



# THE CARILLON

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## FROM THE NEW PASTOR

*“Hello, how are you? I’m glad to meet you and be here.”*

I officially started as your temporary pastor on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Apparently I have to hit the ground running, including writing this column. I have told the Session and anyone else that will listen that I have two tasks: one is to continue as best as possible with comfortable practices and the second is to do all I can to help you be up to speed for the next step, which is finding an interim pastor. In other words, I will give you my best and intend to work my way out of a job so you can move on.

One of the first tasks for the Session as they work to prepare to move forward involves filling out a Ministry Information Form that lets potential pastors know who you are and your sense of God’s hopes for you. A lot of the form seeks numbers. Possibly the most important section has narrative questions. So that the Session is not filling out this section in a vacuum, they need your input. To that end, the questions will be part of table discussions at the potluck lunch before the Annual Meeting on February 18, 2018. I attach the questions for discussion so you have time to ponder them and give your considered input at lunch.

- 1) What is the congregation’s vision for ministry? Additionally, describe how this vision is lived out.
- 2) How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or congregation?
- 3) How will a pastor help you to reach your vision and mission goals?
- 4) Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation.

Grace and peace, *Dudley Elvery*

PS: I trust most of us are south siders. That means we know how to roll up our sleeves and get to work. Which sleeve will you roll up first?

### WHO IS THE REV. DUDLEY ELVERY?

Rev. Dudley Elvery was first ordained in the PC(USA) and served churches in Alabama and West Virginia. He then began his “Exodus wandering” as he moved to Illinois and worked mental health as well as consulting to both the educational and business communities. Dudley then “crossed over into the Promised Land” of Chicago Presbytery and became pastor of Calvary United Protestant Church in Park Forest. During that time, he was supervisor for seven years to interns from McCormick

Seminary. He served on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for two six-year stints. He was honorably retired by Presbytery in 2013. Dudley and his wife Glenna have four adult sons and seven grandchildren. They are "foodies," enjoy opera, and have different handicrafts—she in fabric and paper; he in wood.

We are so glad to welcome him and look forward to taking our next steps in ministry under his guidance.

## COVENANT OF EXPECTATIONS

The following document is the Covenant of Expectations at the time of separation between the Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer and the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood. It is a result of a process of clarification of the former pastor's role.

This Covenant of Expectations has to be shared throughout the congregation so that others may understand *changes in role and responsibilities* and can cooperate as the **Church** and **Departing Pastor** move into another phase of their respective lives.

- ✦ The **Departing Pastor's** resignation, effective January 7, 2018, signifies her understanding that all pastoral and administrative duties in the **Church** are terminated as of that date.
- ✦ It is further mutually understood that this covenant applies also to the interim period before another pastor is called, since the congregation needs some time and space between pastors to discern their mission and new leadership. It is agreed that the **Church**, in conjunction with the COM Transition Team of the Presbytery of Chicago, will make provision for transitional leadership of the congregation during the interim period between called pastors.
- ✦ The **Departing Pastor** agrees that she will not officiate or assist at any baptism, wedding, or funeral in this **Church** unless approved by the moderator, but may attend as a worshiper on occasion. If attending worship or special events, she shall inform the moderator of her plans. She expects to exercise her ministry in other churches as invited. This will prevent divided loyalties in the congregation and pressures on either the former or future pastor.
- ✦ The **Departing Pastor** agrees that she will refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation, including requests made person to person, electronically, or via phone or social media.

- ✦ The **Departing Pastor** agrees that she will not intervene, support, or give advice in any congregational business, disputes, or disagreements.
- ✦ The **Departing Pastor** agrees further that, if attending this **Church** in the future, it will be as a worshiper and participant, and that she will neither say nor listen to any uncomplimentary or critical remarks concerning the transitional leadership and past or future pastors in social or other gatherings. The **Departing Pastor** notes that it is recommended by the COM Transition Team of the Presbytery of Chicago that the **Departing Pastor** refrain from attending worship or other involvement with the **Church** for a period of at least one year after the new pastoral leadership is in place.
- ✦ If, after a suitable period of time, there is a desire on the part of the next called pastor to review any of the above items, he/she may instigate that review with the consent of the Session and COM Transition Team, provided the former pastor is willing for such review and renegotiation to occur.
- ✦ It is understood that this policy does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals in the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood congregation.
- ✦ The **Departing Pastor** will remove her own vestments, equipment, books, and possessions by January 15, 2018. Items she had used, belonging to the **Church**, have been inventoried and will remain there. Keys to the church offices/buildings will be returned by her to Session on January 15, 2018.

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

February 4	10:30 a.m.	
February 14	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday
February 18	10:30 a.m.	Lent



## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



The 2018 Chart for Chancel Flowers is up in the Narthex for all to sign for a date. Dedicate the flowers or not. Garden flowers are welcome. A thank you to all who provided flowers

in 2017. Contact Betty Owens.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on Wednesday, February 14 (also Valentine's Day), because Easter will be early on April 1<sup>st</sup>. At the time of publication, there was no decision on where the 7 p.m. Communion service with the imposition of ashes will be. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin for further information.



*Ash Wednesday*

## SESSION REPORT

### **Special Congregational Meeting, January 7, 2018**

We met as a congregation to officially dissolve The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer's call as Teaching Elder of our congregation. The assigned liaison from the Presbytery, Rev. Adam Malak, called the meeting to order and then excused Pastor Nancy from the meeting.

Charlene Hansen moved and Paul Gerrish seconded a motion that "*The First Presbyterian Church of Homewood join with The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer in requesting the Presbytery of Chicago dissolve the pastoral relationship now existing between them, effective January 7, 2018.*" The motion passed. Rev. Malak opened the floor for questions and described the Presbytery's process for us. Rev. Malak assured us that the Presbytery and he, as their representative, will walk this path with us as we move into our next phase of ministry.

Pastor Nancy returned to the meeting and was officially released from the responsibility of care for our congregation. A Covenant of Expectations from the Presbytery, having been distributed and read aloud to the congregation, was signed by Rev. Adam Malak for the Presbytery, Lauren Ulrich as Clerk of Session, and Rev. Nancy Jo Dederer. A copy of that Covenant is included in this issue of *The Carillon* so that we may be sure everyone has had a chance to see it.

The meeting adjourned with prayer and Laying on of Hands for Rev. Dederer, and thus our relationship with Pastor Nancy was officially ended. We send her to the congregation in Greensboro, North Carolina, with our love and prayers for a ministry that is as faithful and fruitful as her ministry here has been.

### **Regular Session Meeting, January 15, 2018**

This was a significant Session meeting in the life of First Presbyterian Church of Homewood. We signed a covenant with Rev. Dudley Elvery to be our Stated

Supply Pastor, with whom we will start down the road of making decisions about our future in getting an Interim Pastor and eventually calling a new Teaching Elder for our congregation. The Covenant was signed by the Clerk of Session and by the Temporary Supply Pastor, and copies were given to Rev. Adam Malak to deliver to Presbytery for their approval and finalization. When that had been done, Rev. Malak excused himself, and Rev. Elvery assumed the role of Moderator, which he now retains until we have an Interim Pastor some months down the road.

### Clerk of Session report:

We received Trustee information and worship attendance, which will be found elsewhere in this issue of *The Carillon*. A team had been working to delete from our membership rolls the names of people who have had no participation of any kind in the life of the church since September 2016. After contacting these members, inviting them to resume active life as members of First Presbyterian, and receiving their replies, our membership rolls have been reduced to 128 members as of the end of the calendar year 2017.

### Ministry highlights:

**Congregational Life Ministry:** Jan Bunker

Shirley Armistead

The Heavenly Perks schedule for 2018 is posted in the kitchen. Once the date of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation has been set, we will initiate plans for the potluck lunch preceding the meeting.

### **Faith Formation Ministry:**

Young Children's Sunday School lessons for winter/spring will focus on major stories in the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) of our Bible. We'll start with some of the Ten Commandments. Panera Tuesday Bible Study resumed meeting on January 9 after a break for the holiday season. Fifteen people were there to begin a 10-week study of the prophecy of *Jeremiah*. Leadership will be shared during the first part of this study; leadership will be re-assessed at that point. It is anticipated that there will be 18 or more participants as we continue.

**Monday Night Dinner Ministry:** Laurel Hamilton

We have continued to serve dinner every Monday, including Christmas and New Year's Day. This was possible only because of dedicated volunteers and new volunteers. Thanks to the congregation for providing soup for Christmas Day and items to complete the Reverse Advent Packages for our Christmas dinner guests as well.

**Personnel & Administration Ministry:** K. O’Hanlon

This team:

- ✚ Undertook the process of officially signing Rev. Elvery to be our Stated Supply in this transition phase.
- ✚ Thanked Ginny Coppess, line-dance leader, and received her response saying that she was pleased to pay an increase to \$80 for the use of Westminster Hall.
- ✚ Gathered from Session, Choir, and Bells evaluation forms for employee performance of Pastor, Secretary, Music Director/Organist, and Treasurer.
- ✚ Provided Target gift cards with notes of appreciation to all five staff members for Christmas.
- ✚ Approved Bright Start’s use of the sanctuary in February for an event honoring Dr. King.
- ✚ Received a query from Ron Shropshire as to when Debra’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be so we can honor her service. Responded to Ron that P&A would ask Session to start brainstorming how to celebrate Debra’s anniversary and invited him to be part of the planning.
- ✚ Recommended to Stewardship & Finance a two-percent raise for staff for 2018 (excluding Pastor who left January 7).

**Stewardship & Finance Ministry:** Donna Moore  
Ed Wahl

2018 Offering Envelope boxes are mostly distributed with about 25 remaining in the Cloister. The Pledge letter and mailing are in progress by the co-chairs. The 2017 Statements are in progress by the Church Financial Secretary and will be mailed/distributed in church in January. Time and Talent sheets will be included with the pledge mailing. Information regarding transition costs is needed in preparing the 2018 Church Budget.

**Worship Ministry:** Kathie Darman, Betty Owens  
We prepared and served Communion three times in December, twice on Christmas Eve. We asked Deacon Jay Webster to serve as Communion Steward.

Session has heard nothing further from the *Center for Independence* about their using our facilities for their program. Laurie will call Ann Jackson to determine the status. Kathleen O’Hanlon will continue to gather information as to our legal responsibilities regarding identified sex offenders.

Session received a request that *The Carillon* be again printed and mailed. We received input from *The Carillon* editor and discussed this request. We decided to maintain our current practice of mailing copies to those

who would prefer it, but to continue sending the majority electronically (email). **The Annual Meetings of the Congregation and the Corporation are called for Feb. 18, 2018. A potluck lunch will precede the meetings immediately after the worship service.**

Donna Moore agreed to serve one more year as a 2018 Presbytery Commissioner. We’ll seek a second commissioner as well. The terms of Donna Moore and Ron Shropshire as Endowment Fund Managers have expired. We will contact Ron Shropshire regarding the best way to proceed to fill the Class of 2020.

Session decided the following 2018 Special Offering recipients. We’ll complete the designations next month:  
Mother’s Day – South Suburban Family Shelter  
Easter – FPC of Homewood operating budget  
Pentecost – Jones Center, 40%  
Christmas – FPC operating budget  
Peacemaking & Global Witness – undecided

As Laurel Hamilton’s availability for Monday Night Dinner responsibilities may be coming to an end, a suggestion was made that we seek to hire a person to take over the responsibilities of planning, shopping, cooking, and coordinating volunteers—should Laurel become unavailable. Laurel will work on developing a job description in case we need it.

Rev. Elvery asked Session members to share what they feel is God’s yearning for FPC as we move forward before closing with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Ulrich, Clerk of Session



**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
and  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION  
February 18, 2018**

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

The purposes of the meetings are to review the past year via annual reports for 2017, to look over the financial report and present the 2018 budget, to nominate and elect members of the Nominating Committee, to hear from the Trustees, and to conduct any other business items brought to the meeting. Please plan to attend.

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

## CHURCH OFFICERS 2018

### SESSION

#### Class of 2018

Kathie Darman 207-2813 Laurie Ulrich 957-8048  
Jan Bunker 815-469-4770

#### Class of 2019

Shirley Armistead 798-4697 Ed Wahl 957-3643  
Betty Owens 798-8561

#### Class of 2020

Donna Moore 798-8867 L. Hamilton 312-343-2053  
Kathleen O'Hanlon 312-953-1898  
The Rev. Dudley Elvery, Moderator

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Class of 2018

Earl Anker 815-469-4770 R. Shropshire 798-8755  
Bruce Miller 815-464-4969 Janet Wahl 957-3643

#### Class of 2019

Laura Dillman 890-4425 Paul Gerrish 205-5478  
Phil Dillman 799-8486 Jay Ruklic 672-4053

#### Class of 2020

Marge Errant 532-2276 Rod Dunlap 799-2681  
Jim Foster 957-5087 Merle Sluis 285-1457

### COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Laura Dillman 890-4425 Paul Gerrish 205-5478  
Evelyn Dixon 957-0241 Jay Webster 224-234-7244  
Darlene Giesbrecht 334-4323

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Women's Association will have no meeting in Feb. Copies of the 2018 **Women's Association Yearbook** and pledge cards will be available in the Narthex in February, and we invite you to take them. Please put the pledge card and money in the basket provided, and the Treasurer will get them. We don't have any big money-maker planned for this year, so pledges (donations) will be appreciated. **We will host a Bake Sale on Palm Sunday, March 25.**



Although there were few in number, the January meeting of the Women's Association was enjoyed by all that attended. The pizza was delicious, and we played Dominos and a Rummy game that was played with tiles.

Prizes were Hershey Bars that were enjoyed by all. The



March meeting will be a Potluck Luncheon, followed by a new travel adventure with Sylvia and Paul Tufts. There is no charge for the lunch; just bring a dish to share. Kathy Hazlett

has promised to bring baked radishes and baked kale for us to try. Mark the calendar.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXEC BOARD

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

### Circle Chairpersons

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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Programs	Charlene Hansen, Kathie Hazlett
Mission Coordinator	Pat Steiner
Association Rep	Marilyn Austin
Kitchen Care	Women of the Association
Sanctuary Greeters	Eleanor Steiner
Flowers for Sanctuary	Betty Owens
Publicity	Darlene Giesbrecht
Reservations	Darlene Giesbrecht
Yearbook	Debra Campbell
Auditing	Eleanor Steiner
Nominating Committee	Circle Chairs
	Eleanor Steiner
	Jan Rolls (at large)

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – Thursday, February 8, 1 p.m. at the church parlor hosted by Eleanor Steiner.

REBECCA – Wednesday, **February 21**, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Kathie Hazlett, 1850 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Homewood. Co-hostess is Janet Wahl. Lesson 9 from *Who Is Jesus?* is the study.



# TRUSTEE REPORT

## TRUSTEE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

President	Janet Wahl	957-3643
Vice President	Earl Anker	815-469-4770
Secretary	Jay Ruklic	672-4053

### Buildings and Grounds

Jim Foster, chair  
Earl Anker  
Merle Sluis  
Phil Dillman

### Elevator

Earl Anker

### Energy

Rod Dunlap

### Grounds Beautification

Marge Errant, chair  
Paul Gerrish  
Merle Sluis  
Janet Wahl  
Rod Dunlap

### Computers

Earl Anker

### Christian Ed Liaison

Janet Wahl

### Steward/Finan Team

Ron Shropshire

### Kitchen/Restrooms

Laura Dillman, chair  
Marge Errant

### Persnel/Admin Team

Rod Dunlap

### Organ/Piano/PA

Paul Gerrish

### Nominating Comm

Janet Wahl

### Insurance

Jay Ruklic, chair  
Jim Foster

### Endowment Managers

Jim Foster  
Ron Shropshire

### Office Equip/Operations

Jay Ruklic, chair  
Bruce Miller

### Carillon Message

Jay Ruklic

### Disaster Preparedness

Jim Foster  
Jay Ruklic  
Bruce Miller

### Budget for 2018

All Trustees



At the January Trustee meeting, Buildings and Grounds Committee reported working on light bulbs and toilets. Paul Gerrish reported that work is being done on the organ and the piano. Consultants are still being used to determine the future status of the computer server. Earl Anker reported on the Elevator contract and the problem with the lock on the vestibule door. The church now owns 18 grave sites at Cedar Park that the Trustees are trying to sell. Our AED machine is out of warranty and must be replaced; company will not send parts. Trustees and Session are deciding if we should continue the high expense of keeping an AED. Committee assignments for 2018 have been distributed as well as contact info for

each member and the prayer list. The Trustees have Heavenly Perks for February. The Trustees adjourned their meeting and went to the sanctuary to move one of the chancel pews to the cloister.

## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

Pledge Dedication Sunday for the receiving of our 2018 pledges will be February 4, 2018. Because the deadline for this issue of *The Carillon* occurred first, we can only give thanks to God for your anticipated financial support and Per Capita payments at this time. We will provide a tally report next month. Also, we still have approximately 25 boxes of 2018 offering envelopes left in the Cloister waiting to be picked up; do you have yours?



Annual giving statements for 2017 were handed out to all persons attending worship on Sunday, January 28, 2018, and mailed to all other members on January 29, 2018. Please check your statement against your records for accuracy. We do the best we can to keep the records straight, but some errors occasionally creep in. Your annual statement includes regular and special offerings, Per Capita payments, special gifts, required minimum distributions, and memorial gifts.

The 2018 Per Capita Apportionment is **\$33.61** for each member of the congregation on the Active Member Roll on December 31, 2016. Based on 154 active members on that date, we will be asked to pay \$5,175.94 to support the three higher levels of the Presbyterian Church—Presbytery of Chicago, Synod of Lincoln Trails, and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We need an average income of **\$4,700** 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 (5) \$4,908
- Weekly average for February (4) \$3,391
- Weekly average for March (4) \$3,826
- Weekly average for April (5) \$2,499
- Weekly average for May (4) \$3,180
- Weekly average for June (4) \$2,748
- Weekly average for July (5) \$2,525
- Weekly average for August(4) \$4,371
- Weekly average for September (4) \$4,070
- Weekly average for October (5) \$2,731
- Weekly average for November (4) \$2,677
- Weekly average for December (5)\* \$12,086
- **Weekly average for 2017 (53)\* \$4,631**

\*Includes receipts from sale of donated stock shares in Dec

The summary of receipts and disbursements for the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month and year ending December 31, 2017, is in the following chart:

	<u>Through December</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Identified Giving	\$140,956	\$150,000
Loose Offering	1,917	1,500
Initial Offering	500	300
Per Capita	5,578	5,400
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	43,918	5,000
Community Dinners Donations	4,545	4,000
Other Income	7,435	11,000
Housing Investment Transfer	23,305	24,000
Designated Funds	53,502	15,000
Dividends & Capital Gains	9,919	5,000
Endowment Fund Distributions	<u>7,367</u>	<u>7,500</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>298,942</b>	<b>228,700</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Missional Ventures	\$5,596	\$6,500
Faith Formation	1,156	2,700
Facilities	44,992	49,300
Staff	180,165	180,300
Administrative Support	5,565	6,600
General Expenses	0	0
Per Capita Apportionment	0	5,400
Transfer to Investments	0	0
Shared Mission—Presbytery	3,500	3,500
Transfer to Designated Funds	<u>25,600</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>266,572</b>	<b>259,300</b>

<i>Total Active Members—December 31, 2017</i>	<i>128</i>
<i>Average Sunday Attendance—September 2017</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>Average Sunday Attendance—October 2017</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Average Sunday Attendance—November 2017</i>	<i>52</i>
<i>Average Sunday Attendance—December 2017</i>	<i>58</i>

<b>Summary through November 2017 (12/12 of Budget):</b>	
Income Over/(Under) 2017 Budget	\$70,243
Expenses Over/(Under) 2017 Budget	7,273
<b>2017 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date</b>	<b>62,969</b>

## CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

**Young Children's Sunday School:** Children ages 2-7 are invited to Young Children's Sunday School, which meets each Sunday. Children start with their families in 10:30 a.m. worship, then meet teachers in the Narthex to walk to the preschool room for Sunday School. They return to the sanctuary for the closing part of worship.

Lessons for winter/spring will focus on major stories in the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) of the Bible. We will start with some of the Ten Commandments, or as Berryman calls them, "*The Ten Best Ways to Live.*"

## Love God Follow God's Rules Honor Your Mom and Dad Don't Take What's Not Yours



It's time to get the tent out! The long ago Old Testament stories were probably told around the campfire, so the tent and some logs with red cellophane and a battery light will be the setting for the next several weeks: Abraham and Sarah...Moses' call...Joseph's coat...Samuel at night...and more. These were Jesus' scriptures. Maybe his rabbi read them...maybe Mary and Joseph told them on their rooftop on a warm night. What a gift these stories are! See the bulletin each Sunday for details.

Karen Maurer

## 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



*In Our Prayers*

### Week of February 4

Jay Webster  
Carolyn Wiley  
Susan Zorns  
Judith Blakesley  
Bruce & Shirley Boersma

### Week of February 11

Elizabeth Boersma  
Debbie Dennis  
Dottie Guenter  
Emily & Richard Hanley  
Norinne Pulec

### Week of February 18

Curtis & Catherine Abraham  
Lenora & Exequiel Aguilera  
Karen Allison  
Joan Alvers  
Donna Anderson

### Week of February 25

Earl Anker & Jan Bunker  
David/Shirley Armistead  
Marv & Marilyn Austin  
Ray & RoseMary Baird  
Karen Barge Fillippo

## HOSPITALIZED

In the hospital during the past month were Pat Steiner, Marv Austin, Gloria Stroh (hospice).



*Hospitalized*

## NURSING HOMES

Mae Evert, Lemont Center Rehab; Donna Dekker, Manor Care East Palos; Betty Bednarcik, Prairie Manor; Betty Ross, Alden Rehab Orland Park.

## SYMPATHY

Church sympathy is extended to the families of Douglas Noetzel (cousin of Laurie Ulrich) and Paul Skelton (father of Elizabeth and Kathleen, who are daughters of Dee Delaney).



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

## GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

The following has been recorded in the Memorial Book in the Narthex: Irma Foster.

## FOR THE DIRECTORY

Karen Maurer, 3627 Forest Court, Olympia Fields, IL, 60461. 708-248-6777. [skmaurer@comcast.net](mailto:skmaurer@comcast.net)

## THANK YOU

Your faithful support is invaluable to Respond Now and allows us to continue helping families become stable by providing food, emergency prescriptions, and homelessness prevention services. We focus on long-term solutions to break the cycle of poverty. Thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$444 in December. I appreciate your demonstrated commitment to our work.

Carl J. Wolf, Ex. Dir.

Dear First Presbyterian Family,

I am in my first week at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Greensboro and surrounded by signs and symbols of FPC Homewood. I have two big windows, one facing the garden and a cross on the hill and the other facing the children's playground. I know my new stained glass hanging of the Presbyterian seal will fit perfectly.

Thank you for such a beautiful send-off on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The choir anthem in worship brought tears to my eyes, and the open house was a perfect way to visit with you and share stories. The gifts were meaningful, and your financial gift was so generous. The proclamation from PC(USA) Co-Moderator Jan Edmiston was a delightful surprise. I understand one from the Village of Homewood is also on its way. I will treasure the apron and notes from Community Dinner guests, too. Most of all, I was overwhelmed by so many who were there. Chris, Andrew, and I felt your love! A special thanks to Session and all who helped coordinate this special day.



I hope you all know how much you have come to mean to me. We have learned a lot together in ministry, and I am confident that God will continue to do a new thing with and through all of us! I will hold you in my prayers as we both enter a time of interim/transitional ministry. I pray that God may grant that you be strengthened in your inner being through the Holy Spirit; and as you live into God's will, I pray that you will know the height, depth, width, and breadth of God's love for you through Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace from your sister-in-Christ,  
*Nancy Jo Dederer*

## MARCH CARILLON

The deadline for articles placed in the March *Carillon* is **Tuesday, February 20**. Please turn in all materials in writing to the church office for *The Carillon* mailbox or e-mail the Editor at [ewahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ewahl@sbcglobal.net). The Editor thanks all of the February reporters for their assistance.

*J C =W=*

### **Birthday greetings to our church family:**

#### **February**

1 Leighton Whittaker  
3 Blaine Jones  
10 Emily Rozak  
11 Donna Moore  
13 Nolan Miller

#### **February**

13 Nolan Way  
19 Phil Dillman  
20 Norinne Pulec  
27 Mary Cavallo  
Lenora Aguilera

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



# FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>				<b>1</b> 9:30 Women's Board  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday Sch 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc <b>Communion</b> <b>Pledge Sunday</b> Heavenly Perks	<b>5</b> 5:30 Community Dinner	<b>6</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00 Lydia Circle  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks	<b>12</b> 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Stewardship Team	<b>13</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	<b>14 VALENTINE'S DAY</b>  <b>7:00 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>	<b>15</b> (No Women's Association)  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc <b>Communion – Lent</b> 12:00 <b>POTLUCK LUNCH</b> 12:30 <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>19 PRESIDENTS' DAY</b> (Office Closed) 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Session	<b>20</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread  <b>Carillon Deadline</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>7:30 Rebecca Circle</b>	<b>22</b>  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks  3:00 <b>Choir Festival</b>	<b>26</b> 5:30 Community Dinner	<b>27</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	<b>28</b>			