



# The CHIMES

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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## From the Pastor The Parallax Effect

by Rev. Alex Lang



The first time in my life that I really began digging down into the Bible was when I was in college. My roommate at Rice

was a hardcore fundamentalist who knew the Bible incredibly well. In fact, he had spent time memorizing whole books of the Bible, which meant whenever we would get into any kind of discussion around religion, he was often quoting scripture at me. This put me at a severe disadvantage, because at the

time, I didn't know anything about the Bible. He had all this ammunition to prove his points and I had nothing.

Wanting to keep up in our discussions, I enrolled in a religious studies class, hoping to learn more about the Bible. I distinctly remember the first day of class. The professor was setting the ground rules for class discussions. He made it clear to us that this was not a class where we were going to debate scripture. The reason why, he said, is because, if you know the Bible well enough, then you can support just about anything you want to believe.

This was news to me. Based on my interactions with my roommate, I thought there was only one way you could interpret the Bible and that one way often included me being very wrong. However, as I began studying the scriptures, I discovered that my professor was correct. Depending on what you want to prove, you can justify almost any behavior or belief using the Bible.

This fall we are doing a sermon series that will demonstrate this exact point. The sermon series is called *Parallax*. A parallax comes from the Greek term *parallaxis*,


which means alteration. *The parallax effect is when the same object appears to differ in terms of position or direction when viewed from different positions.*

For instance, you and I can be standing in a field watching the sun set next to a tree. However, depending on where you're standing that sunset can look very different. If you're on one side of the field, it can look as though the sun is setting to the right side of the tree. If you're on the other side of the field, it can look as though the sun is setting to the left side of the tree. It's the same sunset, but we're seeing it from completely different perspectives.

So a parallax is when two people are looking at the exact same thing, but seeing it in completely different ways. The goal of this series is to explore how this is true of the Bible. Two different people can read the scripture and walk away with completely different interpretations of what those verses mean.

For this series, there will always be two pastors preaching about the same topic. I will always take one side and TC or Judy will take the other. Each pastor is providing a different interpretation of the same topic. We will preach in a point-counterpoint fashion, so you will have the opportunity to decide who is more convincing.

What's more, the topics we will be addressing range from personally challenging to controversial. We'll be talking about

forgiveness, women in ministry, justice in the afterlife, the divine nature of scripture and much more. This will be a fun series that should provide some good food for thought. My hope is that the more we appreciate the wide breadth of scripture, the more we will realize that our faith really does encompass all aspects of the human experience. 

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# Dominican Republic Mission 40 years of pride and partnership

by Roger Bertelson

In 1978, Tony Campolo, a representative from the Chicago Presbytery, spoke to the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights on the importance of Mission Outreach. A group of singles in their 20's and 30's in the church took up his challenge and began to discuss an international mission. Al Timm, the associate minister of the church, was to be the designated pastor for the first trip. Sharon Wright Tackaberry was commissioned by the Session in 1978 to investigate possible sites for mission in the DR. She selected Sanchez, a small village in the Dominican Republic for the first mission trip to go in 1979. She led the mission for several years with Rev. Leon Haring taking over as the pastor liaison for the second trip in 1980.

The Young Adult group at First Pres were the primary members involved with the mission. They were volunteers and conducted fundraisers at the beginning until the church became fully involved. The team decided the focus of the mission should be fellowship, Christian Education, health, women's crafts (a sewing team) and minor church repairs. Anything that was broken, would be fixed and anything that needed painting, would be painted. The team brought all the necessary tools and supplies with them on each trip to insure the success of the mission.

The mission continued to go to Sanchez for 20 years. Pastor Jeff Deardorff, who joined the church and the mission in 1987, decided to move the mission in 1999 to Gaspar Hernandez where he had met Pastor Osvaldo Volario and was excited by the Pastor's vision and the opportunity for Christian growth in his community. Pastor Jeff's philosophy was to have a lasting mission, and it would be based on a partnership between our church and Pastor Osvaldo's church. Pastor Osvaldo agreed and the foundation was set.

**This year, we celebrate 20 years of mission partnership with Pastor Osvaldo and the 40th anniversary with a mission to the Dominican Republic.** During this time, over 250 different individuals from First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights have made trips to the DR and many more have prayed, purchased, packed school supplies, donated off the shelf medical supplies and equipment all to be hand carried in the team's luggage. These materials were

used by the team during our stay or left at the church. Over the years, Pastor Osvaldo's teams observed and learned from us and in many cases, improved the mission by taking it to outlying villages, often near the Haitian border.

The mission in Gaspar Hernandez kept the same basic teams as we had in Sanchez and we added more as the needs of the church were better understood. New church construction was a priority for Pastor Osvaldo. We formed a partnership with a group of men from the United Methodist



The students in High School and University programs in 2015 - 2016

Church in Maryville, Tennessee, who liked to build things, churches in particular. Together, the men from the United Methodist Church and our own mission team, along with labor provided from Pastor Osvaldo's congregation, built four churches in barrios around Gaspar Hernandez to support Pastor Osvaldo's growing Christian community. Our last construction project, and the largest, was a church in the village of Villa Magante that has become the Manse for Pastor and his wife Rosa.

## Over the years, our mission has:

- Established an ESL program with donated books
- Developed health teams that now hold clinics and do their own clinic missions
- Set up Christian Education evolving to Summer Bible School programs
- Set up and supported craft teams for the women of the congregation
- Set up a clean drinking water program that has evolved to reverse osmosis equipment being furnished from Living Waters of the World and now managed



and maintained by some of the Pastor's scholarship students

## Scholarships for Students

Our main focus today is continuing to support a scholarship program that was started in 2004. The program enables people from poor church families to finish high school and go to college if they qualify. The program is personally monitored by Pastor Osvaldo who reviews the progress of each student on a regular timetable. **This year we will graduate eleven students in education, two in math, two in computer science and one in accounting.** We also have one young lady who is in her final year in dentistry and one in her third year in nursing. This is the greatest number of students we have graduated in a single year! For years we had to look hard to find boys graduating in the program. This year we have three. One is Joelki Guzman, who will graduate with a degree in math. He is an inspiration to all of us that we are doing the right thing in sponsoring this program. Congratulations to everyone and to Pastor Osvaldo for a wonderful year.

Over the years, this mission has involved hundreds of our own people who have taken personal vacation time and have spent their own money to become missionaries for our church. For many of them, it was a life changing experience but for all, it is an experience that they have not forgotten. The DR mission teams, with the prayers and financial support from our church, has made a major difference in the lives of the Sanchez and Gaspar Hernandez communities. We can be very proud of what has been accomplished in the past 40 years.

We are planning a mission for January 2020 and will be collecting materials for Bible School and for off the shelf medical supplies and over the counter medicines for the ongoing clinics. We will advise everyone when these items will be collected in the blue container in the Narthex. If you are interested in going on next year's mission, please contact Roger Bertelson at 847-651-8980. ☎



The beautiful children of Pastor Osvaldo's congregation and the surrounding community, show off the headbands they created to "listen for God's word."



Members of the various DR teams gather when Pastor Osvaldo, his wife Rosa and Fabianny visited First Pres in Arlington Heights in October 2016.

Joelki Guzman and Laurie Ruhlin working on math vocabulary in July 2015. Joelki is one of our university graduates this year, and will receive a degree in Math.



# Children's Ministries

by Katy Allen, Director of Children's Ministries

## Kids Connect

The new program year at First Pres will be starting soon and we're excited to see the return of **Family Night** and **Kids Connect**. We will kick off the new year with a Family Night dinner on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 pm**. Come for a delicious dinner and great fellowship! Family Night programming will begin on Wednesday, September 18, with dinner at 6:00 pm and programming at 7:00 pm.

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to Kids Connect, an hour-long program of fun, friends, and activities. We get right to the fun by spending about 20 minutes in the gym playing all sorts of games. Some games are brand new, others are tried and true. But, whatever we do, we work together to cooperate and have fun as a group. Following our gym time, we enjoy classroom activities that encourage kids to explore their creative side, their science-y side, their curious side...

No reservations are necessary for Family Night dinner or Kids Connect. Dinner is served from 6:00-7:00 on a drop-in basis so you don't need to be at church exactly at 6:00 pm. Come when you can and enjoy a great evening with your family!

If you have questions about Family Night or Kids Connect, please contact Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org).

## Vacation Bible School

We're not "lion" when we say we had a GGRREAT time at VBS this summer, where we learned that "When life is wild, God is good!" We welcomed over 110 preschoolers



through fourth graders from First Pres and our surrounding communities for a super fun week.

Along with our regular VBS stations, such as Wild Bible Adventures, Hungry Herd Café, Stampede Sports, and Imagination Station, we also introduced a new station, Surviving the Savanna, that gave kids the opportunity to learn about themselves and the world around them. An interactive Morse code activity introduced kids to a new way of communication; working together to build a shelter gave kids the opportunity to cooperate and share supplies for the good of the group. Kids learned about animal tracks that might be seen on the Savanna and evaluated the worth of potential survival supplies.

Children's Ministries would like to thank everyone who helped with VBS. Whether you donated food for the Hungry Herd Café or volunteered your time at VBS, or anything in between, we couldn't have done it without you. It takes a tremendous amount of people to make VBS safe and fun for everyone and we appreciate each and every one of you!

## MissionFactory

MissionFactory was bustling with 62 fifth and sixth graders this summer as they came for a week of mission and service in our local community and beyond. On Monday, tweens



focused on "Nourishing Hearts and Bodies" with activities that provided both food and fellowship to our church and local community. On Tuesday,

we focused on a variety of ways kids can help kids through creative and affirming mission and service work. On



## Children's Ministries continued...

Wednesday, we reached way beyond Arlington Heights by packing food at Feed My Starving Children. On Thursday, tweens heard stories, saw pictures, and through simulation activities, learned why we, as Christians, need to care for and about those who are seeking refuge and asylum at our borders. Finally on Friday, we introduced a new and exciting aspect to MissionFactory with a 1-mile FUNdraising walk to raise money for Camp One Step, a camp designed for kids diagnosed with cancer. Our goal was to raise \$1000 (between both MissionFactory and Vacation Bible School) to sponsor a child for one week at Camp One Step. At last count, we exceeded our goal with a total of \$1,700, almost enough to send TWO kids to camp!

We had a tremendous group of volunteers, ready and willing to walk alongside our fifth and sixth graders as they



experienced helping others in very hands-on ways. Thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, and resources to help make MissionFactory an amazing experience for everyone involved!

**We can't wait to see what next year brings!**



## Sunday School

We're excited to welcome preschoolers through fifth graders back to Sunday school when we get started on **Sunday, September 8, at 10:30 am.**

3- and 4-year-old preschoolers will meet in the Green Room on the main level of the CE Wing. Our preschool teaching team of Michele Holifield, Susan Schuffler, and Jane Treppa are looking forward to greeting our youngest learners and taking the first steps of a lifelong faith journey with them!

Each week, kindergartners through fifth graders will gather in Fellowship Hall for an all-grades gathering time. During this time of sharing and fellowship, we offer prayers for ourselves and those we care about, we share special happenings in our lives, we recognize birthdays, and other activities and discussions that foster friendship and fellowship across ages and grades. Following our gathering time, we break into our classroom groups for formal Sunday school lessons.

We are looking forward to a year of learning about ourselves, God, and how we can spread Jesus' love wherever we are. We hope to see your children on September 8! 🙏

**Sunday School**  
BEGINS  
**September 8th!**



# Youth News Summer Trips to the Quad Cities and Montreat, NC

by TC Anderson

Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families

Another summer is in the books, and another couple awesome youth trips are complete! In June, our **Middle School Youth** went to the Quad Cities for a week and did mission all throughout the area. We had kids working in urban gardens, in food pantries, in centers for people with physical and mental disabilities, in kids clubs, and more. We also enjoyed plenty of Whitey's Ice Cream, a local delicacy in the Quad Cities! My thoughtful youth even took my birthday as an opportunity to spray me with cans and cans

of silly string... aren't they sweet? All in all, we had a wonderful time, grew in our relationships with one another, with God, and with our new friends on the trip.

Three weeks later, in July, our **High School Youth** got to go to Montreat, North Carolina, for a week-long retreat experience. Our group, along with 700 other youth from around the country, worshiped every morning and evening, made new friends in small groups (which were comprised of people from every church at the conference), had tons of fun at recreation events, and did lots of energizers! On



High School youth at Montreat

Wednesday, we went to a local food bank and helped them check and package beverages for families in need. On Thursday, we got to hear our very own Thomas Parrish sing "How He Loves Us" in the talent show in front of all 700 other youth!! It was a wonderful trip, full of laughter, lessons, and love.

Thank you all so much for supporting Youth Ministries financially, spiritually, and as volunteers! It is because of you that the youth program here at First Pres is so strong, and your support and love makes trips like these possible! 🙏



Middle School youth in the Quad Cities

Keep Youth Involved!

## Upcoming Youth Ministries Events

### Sunday, September 8th

Sunday School begins 10:30-11:30am

Kick off Sunday – 11:30am  
in the Parking Lot

### Wednesday, September 11th

Family Night Starts – 6pm

### Sunday, September 15th

Parent BBQ – 4pm

### Sunday, September 15th

HSYG starts – 6-8pm

### Friday, September 27th

Confirmation Fun Night – 6-11pm

### Friday, October 11th 7pm to

### Saturday, October 12th 7am

Middle School Lock-In

# Session Highlights July and August meetings

by Clerk of Session, Barbara MacDowall

## From the July 8, 2019 Meeting:

- Session gave approval for a **multi-generational Visioning Team** of six, led by Mario Alberico, to proceed with the “**Visioning Process**” for our church. The purpose of this process is to establish the vision of the church and develop a plan for implementing it. The Visioning Team will report back to Session periodically for additional discussion and authorization.
- The **Administration and Finance Committee** reported that expenses are running in line with the budget, and the year looks to be shaping up well.
- Session approved the following members of the **Capital Campaign Committee**: Mike Noble (Chair), Kristen Aldrich, Garrett Childs, Kris Ford, Tom Krigas, Jim Mayer, Kris Ward and Alex Lang (ex-officio).
- The **Congregational and Community Life Committee** offered thanks to the more than 60 congregation members who attended the recent “Feed My Starving Children” event.
- First Pres will have a booth open from 4:00-9:00 p.m. during the “**Mane Event**”, which will take place on Friday, August 2. Free pop sockets and information about our congregation will be given to people stopping at the booth.
- The **Mission Committee** reported that our first-time collection of items for the group, “**Veterans Exiting Homelessness**,” which ran from Memorial Day to the Fourth of July, was very successful. Of special note was that people from the community dropped off items plus \$150 during the Arlington Heights Fourth of July Parade. Thank you to all who participated in this worthwhile drive.
- WINGS requested 120 pairs of shoes, the highest number ever, for the **Shoe Drive**, scheduled to run from June 23-July 14.
- The **Mission Committee** is reading a book called *Evicted*, as part of this year’s theme of “Homelessness.” The book follows eight families, all of whom live in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, through their experiences with homelessness.
- **Children’s Ministries** reported that Vacation Bible School began with 150 children in attendance, 60 of whom are rising fifth and sixth graders participating in “Mission Factory.”
- **Youth Ministries** reported that the recent Silent Auction raised over \$7,800 for youth mission activities.

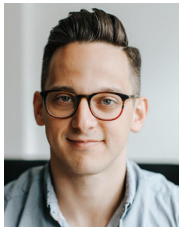
## From the August 12, 2019 Meeting:

- TC reported that both the **Middle School Mission Trip to the Quad Cities** and the **High School Trip to Montreat** went well. In addition, **Vacation Bible School** was well attended.
- **Fellowship Hall** was flooded again during a heavy rain. The original carpet, which was installed in 1994, will be replaced with donated tile.
- Session gave approval for the purchase of the **Schulmerich Classic Plus carillon system** from the Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, with Music Endowment funds and donations. The new carillon will replace the exact functionality that we have now. The original carillon was purchased 35 years ago.
- The **Congregational and Community Life Committee** reported a very good turnout at our booth during the **Mane Event in downtown Arlington Heights**. They gave away 250 shopping bags with informational brochures about our church, pop sockets for phones and additional items from Vacation Bible School.
- Tickets for the **Fall Kick-Off** will be sold in the Narthex on August 25, September 1 & September 8.
- The **Mission Committee** reported that the collection for “**Veterans Exiting Homelessness**” officially ran from Memorial Day to the 4th of July. However, they continue to receive donations from both our congregation and the community. So far, \$250 has been collected and various household items, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items with an estimated value of \$3,390 have been donated.
- The **Mission Committee** reported that we were able to fulfill WINGS’ request for **120 pairs of shoes** this year. Initially, when the drive was ended, we were short around \$125. However, our congregation donated additional funds that enabled the purchase of the remaining shoes. Many thanks to our congregation!



# Upcoming Events September & October 2019

## September 1 – Guest Preacher



Coming this Labor Day weekend, members of the First Pres community will have an opportunity to hear **Rev. Rich Havard, Pastor and Executive Director of The Inclusive Collective**, share his message of faith with the congregation. A native Southerner, Rich grew up in Gloster, Mississippi—a small town with a population of 960. Rich moved to Chicago in 2014 to work as a Church Starting Resident at Urban Village Church. After his one-year residency program, Rich became



**Pastor and Executive Director of the Inclusive Collective** and has spent the past four years leading the relaunch of this ministry. He feels called by God to create faith communities where all people are both truly welcome and invited to follow Jesus with all they've got. Rich holds a Master of Divinity from Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. Following the 10:30 am worship service, join Rich and Marilynn Graves in the Parlor to learn more about this ministry. Light refreshments will be served. The Inclusive Collective is a mission partner of First Pres.

## September 2 – Church office closed - Labor Day

## September 7 – Fitness Boot Camp

Summer is coming to a close, which means Boot Camp is coming back! Boot Camp at First Pres begins September 7 8:30-9:30am.

## September 8 – Kickoff Sunday

Get ready to learn and grow beginning Sunday, September 8! Children's, youth, and adult educational offerings will restart for the new educational year on that day, 10:30-11:30 am.

Following 10:30 am worship and Sunday School, join us in the East Parking Lot to celebrate the beginning of the new program year! We will have several food trucks, including Cheesy Toast, two taco trucks, Kona Ice, and a doughnut truck! There will also be a dunk tank, games, and a bounce house for kids. Tickets are \$3 each and can be used for both food and games. Come join the fun!

## September 10, October 1 & 8 – Greg Athnos @ the Moorings – see page 13

## September 11 – Family Night Kickoff Dinner

6:00-7:00 pm / Fellowship Hall — Family Night will kick off with a special dinner on Wednesday, September 11. Come and enjoy a meal together and find out about the opportunities for learning, faith, and fun coming each week during Family Night, beginning September 18.

## September 18 – Family Night Dinner & Programming

Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May

### Weekly Family Night Schedule:

**6:00-7:00 pm: Drop-in dinner time for all ages**

**7:00-8:00 pm: Classes and programs, including:**

- Conversation classes
  - Engage & Encounter adult Christian education
  - Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)
  - Kids Connect (grades K-5)
  - Free nursery care
  - ACT/SAT math prep for High School Students
- Spring session: March 4, 11, 18, & April 1  
register through the church office – Cost \$50

## September 22 – Mary & Martha Lending Closet

**Open House** Room 106/108 – see page 15

## September 22 – PW Flower Signup

In the Narthex after worship services – see page 10

## September 26 – Christopher House Fundraiser

5:00-10:00 pm @ McAlister's – see page 11

## October 2 – Wednesdays @ Noon

Our Wednesdays @ Noon Recital series will begin on October 2, with an organ recital by our very own Chris Urban. Be on the lookout for the 2019/2020 Concert Series brochure! – see page 13

## October 6 – Session Committee Volunteer Fair – see page 10

## October 16 – GOD'S HONEST TRUTH



Mark your calendars for our upcoming **God's Honest Truth, Wednesday, October 16, during Family Night**. The theme: **"Outsiders: Stories of Being on the Outside Looking In."** Contact Alex Lang at [alexlang@firstpresah.org](mailto:alexlang@firstpresah.org) or 847-255-5900, to share your story! Stories must be 5-10 minutes in length and will be developed with guidance from Alex.

## October 20 – Hymn Sing 4:00 pm / Sanctuary

## October 26 – Aluminum Can Drive

9:00-11:00 am in the West Parking Lot – see page 11

## October 27 & November 3 – PW Christmas Flower Signup

In the Narthex following worship services – see page 12

## October 30 – PW Gathering

In the Parlor 9:00 am. – see page 12



# Family Night Kickoff Dinner

Wednesday, September 11 | 6:00-7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy a meal together with First Pres friends and families and learn about the opportunities for learning, faith, and fun each week during Family Night, beginning September 18.

## Family Night Programs

Begins Wednesday, September 18

### Weekly Wednesday Evening Schedule

*September through May*

**6:00-7:00 pm**

Drop-in dinner time for all ages, in Fellowship Hall

**7:00-8:00 pm**

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Engage and Encounter adult Christian education will return to Wednesday nights

### Family Night Engage & Encounter Class Schedule

#### Filmology: Where the Bible and Movies Collide

September 18 — October 30, 2019

*Presenter: Rev. Alex Lang*

#### What and Why We Sing

November 6 — December 11, 2019

*Presenter: Rev. Ken Hockenberry*

#### The American Experience: Religion in the New World

January 8 — March 18, 2020

*Presenters: Dr. Donald Kaasch & Rev. Alex Lang*

#### Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make Your Life Better

April 1 — May 6, 2020

*Presenter: Dr. Bob Gorsky*

### God's Honest Truth

October 16, 2019: **Outsiders: Stories of Being on the Outside Looking In**

February 5, 2020: **Hanging On by a Thread: Stories of Survival**

May 6, 2020: **Child's Play: Stories of How Children Change Our Lives**



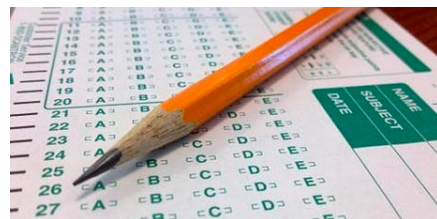
### Youth Programs

Children and middle school youth are invited to take part in fun and educational activities from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. **Grades 6-8** are invited to **MSYG** (Middle School Youth Group), a time to build relationships and faith and have fun. Contact Rev. TC Anderson to register (no fee).

**Grades K-5** are encouraged to attend **Kids Connect** for gym time and hands-on and creative learning activities. Children must be accompanied by their parent(s) for dinner. No registration is required for Kids Connect, and children may attend any or all portions of the program.

**ACT & SAT Math Preparation for High School Students will be offered again this spring**  
**March 4, 11, 18, and April 1 — Cost \$50**

Call the church office to register for the spring session! ☎



# What's going on at First Pres?

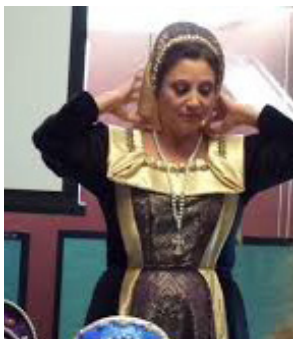
## Community Life At First Pres

Do you have questions about Sunday Worship, Education Hour, Mission Opportunities, Committees, Music, Social Groups or something else? If you are visiting, new or have been here a while and just have questions on how to get involved, contact our **Community Liaison, Teri Stanley**, at [communityliaison@firstpresah.org](mailto:communityliaison@firstpresah.org).

## PW Gathering

**October 30, 9:00 am in the Parlor**

Meet "The 6 Wives of Henry VIII," our first Gathering of PW for the year. Don't miss Martina Mathisen, storyteller, actress, and historian, presenting a live look at the times of Henry VIII. Meet his wives in full costume and hear what they had to say. Bring a friend. You won't want to miss this event! For more information, contact Gladys Holtz [gladysholtz@comcast.net](mailto:gladysholtz@comcast.net) or 847-394-1216.



## Family Scouting at First Pres

Troop 32 B for Boys and Troop 32 G for Girls is kicking off the 2019-2020 Program Scouting year in September with a full schedule of activities for boys and girls ages 11 and older. Scouts BSA learn character development, citizenship, leadership skills, and develop personal fitness in year-round activities including troop meetings, campouts, outdoor programs, and community service projects.



Both Troop 32 units are inviting First Presbyterian Church families with boys and girls, ages 11 and older, to visit our troop meeting in Fellowship Hall on Mondays at 7:15 pm. For more information, contact boy troop Scoutmaster Patrick Painter at [32scoutmaster@gmail.com](mailto:32scoutmaster@gmail.com). For girl troop, contact Rachel Green at [Rachel\\_Peterson@yahoo.com](mailto:Rachel_Peterson@yahoo.com) or Chartered Organization Representative Al Wilson, at [alwilson100@comcast.net](mailto:alwilson100@comcast.net).

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Please donate healthy, nonperishable foods for the families served by Christopher House and Firman Community Services, two local organizations that serve families in need. Lighter boxed items (not expired) are easier for our clients to carry on public transportation. Containers will be located in the Narthex on Sundays in October and the first three weeks in November. Thank you for helping those families have a joyful holiday!

Questions: Contact Jody Stanhope at 847-259-8054

## Flower Orders

You are invited to order flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for worship services throughout the year by stopping by the Presbyterian Women's table in the Narthex on **September**

**22nd**. You may designate your flowers "in honor of" or "in memory of" for a specific Sunday of your choosing. Weekly Sanctuary flowers are not included in the church budget, so we depend on your donations.

Suggested donation amount is \$25 per order. Please make your check payable to "Presbyterian Women." Forms for donations may be submitted throughout the year; simply look for the flower forms in the rack outside the church office or in the literature rack outside the Sanctuary, or stop by our table on Sunday, September 22. Thank you for your donations!



## Session Committee Volunteer Fair

Please join members of our Session committees in the Narthex after either service on Sunday, October 6, to learn about the responsibilities and functions of the committees, as well as to explore available volunteer opportunities. You will be able to ask questions, request additional information, or sign up to volunteer for the committee of your choice.

## Substitute Nursery Help Needed

Our Nursery Coordinator, Beth Johnson, is looking for additional people to assist her in the Nursery on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, beginning in September. You must be at least 18, complete Safe Sanctuary Training, and have worked with young children previously. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Beth Johnson at [btj0914@hotmail.com](mailto:btj0914@hotmail.com).



## Dine Out and support Christopher House!

Join us on **Thursday, September 26**, from 5:00-10:00 pm at **McAlister's Deli** (1109 N. Elmhurst Road) and help support Christopher House. Come, bring friends, and join the group



for a delicious dinner! Look for flyers available at church and bring one with you.

A Christopher House fundraiser will also be held at **California Pizza Kitchen** at 20502 N. Rand Rd. Deer Park, IL on **September 17 and 18**, from 11:00 am-9:00 pm, hosted by Barrington Presbyterian Church.



## Aluminum Can Drive

**Saturday, October 26, 2019 9:00 – 11:00 am**  
**in the West Parking Lot**

Please save and crush your cans for the next Aluminum Can Drive. The last drive collected 128 pounds of aluminum cans. If you need cans picked up or If you have questions, contact Stan or Nancy Conning at 224-735-7310.



## New Secure Office Mailbox



We have installed a secure mailbox in the lobby next to the elevator. Please feel free to place any money and/or confidential items in there for the office staff (be sure to label your envelope before placing it in the mailbox). This mailbox will be accessed daily (Monday-Friday) by Debbie Walter, the Business Administrator, and distributed to the proper staff member. You will also find

pens and an array of envelopes for your convenience.

## Fellowship Hall Restoration Update

The project has run into a snag in its final phase. Testing of the flooring revealed that the material contains a form of asbestos that needs to be addressed. We are working with specialists on the most effective ways to deal with this issue and get our final flooring in place.

## A BIG Thank you from the Youth Ministries Committee!

YMC has reached the end of its fiscal event year culminating with the **Silent Auction** on Sunday, 6/2. The event was so much fun and the turnout was great. We enjoyed hotdogs, sweets, fruit & veggies, and homemade punch. Local businesses supplied a coffee station, hotdog cart and beautiful flowers. The congregation and local businesses donated **70 items**

and all except 2 received bids above reserve. The event was successful because of the Church community's generosity as a whole, but in particular

because of the efforts of Sue Egea and Lynn Carroll who organized. YMC would like to recognize Sue and Lynn for their time and talent in making the event happen.

The recent Silent Auction raised over \$7,800 for youth mission activities.



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# Presbyterian Women (PW) A New Year Begins!

September is the beginning of a new Presbyterian Women program year. Come and join a Circle and discover a wonderful way to participate in a small group experience and meet members of the church. Presbyterian Women members discover meaningful ways to live out their faith surrounded by a caring community of women. Discover creative, interesting, and interactive programs presented throughout the year, Bible Study relevant to life, lively discussions, and sharing of ideas. Develop wonderful and lasting friendships formed by sharing faith and opportunities for service to the church and the community. Our three morning circles meet once a month, usually on the third Wednesday. The first meeting is **Wednesday, September 18, at 9:00 am in the Parlor**. Fellowship time and refreshments are first, with an introduction to the lesson by Pastor Judy Hockenberry, followed by Bible Study in smaller groups.

If nights are a better time for you, join our Evening Circle, an informal gathering held typically on the third Tuesday of each month in the home of one of the members.

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The first evening circle meeting will be held on **September 17, at 7:00 pm** in the home of Liz Thompson (644 Patton Dr., Buffalo Grove). Contact Liz Thompson for more information about Circle 7 at [lizht85@yahoo.com](mailto:lizht85@yahoo.com) or 847-537-9087.

This year's study will be "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Gamble. This is a fresh look at the 10 Commandments as love letters from God. Rosalie Stoike will have study books available in the Narthex on Sunday morning, September 15, for \$13. As a highlight, our Circles come together four times a year for gatherings, which include a time of fellowship, refreshments, and entertainment, special programs that bring characters in history or books to life, and many more surprises. The **first Gathering is October 30, at 9:00 am in the Parlor**. You will want to join us for "6 Wives of Henry

VIII" with Martina Mathisen. Whether you're a long-time PW member or you would like to see what PW is about, you're always welcome! If you need additional information, please contact PW Moderator, Ingrid Kaufman, at [ingridkaufman@icloud.com](mailto:ingridkaufman@icloud.com) or 847-705-5956. ☎



Presbyterian Women (PW) welcome contributions toward the decorating of the church for Advent and Christmas. Stop by the PW table in the Narthex on Sundays, October 27 and November 3. The suggested donation is \$20, but any size gift will be welcome. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women. Donors will be recognized in the Christmas worship bulletin insert.

**Thank you for your contributions to make our church beautiful for the Holiday season.**



Music fills  
the Soul...



## Concert Series

by Adam Hendrickson, Director of Music and Worship

The 2019-2020 Concert Series is set to open on **Sunday, October 20, at 4:00 pm with a Hymn Sing!** We have some fabulous concerts lined up in this years' series. If you are on our Concert Series mailing list, you should be receiving a brochure by mid-September. If you are not on that list, I encourage you contact the church office to be added and/or pick up a brochure in our information rack and mark your calendars accordingly. Each concert is going to be one you won't want to miss!

### Concert Series Schedule

**October 20** at 4:00 pm – Hymn Sing

**November 10** at 4:00 pm – Martin Jones, pianist

**December 1** at 4:00 pm – Messiah Sing-Along!

**December 15** at 4:00 pm – The Glory of Christmas

**February 9** at 4:00 pm – The 35th Annual OrganFest

**March 15** at 4:00 pm – First Pres Community Talent Show

**April 5** at 4:00 pm – Spring Choral Concert: Festival of Psalms!

### Wednesdays @ Noon

Our **Wednesdays @ Noon Recital Series** will begin on **October 2**, with an organ recital by our very own **Chris Urban**. Be on the lookout for the 2019/2020 Concert Series brochure, with detailed information concerning our concerts, as well as the remainder of our **Wednesdays @ Noon Recital Series** dates.

### Which choir will be at worship?

#### 9:00 am Worship

Music led by Compass

#### 10:30 am Worship Ensembles

##### For September/October

**September 8** – Combined Choirs, Brass, and Bagpipes

**September 15** – Chancel Choir and Women of the Adult Choirs

**September 22** – Chancel Choir

**September 28** – Chancel Choir

**October 6** – Men's Chorus

**October 13** – Chancel Choir

**October 20** – Chancel Choir

**October 27** – Chamber Singers

"Music is my higher power"

–Oliver James

## Greg Athnos programs at The Moorings – Fall 2019

**7:00 pm in Odean Johnson Chapel**

**September 10:** The Music of Switzerland

**October 1:** Gustav Mahler, the Last of the Great Romantics

**October 8:** Introduction to 19th Century Musical Nationalism, and the Music of the Bohemians Dvorak and Smetana.

**December 3:** Edvard Grieg, the Norwegian Nationalist

**December 17:** The 19th Century Russian Musical Nationalists

# Peace & Global Witness Offering


by Phyllis Orzechowski, Chair - Mission Committee

The Peace & Global Witness Offering “**supports ministries of reconciliation and peace within cultures of violence and conflict.**” That quote comes from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency.

Cultures of violence and conflict. That would be Dayton, Ohio; El Paso, Texas; Virginia Beach, Virginia; Aurora, Illinois, and the list goes on and on and on and on. Those places, all in the United States, recently suffered mass shootings, but that list easily includes international locations. More than ever, this year’s Peace & Global Witness Offering is vitally important. This offering encourages churches to stand up, to promote and teach peace and reconciliation.

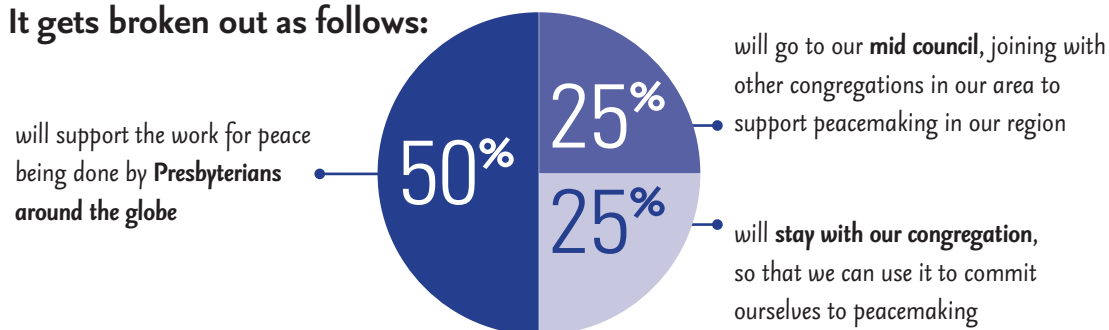
The date for this year’s Peace & Global Witness Offering is **October 6, 2019.**

Where should the 25% of this offering go that stays with our congregation? The Mission Committee could certainly make that determination. I would also appreciate your suggestions. Where do you think that money should go? Do you have an organization in our area that you support that works to promote peace and reconciliation? Please send an email to me and let me know. Please use my Session email address to contact me – [Mission@firstpresah.org](mailto:Mission@firstpresah.org).

In conjunction with this year’s Peace & Global Witness Offering, the Mission Committee has invited a guest speaker from the Congo, Monique Misenga, to share her story with us and tell us about her mission work. Monique will be speaking at Family Night on October 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm. We encourage you to attend and witness how someone living in turmoil and trouble continues to share God’s peace with others. 

## How is this offering going to be distributed?

It gets broken out as follows:



## We are praying for these and many other members in our congregation.

### SYMPATHY TO:

*Mike and Benna Hermanson* on the death of Mike’s sister,  
*Julie Hermanson*

*Tim and Marjorie Lock*, on the death of Tim’s brother,  
*David Lock*

Bruce and *Linda Byus*, on the death of Linda’s brother,  
*Ray Caldwell*

*Bill and Cathy Dillon*, on the death of Bill’s sister,  
*Betty Page*

*April Richardson*, on the death of her husband,  
*Harold (Rick) Richardson*

*Dorothy Roser and family*, on the death of her husband,  
*Bernie Roser*

*Gini and Greg Ohlson* and families on the death of their father,  
*David Ohlson*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

*Myrtle Jessogne*, on the birth of her great-great-grandson,  
*Jayden Robert Jones*, born July 31

*Betty Sanders*, on the birth of her great-grandson,  
*Adam Joseph Lueger*, born July 1



# Mary AND Martha's LENDING CLOSET

by Michele Holifield

Join us **Sunday, September 22**, from 10:00 am – noon for the Grand Opening of *Mary and Martha's Lending Closet*. Light refreshments and punch will be served. Mary and Martha's Lending Closet is located on the lower level of the CE Wing, Rooms 106/108.

**What is Mary and Martha's?** Are you planning a fall get together, a holiday party, a graduation party for your friends and family, entertaining a book club or committee meeting, but you do not have that beverage dispenser you need, or enough glasses for everyone? Maybe you need some serving platters. Maybe you have a great idea for centerpieces, but you do not have the jars or vases you need. Maybe you

would like to serve the popular Presbyterian Punch, but you do not own a punch bowl. Borrow them from the Mary and Martha Lending Closet. No need to go and buy everything you need and store it forever. You can borrow items, and then return them for the next person to borrow.

If you would like to see what we have and reserve your items, send an email to [maryandmartha@firstpresah.org](mailto:maryandmartha@firstpresah.org), beginning September 22. We will set-up an appointment for you to come and "shop", reserve your items, and set a pick-up date. The cost for borrowing items is a donation that you decide upon.

We have been stocking the shelves all summer, but we want to hear from you. What items would you like to borrow? What are we missing? A suggestion box is located outside the door of Mary and Martha for you to leave any suggestions.

Donations received from those who borrow from the Closet will be used to further our outreach and hospitality ministry. We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with local school districts to make sure that all children have access to the lunches they need to do well in school through the pay down of student lunch accounts and participation in district summer lunch programs.

If you have questions prior to September 22, contact **Michele Holifield** [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org), or **Amy Hempleman** [ahempleman@gmail.com](mailto:ahempleman@gmail.com). ☎

## Homelessness in the Northwest Suburbs How you can help

by Judy Hockenberry, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

**For thirty years**, First Pres has been ministering to the homeless in our community by serving as a PADS site. Every Tuesday evening, from October to April, we open our doors to about 30 guests. We provide a hot supper, a place to sleep, breakfast, and a sack lunch. We also provide a safe place out of the elements for folks to get a good night's rest, watch a little television, and relax for just a little while.

Over the years the face of homelessness in the Northwest Suburbs has changed. Initially, we provided safe sleeping space and hot food to men. Now the face of homelessness includes women and families. We have worked hard to improve our space to accommodate these changes. However, with more volunteers we can make even more improvements and be a warm and welcoming space on a cold winter night.

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." -Matthew 25

**We need you!!** If you haven't participated in our PADS program in the past, please stop by a table in our lobby

area on September 8, 15, or 22 to learn more about it. We need people who can cover a shift during the night (there are three shifts each night: 7:00-11:00 pm.; 11:00 pm to 3:00 am; 3:00-7:00 am). We also have a food team and they are looking for people to buy food or bring home-cooked food to PADS every Tuesday night. This doesn't have to be a major commitment. Even if you are willing to take one shift on one Tuesday night we welcome your participation. Every little bit helps us continue to run this program in connection with **Journeys: The Road Home**.

Please prayerfully consider joining this all important ministry that is part of being a Matthew 25 church. "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." For more information, contact Helen Ross at [hj926@aol.com](mailto:hj926@aol.com) ☎

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## FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8

### Sunday school for all ages begins!

#### Adult Sunday School

9:00-10:00 am Boardroom

#### Biblical Literacy: The Often High Price of Knowing Your Bible

Dr. Donald Kaasch / September 8 - November 24

So often we take what we've heard about and from 'the bible' and assumed it to be biblical and true. How important is it to you to know the difference between the Bible and mere 'Christianese'?

#### Children & Youth Sunday School

10:30-11:30 am Chapel

K-5th grade in the Chapel (temporary location change),  
6th & 7th grades in the Y-Search Room (Room 105/107),  
8th grade in the Confirmation Room (Room 109/111), and  
9th-12th grade in the High School Lounge (Room 301/303).

### Kickoff Celebration

All are invited to celebrate the beginning of the new program year!

11:45 am-1:30 pm Dunton Avenue Parking Lot

Join us on Sunday, September 8, in the East Parking Lot following the 10:30 worship service and Sunday School. We will have several food trucks, including Cheesy Toast, two taco trucks, Kona Ice, and a doughnut truck! There will also be a dunk tank, games, and a bounce house for kids.

Presale tickets will be available for purchase. Stop by our table in the Narthex on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Tickets are \$3 each and can be used for both food and games. Come join the fun!