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SUMMER SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m., a summer video study series will begin for adults. In the air-conditioned Parlor, *The World of Biblical Israel* will unfold every Sunday through September 3, 2017. Prepared and narrated by Professor Cynthia R. Chapman of Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences, the units cover the biblical history of Israel from 1200 BCE to 400 BCE. That's a lot of years—so many that this video series will continue in the summer of 2018. History, archaeology, and lots of Bible passages are used to explore this world. It is not necessary to be present at every lesson, but it is possible to borrow the video disc to catch up. Check out the information that follows.

Professor Chapman's introduction explains the scope of the whole course. *"The lectures emphasize how the catastrophic experience of the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem in 586 BCE and the deportation of a large segment of the literate population of Judah to Babylonia served as the impetus for compiling, editing, and preserving scripture. As such, the Babylonian Exile informs our reading of the biblical text. Much of what we learn about life in biblical Israel is preserved in our Bible because it spoke to the needs and longings of a people who were living in exile. Because the Bible is written from a particular historical perspective, we will*

frequently turn to archaeological evidence to augment and often challenge the biblical picture of life in ancient Israel.

"The course is divided into six historical units. The first unit introduces life in the Babylonian Exile, where conquered Judeans sought to maintain a sense of their national identity while living in a foreign land. It is within this exilic setting that Judeans sat together and told their children who were born in exile all the stories of life in their homeland in Israel. They told the family stories of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and his twelve sons to communicate to their children the values and religious beliefs that they now considered central to their survival as a people. They also told their children the remarkable story of how their national deity had empowered an ancestor named Moses to lead the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt, across a desert wilderness, to the gateway of the Promised Land. These memories of an exiled people preserve authentic aspects of life in ancient Israel during its earliest periods while speaking to the needs of an exiled people who hoped they, too, would be delivered from bondage and led back to the Promised Land.

"The second and third units cover the history of Israel from its origins as a nation in the land to its flourishing as two independent kingdoms: Israel and Judah (1200-

745 BCE). *Within this historical framework, we examine the economic life of a rural highland family. We survey Israelite kinship structures and marriage practices and the development of political systems. We also explore the diversity that characterized ancient Israelite religious beliefs and practices, and finally, we consider what it meant to be rich and what it meant to be poor during this time of the monarchy.*”

The summary is stopped here because the next three units will be covered in the summer of 2018. Here are the exact dates and titles of the lessons:

- June 18 – Biblical Israel—the Story of a People
- Stories of Origin**
- June 25 – By the Rivers of Babylon—Exile
- July 2 – Ancestor Narratives in Genesis
- July 9 – Moses—the Torah’s Central Hero
- Becoming the Nation of Israel, 1200-1000**
- July 16- Becoming the Nation of Israel
- July 23 – Kinship and Economics in Highland Villages
- July 30 – Three Weddings and a Funeral
- Aug 6 – Political Power Bases in Early Israel
- Kings and Kingdoms, North & South, 1000-745**
- Aug 13 – Kingdoms and King Making
- Aug 20 – Politics and Economy of a Centralized Cult
- Aug 27 – Worshipping Locally
- Sept 3 – Lives of the Rich, Lives of the Poor

Please join us as your summer schedule permits.

Ed Wahl

 **COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

June 4	10:30 a.m. Pentecost
July 2	10:30 a.m.
August 6	10:30 a.m.
September 3	10:30 a.m.



 **SESSION REPORT**

Regular Session Meeting, May 13, 2017

From her report, Rev. Dederer:

- ✚ Attended the Jones Memorial Center Brotherhood Banquet, April 27, 2017, with thanks to Karen Maurer for her generous invitation. Along with Karen, FPC members Paul and Sylvia Tufts were in attendance.
- ✚ Completed two weekdays and one Sunday of vacation: April 21, May 8, and May 7, 2017.
- ✚ Made several visits this month, including one to Betty Bednarcik, who sends her greetings to everyone.

- ✚ Worked with Confirmand Samantha Miller toward her final preparations for being confirmed on May 14, 2017.
- ✚ Shared FPC’s New Beginnings story of “Life After 150” with Manassas Presbyterian Church Manassas, VA, on May 7 as she preached for their 150th anniversary. Thank you to Rev. Jeannine Oakes Daugherty for preaching here that Sunday.

From the Clerk’s report, we were glad to note that our average attendance in April was eight people higher than in March. Yes, that does include Easter, but attendance seems to be holding steady or climbing!

Ministry Team Highlights:

Congregational Life chairs, Jan Bunker and Shirley Armistead, are now looking forward to our Ice Cream Social, coming up in July.

From the **Faith Formation Ministry**, the Young Children’s Sunday School class will have its final meeting for this year on June 4, and we are hoping to provide nursery care starting on June 11 for those who want to come on Sunday mornings in the summer. If you can help with this ministry, please let Laurie Ulrich know [See her article elsewhere in this Carillon]. The plan is to resume the class with the teaching team after Labor Day.

The Sunday Adult Bible Study using the video series *The World of Biblical Israel* will run from June 18 to September 3, and the Tuesday Morning Bible Study at Panera Bread is studying the minor prophets. If you are wondering what that means, why not check it out?

From the **Mission/Outreach Ministry**, Laurie Ulrich reported that we served as a rest stop for the South Suburban CROP Walk on May 7. The volunteers who manned our stop (they came from Respond Now) were so impressed with the concept of our Monday Night Dinners that they asked if they can come to help serve! It’s amazing how the word spreads—in ways we could not even have imagined!

We have obtained volunteers to make our involvement with the 35th Homewood Farmers Market a reality again this summer. Phil Dillman and Rod Dunlap have volunteered to make that happen. We are looking at 3 dates: one in June, one in July, and one in August. Once those dates are finalized, a sign-up sheet in the Narthex will be available for you to volunteer an hour or two on one or more of those dates. Again: our God is “making a way where there is no way,” and thanks to Rod and Phil for being open to follow His leading.

Once again we will be collecting items for the Church World Service Hygiene Kit project. We will collect the items this June and July, so watch for the boxes in the Narthex so you can put your donations there. Check the article elsewhere in this *Carillon* for the list of requested items.

The **Personnel & Administration Ministry**, under the leadership of Elder Kathleen O'Hanlon, completed the most recent update of our Church Policies and Procedures. Session approved those changes, dated January 16, 2017.

The **Stewardship & Finance Ministry** reported that the "lost" deposit slips for our new Designated Funds account at First Midwest Bank have been located, and that the account is ready to be used. One interesting note from our April financial analysis: though we had a high attendance at our Easter Sunday service, giving was down considerably that day.

The **Worship Ministry** leaders, Kathie Darman and Betty Owens, welcomed Rev. Jeannine Oakes-Daugherty on May 7 as she led us in worship and Communion.

Session spent some time discussing the *What Next? / What Now? Conversation* on April 23 and agreed that the two major "take-aways" were the need to increase our media presence and the desire to get some input from a knowledgeable real estate person regarding suggestions and possibilities for the best use of our property. Pastor Dederer will follow up on our website issues, and several Session members will meet with a friend of the Armistead's who specializes in the kind of building issues we are facing.

Before adjournment, Pastor Dederer led Session members to share how God has been revealing Himself in each of our lives. We concluded our meeting with prayers of gratitude for God's grace and of petition for God's help and guidance.

Special Session Meeting, May 14, 2017

Session had the joy this month to meet with Samantha Miller, who has been working as a Confirmand with Pastor Nancy Dederer for over the past year and a half, and to hear her Profession of Faith before welcoming her as our newest Active Member. Her extended family joined her as she met with Session before worship on May 14 and shared her statement of faith before being officially received as a member of First Presbyterian Church of Homewood.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Ulrich, Clerk of Session



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



Sign up on the wall calendar in the Narthex, or contact Betty at 798-8561, if you wish to donate flowers for the sanctuary. Flower dedications may be in honor, memory, celebration of someone (thing), or to "the Glory of God." Garden flowers are welcome.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter from San Antonio, TX, where I am attending the Festival of Homiletics, which is a gathering of preachers from across the continent. In the five days, I will have attended about a dozen worship services plus 11 lectures on various aspects of preaching by some of the best preachers and professors in the country. This year's theme is **Preaching on the Borders**. I've heard some mighty prophetic sermons challenging us as preachers and our congregations as followers of Christ to consider those who live on the borders. Our location made it easy to think about immigrants crossing borders, with or without paperwork, but there are many others among us who live life on the border, life on the edge—on the edge of faith and doubt, of guilt and forgiveness, of have and have not, of hope and despair. How will our church minister to those whose lives are in the margins?



COMMUNITY DINNER

As I listened, I thought many times of the stories our congregation has to share of Christ among us on Monday nights. I give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of compassion and sharing that we are a part of at our community dinners. Did you know that this June marks our 3rd year anniversary of hosting weekly meals? Who knew that 3 ½ years ago, when we were sitting around the Session table discussing how to get to know our community so our ministry could be more relevant, that we'd be meeting Jesus downstairs every week in Westminster Hall? We are blessed! I hope you will join me in giving thanks for the joyous community that gathers each week: for the dozens of regular volunteers; for the teenagers from Homewood-Flossmoor High School who work among us; for the occasional helpers; for the cooks and bakers and other food bearers to fill the serving tables; for the generous contributors of financial support through their regular church offerings and special gifts.

I do want to give a very special word of thanks to God for Sally Wolford, who has been our coordinator for the dinners once we decided to continue them beyond the

first three months. While other volunteers have certainly held key roles over the years (and picked up the work while Sally took summers off), Sally has been the overall cheerleader, grocery store purchaser, cook, server, organizer of volunteers, and *chaplain* to many of our guests. I've had a number of conversations with dinner guests talking to me about our wonderful minister... pointing to Sally...not realizing that they were talking to the real pastor! I consider that a great compliment, that newcomers aren't quite sure which one of our caring people is the pastor! With Michael Bonthron's graduation, Sally is *passing the apron on* to other volunteers so she can spend more time with her husband Doug, who was transferred to Toledo a few years ago. *We will miss her leadership and presence in the kitchen, but we celebrate with her this new step in her life.* Please be sure to give her a word of thanks.

Even with Sally's departure from the dinners, we see God's providence at work as some of our newer members have stepped in with helpful hands: Ramses Godoy and Susan Zorns and a local H-F senior, Nick. We are delighted that they have chosen to share their gifts in this way over the past year. They join a host of others among us, too many to name, who with the Spirit's partnership have made Monday Night Community Dinners a holy time and space where people are nourished body and soul.

What a privilege to be working among you!
Grace and peace, *Nancy Jo Dederer*

[NOTE: Pastor Nancy will be on vacation June 13-15 and June 29-July 8. Rev. Jeannine Oakes-Daugherty will preach on July 2, and Elder Laurel Hamilton will be on call for pastoral emergencies.]

PENTECOST SUNDAY



June 4th is Pentecost. We encourage all to wear red (or orange or yellow) as a sign of the flames of the Spirit. Join us for worship that Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as we remember the birth of the Christian Church and the way that the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to proclaim

Jesus as Messiah! It all started with the disciples gathered in prayer. It makes one wonder just what might happen when we worship, pray, and share Communion together. **Come, Spirit, Come!** Also, we will baptize Chloe Kay Calderone, daughter of Natalie Hamilton and James Calderone. Tim and Kim Hamilton are the proud grandparents.
Pastor Nancy

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Except for serving Heavenly Perks in June, the Women's Association will be dormant for the summer. We will meet again on September 21 at 12:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall with the Board serving. The luncheon fee is \$5, and reservations are requested with Darlene Giesbrecht at 334-4323. A new business in Homewood, "Beans & Greens," will be presenting the program and meal! On Sunday, October 22, the Women's Association will hold a **Cookie Sale**. On Saturday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m., the Women's Association presents a "*Casual Supper with Phil Dillman*." Lydia & Rebecca Circles will be serving. This event is \$8, and reservations are requested. Phil will talk about his books, his Pepsi collection, and Homewood.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – Thurs., June 8, **11:30 a.m. picnic** at the home of Marilyn Austin, 1657 Ridge, Homewood. Bring a sandwich.
REBECCA – Wed., June 14, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jan Wahl, 599 Hamilton Wood, Homewood. Co-hostess is Laura Dillman. Lesson 4 from *Who Is Jesus?* is the study.
Wed., July 12, **6:30 p.m. is the salad supper!**

TRUSTEE REPORT

The Trustees have installed three sensors provided to us by our insurance carrier: a low pipe temperature unit in the Parlor; an ambient temperature unit in a cloakroom; a water level unit near the sump pump next to the south stairway. The units report problems wirelessly to the church's router, which then notifies several Trustees. We are trying to address known problems with the hearing aid sound system, but are having difficulty locating

the control module. We have contacted people who may have had something to do with the system over the years but so far none have been able to help. It WILL get solved! The Trustees are still discussing solutions to the sanctuary cross lighting problem (out-of-production bulbs) and whether to replace broken fluorescent ballasts in Westminster Hall or switch to LED fixtures. There is a rebate from ComEd. As always, let a Trustee know if you are aware of a problem that needs to be addressed.

Jay Ruklic



STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM
MANAGING THE CHURCH CHECKBOOK
DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

All of us look forward to summer—a time to “get away” and enjoy vacations, long weekends, summer camp, and just taking some time off. Unfortunately, the church checkbook does not get a vacation. It must continue to pay the bills for salaries, benefits, utilities, repairs, supplies, and missional ventures. We often experience our most challenging cash flow during the summer months. As we plan our summer getaways, let us remember to keep our giving current. If possible, try to pay your pledge in advance to cover for the Sundays you will miss during the summer. Doing so will minimize our cash flow challenges and allow you to more fully enjoy your summer.

PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Pastor Nancy has forwarded a request to the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team for providing additional support for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Normally, the Thanksgiving Special Offering is devoted to this cause, but we have been experiencing increasing need for pastoral assistance by both members and non-members who are in great need of financial help. While God has blessed us with the presence and participation of grateful guests at our community dinners, some of them truly are in need of some financial relief in addition to physical nourishment from their meals. Once again our mission to our neighbors and community is expanding. Ever the careful and compassionate listener to each request, Pastor Nancy has the challenge of how and how much financial support she can provide from the limited balance available to her. Your special offerings are needed now. Please use the memo line on your check to indicate Pastor’s Discretionary Fund for your gift. Thank you!

The summary of receipts and disbursements for the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month ending April 30, 2017, is in the following chart:

	<u>Through April</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Income		
Identified Giving	\$47,564	\$150,000
Loose Offering	564	1,500
Initial Offering	465	300
Per Capita	3,685	5,400
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	1,000	5,000
Community Dinners Donations	2,687	4,000
Other Income	1,469	11,000
Housing Investment Transfer	1,304	24,000
Designated Funds	7,953	15,000
Dividends & Capital Gains	8,472	5,000
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	7,500
Total Income	75,163	228,700
Expenses		
Missional Ventures	\$1,169	\$6,000
Faith Formation	249	2,700
Facilities	15,380	49,300
Staff	59,129	180,300
Administrative Support	2,215	6,600
General Expenses	0	0
Per Capita Apportionment	0	5,400
Transfer to Investments	0	0
Shared Mission—Presbytery	0	3,500
Transfer to Designated Funds	3,238	5,000
Total Expenses	81,380	259,300
Total Active Members—April 30, 2017		
Average Sunday Attendance—January 2017		54
Average Sunday Attendance—February 2017		49
Average Sunday Attendance—March 2017		54
Average Sunday Attendance—April 2017		66
Summary through April 2017 (4/12 of Budget):		
Income Over/(Under) 2017 Budget		\$(1,071)
Expenses Over/(Under) 2017 Budget		(5,053)
2017 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date		3,982

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 2017 (18) \$3,733**



WORSHIP MINISTRY

Sunday, **June 11**, is **Music Appreciation Sunday**. The Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir present a finale to their worship participation season. We give thanks for their devotion and contribution each Sunday and send them on vacation until September. Sunday, **June 11**, is also **Graduate Sunday**. We will recognize our high school, college, and higher education graduates in worship. If you have a graduate not on this *Carillon* list,

please contact the church office at fpchw@sbcglobal.net or at 798-0490 so that the name can be added to the Sunday bulletin.



Eighth Grade Graduates

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

MacKenzie Guthrie (granddaughter of Marge Errant) graduated from Clark Middle School, St. John, IN, and attend Lake Central High School.

Ashley Wagge (granddaughter of Marge Errant) graduated from Manteno Middle School, Manteno, and will attend Manteno High School.

High School Graduates

Michael Bonthron graduated from Homewood-Flossmoor High School and will attend Illinois Institute of Technology for mechanical engineering.

Kristen Maxwell graduated from Homewood-Flossmoor High School and will attend Illinois State University for education of the deaf.

Sierra Ushman (granddaughter of Ed & Janet Wahl) graduated from Northside High School, Columbus, GA, and will attend the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

College Graduates

Kaley McLawhorn (granddaughter of Betty Owens) received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Lewis University. She will attend Lewis University for a Master of Business Administration degree MBA.

John Maxwell, Jr. (son of Debbie) received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University. He will work for Nexteer Auto Motive in Saginaw, MI.

Anna Webster (grandniece of Janet Wahl) received a Bachelor of Arts degree in opera and psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. She seeks an internship.

Patricia Zenter (granddaughter of Betty Owens) received a Doctorate degree in veterinary sciences from Minnesota University.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY

Put it on the calendar! The **Ice Cream Social**, sponsored by Congregational life, is scheduled for **July 9**, following the worship service. Do you love ice cream, or do you prefer pie?



Fortunately, both will be available, including a wide variety of toppings. If you are interested in co-hosting this special event by helping to set up, serve, clean up, and/or bring supplies, be sure to look for the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center on June 11.

Speaking of those sign-up sheets, let me remind all that July and August are the perfect time to volunteer as a **Heavenly Perks Partner**. Volunteer for as many Sundays as you wish, and it's an enjoyable way to involve family and friends in this important ministry of hospitality. The available dates are July 2, 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Armistead or Jan Bunker. Jan Bunker

MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY

As we have done before, our church will be gathering hygiene items and sending small hygiene kits to Church World Service to help out people around the world who are in need. **Church World Service Hygiene Kits** are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities in need around the world. In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, hygiene kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. We will be collecting items for these kits during June and July, and then sending them off to Church World Service in the fall, with the Chicago Presbytery's campaign.

Here's what we need:

-  Hand towels measuring 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel, or micro-fiber)
-  Washcloths
-  Wide-tooth combs removed from the package
-  Fingernail or toenail clippers removed from the package
-  Bath-size bars of soap in the wrapper
-  Toothbrushes in the package
-  Standard-size Band-aids
-  One-gallon plastic zipper-closure bags

There will be boxes in the Cloister marked "**CWS Hygiene Kits**." Just put items in those boxes any time during June and July. Thanks ahead of time for being willing to share with those in need. Laurie Ulrich

CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION

Tuesday Bible Study: The Tuesday Bible Study has returned to Panera Bread. Their current study is on the Minor Prophets. They began with Jonah in May and will continue with Micah, Hosea, and Amos in June. There will be NO meeting on July 4th! Keep an eye on the bulletin for the rest of their summer schedule. [Last year

they did not meet in August.] This study meets on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. A food or drink purchase is not necessary to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Pastor Nancy

Young Children's Sunday School:

Eleanor Steiner brought her Noah's-Ark-on-Wheels for a visit, and now the FPC ark and picture books are on the teaching table. Remember "Who Built the Ark? Noah, Noah"? Thanks Eleanor. Merle Sluis's animal puzzle has been joined by fish and pets puzzles as we focus on God's creation of animals and plants. The last formal Sunday for YCSS will focus on Baptism—which was how we started in January, but this time we celebrate the Baptism of James' baby sister Chloe on June 4. Both the Nursery and the Pre-K classroom will be available that day, and the Session will arrange for staffing the Nursery beginning on June 11.

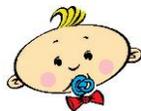
YCSS will begin again after Labor Day, but we'll have two Summer Reunion Days, July 9 and August 13, in the Pre-K classroom.

Best healing wishes to Darlene Giesbrecht, who had surgery on May 19, and best graduation wishes to Kristen Maxwell, whose high school graduation at H-F High School happened on May 28. It's a good team!

Karen Maurer

Young Children's Sunday School – Hiatus Needs:

Let's keep 'em coming! We've been blessed to have a Young Children's Sunday School class meeting each Sunday under the direction of Karen Maurer and her team. As we approach the beginning of summer, this class will be taking a break—to resume after Labor Day. But the fact that there will be no Sunday School lessons doesn't mean we want these little people—and their adults—to stop coming to Sunday morning worship! *Session decided to provide nursery care as needed during the months of June-August.* Here is another way you can be part of FPC's ministry. We are looking for people who are willing, if needed, to take the little ones to the nursery and provide supervision and care for them during our Sunday morning worship service. Our church policy requires that there be two adults to supervise children at all times, so we will need to pair up volunteers into teams of two. Can you commit to being available for one (or two) Sundays during these summer months?



On a day that you have agreed to be available, you would go to worship as usual—unless and until a little one needed to leave (that would be the parent's decision, of course). At that time, you would leave, too, and go to the nursery room to care for the child(ren) until

worship is over. If no child needs care on the day you have agreed to provide it, you can "have the day off" with our thanks for fulfilling your commitment.

So that the parents will know who will be caring for their children on any given Sunday, we will need to publish the names of the volunteers each week. That necessitates having a schedule, which means I am looking for names to put ON that schedule! You can volunteer as a couple, or you can simply let me know you're willing and I will pair you with someone. Once I know you are willing, you can choose what date(s) you would be available—and that's going to be "first come, first served."

Please prayerfully consider helping our young parents out in this way. I so thankfully remember when I depended upon people in my congregation to take care of my own children when I was committed to participating in the worship service, but they were too young to stay attentive for the hour required. I imagine others of you had the same experience, so you know how appreciated it would be!

You can let me (Laurie Ulrich) know in person, by email or by phone call if you are willing to serve in this way. The sooner you let me know, the better. We want to start this on June 11, which is right around the corner!

Laurie Ulrich



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 June 4

Tom & Tricia Hentschel
Emmanuel & Lee Hilario
Douglas Hinko
Michael & Barbara Hinko
Bob & Jonna James

Week of June 11

Dorinda Jensen
Blaine Jones
Melodee Leimnetzer
Nancy Llewellyn
Karen Maurer

Week of June 18

Debbie & John Maxwell
Carmon & Kathleen Mest Samantha, Nolan, Cam Miller
Bruce & Heather Miller
Shannon Miller
Ian Miller

Week of June 25

Craig & Mickey Miller
Donna & Vern Moore
Steve & Janet Nemitz & Kasey
Ray & Wanda Nielsen
Linda & Michael O'Donnell

Names for July & August can be found for each week in the Sunday bulletin.



In Our Prayers

A CALL TO PRAYER

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” *Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

Back in the day, when the people of God were far from home and being held in captivity, this was the word of the prophet Jeremiah for them. God had a plan for their future! And God has a plan for our future as well. Our job, then, is to discern that plan. So we are called to earnestly pray that we may discern what God has in mind for us. If we are all praying for God’s guidance, and then if we share the answers we receive, we will be that much closer to doing what God wants us to do with His ministry here in Homewood. Pray, people, pray!

Laurie Ulrich

HOSPITALIZED

In the hospital during the past month was Betty Owens.



NURSING HOMES

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

BIRTHS

Logan Patrick Aerts was born May 3, 2017. The parents are Abigail Ruklic Aerts & Patrick Aerts. The grandparents are Debby & Jay Ruklic.



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 Lucille Henderson (mother-in-law of Debra Campbell).



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Samantha Miller, who was confirmed on Sunday, May 14, in worship. She share her statement of faith with the Session before worship and then served as preacher for the service. Her brothers Cameron and Nolan added to the celebration by serving as liturgists. Samantha’s parents are Mickey and Craig Miller. We

give thanks to God for Samantha and pray for her as she takes this new step in her journey of faith.

Affirmation of Faith of Samantha

I firmly believe God is the creator of everything. We can see him in all of the world’s creations. Sometimes we are so busy in our everyday lives that we don’t stop to look in a faithful perspective. I believe God is like a tree. Strong and sturdy, yet graceful. God is strong because He goes through everything with us and still raises us up. God is sturdy because He will never leave us to be alone. We can always count on God to be there for us whether we know it or not. He will love us with an everlasting love no matter what. If we pick fruit from God’s tree, we will consume his faith and love for each and every one of us. God’s tree shall prosper continuously without any signs of withering.



I believe Jesus is the son of God, born of the Virgin Mary. I also believe He could be seen as a chrysanthemum. A chrysanthemum is strong and brings happiness to others. Also, this beautiful flower heals. It does not heal others physically, but spiritually and mentally. Jesus is our savior, rock, and redeemer. When we pray to confess our sins, Jesus feels the sorrow in our hearts and lifts us up so we can know our sins are forgiven. He helps us to be honest, caring, and kind. He showed us how to be selfless and taught us God’s word.

To be caring and show what we’ve learned from Jesus, our words must travel through the wind and Holy Ghost. I believe the Holy Ghost is wind that carries our words to Heaven with God and Jesus. When we pray, our words get pushed into the air that will travel with the Holy Ghost. We do not know who else will hear our words, but we may hear God’s word. Our words will be sent to others listening and they will hear our prayers of grievance or thanksgiving. Those people may then pray for another to hear. Whenever we pray, it is not only to ourselves, but to our neighbors and friends. When a cool breeze tickles your face and whispers in your ear, that’s God showing us He’s there traveling through the Holy Ghost. When you fall or are driving with your window down and feel swallowed in air, that is the Holy Ghost protecting and holding you until you are safe.

When we drive to church, there is a road near my house where the trees have grown so tall that they almost make an umbrella above us. When you drive under it, there is silence. You get a moment to yourself. A moment to catch your breath. This is what I believe church is like as well. A place to clear your mind. A place to feel safe from the rest of the world. It would be very nice if you could stay there all the time, but you drive away from it.

We can't stay in church forever, so after we leave, it is our responsibility to spread God's word. To give someone else a chance to worship and feel the safety and comfort only church can bring. It's our responsibility to express God's word not only in worship, but in our every day actions too.

I believe sin is like humidity. Whenever we know we sin, it's almost like the air is thicker. You also don't feel clean and you wish for it to never happen again. None of us are perfect and we will sin. Sometimes it's for not being selfless or caring for your neighbor. It is hard to put others first sometimes, but we need to try. As we know, Jesus died for our sins. Jesus understood that we would make mistakes and have to learn from them. What's always important to remember is that you may feel the humidity for a while, but once you ask for forgiveness, you will feel the humidity lift and crisp clean air fill your lungs.

The Bible is made up of all the stories of God and Jesus. Some of the stories are very strong and can hit you hard. The Bible is like the ocean in a way. Ocean's waves can be powerful and hit hard while other times the waves are beautiful and bring peace to our hearts and minds. Also, similarly to the ocean's waves, the Bible never stops making people think and feel.

As a member of our church, I intend to continue my faith journey by reading more of the Bible to grasp a stronger understanding of religion. I intend to spread the word of the Lord by striking conversations with strangers and learn of their faith journeys and share my own experiences. Lastly, I always try to care for my neighbor and do as the Lord taught us to do in the Bible.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the dinner/musical on Friday, May 12. The dinner was prepared and served by Lydia Circle with a great deal of help from Johnnie Dorsey. Laura Dillman did the beverages. Debra was a big help with the reservations and ticket printing. Betty Owens and Laura Dillman worked with ticket taking and seating. The musical presentation was wonderful! Thank you, Pastor Nancy and Chris. The evening was for enjoyment, not profit, but we did clear \$250 after expenses.

The Women's Association

A huge hug and thank you to all that helped make Raymond Baird's 90th birthday party on May 8 a big success. There were 90 people there. How great is that?



He was totally surprised. The family of Raymond all thank you. God bless all of you. RoseMary Baird

HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER

One of the exciting things happening in Homewood these days is the Homewood Science Center: not a museum, and not just for kids. Though inclusive of both, the Science Center, housed in the old Ryan funeral home on Dixie Highway, continues to do "Pop-ups" that encourage all-age learning, exploration, and experimentation with more opening this fall. The Michael Wexler Theater at the Science Center will be dedicated on **June 6th** with a mini-film fest on June 7 at 6-8 p.m. and a Pop-up on Saturday, June 10, from 12-3 p.m.—all focused on the "*Science of Film*." Kathie Hazlett will have a picture on display then. Check it out! Karen Maurer

REFORMATION HYMN FEST

To commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, First Presbyterian Church of Homewood is hosting the **American Guild of Organists Reformation Hymn Fest**.



The Gargoyle Brass Quintet, under the direction of Rodney Holmes, along with organists Chris Dederer and Dr. Mark Sudeith and maybe more, will participate in this musical Sunday afternoon, **June 4, at 4 p.m.** The festival will include the hymns: *O Holy Spirit, Enter In; Earth and All Stars; Lift High the Cross The Church's One Foundation; and A Mighty Fortsress*. Other arrangements will include the *Symphony No. 5* of Mendelssohn; *Dear Christians, Rejoice* by Dietrich Buxtehude. Organ works will include *We All Believe in One True God; Lord, Keep Us Steadfast; and A Mighty Fortress*, along with scripture readings and quotes by Martin Luther. **Those wishing to sing in the choir should come at 2:30-3:30 p.m. to rehearse.** A free-will offering will be taken, and this concert is open to the public.

Chris Dederer

SEPTEMBER CARILLON

The deadline for having articles placed in the September *Carillon* is **Sunday, August 20th**. Get all the "back to church" information in on time. Please turn in all materials in writing to the church office for *The Carillon* mailbox or e-mail the Editor at ewahl@sbcglobal.net. The Editor thanks the June reporters for their assistance. Remember that "summer news" can be found in the Sunday bulletins! When you are out of town, have someone

save you the bulletins. Also, some summer news will be on the website www.fpchw.org and on the church's Facebook page and on the prayer chain. JC =W=

 **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**



June	
2 Emmanuel Hilario	13 Betty Bednarcik
7 Mike Simon	20 Rod Dunlap
8 Debra Ruklic	22 Nancy Beaudoin

July	
3 Kathie Darman	18 Barbara Foerch
8 Judy Petrovic	20 Dorinda Jensen
9 Linda O'Donnell	21 Lucius Sluis
10 Joan Alvers	22 Sylvia Tufts Scott Way
11 Ronald Shropshire	26 Linda Daanen
13 Betty Ross	30 Leslie Bonthron
	31 Steve Nemitz

August	
1 Tricia Hentschel	20 Ian Bonthron
3 Erica Hilario	22 Ian Miller
5 Judith Blakesley	23 Cameron Miller
	24 Laura Dillman
8 Earl Anker	29 Shannon Miller
Margaret Errant	30 Joan Gibson
Stephanie Miller	31 Natalie Hamilton
12 Carmon Mest	Olivia Hamilton
15 Marilyn Perdue	Ramses Godoy

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

APPROXIMATE WEEKLY PRAYER LISTS

Week of July 2

Kathie & Jim Ogden
Kathleen O'Hanlon
Betty Owens
Elizabeth Palumbo
Marilyn Perdue

Week of July 9

Judy Petrovic
Richard & Barb Pizza
Helen Rachford
Janice Rolls
Betty Ross

Week of July 16

Eve Rossman
Emily Rozak
Jay & Debra Ruklic
Ron & Bev Shropshire
Michael Simon

Week of July 23

Joshua & Katie Sluis
Merle & June Sluis
Lorraine Smatlik
Shirley Smiddy
Glenn Stehr

Week of July 30

Pat Steiner
Eleanor Steiner
Gloria Stroh
David Swanson
Brian & Kelly Tufts



Week of August 6

Paul & Sylvia Tufts
Laurie Ulrich
Ed & Janet Wahl
Scott & Debbie Way
Nicole Webb

Week of August 13

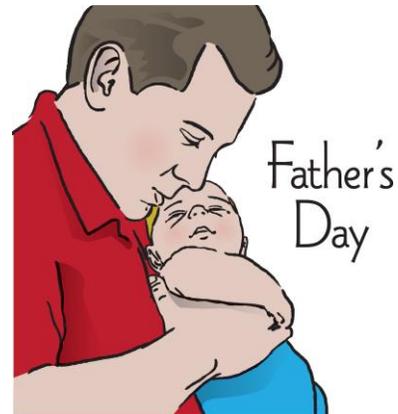
Leighton Whitaker
Carolyn Wiley
Judith Blakesley
Bruce & Shirley Boersma
Dottie Guenter

Week of August 20

Emily Olson & R Hanley
Norinne Pulec
Tim Van Nasdale
Sandy Van Horn
Susan Zorns
Karen Allison

Week of August 27

Curtis & Catherine Abraham
Lenora & Exequiel Aguilera
Joan Alvers
Donna Anderson
Earl Anker & Jan Bunker



JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 2 Guest Preacher Communion 2-8 Pastor's Vacation 4 Homewood Parade 9 Ice Cream Social	11 Trustees 11,18,25 Tuesday Bible Adult Summer Sunday Sch Community Dinners Farmers Market Booth	August Tuesday Bible (?) 6 Communion 8 Trustees 21 Session 20 Carillon Deadline	Adult Summer Sunday Sch Community Dinners Farmers Market Booth	1 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	2	3 
4 9:30 Adult Sun School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Communion Pentecost – wear red Heavenly Perks 4:00 AGO Hymn Festival	5 5:30 Community Dinner	6 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	7	8 11:30 Lydia Circle Picnic	9	10
11 9:30 Adult Sun School 10:30 Worship Graduate Sunday Music Appreciation Sun Heavenly Perks	12 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Stewardship Team	13 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread ←----- 7:00 Trustees	14 FLAG DAY ----- Pastor's ----- 7:30 Rebecca Circle	15 ----- Vacation ----->	16	17
18 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Father's Day Heavenly Perks	19 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Session	20 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Heavenly Perks	26 5:30 Community Dinner	27 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study	28	29 ←----- Pastor's -----	30 --- Vacation till July 8-----	