

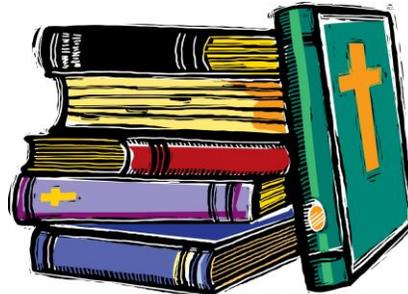


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## New Bible Study Series

### SUMMER SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This summer, **Tim VanNasdale**, our music director, will lead the Sunday Adult Bible Study from **June 23 through August 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor**. The video series, *Navigating Genesis*, by Dr. Hugh Ross will be the basis for discussions. Read now Tim's introduction to this Bible study.

Have you ever wondered how the scientific claims made in Genesis 1-2 hold up with the increasing knowledge that we have from science about the origins and early life of our universe? Have you ever heard someone denigrate the Bible because he/she thought that it spoke scientific nonsense? The truth is that even if your faith hasn't been challenged in this way personally, I can practically guarantee that you know someone whose faith has been.

The best Barna and Pew poll research that we have on the subject of young adults, in particular, leaving the church is upsetting. Over 90% of young people leaving the church cite two reasons for their decision to not attend any longer:

-  The Bible is in conflict with science.
-  The church is not a place where I can ask challenging faith questions.

Truth is, I'm not at all surprised though. I know people in my own life that would cite the exact same reasons. I have friends and family that have left the church over these very concerns. I've been having conversations with my peers about these problems all of my life, and if I'm being honest, there were times when I nearly left the church for reasons similar to these.

Because of the profound challenges posed by science and other disciplines in the last 200 years, a number of Christian organizations have sprung up to try to answer these questions in an academically responsible way. One such organization is Reasons to Believe, founded in 1986 by Dr. Hugh Ross. Dr. Ross came to faith through his studies of astronomy and cosmology, which led him to the Bible. In fact, it was the better part of a decade after giving his life to Christ that he even had a meaningful relationship with another Christian. While his story is peculiar and certainly doesn't seem to fit the norm, I found it profoundly interesting to think that an individual could come to have a personal relationship with God this way. I started to think, "Perhaps the scientific statements made in the Bible are more powerful than I realized. Maybe the Bible and science aren't really in conflict after all."

Early in his professional career, Dr. Ross noticed quickly that the most common objections to the validity of the Bible come from skeptics focused mainly on the text in Genesis 1-11, and the majority of those objections were scientific in nature, which, of course, he found peculiar as those were the very texts that were critical in his ultimately accepting the Bible as inspired by the God that created the universe. It was this constant assault on the first chapters of the Bible that inspired him to write *Navigating Genesis*. It is in this book that Dr. Ross addresses the objections of the skeptics as well as discusses the different positions that the church has taken (and unfortunately, at times, fought over) regarding these texts.

The video series that we will watch and discuss together this summer summarizes material covered in the first 7 chapters of Dr. Ross's book *Navigating Genesis*. Each session, we will get to watch a short lecture by Dr. Ross as well as a candid Q&A held with the small group that he is teaching in the video. We will then open up for discussion for those of us in the group to be able to explore our own questions and thoughts about the presentation.

The topics for each session are:

June 23 – *Is Putting Science and the Bible Together a Bad Idea?*  
 June 30 – *Does the Big Bang Contradict the Bible?*  
 July 7 – *Did Life Evolve from a Primordial Soup?*  
 July 14 – *Doesn't the Bible Contradict Science?*  
 July 21 – *Does the Fossil Record Prove Evolution?*  
 July 28 – *Did Humans Evolve from Apes?*  
 Aug. 4 – *Why Does God Rest?*  
 Aug. 11 – *Does Genesis 2 Conflict with Genesis 1?*

These were the very questions that I had put to me growing up by my teachers and peers for which I never felt prepared to answer, and I know these are some of the questions that have led friends and family of mine to leave the church. However, in the couple of years that I have been working on my answers to these questions seriously, my faith has never been stronger, and I feel as though a weight was lifted for me. I've seen material like this cause skeptics to reconsider, cause those that left the church to return, and cause those that have faith to see their faith increased and renewed. So, I am excited to explore Dr. Ross's responses to these questions with you all and get your perspectives on these issues. We have a great opportunity to explore ways that we can equip ourselves to help people that have had their faith damaged by some of these challenges. I truly hope that you will all attend, I hope you'll invite your friends and family that might be interested in science-faith issues,

and I hope you will bring your best and toughest questions, too!

Tim VanNasdale

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

June 9 10:30 a.m. Pentecost  
 (wear red or orange )  
 July 7 10:30 a.m. sanctuary  
 August 4 10:30 a.m. sanctuary



Holy Communion

## SESSION REPORT

### Regular Session Meeting, May 20, 2019

New matters that required Session attention included:

-  Our application for Farmers Market dates to greet people and distribute water is in progress. Jay Webster is seeking volunteers for our tent.
-  A draft of a new Church Policy on Funerals was discussed, including fees for services and how they will be collected and paid. More discussion is expected in June.
-  Rev. Dudley Elvery's covenant as Interim Pastor will expire in July. Session voted to express to Presbytery of Chicago's Commission on Ministry our desire to renew this covenant for an additional year subject to termination at such time that a new pastor is called and installed.
-  Purchase of a new sign and set of letters to replace the one posted on weekends on Ridge Road for the Community Dinners. The present sign panel and letters have been in use for five years and are showing the effects of weather.
-  Set the date for the annual Ice Cream Social for Sunday, July 14, 2019, after worship.
-  Approved the dates for celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion from Pentecost Sunday in 2019 through Pentecost Sunday in 2020.
-  Noted the need for the Nominating Committee to fill a new vacancy on the Session Class of 2020.

Some of the continuing matters from April included:

-  Revisions to the Church Policy Manual, which will continue in June.
-  Consensus from Elders attending the Mental Health Companionship Support Group Training at Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, that the training received was for a different set of needs than what we try to prepare for with our unique variety of situations brought to us by both members and guests.
-  Continued discussions on how best to use the talents and services of Commissioned Deacons.

- ✚ Discussion of increasing our public/social media exposure and approval to purchase more storage space for the church website, which is almost full.

Rev. Elvery used only one of the two weeks of his approved vacation leave from Monday, April 22, 2019, through Sunday, April 28, 2019. The Rev. Jane Tuma led the worship service on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019, Rev. Elvery will lead a special worship service for healing and wholeness in Westminster Hall following the Community Dinner at approximately 6:45 p.m.

As a second opportunity to participate in the *Navigating Genesis* program described above, Rev. Elvery and Tim VanNasdale are exploring a week night schedule at a venue away from the church where an audience of younger youth and adults could be attracted to join the study group.

For the Clerk's records:

- ✚ Notification of the death of Active Member Ruling Elder Donna D. Moore on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Rev. Elvery officiated her memorial service at the church on Monday, May, 20, 2019. Burial arrangements were not announced.

Our Ministries in Action:

Young Children's Sunday School during the summer months will meet only on the second Sunday of the month before resuming in the fall. The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will continue meeting at the Red Bird Café through Pentecost, and then may relocate to the new Panera Bread restaurant location for more space for the group.

Jerry Hazlett has joined the Mission Study Team.

The elevator is functioning again. As reported last month, a replacement lift pump motor was ordered and paid for. When the pump arrived and was about to be installed, the technician discovered that the real problem was a wire connection that had become loose. When tightened, the elevator worked perfectly. We will receive a full refund for the unneeded lift pump motor.

An email vote was taken to approve including in the worship bulletin an announcement for an open community meeting on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at Flossmoor Community Church regarding students at Homewood-Flossmoor High School who had allegedly participated in a racial incident away from the school.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward C. Wahl, Clerk of Session



## FROM THE PASTOR

**Words!** As they say, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. With an English teacher for a mother and a Presbyterian pastor for a father, I grew up in a world awash in words. Words repeated time and time again easily become nothing more than familiar background noise. We have been looking at the Lord's Prayer in detail so the words we rattle off so easily can become new friends to challenge and comfort us along our way.

My challenge or summer homework, if you will, is to ponder one word, **church**. Is it a verb or a noun?

Is church a place we go or something we do? Ponder the places you have called church. Ponder the place that you probably wouldn't call church yet encountered God. Ponder times when church was what we did and not where we were. Recall those times when two or three were gathered and the presence of Christ and the Spirit of God



blossomed. Were they dependent upon where they happened or how they happened or with whom they happened or ??

One of the puzzles for educators is to not lose ground over the summer. I remember my children griping about the first month of school in the fall because it seemed to be a repeat of the previous year (boring) and nothing new (exciting). How do we keep our learning, our growing, our discerning alive over the summer? My answer is, "Homework? Yup!"

*Dudley Elvery*

## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Sign up on the wall calendar in the Narthex, or contact Jay Webster at 224-234-7244 if you wish to donate flowers for the sanctuary. Flower dedications may be in honor, memory, celebration of someone (thing), or to "the Glory of God." Garden flowers are welcome.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Except for serving Heavenly Perks in June, the Women's Association will be dormant for the summer. However, mark the calendar for the upcoming fall activities: Bake sales on September 22 and November 10. On Tuesday, October 1, we will gather at noon at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Hts. We will be serving the luncheon and the program will be a travelogue by Sylvia and Paul Tufts.

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – Thurs., June 13, **11:30 a.m. picnic** at the home of Marilyn Austin, 1657 Ridge, Homewood.

Bring a sandwich.

REBECCA – See you in September!

## CHICAGO HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

Chicago Heights Women's Association has a gathering on Tuesday, June 4, at noon. Contact Char Hansen for a reservation. Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship meets on Friday, June 14, at 12:30 p.m at Paulie's Pub in South Chicago Heights. Hope to see you there.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

As usual, the Chancel Choir will be on vacation during the summer months. The "special music" each Sunday in the anthem slot will depend on **YOU** participating. Will you sing a solo, or gather a quartet, trio, or duet? Will you sing with the women's group in August? Will there be a men's group this summer? Do you play an instrument? If you are not a performer, whom among your friends and relatives can you recommend to perform on a Sunday? If you can answer any of these questions, please contact Tim VanNasdale in order to select a date for a performance of "special music." And thank you for keeping the music going.

## TRUSTEE REPORT

The Trustees have been generally checking into things that need to be done around the church property.

Hostas were planted in the small area adjacent to the south driveway, near the sidewalk. We continue to weed and trim as necessary, including low tree branches. The pipe organ still has a few issues that have been discussed and that may be addressed at an appropriate time. The possibility of adding a public address speaker in the choir loft has been contemplated. Yellow paint stripes will be added to the leading edge of the first step of several of our outside stairs. A reminder to all who use the kitchen: wrap all food items securely, and clean up not just the counter areas, but the floor as well. "Leave it better than you found it." Jay Ruklic



## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

### *This Summer, Look at Your Will*

In past issues of *The Carillon*, we have occasionally mentioned the subject of charitable bequests through giving with a *will*. In short, your will is the basic building block of your estate planning. Here we will look at

the various ways that you can use your will not only to continue the work of your church but also to provide for your loved ones.

The **outright bequest** is the most popular future gift. It is also very easily arranged. You simply direct in your will that a sum of money, a specific property, or a portion of your estate be given to First Presbyterian Church of Homewood. This provision in your will is revocable. If your financial situation or family circumstances change, you can increase, modify, or delete your charitable bequest.

- ✚ The **general bequest** is the most common type of charitable bequest. You simply leave a specified dollar amount, say, \$10,000 to the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood.
- ✚ The **specific bequest** is another favored way to benefit the church. You designate specific property that you want the church to receive, such as a specific stock or vacation home.
- ✚ The **residuary bequest** is used to give to your church all—or a portion of—your property after all debts, taxes, expenses, and other bequests have been paid. An example is giving your church "50% of the rest, remainder, and residue of my estate."
- ✚ The **percentage bequest** could be expressed as a percentage of your gross estate with a provision like "50% of my entire estate shall be distributed to First Presbyterian Church of Homewood." If circumstances change the size of your estate over time, your bequest will change in the same proportion.
- ✚ The **contingent bequest** provides for the situation when a beneficiary dies before you or chooses to disclaim the property. To prepare in advance for such a possibility, please consider naming First Presbyterian Church of Homewood as the contingent beneficiary.

Please consider this as a general summary of some of the types of estate bequests that are available to you. As always, contact your attorney for the specific details in law regarding any choice you may wish to make.

## MANAGING THE CHURCH CHECKBOOK DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

All of us look forward to summer—a time to "get away" and enjoy vacations, long weekends, summer camp, and just taking some time off. Unfortunately, the church checkbook does not get a vacation. It must continue to pay the bills for salaries, benefits, utilities, repairs, supplies, and missional ventures. We often experience our most challenging cash flow during the summer months. As we plan our summer getaways, let us remember to

keep our giving current. If possible, try to pay your pledge in advance to cover for the Sundays you will miss during the summer. Doing so will minimize our cash flow challenges and allow you to more fully enjoy your summer.

The summary of receipts and disbursements for the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month ending April 30, 2019, is in the following chart:

	<u>Through April</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<b>General Fund Income</b>		
Identified Giving	\$45,088	\$130,000
Loose Offering	541	1,500
Initial Offering	360	500
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	5,000	5,000
Community Dinners Donations	831	3,000
Other Income	962	6,000
Dividends & Capital Gains	12,430	14,000
Sale of Investment Shares	0	21,800
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	7,700
Transfer from Designated Fund	0	0
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>65,212</b>	<b>189,500</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>		
Missional Ventures	\$1,103	\$6,500
Faith Formation	892	1,800
Facilities	17,454	51,100
Staff	25,626	79,600
Transition	13,250	43,300
Administrative Support	3,182	7,200
Purchase of Investment Shares	0	0
Transfer to Designated Fund	0	0
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>65,507</b>	<b>189,500</b>
Designated Fund Income	\$7,442	
Designated Fund Expenses	4,031	
<b>Total Active Members—April 30, 2019</b> 113		
Average Sunday Attendance—January 2019 45		
Average Sunday Attendance—February 2019 51		
Average Sunday Attendance—March 2019 57		
Average Sunday Attendance—April 2019 55		
<b>Summary through April 2019 (4/12 of Budget):</b>		
Income Over/(Under) 2019 Budget		\$2,045
Expenses Over/(Under) 2019 Budget		(1,660)
<b>2019 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date</b>		<b>3,705</b>

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 2019 (17) \$3,836**

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

Sunday, **June 2**, is **Music Appreciation Sunday**. The Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir present a finale to their worship participation season. We give thanks for their devotion and contribution each Sunday and send them on vacation until September.

Sunday, **June 9**, is **Pentecost Sunday**, understood as the birthday of the Christian Church when the promised Spirit came as fire and wind. Look for red banners, red Communion cloth, and people wearing red—or any other color that represents fire.

Exactly which June Sunday is **Graduate Sunday** was not available at time of publication. If you have a graduate not on this *Carillon* list, please contact the church office at [fpchw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fpchw@sbcglobal.net) or at 798-0490 so that the name can be added to the Sunday bulletin.



### Eighth Grade Graduates

Logan Maurer (grandson of Karen Maurer) graduated from Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge and will attend Maine South High School.

Jack Correa (grandson of Darlene Giesbrecht)

### High School Graduates

Charles Bunker (grandson of Jan Bunker & Earl Anker) graduated from Aquinas High School in Augusta, GA, and will attend USC Columbia for a major in computer information and a minor in business.

Maxwell Gilmore (grandson of Karen Maurer) graduated from Lincoln Way East High School and will attend University of Wisconsin Platteville for electronics and electrical engineering.

Ashley James (granddaughter of Bob & Jonna James) graduated from Thornton Fractional South High School and will attend Illinois State University.

Daniel Smiddy (grandson of Shirley Smiddy) graduated from Tomball Memorial High School in Tomball, TX and will attend Texas A&M University at College Station for mechanical engineering.

### College Graduates

Keven Ossler (grandson of Jan Bunker & Earl Anker) received a Bachelor of Science degree from the Ivy School of Business at Iowa State University. He is interviewing for future employment.

**THE PASTOR WILL BE AWAY:** Pastor Dudley Elvery will be on vacation from June 11 through June 24. Watch the Sunday bulletins for who the two guest preachers will be and who will be on-call for emergencies.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY



### Ice Cream Social

Put it on the calendar! The **Ice Cream Social**, sponsored by Congregational Life, is scheduled for **July 14**, following the worship service. Enjoy ice cream and/or pie. Both will be available, including a wide variety of toppings. If

you are interested in co-hosting this special event by helping to set up, serve, clean up, and/or bring supplies, be sure to look for the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center starting June 9.

Speaking of those sign-up sheets, this is a reminder that July and August are the perfect time to volunteer as a **Heavenly Perks Partner**. It's an enjoyable way to involve family and friends in this important ministry of hospitality, so feel free to volunteer for as many Sundays as you wish. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Armistead, Jay Webster, Kathie Hazlett, Betty Owens. Shirley Armistead

## MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Monday Night Community Dinners** are feeding body and soul to guests and church members. Again, thank you to all who donate food, volunteer and/or enjoy a meal. From April 15 to May 13, we served an average of 53. At the request of dinner guests, there was a special worship service for healing and wholeness on Memorial Day in Westminster Hall following the Community Dinner. You are invited anytime. Bring a friend.

**Farmers Market** in downtown Homewood began Sat., May 25, and will run through Sat., August 14. If you can help—set up at 7 a.m., talk with the public and hand out free bottled water anytime from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., or take down the tent at 1 p.m.—PLEASE let Jay Webster or Shirley Armistead know. Dates we plan to participate will be determined shortly.

This ministry team consists of Jay Webster, Shirley Armistead, Betty Owens, and Kathie Hazlett.



## CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

**Young Children's Sunday School** is now in its summer break, which will include two "reunion" Sundays—one on July 14 and one on August 11. Families are encouraged to be in worship during the summer, to use the nursery room if needed, with its speaker allowing the worship service to be heard. The children who started as young Twos are on the way to turning Five, and our new Two will turn Three when YCSS resumes. Two sets of grandchildren come as visitors. All are a joyful addition to our worship.

This was the first year using a published curriculum: *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*, and that has made it possible for the teaching team to take turns as lead teachers, using the plentiful curriculum resources. Be it known that Eleanor Steiner, Laurie Ulrich, Kathie Hazlett, Debbie Maxwell, Dee Delaney, and Karen Maurer all have on file the background checks required by our child protection policy and the church's insurance company. The children gave the teachers thank you flowers on the May Sunday that each received a Bible story book as a gift from the congregation.

Several years ago, *The Book of Order* began using the language "Ruling Elders" for ordained lay persons and "Teaching Elders" for ordained ministers of the Word and Sacrament. So our Pastor Dudley (Rev. Elvery) is also a teacher—one of his many gifts that we are blessed to receive in this interim.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will enjoy Redbird Café on Ridge Road in Homewood for two more weeks when we conclude our study of the Lord's Prayer. We are invited to try the new Panera Bread at the north end of Homewood just west of Halsted as the group searches for a regular meeting place. The mission of this study group includes the need to be visible, to be in a public place.

**Adult Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, continues its video lecture series facilitated by Ed Wahl: *Jesus and the Gospels* through June 16. A summer video series *Navigating Genesis*, led by our music director, Tim VanNasdale, begins June 23. Look for separate articles by Ed and Tim. Karen Maurer

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

The current video lecture series on *Jesus and the Gospels* will act as bookends to the eight-session summer program *Navigating Genesis*. The four canonical Gospels (Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John) will be examined in considerable detail, precisely as literary expressions that witness to and interpret the

Christian community's convictions concerning Jesus. For each Gospel, we will consider not only what is being said but also how it is being said. Such attention is appropriate both because of the literary richness of the canonical Gospels and because theirs are the portrayals of Jesus that have exercised the most influence through history. Ed Wahl

*Jesus and the Gospels* lessons for June include:  
 June 2 **Earliest Stages—Paul and the Oral Tradition**  
 June 9 **Why Compose Gospels?**  
 June 16 **The Synoptic Problem and Its Solutions**  
 June 23 through August 11 **Navigating Genesis**

*Jesus and the Gospels* lessons for August include:  
 (If *Navigating Genesis* goes to a 9<sup>th</sup> session, these will move forward one week)  
 Aug. 18 **Gospel of Mark—Apocalyptic and Irony**  
 Aug. 26 **Gospel of Mark—Good News in Mystery**

 **PRAYER CARDS**

The following members, friends, and staff of First Presbyterian 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 June 2**  
 Debra Campbell  
 Mary Cantway  
 Dave & Jean Conover  
 Bob & Linda Cook  
 James Daanen

**Week of June 9**  
 Linda Daanen  
 Kathie Darman  
 Jack Day  
 Dee Delaney  
 Debbie Dennis

**Week of June 16**  
 Laura Dillman  
 Phil & Amy Dillman  
 Evelyn Dixon  
 Marilyn Dolci  
 Johnnie & NeNe Dorsey

**Week of June 23**  
 Patty Dunlap  
 Rod Dunlap  
 Dudley/Glenna Elvery  
 Marge Errant  
 Mae Evert

**Week of June 30**  
 Barbara Foerch  
 Jim Foster, III  
 Paul Gerrish  
 Darlene Giesbrecht  
 Ray & Gerri Gilmore



**Week of July 7**  
 Fred & Nancy Grable  
 Ramses Godoy  
 Dottie Guenter  
 Emily Hamilton  
 Tim & Kim Hamilton

**Week of July 14**  
 Dan & Laurel Hamilton  
 Dan & Kiley Hamilton  
 Melanie Hamilton  
 Nick & Bree Hamilton  
 Olivia Hamilton

**Week of July 21**  
 Rich & Emily Hanley  
 Charlene Hansen  
 Jerry & Kathie Hazlett  
 Tom & Tricia Hentschel  
 Emmanuel & Lee Hilario

**Week of July 28**  
 Bob & Jonna James  
 Dorinda Jensen  
 Marilyn Jerner  
 Candi Kleindorfer  
 Melodee Leimnetzer

**Week of August 4**  
 Nancy Llewellyn  
 John & Debbie Maxwell  
 Bruce & Heather Miller  
 Craig Miller  
 Stephanie Miller

**Week of August 11**  
 Cameron Miller  
 Nolan Miller  
 Samantha Miller  
 Vern Moore  
 Ray & Wanda Nielsen

**Week of August 18**  
 Jim & Kathie Ogden  
 Kathleen O'Hanlon  
 Betty Owens  
 Paul & Elizabeth Palumbo  
 Marilyn Perdue

**Week of August 25**  
 Judy Petrovic  
 Rich & Barb Pizza  
 Norinne Pulec  
 Helen Rachford  
 Janice Rolls

 **HELP NEEDED**

To paraphrase a famous President: *Ask not what your church can do for you; ask what you can do for your church.* Many tasks in our church are performed by just a few people. As we approach the second half of 2019, there is a need for immediate help in the following areas:



-  Ruling Elder, Class of 2020
-  Counting Team Leader
-  Member, Stewardship and Finance
-  Member, Mission and Outreach
-  Member, Personnel and Administration
-  Usher/Greeter
-  Elder Commissioner to Presbytery of Chicago

There are many other tasks that are performed by our elected Elders, Deacons, and Trustees that could easily be taken over by volunteers. If you are on the sidelines, not in an elected or appointed position, not otherwise involved in a missional activity, ask yourself: *What talents or skills has God given to me that I could shoulder some of the load?* Then speak to the person who is doing that task about how your help could provide some relief. Even if you are not yet a member of the congregation or if you are an occasional or non-attending member, this is an opportunity for service in God's name. If you do not know who does what, ask me, and I will point you in the right direction. Ed Wahl, Clerk of Session

 **NURSING HOMES**

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

## HOSPITALIZED

In the hospital during the past month was Evelyn Dixon.



## SYMPATHY

Church sympathy is extended to the family of Donna Moore.



*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.*

## OPPORTUNITY

Following the incident several weekends ago in which four of our local high school students posted pictures of themselves in blackface, a community meeting gathered 200 youth and adults at Flossmoor Community Church. The three-hour meeting provided an opportunity for speaking and listening in an effort to understand the incident, its effect on other students, and the need for ongoing conversations aimed at making the diversity we seek for our communities a positive experience for everyone. A follow-up community meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 9**, at Flossmoor Community Church, 2 to 5 p.m. Like the original in May, some of the leadership will be provided by Dr. Peter St. Jean of North Park College, who has coined the term *Peaceology* for the process he leads. Several members of First Presbyterian Church of Homewood participated, as well as attending the “Diversity Breakfast” held at the Redbird Café on May 18. You can register for the June 9 forum online; look for Peaceology.  
Karen Maurer

## SEPTEMBER CARILLON

The deadline for having articles placed in the September *Carillon* is **Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Get all the “back to church” information in on time. Please turn in all materials in writing to the church office for *The Carillon* mailbox or e-mail the Editor at [ewahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ewahl@sbcglobal.net). The Editor thanks the June reporters for their assistance. Remember that “summer news” can be found in the Sunday bulletins! When you are out of town, have someone save you the bulletins. Also, some summer news will be on the website [www.fpchw.org](http://www.fpchw.org) and on the church’s Facebook page and on the prayer chain.  
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## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:



June	June
2 Emmanuel Hilario	20 Rod Dunlap
8 Debra Ruklic	22 Nancy Beaudoin

July	July
3 Kathie Darman	18 Barbara Foerch
8 Judy Petrovic	20 Dorinda Jensen
10 Joan Alvers	22 Sylvia Tufts
11 Ronald Shropshire	26 Linda Daanen
13 Betty Ross	30 Leslie Bonthron
	31 Jay Webster

August	August
1 Tricia Hentschel	20 Ian Bonthron
	22 Ian Miller
5 Judith Blakesley	23 Cameron Miller
	24 Laura Dillman
8 Earl Anker	29 Shannon Miller
Margaret Errant	
Stephanie Miller	31 Natalie Hamilton
15 Marilyn Perdue	Olivia Hamilton
	Ramses Godoy

*May God grant birthday blessings to you all this coming year.*



# JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>Music Appreciation Sun</b> Heavenly Perks	<b>3</b>  5:30 Community Dinner	<b>4</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Redbird Café 12:00 Chicago Hts Women's Association	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 
<b>9</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>Pentecost – Communion</b> Heavenly Perks	<b>10</b>  5:30 Community Dinner	<b>11</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Redbird Café  ←----- 7:00 Trustees	<b>12</b>  -----Pastor's -----	<b>13</b> 11:30 Lydia Circle Picnic  ---- Vacation -----	<b>14</b> 12:30 Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship  <b>FLAG DAY</b>	<b>15</b>  -----
<b>16 FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Guest Preacher Heavenly Perks -----	<b>17</b>  5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Session -----	<b>18</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread  -----	<b>19</b>  ----- Pastor's -----	<b>20</b>  ----- Vacation -----	<b>21</b>  <b>Summer Begins</b>  -----	<b>22</b>  -----
<b>23</b> 9:30 Tim's Adult Sun School 10:30 Worship Guest Preacher Heavenly Perks -----	<b>24</b>  5:30 Community Dinner -----→	<b>25</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 Tim's Adult Sun School 10:30 Worship Heavenly Perks	 COMMUNITY DINNER	<b>JULY</b> 4 Homewood Parade 7 Communion 9 Trustees 14 Kids Sunday School 14 Ice Cream Social 15 Session	<b>JULY</b> Monday Community Dinners Tuesday Bible Study Adult Summer Sunday Sch	 <b>FARMERS' Market</b>	<b>AUGUST</b> 4 Communion 11 Kids Sunday School 13 Trustees 19 Session 20 Carillon Deadline	<b>AUGUST</b> Monday Community Dinners Tuesday Bible Study Adult Summer Sunday Sch