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RELIGIOUS RUMMAGE SALE

According to Douglas Todd, “An evocative theory about Christianity is going round these days. It is that every 500 years the Christian church has gone through a revolution—where the established order is turned upside down and replaced with something fresh—and that the cycle is hitting as we speak in 2010. It’s a grand theory, worth discussing. Perhaps the Christian church, especially Protestantism, is indeed on the verge of another paradigm shift—into something never seen before.”

Phyllis Tickle wrote *The Great Emergence: How Christianity Is Changing and Why*. **The old is being cleared out in what some are calling a giant “rummage sale.”** Phyllis Tickle maintains at Manitobas’s *Faith Forum*: “The Great Emergence refers to a monumental phenomenon in our world today that affects every part of our lives—religiously, socially, culturally, intellectually, politically, and economically. The world is changing rapidly, and in so many ways, that we can hardly keep up with it.

“In the religious sphere, many people have observed that these kind of changes seem to happen every 500 years—a period of upheaval followed by a period of settling down, then codification, and then upheaval again because we do not like to be codified.

“For western Christianity, the Protestant or Great Reformation was about five hundred years ago. Five hundred before that you hit the Great Schism, when the church divided between east and west. Five hundred years earlier you have Pope Gregory the Great, who helped bring the church out of the dark ages.

“During these 500-year episodes the church has what Anglican Bishop Mark Dyer calls **a giant rummage sale**—it takes a look at its old stuff and decides to sell what it no longer needs. We are going through this kind of giant sale today.”

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“During these times of rearrangement and upheaval, the institutionalized church throws off things that are restricting its growth. When that mighty upheaval happens, history shows that at least three things always happen.

“First, a new, more vital form of Christianity emerges. Second, the organized expression of Christianity, which up until then had been the dominant one, is reconstituted into a more pure and less ossified expression of its former self. During the Protestant Reformation, both reformers, and those they are reacting against, ended up being better churches. Finally, every time the incrustations of an overly established Christianity is broken open, the faith has spread dramatically, thereby

increasing the range and depth of the church's reach. Following the Protestant Reformation, Christianity was spread over far more of the earth's territories than had ever been true in the past.

"Every religion is subject to becoming encrusted and institutionalized over time. It appears to take the Abrahamic faiths—Christianity, Judaism and Islam—about 500 years before people rebel and seek reform. When that happens, new and vigorous expressions of faith break out, breaking the molds that have held them and scattering the pieces."

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"People are looking for a new and different encounter with God. The strength of Protestantism was its rationalism—it took religion to the head. But today people want religion that also touches their hearts. It's not anti-intellectual; mind and reason are still very important. But people want more than just an intellectual challenge. They want something that moves them emotionally, as well. It is bringing the heart and the head together.

"One characteristic of this emergent view of the church is a return to, and recovery of, liturgy and connectedness to church history. Many western Christians have acted like the first 1,500 years of the church never happened—they start in the 1500s with Martin Luther and go from there. But there is a rich tradition of church fathers and mothers who lived faithfully and thoughtfully between those two events. The emergent church is going back to that time and finding deep meaning as they use those old prayers and litanies in worship, along with things like the Book of Common Prayer." [Internet]

These have been words to ponder as we build a mission and ministry vision for our future.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

October 7	10:30 a.m.
	World Communion
November 4	10:30 a.m.
	All Saints' Day



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY

October 7th marks World Communion Sunday, which provides a special connection with brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world. What a great opportunity for Christians everywhere to affirm their unity in Christ through the celebration of the Lord's Supper! In keeping with our traditional presentation of *Breads of the World*, we invite members, friends, and family to bring a bread from their own heritage to be shared during Communion and at Heavenly Perks following the ser-

vice. We ask that breads be pre-sliced, the name of the country be clearly labeled, and all be dropped off at the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter. We thank you.
Jan Bunker and Shirley Armistead

SESSION REPORT

Regular Session Meeting, September 17, 2018

Pastor Elvery reported that he had officiated at the wedding of Natalie Hamilton and James Calderone on Sept. 8, 2018. He also reported that Marilyn Austin & family buried Marvin Austin's ashes on Sept. 14, 2018.

From the Clerk's report, Laurie Ulrich has received and completed the 2018 Clerk's Annual Questionnaire. Also, the denomination sent a receipt for our One Great Hour of Sharing and Pentecost offerings.

Ministry Highlights:

Congregational Life: Jan Bunker & Shirley Armistead October 7 is World Communion Sunday when the *Peace and Global Witness Offering* will be received. We'll celebrate our traditional Breads of the World. Sign-up sheets will be on the Welcome Center for who brings what.

Faith Formation Ministry: Karen Maurer Our Young Children's Sunday School classes (two of them) started on September 16. We have a 3-5 yr-old class with three students and a 2 yr-old class with one student. The older class is using a curriculum published by the denomination, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*. The younger class will use the materials Karen has developed over the past two years. The Adult Sunday School class is beginning a DVD series, *The Story of the Bible*, which will delve into the history of the book. The Women's Circles have begun to meet again, using *Cloud of Witnesses* to study the letter to the Hebrews.

Mission/Outreach Ministry: Laurie Ulrich
Laura Dillman has offered to take charge once again of our Halloween Trick-or-Treat at the church, so we'll welcome Trick or Treaters on our front porch.

Monday Night Dinner Ministry: Shirley Armistead Jay Webster has eagerly assumed the duties of Monday Night Dinners coordinator. Char Hansen is working on menus and planning, and Shirley Armistead is the "main shopper." Of course, we continue to have a contingent of volunteers both from the congregation and the community to help cook and serve. Recent attendance average is 50-55.

Stewardship & Finance: Ed Wahl and Donna Moore See later column in this *Carillon*.

Worship Ministry:

Kathie Darman

We welcomed Rev. Jane Tuma to our pulpit in Pastor Elvery's absence on September 8, 2018.

Session discussed the possibility of posting regularly on Facebook in the name of the church, but decided to stay with using the church's website as our on-line presence. If you haven't done so lately, check out our website, which is being improved and added to regularly.

Session discussed collecting and distributing Thanksgiving Baskets in November. We would like to do so, but will need to develop a different process. Pastor Elvery will investigate possibilities. Watch for more information on how this ministry of sharing will occur this year.

Session decided to hold a *Still Night* service on Monday, December 17, at 7 p.m. and to hold our Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24, at 7 p.m.—both services happening after our Community Dinner.

As we move into the fall, all are encouraged to participate in the various ways that we can reach out to the community. On Halloween, in the Thanksgiving season, during Advent and our celebrations of the Lord's birth—there will be many opportunities. Of course, all are always invited to dinner on every Monday night at 5:30 p.m. Session will keep all informed and encourages you to keep yourself open to the working of the Spirit in your lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Ulrich, Clerk of Session



FROM THE PASTOR



Halloween comes all too soon. Trick-or-treat can apply to faith, Facebook, and photos. I suspect that most of us know that social media, such as Facebook, is a two-edged sword—a trick or a treat. Certainly, it lets us keep in touch with friends and family near

and far. It also puts information out there that we can never take back and that we have no control over who sees. The intrusive potential of social media, combined with the cleverness of those who have mischief, if not evil, on their minds, too easily puts children at risk. We want our congregation to be a sanctuary for all and especially for children, so they are not only cherished and nurtured but also safe. While we could wish it were not so, children have become more vulnerable to faceless

predators who scan social media, especially Facebook, looking for victims.

Many parents do not put pictures of their own children on social media for just this reason. As much as we want to celebrate those children entrusted to us in worship or Sunday School, we must celebrate them in ways that do not put them at risk and that keep them safe. Regardless of which medium we use, our wonderfully reinvented web site (thank you, Kathie Hazlett) or posts on Instagram or Facebook, we cannot put recognizable pictures of children on them *without written permission from their parents or guardians*. We need to be thoughtful and careful in our use of social media so that we take seriously what Jesus suggests in Mark 10:13-15: "People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, 'Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to the people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it.'" We want to be welcoming to children and we want to do all we can to keep them safe. We must be careful in our use of social media.

Dudley Elvery

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association has no luncheon scheduled for October, but the work goes on! On **October 2** at 12:30 p.m., our Women's Association (women only) will travel to Chicago Heights for their women's meeting and program. Diane Carroll from the group **My Joyful Heart**, which helps Chicagoland children in need, presents the program. Please bring socks and underwear for all sizes of children (boys & girls). Especially needed are children's sizes small through X-large in underwear and socks for shoe sizes 2 and up. Contact Char Hansen if you plan to go. A **Bake Sale** benefitting the Community Dinners will be held after worship on **October 14**. Bakers and buyers are needed to make this sale a success. This year, you will make a donation for what you purchase—there will be **NO PRICE TAGS!** Watch for information on Thanksgiving Baskets—maybe for Jones Center.



The Women's Association is busy with a Committee to plan the celebration of the 160th anniversary of the congregation and the 100th anniversary of our Women's Association, with a possible theme of "Remember! Rejoice! Reflect!" A celebration dinner will be held Saturday, **November 17**, at 6:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall. Cost of

the dinner is \$10 for adults and children over 12. Age 12 and under will be free. Ticket sales will begin soon.
Darlene Giesbrecht

CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – Thurs., October 11, 1 p.m. at the home of Pat Steiner, Plymouth Place, 315 N. La Grange Rd, #173, La Grange Park.
REBECCA – Wed., October 10, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jan Bunker, 19630 Heritage Dr, Tinley Park. Co-hostess is Laura Dillman. The study is Lesson 4 from *Cloud of Witnesses*.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHICAGO HEIGHTS

First Presbyterian men are invited to join the Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship Lunch on Friday, October 19, at 12:30 p.m. at Paulie's Pub, 2736 Chicago Rd, South Chicago Heights. Share a devotion, a few pops, and Christian fellowship. Hope to see you there.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Beautification Committee



For the second year in a row, we have been notified by the Homewood Beautification Committee that we have won a *Business Beautification Award* for our efforts to establish and maintain an attractive property showing exemplary quality in overall curb appeal. The award will be presented at the Beautification Awards Reception held at the Marie Irwin Community Center on October 25, 2018, at 7 p.m.

The church building has recently had water-related issues, which the Trustees have dealt with or will be handling in the near future. On the evening of August 20th, a torrential rain storm caused our sump pump to be overwhelmed. Our "presence of water" sensor, supplied by the insurance company, sent a text message warning to several Trustees. It was Jim Foster, however, who responded to the crisis and spent half the night mopping up. He almost needed a canoe to even get to the church. A leak that has recently appeared in the sanctuary as a ceiling stain, just to the right of the pulpit, is being addressed. The roofing company has been contacted, and they have sent a person out to decide how to fix it. And third, although it seems common sense to most of us, we must ask that no food be washed or disposed of in the drinking fountain drains. This has occurred and has caused a problem that took valuable time to repair.

Ongoing beautification and cleaning of both the interior and exterior of our buildings is part of our job description. But it is also the responsibility of every member. To that end, please mark the calendar for **October 20** from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. That's the date of the **Whole Church Work Day**, and we need every possible participant to come out and help. Not all of the work is strenuous, and we have a lengthy list of tasks from which a person can choose one or two they can handle. Our list is comprehensive and often added-to. But don't hesitate to mention, either in person or by a note left in the Trustee mailbox in the office, to tell us about something you feel needs doing.
Jay Ruklic

WHOLE CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8:30 – 1

BREAKFAST SNACKS

*Youth and Adult Tasks are waiting
(indoors and outdoors)*



STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY

The Presbyterian **Peace and Global Witness Offering** is received during the Season of Peace, which ends with World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018. This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. 25% stays with the local church, 25% goes to Presbytery and Synod, and 50% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, which does projects of education and Christian witness. This year our local 25% will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, specifically for relief for people impacted by Hurricane Florence.

This is the time of year when we begin to think about and plan for the next year's church budget. Assuming no significant changes or emergencies, it is likely that the 2019 church budget will reflect the spending patterns in 2018. A "significant change" would be calling a new pastor, which would include adding a salary and benefits package similar to that given to Rev. Dederer when she was here. While our transition package with Rev. Elvery would be removed, there would still be a net increase in our staff costs. Please know that our spending is carefully planned by those who are responsible for their portion(s) of the budget and that the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team maintains careful watch on the total picture.

The summary of receipts and disbursements for the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month ending August 31, 2018, is in the following chart:

	<u>Through August</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
General Fund Income		
Identified Giving	\$87,860	\$130,000
Loose Offering	1,324	1,500
Initial Offering	595	500
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	0	5,000
Community Dinners Donations	2,460	4,000
Other Income	5,036	8,000
Dividends & Capital Gains	9,736	10,000
Sale of Investment Shares	0	34,000
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	8,000
Transfer from Designated Fund	<u>1,320</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund Income	108,331	201,000
General Fund Expenses		
Missional Ventures	\$2,646	\$6,500
Faith Formation	503	1,800
Facilities	28,037	52,800
Staff	55,871	89,500
Transition	27,910	43,000
Administrative Support	4,187	7,400
Purchase of Investment Shares	0	0
Transfer to Designated Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total General Fund Expenses	119,154	201,000
Designated Fund Income	\$14,134	
Designated Fund Expenses	46,689	
Total Active Members—August 31, 2018 122		
Average Sunday Attendance—May 2018 48		
Average Sunday Attendance—June 2018 46		
Average Sunday Attendance—July 2018 46		
Average Sunday Attendance—August 2018 50		
Summary through August 2018 (8/12 of Budget):		
Income Over/(Under) 2018 Budget		\$(25,669)
Expenses Over/(Under) 2018 Budget		(14,847)
2018 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date		(10,822)

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) \$5,841
- Weekly average for February (4) \$4,554
- Weekly average for March (4) \$2,790
- Weekly average for April (5) \$3,247
- Weekly average for May (4) \$2,446
- Weekly average for June (4) \$2,437
- Weekly average for July (5) \$2,018
- Weekly average for August (4) \$2,301
- **Weekly average for 2018 (34) \$3,147**

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Adult Sunday School has decided to begin a new video series, this one titled *The Story of the Bible*. [See next article.] Past series have been felt to be of high quality, and the length of the lecture (about 30 minutes) has permitted follow-up discussion. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome at Adult Sunday School in the church parlor, 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. Contact Ed Wahl



Bible Study on Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., is held at Homewood's Panera Bread in Cherry Creek Plaza, 183rd and Governors Highway. This community inclusive group of 12-16 is currently practicing *Lectio Divina*, an ancient process that includes

reading, meditating, contemplation, and praying about a passage of scripture chosen by that day's leader. Introduced to our congregation by Pastor Nancy, *Lectio Divina* has been reintroduced by Pastor Dudley. Can we do this in the busyness of Panera? Come and see. You are welcome.

Lydia and Rebecca Circles are using Presbyterian Women's *Horizons* studies, Rebecca in the letter to Hebrews and Lydia in the new study of "Promises." Please see Sunday bulletins and *The Carillon* for meeting times and places that change. Contact Jonna James and Laura Dillman.

Young Children's Sunday School, now in its third year, is using a published curriculum, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*. Using some of our "old" songs, we've added new songs from a CD for GGG. The source of the stories we tell has taken on increased importance, so we are singing: "*Wonderful stories / Wonderful stories / The Bible is full of stories for me.*" Children ages 2-7 participate in worship with the congregation through Pastor Dudley's "Moment," then walk with the teachers to the classroom. Contact Karen Maurer or Darlene Giesbrecht

Karen Maurer

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



One of the challenges in finding, selecting, and obtaining materials and courses of study for adults is determining what will be of interest. For decades we

have concentrated primarily on the contents of the Bible and how those contents can be important in our modern lives. On several occasions we have been asked to focus

on the history of the Bible as a book, but the resources to address this interest have been slim. Until now. Beginning on Sunday, October 7, and continuing for 24 weeks, we will study *The Story of the Bible*.

The 30-minute video lessons will be presented by Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D., Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA. Following the video lecture, which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, we will then have 20 minutes for discussion before adjourning to the worship service in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend as your weekly schedule permits. Join us to learn about this topic you have requested. The lessons for October include:

- Oct. 7 **Telling the Story of a Book**
- Oct. 14 **Making TaNaK**
- Oct. 21 **Forms of Jewish Scripture**
- Oct. 28 **Birth of the Christian Bible** Ed Wahl

PRAYER CARDS

The following members and staff of First Presbyterian Church will receive a card telling them that the church is praying for them. Please pray for those listed each week.
Donna Moore

Week of October 7

Charlene Hansen
Kathie & Jerry Hazlett
Tom & Tricia Hentschel
Emmanuel & Lee Hilario
Bob & Jonna James

Week of October 14

Dorinda Jensen
Blaine Jones
Melodee Leimnetzer
Nancy Llewellyn
Karen Maurer

Week of October 21

Ian Miller
Mickey Miller
Craig Miller
Donna & Vern Moore
Ray & Wanda Nielsen

Week of October 28

Kathie & Jim Ogden
Kathlen O'Hanlon
Betty Owens
Elizabeth & Paul Palumbo
Marilyn Purdue



NURSING HOMES

Mae Evert, Lemont Center Rehab; Donna Dekker, Manor Care East Palos; BettyBednarcik, Prairie Manor; Pat Steiner, Plymouth Place LaGrange Park.

BIRTHS

Arya Rose Conover was born September 18, 2018. The parents are Jean & David Conover. The grandparents are Doug Bonthron and Sally Wolford.



See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God and so we are.

SYMPATHY

Church sympathy is extended to the family of Jean Chisholm (sister-in-law of Janet Wahl).



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: Merle Sluis and Marvin Austin.

THANK YOU

Friends, I am grateful for the investment FPC Home-wood poured into me during my youth. The prayer support and financial gifts you provided while I was in China as a mission worker and during my years in seminary helped to sustain me. I fondly remember the day of my ordination 10 years ago this month. It was a celebration of blessing that you sent me out with as I took my first call in Bristow, OK, where I served for nine and a half years. I am now an interim pastor in Claremore, OK, and continue to celebrate the call God has on my life. I thank God for the ministry you all did to set me on this path.

Mizpah, Rebecca Morad (Becky Montgomery)

NOVEMBER CARILLON

The deadline for having articles placed in the November *Carillon* is **Saturday, October 20**. Please turn in all materials in writing to the church office for *The Carillon* mailbox or e-mail the Editor at ewahl@sbcglobal.net. The Editor thanks all the October reporters for their assistance.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

- | October | October |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 6 John Maxwell, Jr. | 15 Karen Maurer |
| 9 Christopher Goeltzer | 16 Kathie Hazlett |
| 12 Carolyn Wiley | 22 Jim Daanen |
| Eleanor Steiner | Bradley Armistead |
| | 23 Bruce Miller |

May God grant birthday blessings to you all this year

OCTOBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30 Community Dinner</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread 12:30 Chicago Heights Women's Gathering</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 Women's Board</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc World Wide Communion Breads of the World Heavenly Perks</p>	<p>8</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY</p> <p>5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Stewardship Team</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread</p> <p>7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 Rebecca Circle</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1:00 Lydia Circle Plymouth Place</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> 
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks Women's Bake Sale</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Session</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12:30 Men's Lunch with Chicago Heights</p>	<p>20</p> <p>TRUSTEE WORK DAY 8:30-1:00</p> <p>CARILLON DEADLINE</p>
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<p>28</p> <p>9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Reformation Sunday Heavenly Perks</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30 Community Dinner</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN (All Hallow's Eve)</p> <p>Trick or Treat on Porch</p>		<p>BAKE SALE</p> 	