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## NATURE AND RELIGION

I just finished reading *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss*, a collection of very short essays by Margaret Renkl of Nashville. I had been wondering what to put on the front page of the September *Carillon* and then knew that one of her essays would work. Had you been at church one summer Sunday, you would have heard Paul Gerrish relate his story of finding a nest of baby rabbits while weeding in the Aki Garden. Margaret Renkl revisits two discoveries of rabbit nests while weeding. One of them occurs on an Easter weekend—it is an empty nest. She entitles the essay “He Is Not Here” in tribute to the resurrection of Jesus. So, in one essay we have a First Presbyterian Church of Homewood connection and a religious connection, perfect for a church newsletter. Just, Janet

*“One year, helping me in the garden in early spring, my middle son inadvertently uncovered a cottontail nest tucked beneath the rosemary. The baby rabbits seemed hopelessly vulnerable: thumb-sized creatures, eyes still closed, without any shelter from the cold March rains.*

*“And yet their nest under the rosemary plant was a snug nursery. Their mother had scooped out a shallow hollow in the soil and lined it thickly with her own fur; more fur lay on top of the babies; and on top of that was*

*a final layer of leaves and pine straw and dried rosemary needles. It was impossible to distinguish the nest from the jumble of dead vegetation that had piled up during fall and winter. And as my son pointed out, the location of the nest was ideal: to predators it would smell exactly like rosemary and not at all like rabbit. We tucked the babies in again and left the bed unweeded till they were safely out of the nest and on their own.*

*“I’ve been desultory about weeding in springtime ever since. ... Finally, though, the day comes when there can be no more waiting or the weeds will choke out all the flowers I planted on purpose. That day came one long Easter weekend. My reliable garden helper was away in college, and I worked alone, gingerly, careful to watch for signs of a nest. There was nothing beneath the rosemary but mock strawberry vines. Moving from bed to bed, I hauled away weeds by the wheelbarrow-load.*

*“Then, in the next-to-last bed, I tugged up some purple deadnettle growing around the fragrant skeleton of last year’s oregano, and what came away in my hand was a tuft of rabbit fur. The nest was empty but so newly vacated as to be entirely intact, an absence exactly shaped to denote an ineffable presence.”*

Margaret Renkl, “He Is Not Here,” in *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss*, pp. 151-152, Milkweed Editions, Minneapolis, 2019

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

September 8 10:30 a.m.

October 6 10:30 a.m.

World Wide Communion



## SESSION REPORT

Session did not hold meetings in both July and August this summer. There was little to no business to conduct, and holding meetings just to receive statistical summaries seemed a poor use of two Monday evenings, with several Elders having already put in hours of work for the Community Dinners. The schedule will resume in September.

### **Regular Session Meeting, June 17, 2019**

In reflection of the stances of our denomination and our congregation, Session voted to approve the placement of rainbow stickers on our doors and to make a clear statement our congregation is open to and inclusive of persons in the LGBTQI communities.

With the death of one of our two Elder Commissioners to the Presbytery of Chicago Assembly meetings, our church needs to appoint a new person. Elder Jay Webster will contact some of our members who could accept this four-times-per-year responsibility.

Session made great headway on reviewing and revising our Church Policy Manual. When the text changes and edits have been added to clean copy, the entire Church Policy Manual will be approved. A copy will be available in the Church Office in a binder on the counter. A new policy pertaining to funerals at the church will also be included.

There was discussion of posting more current pictures on facebook for our church. Tim VanNasdale will be posting information on twitter. Kathie Hazlett has purchased extra unlimited storage space on the internet for one year to accommodate the posting of our weekly worship services in both full and condensed versions.

Kathleen O'Hanlon, Chair of the Personnel and Administration will be working on the next covenant documents to extend the services of Rev. Dudley Elvery from July 16, 2019, up to July 15, 2020.

There is a vacancy on the Session Class of 2020. The Nominating Committee will need to bring a candidate to the congregation for a vote at a special meeting.


Rev. Elvery used the first of two approved weeks for vacation leave from June 11 through June 17. The Rev. Jane Tuma led worship on Sunday, June 16, 2019. The

second week will follow immediately, and Rev. Tuma will return on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

Rev. Elvery led a Special Worship Service for Healing and Wholeness on Monday, May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day) in Westminster Hall following the Monday Night Community Dinner. Twenty three persons participated. The next special service will be on Labor Day.

Tim VanNasdale and Rev. Elvery located a room at the Flossmoor Station at 8:00 p.m. for presenting the video series *Navigating Genesis*.

For the Clerk's records:

-  Notification of the death of non-member Deanne A. Bonthron, mother to Active Member Douglas Bonthron, mother-in-law to Active Member Sally Wolford, and grandmother to Active Members Ian Bonthron, Jean Conover, Leslie Bonthron, and Michael Bonthron, on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. The memorial service will be at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, IL, on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Our Ministries in Action:

**Monday Night Dinner Ministry:** Shirley Armistead  
We served an average of 48 guests and workers each week from from May 20 through June 10. We said goodbye to volunteer worker Nick Holmgren on Monday, May 27. Nick, who came nearly every week for at least two years while in high school, was joining the U.S. Army and leaving on June 3. Staff and guests alike signed a card and enjoyed a special cake dessert made by Charlene Hansen.

**Congregational Life Ministry:** Shirley Armistead  
The annual Ice Cream Social will be on Sunday, July 14, following the worship service. A sign-up sheet will be on the Welcome Center for volunteers for hosting Heavenly Perks during July and August.

**Faith Formation and Worship Ministry:** Karen Maurer  
The confessional banners that hang in the Sanctuary have meaning and traditions behind them. It was suggested that pictures and explanations be included on our website for internet readers to appreciate.

**Mission and Outreach Ministry:** Jay Webster  
Mission Council 8 has requested some financial assistance for a scholarship for a student attending Cottey College in Nevada, MO, as she begins her junior year. Session voted to send the local share of our annual Pentecost Special Offering to Jones Center to be used for this scholarship.

## Adult Christian Education Ministry: Edward Wahl

The first week of the *Navigating Genesis* video series will begin on Sunday, June 23, in the Chapel and repeat at Flossmoor Station beginning Wednesday, June 26. The current video series *Jesus and the Gospels* will resume in September 2019 and continue into 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward C. Wahl, Clerk of Session



## MISSION STUDY TEAM

Questions about our Mission Study have come up all summer long. There is no report until the Mission Study Team is finished. In the mean time, here is what they are doing as reported in the September 2018 *Carillon*:

The *Mission Study* contains six steps:

- *Praying and studying God's Word*
- *Getting to know our congregation (anew!)*
- *Exploring our community*
- *Asking the hard questions*
- *Naming God's mission*
- *Choosing leadership – the search!*

When they have completed the six steps that make up the *Mission Study* process, they will produce a report that will include:

- *Our Mission Statement*
- *Scripture that guided our study*
- *A brief description of the process that they followed*
- *Significant information about the congregation and community that impacts their study*
- *A summary of the hard questions*
- *Three to five 2-3 year goals for our congregation*
- *Recommendations regarding leadership*
- *A copy of our congregation's current budget*

This information will then be used to prepare our *Ministry Information Form (MIF)* which will be used to call our next pastor.

The Mission Study process will take several months to complete. Please understand the distinction between serving on the Mission Study Team and the later Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC), which will not be appointed by the congregation until after the Mission Study and MIF are completed. Thank you all for your interest in our progress in our efforts to "Prepare the Way."  
Ed Wahl



## FROM THE PASTOR

I began cycling soon after I quit smoking over forty years ago. Since then between recreational riding, cycle touring, commuting and endurance cycling, I've ridden over 110,000 miles. In planning trips into places I've never cycled before, I turn to maps. I use maps to gather information such as how hilly and steep the terrain is, how smooth and how heavily traveled the roads are. Using this information, I can find the appropriate route. If I'm cycling in a familiar area, I just use familiar routes. At least twice I've had to abandon old, friendly routes and find new routes because the traffic density changed. The old routes had become life-threatening.



Congregations, as they plan for their future trip, also discover that the usual routes no longer work. Which maps, models, or typologies do they use? When this congregation engaged in *New Beginnings*, the model used came from the Alban Institute over two decades ago. This model uses congregation size to talk about style, purpose and needed leadership.

The Alban model works as long as the same route works. As so many mainline Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church have proved to themselves, the programs and practices that worked in the past no longer work. In most situations, shrinking congregations struggle and rattle around in beautiful sanctuaries and facilities that can become millstones.

Kirk Hadaway, in his book *Behold, I Do a New Thing*, offers a new map based not on size but on the goals and purposes of a congregation. He postulates two general types of goals: diffuse and specific. He also suggests two different purposes: to change or to satisfy people. I have a copy of his chart, which for space and copyright purposes I do not reproduce here. (If you want a copy, ask me for one.) From his model we see four general types of congregations. First we see the congregations that have specific goals and the purpose of satisfying people that he labels as "charismatic leader and followers." Big Box churches such as Willow Creek and many African American churches fit this description. Second, we might see the congregation with diffuse goals and the purpose of satisfying people that he labels as clan or club. Often times the best example of this is the small country church where everybody knows everybody, and they get together just to get together (because they've always done it that way). Congregations with specific goals and the purpose of changing people constitute Hadaway's third group that he labels the company or

corporation church. These churches have programs for recruiting and incorporating new members so they can keep growing. Think of the so-called “tall steeple” churches for this type. The last type of church has diffuse goals with the purpose of changing people that Hadaway calls transformational communities. These congregations have flexible goals and a permission-giving approach. While these congregations have always existed, they have not been on folk’s radar.

I agree with Kirk Hadaway’s bias that the transformational community has the best chance at viability and vitality in the future. While we hear of congregations shrinking and dying, there are those that shrink and thrive, those who’ve become lean and mean, not skinny and gaunt.

Viability depends on vitality. I have a friend whose doctor essentially said get off the couch or don’t expect to be around. My friend opted to get off the couch and get active and eat healthier. While there’s the big decision to live and be vital, there are also the small daily decisions to go for a walk or sit, stop at a fast food place or find a healthful meal, and on and on until a new energy, a new zest for life and hope for the future appear.

Congregations are no different. *Dudley Elvery*

## WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

**Welcome to the Fall Season of the Women’s Association!** We begin with a board meeting on Thursday, September 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. On **Saturday, September 14**, First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Hts



invites us to their meeting at 10 a.m. After a *brunch*, the program will be “*Marshall Field’s and Chicago*” by Sarah L. Sullivan from the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. For over 150 years, Marshall Field and Company was Chicago’s store, run by the most innovative retailer of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Let us join them to learn and remember the Chicago Marshall Field’s spectacular history. Sorry, men, you are not invited. Contact Char Hansen at 672-7986 or at [sews25@comcast.net](mailto:sews25@comcast.net) to make a reservation.

Also in September, please plan to be a Baker or a Buyer or both for the Women’s Association **Fall Bake Sale** on **Sunday, September 22**, after worship during Heavenly Perks. The proceeds will go to the Monday Night Community Dinners.



**Help Requested:** On **Tuesday, October 1**, at 12 noon, the Women’s Association of Homewood **will prepare the luncheon** for the Women’s Association of Chicago Heights Presbyterian Church. Your attendance and help would be appreciated. No charge for lunch. Paul and Sylvia Tufts will present a power point program on Ireland. Please contact Charlene Hansen at 672-7986 for reservations and willingness to help. Char Hansen

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – Thurs., Sept. 12, 1 p.m. at the home of Wanda Nielsen, 1227 Olive, Homewood.

REBECCA – Wed., Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of ????. The study is Lesson 9 of *Cloud of Witnesses*.

## CHICAGO HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

Chicago Heights First Presbyterian Church Men’s Fellowship meets on Friday, September 20, at 12:30 p.m. at Paulie’s Pub in South Chicago Heights. Hope to see you there.

## TRUSTEE REPORT

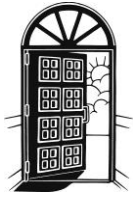
At the June meeting of the Trustees, the following issues were addressed: The Trustees are looking into an excessive water usage bill for the month of May. The preliminary suspicion is a malfunction in our ice making machine, which has been worked on. Other possibilities for higher-than-normal usage will be checked out. Seasonal flowers have been planted in the porch urns, and grass clippings that should’ve been removed by the lawn care service have been swept from stairs and the driveway. Several sound system issues have been worked on recently, and the organ still has a few nagging problems that need to be fixed. It’s been mentioned that Wi-Fi service is not very good in Westminster Hall. This is not a front-burner issue for the Trustees, but it was discussed because weather warnings to cell phone applications may not immediately get through. Replacing the decaying exterior door to the church office has been a high priority item for us, but cost has been a deterrent. We think a solution has been found, and the old door will finally be removed. It had become a problem to open and close properly and needed modernization.



At the July meeting of the Trustees, the following issues were addressed:

The Trustees have been dealing with some ongoing plumbing issues—the toilet in the women’s restroom

near the boiler room adjacent to Westminster Hall has a leak that contributed to an excessively-large recent water bill; the urinal in the men's restroom in Westminster Hall has been the other bit of plumbing that just doesn't seem to "stay fixed." A new doorbell has been installed outside the exterior door to the boiler room (which kind of serves as our delivery entrance). Also, the lock and handle on the elevator vestibule door has had some parts replaced by a locksmith, after several attempts by Trustees to fix the problem. We need to remind every church member, and others who use the facilities, to be sure to push exterior doors firmly when closing them. This is particularly crucial when a person is among the last to leave for the day or evening. A new



exterior door will soon be installed at the north driveway entrance to the church office. The current door has become a liability. The Trustees chose from among several proposals, and installation will take place as soon as the door can be manufactured.

At the August meeting of the Trustees, the following issues were addressed:

The Trustees have again been dealing with myriad of plumbing issues, and one of our members has borne the brunt of the repair duties. He's been aided by our Sexton, as well as other Trustees when possible. There has been a urinal with rust clogging the pipes; the sump pump in the elevator pit failed and had to be replaced, as did one in the boiler room. The air conditioning unit near the Chapel had to have coolant added, a downspout elbow was repaired, and a downspout extension was added outside the elevator vestibule. Other items include replacing a blown fuse for the office A/C; replacing 3 stained ceiling tiles in the Chapel; discussing the best way to replace a broken pane of glass in the steeple; weeding and trimming around the property; and spraying herbicide in appropriate areas. We've just installed updated sensors provided by our insurance carrier, one of which monitors below-normal temperature in the building; the other detects the presence of water on the floor near the Westminster Hall sump pump. Several Trustees receive text messages if the sensors detect a problem that needs action to be taken. The biggest project underway is replacing the exterior door to the church office, off the north driveway. The existing door will be replaced with a modern attractive door, which had to be custom ordered. It should be installed soon, if not by the time you read this. Please contact any one of us on the board if you know of something that needs attention.

Jay Ruklic



## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

Since our last report in *The Carillon*, there have been several trends that need to be shared. First, we have signed an Interim Pastor Covenant with Rev. Elvery for his services during the period July 16, 2019, through July 15, 2020. The Covenant paperwork must now be returned to us with the signatures of our Commission on Ministry representative Rev. Adam Malak and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Chicago Rev. Ken Hockenberry. The Covenant contained new amounts for the Terms of Call and Board of Pensions contributions, which we have begun to pay.

Second, we continue to accumulate our 2019 Per Capita offerings at a slow but steady pace. Through July, we have received \$2,904.94 of the total \$4,380.16 (or 66%) of the amounts due to Presbyterian Church (USA), Synod of Lincoln Trails, and Presbytery of Chicago for 2019. The amount due is **\$34.22** for each active member on our rolls as of December 31, 2017. We thank everyone who has paid their share and also paid extra to help cover for those unable to pay.

Third, Church Financial Recording Secretary prepared 2019 Financial Giving Statements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. These statements were handed out over several Sundays in July and August to our members who were attending church. Statements remaining have been mailed. Questions and/or corrections should be directed to Melodee Leimnetzer.

Fourth, we continue to receive designated giving from some of our members through their Required Minimum Distributions from their retirement savings accounts. We remind you again that such distributions, when made directly to the church from your investment company, are not taxable by the Internal Revenue Service as personal income. Similarly, you may choose to donate highly appreciated shares of stock in the same manner to avoid taxes on your gains. Please discuss any questions with a member of the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team and with your financial advisor or investment company's representative.

Fifth, the funding pattern for our church during the last three months has been like a roller coaster ride up and down some pretty big "hills." There have been some very low weeks of offerings and worship attendance, with most weeks averaging at a level of less than 50% of our operating needs.



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

	<u>Through July</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<b>General Fund Income</b>		
Identified Giving	\$76,901	\$130,000
Loose Offering	1,010	1,500
Initial Offering	360	500
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	5,000	5,000
Community Dinners Donations	896	3,000
Other Income	2,111	6,000
Dividends & Capital Gains	13,122	14,000
Sale of Investment Shares	0	21,800
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	7,700
Transfer from Designated Fund	<u>1,505</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>100,905</b>	<b>189,500</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>		
Missional Ventures	\$2,479	\$6,500
Faith Formation	1,215	1,800
Facilities	26,400	51,100
Staff	45,263	79,600
Transition	23,281	43,300
Administrative Support	3,365	7,200
Purchase of Investment Shares	0	0
Transfer to Designated Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>102,003</b>	<b>189,500</b>
Designated Fund Income	\$11,169	
Designated Fund Expenses	7,644	
<b>Total Active Members—July 31, 2019</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>113</b></span>		
Average Sunday Attendance—April 2019		<b>55</b>
Average Sunday Attendance—May 2019		<b>52</b>
Average Sunday Attendance—June 2019		<b>44</b>
Average Sunday Attendance—July 2019		<b>45</b>
<b>Summary through July 2019 (7/12 of Budget):</b>		
Income Over/(Under) 2019 Budget		<b>(\$9,637)</b>
Expenses Over/(Under) 2019 Budget		<b>(8,538)</b>
<b>2019 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date</b>		<b>(1,099)</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 May (4) \$2,648
- Weekly average for June (5) \$2,176
- Weekly average for July (4) \$3,556
- **Weekly average for 2019 (32) \$3,153**

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

Do you wonder? The blue and white simplicity of our sanctuary is brightened by a number of colorful banners, but who made them? And when? There was a time in our 20<sup>th</sup> century history when banners were hotly debated—yes—here at FPC. Now they may be taken for granted, though banners may also serve to walk us through a liturgical season, remind us of what it means to be the Church, or connect us to faith.



There are seven sets of *narrow banners* that hang to either side of the chancel, each made by Pat Steiner. The cheerful LOVE and JOY banners are displayed in the summer, preceded by the red Pentecost doves and flames. Presbyterians observe two sacraments: Communion (Eucharist/Lord's Supper) and Baptism, shown in words and symbols on blue backgrounds. We are now in the middle of a long season the Church calls "Ordinary Time" (green), a good time for growing in faith. Why fish? Why a rainbow? Then two banners are for one weekend of time: Good Friday, a hill with three crosses, and the empty Alleluia cross for Easter Sunday.

Changing the banners (unlike a stained glass window that is permanent) is ladder work done by Sexton Johnnie Dorsey with some congregational help. Creating the banners was a labor of love for Pat Steiner, who is the sister-in-law of Eleanor Steiner and cousin of Charlene Hansen. Pat and Eleanor were married to twin brothers, Al and Bill, who were active members here for many years and best friends with Paul Hansen. Pat Steiner now lives at Plymouth Place in LaGrange Park, 315 N. LaGrange Road, #173, 60526. Thinking-of-you (and thanking-you) cards are welcome. Karen Maurer

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY



The Congregational Life Ministry Team gratefully thanks everyone who contributed to Heavenly Perks for July and August. Also, thank you to all who made the Ice Cream Social a success. You all truly care. Session will be hosting Heavenly Perks for the month of September. Hope you join us for conversation, a cup of coffee, and some snacks.

Jay Webster,  
Kathie Hazlett, Betty Owens, Shirley Armistead

## MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY

**Monday Night Community Dinners** from June 17 through August 12 had an average of 61 served. We were surprised on August 5 when guests who normally are fed at St. Anne's in Harvey came to our Community Dinner, making a total of 85 for the evening. (For some reason, food was not available at the last minute at St. Anne's, but it all worked out.) It's a God thing how food is donated and members and volunteers just show up and start helping. God bless you all.

Jay Webster, Char Hansen, Kathie Hazlett,  
Betty Owens, Shirley Armistead



Monday night, **September 2**, (Labor Day) we will hold a Healing and Wholeness Service in Westminster Hall at approximately 7 p.m. when we have cleaned up after the Community Dinner. The service partially draws from the practices of the Taize Community. There will be opportunity to sing, hear scripture, pray together and with a leader, to be anointed with oil or have hands laid on and to share in the lighting of candles. Both church members and dinner guests have found this service a helpful and healing time.

Pastor Dudley

## CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

### WORSHIP BAGS

Those blue and pink fabric bags that hang on a "tree" in the Narthex needed a new lease on life—and they got that this summer. Jan Rolls and Karen Maurer spent a couple of hours emptying, sorting, discarding, purchasing, and laundering (the bags look like new!). What is in a worship bag? Paper...crayons...markers...pencil and sharpener...tissue...Bible storybooks...a book about worship...words to frequently used prayers. The children may borrow one from the tree and return it there, enjoying the refreshed bag.

**YOUNG CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume its regular schedule on **September 8**, with children at worship with the congregation at 10:30 a.m., a Moment with Pastor Dudley, then on to the classroom with teachers for Sunday School. This year's team of teachers includes Kathie Hazlett, Karen Maurer, Debbie Maxwell, Eleanor Steiner, and Laurie Ulrich. *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* is in the second year as our curriculum for 3 – 5 year-olds.



**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY** has settled into our new space at Panera Bread at 175<sup>th</sup> and Halsted in Homewood, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. The Tuesday, Wednesday evening and Sunday morning studies of Genesis have referenced the Old Testament book of Job, so that will be our next study in September. We benefit from the regular presence of Pastor Dudley, though discussion leadership rotates among volunteer participants.

Karen Maurer

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Welcome back! With the conclusion of the *Navigating Genesis* video series and our live Q&A session with Dr. Hugh Ross on Sunday, September 1, we thank Tim VanNasdale for his outstanding leadership in bringing this series to us. Each week an average of 20 persons crammed into the Chapel to view and discuss the engaging explanations of the truth and fidelity of God's creation as recorded in Genesis 1 and 2 and how we can believe what we know from science fits perfectly with the biblical account.

Now, we return to the video series *Jesus and the Gospels* with the ninth lesson that examines the Gospel of Mark. Most remarkable perhaps is the fact that we do have Mark's story at all because Matthew and Luke use Mark as a source and, in effect, produced improved versions of Mark. Mark could very well have been lost to history.

Ed Wahl

*Jesus and the Gospels* lessons for September include:  
Sept. 8 **Gospel of Mark—Apocalyptic and Irony**  
Sept. 15 **Gospel of Mark—Good News in Mystery**  
Sept. 22 **Gospel of Mark—Teacher and Disciples**  
Sept. 29 **Gospel of Mark—Passion and Death**

## PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

With reference to Pastor Dudley's most recent covenant with us as Interim Pastor, we are waiting for the Chicago Presbytery's Commission on Ministry to approve it; however, Adam Malak, our COM liaison, had input and review of the covenant before it was signed, so we have no reason to believe it will not be signed. This covenant runs to July 15, 2020, unless we call an installed pastor before that date.

P&A Ministry Team needs to develop church policies around sexual offenders who might approach our church with the intention of worshipping with us and also around educating ourselves as to mandated-reporter laws in cases of suspected child abuse or neglect. If you are willing to work with P&A on these efforts, please notify Kathleen O'Hanlon, Rod Dunlap, or Eleanor Steiner, the team members.

Kathleen O'Hanlon

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met on August 26 to begin finding members for the 2020 officers. When contacted, please prayerfully consider being able to serve as an Elder, Trustee, or Deacon.

## 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 September 1**

Betty Ross  
Emily Rozak  
Jay & Debra Ruklic  
Ron & Bev Shropshire  
June Sluis

### **Week of September 8**

Shirley Smiddy  
Pat Steiner  
Eleanor Steiner  
Brian & Kelly Tufts

### **Week of September 15**

Paul & Sylvia Tufts  
Laurie Ulrich  
Tim VanNasdale  
Sandy VanHorn  
Ed & Janet Wahl

### **Week of September 22**

Debbie Way  
Nolan Way  
Jay & Nick Webster  
Leighton Whitaker  
Carolyn Wiley

### **Week of September 29**

Susan Zorns  
Karen Allison  
Joan Alvers  
Joyce Anders  
Donna Anderson



## HOSPITALIZED

In the hospital over the summer was Eleanor Steiner.

## NURSING HOMES

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

## SYMPATHY

Church sympathy is extended to the families of Ken Maurer (brother-in-law of Karen), Deaneann Bonthron (mother of Doug), Janet Finrock (mother of Tracy Morales) and Lorraine Smatlik.



*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 have been recorded in the Memorial Book in the Narthex: Irma Foster, Donna Moore, Ed Neitzel, and Lorraine Smatlik.

## OCTOBER CARILLON

The deadline for having articles placed in the October *Carillon* is **Friday, September 20**. Please turn in all material 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 all the September reporters for their assistance. J C =W=

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

### September

4 Susan Zorns  
5 Craig Miller  
8 Michael Bonthron  
11 Melanie Hamilton  
16 Bob James

### September

19 Kristen Maxwell  
22 Tom Hentschel  
23 Marilyn Austin  
25 Heather Miller  
30 Mary Cantway

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



### Journey

Guide me, Lord, along thy pathways;  
Give me your hand for me to hold;  
Come and walk with me in all my journeys;  
Show me the path, to find my way to thee.  
Lee Hilario





# SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30 Tim's Adult Sun School 10:30 Worship Heavenly Perks	<b>2</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> (Office Closed)  5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 <b>Healing Service</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 9:30 Women's Board  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 
<b>8</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc <b>Communion</b> Heavenly Perks	<b>9</b> 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Stewardship Team	<b>10</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread  7:00 Trustees	<b>11</b> 7:30 Rebecca Circle	<b>12</b> 1:00 Lydia Circle  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 Chicago Hts Women's Association <b>Brunch – Program on            Marshall Field's</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks	<b>16</b> 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Session	<b>17</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> (no luncheon Go to Brunch)  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 12:30 Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship  <b>Carillon Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> <b>International Day of Peace</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks <b>BAKE SALE</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30 Community Dinner	<b>24</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks	<b>30</b> 5:30 Community Dinner					