pub, 2736 Chicago Rd., South Chicago Heights. Share a devotion, a meal, and Christian fellowship. Hope to see you there.

TRUSTEE REPORT



The ongoing problem the Trustees are dealing with is the elevator being out of service. Despite all the money we've spent in the last couple of years to modernize the controls, things keep going wrong. This time it's a coupling, and it is taking a while to procure and to have the service company come out. We're very aware

how vital having a working elevator is to our church family's well-being. [At time of publication, the elevator is fixed] Our aging kitchen sinks have also been occupying much of the Trustees' time (Jim Forster's in particular). Strainer baskets, cast iron tees, drain pipes, and faucets have all been worked on in the last month. For one problem, we had to resort to hiring a licensed plumber. Hopefully, everything is now better than new. We discussed our electric service: how much it costs and who provides it. We voted to accept a 3-year plan that will lower our cost by a few percent. We'll also be reviewing our gas service cost. The organ was recently worked on to keep it in good working order. Burned out light bulbs were replaced in the Sanctuary ceiling, which involves a bit of precarious climbing and careful maneuvering that only the nimble among us are willing to attempt. But it gets done! Let any Trustee know of any repairs or issues that need our attention. Jay Ruklic

TRUSTEE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President	Jim Foster	957-5087
Vice President	Paul Tufts	799-7606
Secretary	Rod Dunlap	799-2681

Buildings and Grounds

Jim Foster, chair
Earl Anker
Phil Dillman
Vern Moore

Elevator

Earl Anker
Jim Foster

Energy

Rod Dunlap

Grounds Beautification

Marge Errant, chair
Paul Gerrish
Laura Dillman

Faith Formation Liaison

Nancy Deaudoin

Steward/Finan Team

Jim Foster
Ron Shropshire

Kitchen/Restrooms

Laura Dillman, chair
Eleanor Steiner

Persnel/Admin Team

Rod Dunlap

Organ/Piano/Sound System

Paul Gerrish

Nominating Committee

Jim Foster

Insurance

Rod Dunlap, chair
Paul Tufts

Endowment Fund Managr

Jim Foster
Earl Anker

Office Equipment/Operations

Ron Shropshire, chair
Paul Tufts
Earl Anker

Carillon Message

Rod Dunlap, secretary

Risk Prevention/Management

Rod Dunlap, chair
Paul Gerrish

Budget for 2020

All Trustees

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

It will soon be time to send in your 2020 pledges and per capita amounts in February. Because the deadline for this issue of *The Carillon* occurred first, we can only give thanks to God for your anticipated financial support at this time. We trust you are using your 2020 offering envelopes and have recycled any unused 2019 envelopes (and the box they came in). Also, we still have 27 boxes of 2020 offering envelopes left in the Cloister waiting to be picked up; do you have yours?

Annual giving statements for 2019 were handed out to all persons attending worship on Sunday, January 26, 2020, and mailed to all other members on January 27, 2020. Please check your statement against your records for accuracy. We do the best we can to keep the records straight, but some errors occasionally creep in. Your annual statement includes regular and special offerings, Per Capita payments, special gifts, required minimum distributions, and memorial gifts. Any questions or requests for corrections should be directed to Melodee Leimnetzer, our Church Financial Recording Secretary. She has the records and will be able to help you.

The 2020 Per Capita Apportionment is **\$36.00** for each member of the congregation on the Active Member Roll on December 31, 2018. Based on 113 active members on that date, we will be asked to pay \$4,068.00 to support the three higher levels of the Presbyterian Church—Presbytery of Chicago (**\$8.95**), Synod of Lincoln Trails (**\$3.81**), and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (**\$23.24**).

With the Pastoral Nominating Committee now in place, we as a congregation must get serious about the amount of compensation and terms of call that will bring us our next called pastor. There may be extra one-time expenses involved with the search activities, possible on-site neutral pulpit visitations, and relocation costs. To support all of this, we will need financial participation from all members, including those who do not usually return their pledge forms. This is our congregation; this is our responsibility. Please help.



The summary of receipts and disbursements for the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month and year ending December 31, 2019, is in the following chart:

	<u>Through December</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
General Fund Income		
Identified Giving	\$145,742	\$130,000
Loose Offering	1,376	1,500
Initial Offering	360	500
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	9,172	5,000
Community Dinners Donations	2,482	3,000
Other Income	3,047	6,000
Dividends & Capital Gains	20,339	14,000
Sale of Investment Shares	0	21,800
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	7,700
Transfer from Designated Fund	<u>1,630</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund Income	184,148	189,500
General Fund Expenses		
Missional Ventures	\$5,083	\$6,500
Faith Formation	1,665	1,800
Facilities	43,452	51,100
Staff	77,181	79,600
Transition	41,938	43,300
Administrative Support	5,436	7,200
Purchase of Investment Shares	0	0
Transfer to Designated Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	174,755	189,500
Designated Fund Income	\$24,434	
Designated Fund Expenses	19,367	
Total Active Members—December 31, 2019 111		
Average Sunday Attendance—September 2019 48		
Average Sunday Attendance—October 2019 56		
Average Sunday Attendance—November 2019 58		
Average Sunday Attendance—December 2019 59		
Summary through December 2019 (12/12 of Budget):		
Income Over/(Under) 2019 Budget		(\$5,352)
Expenses Over/(Under) 2019 Budget		(14,745)
2019 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date		9,393

We need an average income of **\$4,000** each week to fund our mission and operate our church. This is inclusive of pledges and identified giving as well as other income sources. So, how are we doing?

- Weekly average for January (4) \$5,290
- Weekly average for February (4) \$2,731
- Weekly average for March (5) \$3,707
- Weekly average for April (4) \$3,647
- Weekly average for May (4) \$2,648
- Weekly average for June (5) \$2,176
- Weekly average for July (4) \$3,556
- Weekly average for August (4) \$2,545
- Weekly average for September (5) \$5,364
- Weekly average for October (4) \$2,455
- Weekly average for November (4) \$3,057
- Weekly average for December (5) \$4,813
- **Weekly average for 2019 (52)** **\$3,510**

WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM



A **Service of Healing and Wholeness**

will be held on Monday, February 24, immediately following the Monday Night Community Dinner. Our in-

creasing awareness of how broken our world has become can either overwhelm us and push us into apathy or even despair or move us to say “enough is enough” and realign ourselves with God’s dreams and possibilities for a Kingdom on Earth. This service can become a small step in that direction by helping us to experience anew God’s healing, peace-giving grace or by refueling us for becoming agents of healing and reconciliation or both.

Taking time for this mimics a pattern for Jesus and his disciples. They would be out in the thick of a clamoring multitude and then retreat to a quiet place to reconnect, recharge, and clarify their mission. Our quiet place awaits us in this service. Please come! *Dudley Elvery*



Ash Wednesday

This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on Wednesday, February 26, because Easter will be earlier on April 12. At the time of publication, there was no decision on where the 7 p.m. Com-

munion service with the imposition of ashes will be. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin for further information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY

Another great year! Monday Night Community Dinners from December 16, 2019, through January 13, 2020, served an average of 72. Due to all the food and monetary donations during the year, we were under budget for 2019. *We served 3,068 meals at an average cost of \$1.66 each, which includes the cost of food, condiments, and supplies.*

Congregational Life will again manage the potluck lunch for the February 16, 2020, annual meetings. Please bring a dish to share. We will set up Saturday, February 15, at 1 p.m. Let Shirley Armistead know if you want to help or if you have questions at 630-712-4697. Heavenly Perks for February 2020 will be provided by the Trustees.

Jay Webster, Kathie Hazlett, Shirley Armistead

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Each Sunday, our fourth grader has a special project to work on: once it was to work with Mr. Phil on using a cartoon to tell a faith story or idea; another Sunday it was

to create an Advent poster for the classroom door; on January 12, the project was to interview eight children and adults about Baptism. All but one did not remember their baptism because it happened in infancy. One interviewee was baptized at 14 and did remember that it was peaceful. Others knew details from family stories: that the minister came to the family home, that an aunt and uncle were late in arriving, that the church was in Chicago, that they were dipped in water, that the minister was the same one who married their parents. One declared he has not been baptized, which points up the importance of telling family stories! All interviewees understood Baptism as a connection to God and Jesus, and the interviewer now understands the parents’ role as teaching their child the holy ways.

Adult Sunday School participants are hearing about the Gospels that did not make it into the canon of our New Testament. Tuesday at Panera Bible Study is just starting to open the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. Yes, Isaiah looks like one big book—one of the major prophets—but is considered to be First, Second, and maybe Third Isaiah. Other opportunities for faith formation include Men’s Fellowship (contact Ron Shropshire or Jim Foster) and Rebecca and Lydia Circles (contact Laura Dillman or Jonna James)

Karen Maurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The term *Gnosticism* covers such a complex set of religious phenomena that some scholars challenge the very concept. *Gnosticism* is used for forms of Christianity beginning in the 2nd century (or even earlier), as well as for religious tendencies in Judaism and Greco-Roman culture. No composition from Nag Hammadi has generated more excitement or controversy than the Coptic Gospel of Thomas. There are secret words which the living Jesus spoke, and Didymus Judas Thomas wrote them down, so Thomas is the scribe of secret words that Jesus delivered in this setting and not in another.

The *Dialogue of the Savior* is at least as much “Gnostic” in its sensibilities as it is “Christian.” In the dialogue format, a prominent role is played by Judas, Matthew, Miriam, and “his disciples.” Jesus appears in this Gospel as “the revealer of saving knowledge.” One of the most impressive literary compositions in the Nag Hammadi collection is *The Gospel of Truth*. It was probably written by the 2nd century Gnostic leader, Valentinus. It is neither a narrative, nor a sayings, nor a revelational Gospel but a profound reflection on the significance of Jesus. It is possible to recognize language and themes also found in the New Testament but everything is transposed into a Gnostic framework. It has no connection with the world of Torah.



Please join us in the Church Parlor at 9:30 a.m. for the 30-minute video presentation and the following 20-minute period of discussion. Be prepared to learn something new; there is much to learn here. Ed Wahl

Jesus and the Gospels Lessons for February include:
 Feb. 2 **New Revelations—Gnostic Witnesses**
 Feb. 9 **Jesus in Word—The Coptic Gospel of Thomas**
 Feb. 16 **Jesus in Word—Two Gnostic Gospels**
 Feb. 23 **The Gnostic Good News—The Gospel of Truth**

 **PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY**



We are pleased to welcome **Amber Freiberg** to work as temporary custodial help approximately ten hours a week while Sexton Johnnie Dorsey recovers from his accident. She also works cleaning at other locations. Amber will be supervised by the Trustees, working mostly Tuesdays and Fridays, taking on as many tasks as possible to lighten the load they have been carrying for the last month or so. Please greet her if you see her in the halls as she helps keep our space clean, tidy, and safe.

 **PRAYER CARDS**



The following members, friends, and staff of First Pres-byterian Church of Homewood will receive a card telling them that the church is praying for them. Please pray for those listed each week. Kathie Darman

Week of February 2
 Ray & Wanda Nielsen
 Jay & Debra Ruklic
 Ron & Bev Shropshire
 June Sluis
 Shirley Smiddy

Week of February 9
 Pat Steiner
 Eleanor Steiner
 Brian & Kelly Tufts
 Paul & Sylvia Tufts
 Laurie Ulrich

Week of February 16
 Sandy Van Horn
 Dean & Linda Van Nasdale
 Tim Van Nasdale
 Ed & Janet Wahl
 Debbie Way

Week of February 23
 Nolan Way
 Jay & Nick Webster
 Leighton Whitaker
 Carolyn Wiley
 Susan Zorns

 **HOPITALIZED**

In the hospital during the last month was Eleanor Steiner.



 **NURSING HOMES**

Mae Evert, Lemont Center Rehab; Pat Steiner, Plymouth Place, LaGrange Park.

 **SYMPATHY**

Church sympathy is extended to the families of Henry Noetzel (father of Laurie Ulrich) and Betty Smallwood.



I am the Resurrection and the Life saith the Lord: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

 **GIFTS AND MEMORIALS**

The following has been recorded in the Memorial Book in the Narthex: Raymond Baird.

 **MARCH CARILLON**

The deadline for having articles placed in the March Carillon is **Thursday, February 20**. Please turn in all materials in writing to the church office for *The Carillon* mailbox or e-mail the Editor at ewahl@sbcglobal.net. The Editor thanks all the February reporters for their assistance. J C =W=

Birthday greetings to our church family:

February	February
1 Leighton Whitaker	13 Nolan Way
10 Emily Rozak	19 Phillip Dillman
13 Nolan Miller	20 Norinne Pulec

May God grant birthday blessings on you all this coming year.

LOVE by Lee Hilario

Love is precious, Full of hope and assurance, Bundled with many things, Comforting and warm.	Loving You is joyous, Brings peace and contentment That dwells in my heart, Like a river that never ceases to flow.
A love that keeps on giving, Touching my heart to yield. His precious blood was shed To wipe away my sins.	No greater love than this, As He lifted me and bears A love that never fails, Freely and divinely given.

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc COMMUNION Heavenly Perks	3 5:30 Community Dinner	4 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread 12:00 Chicago Heights Women's Gathering	5	6 9:30 Women's Board 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	7	8  BAKE SALE TOMORROW
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