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160 YEARS

CELEBRATING 160 YEARS

The First Presbyterian Church of Homewood celebrates its 160th anniversary in 2018. The Homewood Historical Society cites this church as the village's **first and oldest church**.

A July 1994 article in the *Homewood Village Key* by Margaret Kuch of the Homewood Historical Society explains the origin of our church:

"Many students of Homewood history know that James Hart filed a plat for the Hartford subdivision in September 1853. As late as June 1858, there still was no religious teaching within the town. This discovery led to the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of Thornton Station (Homewood) by the Rev. A. W. Henderson, December 19, 1858."

In 1869, *First* was dropped from the name of the church. In 1870, it was known as Thornton Station Presbyterian Church and Society, and, in 1871, as Thornton Station Presbyterian Society. These were years of low membership, only about 9 people. The Presbytery of Chicago allowed the name change to First Presbyterian Church of Homewood on December 6, 1873.

The original membership numbered 10, most of whom were women. It was considered a "mission" church, without a building and only a "stated supply" preacher,

one who showed up only for Sunday worship. It struggled to exist in the 1800's, but a building was erected in 1860, repaired in the 1870's, and repaired in the 1890's. With the 1914 church erected on Gottschalk Avenue, it finally could support its own pastor and was no longer a mission church of the Chicago Presbytery by 1918. The current church building was erected in 1957. The 1914 church was razed for the Christian Education building in 1972. The only changes to the current buildings have been the addition of air conditioning, an elevator, and a Wickes pipe organ—and the extensive remodeling of the kitchen, Westminster Hall (Tudor décor), and the Chapel (stained glass windows). First Presbyterian Church of Homewood has always used its membership and buildings for community outreach.

The roll of pastors for this church has been carefully preserved. There have been 17 full-time pastors and 14 stated supply pastors. Maybe church historian Phil Dillman will make a poster to go on display during 2018 for all to study the names.

The 150th celebration back in 2008 included a Heritage "Pass the Faith" Memory Potluck after worship in June for sharing memories, a float in the Homewood Fourth of July Parade, a July Heritage Worship Service complete with costumes and reenactment of 1860's worship and music to connect the past and the present. FPC's

heritage is rich with history that continues to prevail from generation to generation.

Because the real anniversary date, December 19, was too close to Christmas, October was chosen as the time for the BIG 150th celebration, a **Heritage Weekend – 150 Years of Proclaiming the Gospel**. Friday night was an Open House with artifacts on display and demonstrations and booths. Saturday was an afternoon Anniversary Luncheon at a country club. Sunday had morning worship and an afternoon concert by the South Suburban Chorale. There was a large birthday cake at “Heavenly Perks” on Sunday, December 14.

Many dedicated people have sustained this church for 160 years. So how do we celebrate throughout 2018? If you would like to be part of the group that will be deciding how to commemorate and celebrate this milestone, please contact Phil Dillman. Written ideas may also be submitted to the Clerk of Session, Laurie Ulrich. Once we are aware of “who” is interested, we can decide “what” we are going to do.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

March 4 10:30 a.m. Lent
March 29 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday
April 1 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday





SESSION REPORT

Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Feb. 18, 2018















The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation was called to order with prayer by Rev. Elvery on Sunday, February 18, 2018. We had 32 out of 127 active members present, which seems like a small number, but is a little higher percentage of our members than usually attend the Annual Meeting. Since our required quorum for conducting business is set at 10%, we had more than enough members present to continue.

The booklet containing the written annual reports had been available to members of the congregation for several weeks prior to the annual meeting, but copies were distributed to attendees requesting them. Rev. Elvery gave time for members to look through the 2017 Annual Reports as presented in the hand-out and asked if there was information in any report that needed to be highlighted.

Reports included were:

-  Pastor’s Report to the Congregation
-  Session Annual Report – Laurie Ulrich summarized the process that was followed by Ses-

sion to remove the lengthy list of names from our membership rolls.

-  Faith Formation Report
-  Worship Ministry Report – Kathie Darman requested the Time & Talent sheets that have been returned thus far.
-  Music Ministry Report
-  Congregational Life Ministry Report
-  Mission/Outreach Ministry Report
-  Community Dinners Report
-  Personnel & Administration Ministry Report
-  Stewardship & Finance Ministry Report – Ed Wahl reported that the 2018 budget is still being solidified because there were financial considerations in connection with our time of transitioning from Pastor Dederer, which were not known before the end of the calendar year 2017. The audit will take place in the near future. Pledges for 2018 are still being received.
-  Women’s Association Report
-  Deacon Report
-  Gifts & Memorials Summary Report – Ed Wahl pointed out that memorial donations may be specified for any designated fund or as a non-specified contribution.
-  Church Historian’s Report
-  Church Librarian’s Report
-  Trustee Annual Report



Karen Maurer requested that a report from the Endowment Fund managers be included in the Annual Reports for next year.

Four nominees for the at-large positions on the Nominating Committee were self-nominated, and the following were elected for 2018: Darlene Giesbrecht, Lee Hilario, Bob James, and Sylvia Tufts.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Elvery at 1:13 p.m.

Regular Session Meeting, February 19, 2018

Session met on February 19th. Rev. Elvery gave an oral summary of his month’s activities, including pastoral visits with the Stroh family and conducting Gloria Stroh’s funeral on February 2, 2018. Clerk Laurie Ulrich reported that the End-of-Year Report to the Presbytery and the Statistical Report to the Office of the General Assembly, as well as the contact information form for the Presbytery, have all been completed and sent. The Temporary Supply Covenant for Rev. Elvery was revised numerous times to conform to Presbytery requirements. It was signed and sent via email to Barb Bundick at Chicago Presbytery. We also received the 2018 Special Offering Action Kit detailing the four denomination

Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, the Pentecost Offering, the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and the Christmas Joy Offering.

We received an email overture from Mike Welf, Clerk of Session at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights, raising the possibility to share ministry sources as our congregations move forward. As this concept is a new one for us, we had questions and suggestions and decided our best next step would be to have both Sessions meet to begin getting to know each other and to discuss ideas for our possible sharing of ministry and resources. We suggested that a couple of members from each Session meet to plan a joint meeting of our Sessions. Laurie Ulrich and Ed Wahl will be our Session's representatives to the "planning meeting."

We received information detailing the purpose and use of the *Per Capita* as well as an invoice for our church's *Per Capita* assessment based on 2016 information about our membership at that time. A hand-out with the information about the *Per Capita*'s purpose was placed in the Narthex so that it would be available to all members. There is also a summary of the most recent Presbytery Assembly meeting in the Narthex.

Chris Dederer has joined the church where he is now organist and requested that we transfer his official membership to Christ United Methodist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. We were saddened by the death of member Gloria Stroh on January 30, 2018.

Ministry highlights:

Congregational Life Ministry:

Elders Jan Bunker and Shirley Armistead announced the upcoming potluck lunch before the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 18. They also pointed out a difference in the way beverages are being handled at Heavenly Perks; they have received a surprisingly large number of positive comments. Look elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter for an article regarding the Easter Breakfast on April 1st. Additional reminders will be printed in the worship bulletins beginning March 11.

Faith Formation Ministry:

The Panera Bible Study group is doing a 10-week study of the prophecy of Jeremiah. Attendance continues to be 14-15 each week. Leadership is being shared among willing members. *The group has undertaken a Lenten project of collecting 40 bags in 40 days—the contents of which will be shared with Jones Center or other appropriate ministries. For the season of Lent, the group will meet in our Parlor so that members may attend the Tuesday Lenten Lunches more conveniently.*

Mission/Outreach Ministry:

Elder Laurie Ulrich reported that we have received a request to fly the Rainbow Flag as an indication of our openness and spirit of welcome. Session moved this discussion to March's meeting because of time concerns at the current meeting.

Monday Night Dinner Ministry:

Session had a lengthy discussion of transferring main responsibility of planning, purchasing, serving, and organizing volunteers for Monday Night Dinners from Laurel Hamilton. As Laurel will be pastoring a church in Indiana, she will be ending her coordinator responsibilities for the Dinners effective March 12. We agreed that the ministry should continue and will look for volunteer coordinators to take over this responsibility. Laurel distributed a job description for Monday Night Dinner Coordinator. Laurel will contact two volunteers who have been heavily involved in serving the dinners, and we will determine a Session liaison if/when they agree to take on the position of Coordinator.

Personnel & Administration Ministry:

Elder Kathleen O'Hanlon reported that two out of three current staff evaluations have been completed. Pastor Dederer's evaluation for 2017 will be mailed to her before the end of February 2018. Secretary Debra Campbell has asked again for a resolution to the computer networking/hard drive issue in the church office. Debra has also asked that the security camera outside the church office entrance be made workable again because she is much more comfortable being able to see, as well as hear, people requesting entrance. The Trustees need to take action.

Stewardship & Finance Ministry:

Elder Ed Wahl reported that we have received responses from 33 of the 103 letters requesting 2018 pledges of time, talent, and money. Tom Brabec is satisfied that the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood is properly recorded as a corporation. The 2017 Annual Audit will be performed in the near future. Ed and church treasurer Linda Daanan are working on the 2018 budget.

Worship Ministry:

Elders Betty Owens and Kathie Darman continue to recruit members as liturgists and Communion servers. They are also supervising the changing of the paraments to colors that are appropriate for changing church seasons and have taken on the responsibility of proof-reading the worship bulletins.

There was no report on any progress towards marking the church's 160th anniversary, and we put off a discus-

sion to March's meeting. If you would like to be a part of planning for a celebration of this significant milestone in our church's history, please speak with Phil Dillman.

As we move forward in the process of determining our congregation's future, we are required by the denomination to fill out a **Ministry Information Form**, which details our church and how we are seeking to minister in this place. Thinking about the information we will submit on this form seemed to be necessary before we could have a meaningful conversation about how we might want to share this ministry with another congregation. So copies of the PC(USA) **Ministry Information Form** were distributed, and Session members were requested to complete the "Narrative Questions" section of the form before the March meeting.

Before adjourning, Rev. Elvery requested Session to share something that had made them excited during this meeting and then closed with prayer.

This is a very important time in the life of 1st Pres. We ask that you pray for us so that we would be able to discern God's guidance and will for the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Ulrich, Clerk of Session



FROM THE PASTOR

Lent—forty days for us based on forty days for Jesus in the desert and forty years of wandering and learning for Israel. For them and Him, the desert was a place of fertile spiritual growth. The Desert Mothers and Fathers went to the desert between Cairo and Alexander. There some lived as hermits and others in communities of faith. From them came the roots of most of the monastic orders over the centuries. We may learn from them how to pray in the midst of arid, unlikely places. While we have vegetation, sad to say we live in a culture that is becoming a spiritual desert. Part of our Lenten journey is to acknowledge the desert around us and learn to pray in it and for it.



The words in Romanian wrapped around the Chi Rho and Alpha Omega Cross translate, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." These words come from the Fathers and Mothers. Let us pray for ourselves saying, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." We also pray for others as we remember Isaiah's words, "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Grace and peace, *Dudley Elvery*

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

We began this holy season of Lent on *Ash Wednesday*, February 14. Weekly opportunities for devotion have



been on-going with the *Tuesday Community Lenten Lunches*. The Christian partners of the South Suburban Ministerial Association will host Tuesday Lenten Gatherings at First Pres-

byterian Church of Homewood. Worship for the whole community begins at **12:10 p.m.** in the sanctuary, *followed by a light lunch at 12:35 p.m. in Westminster Hall* on March 6, 13, and 20. [No Tuesday lunch during Holy Week (March 27).] Local pastors will preach and local church groups will provide food. Freewill offerings help provide for lunch, with the excess given to Respond Now.

This year's theme is *Claiming Spiritual Practices*. We will individually and as people gathered make our way through Lent moving toward the shame, pain, mystery, and glory of Holy Week and Easter. Each week we will explore a different spiritual practice. In February, we explored *Prayer* and *Alms Giving (Generosity)*. Now in March we continue as follows:

March 6 Hospitality (Leviticus 19:33-34;

Matthew 25:34-36; Hebrews 13:1-2)

Preacher: Timothy Biel, St. Andrew Methodist, Hmwd
Liturgist: TBA

Lunch: St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Hwd

March 13 Sabbath Keeping (Exodus 20:8-11;

Mark 2:23-28; Acts 16:13)

Preacher: Frank Rodgers, St. Paul Community, Hmwd
Liturgist: TBA

Lunch: St. Paul Community Church, Homewood

March 20 Discernment (Psalm 111:10; 1 John 4:1-6;

Proverbs 4:5-9; Galatians 5:22-23)

Preacher: Fred Lyon, Flossmoor Community Church
Liturgist: TBA Lunch: TBA

Participants in February were Dudley Elvery, First Presbyterian Church of Homewood; Bob Klonowski, Faith Lutheran Church, Homewood; and St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Glenwood. **Join us for your lunch hour!** Come worship and grow!



Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday, March 25**. Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. as palm branches wave, celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This Sunday we receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**, a denominational offering that

supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self Development of People, and Presbyterian Hunger Program. During worship, the **Chancel Choir** will provide Music Ministry by presenting a cantata for Holy Week entitled **Portraits in Grace** by Joseph M. Martin. Shawnee Press, the publisher, has this introduction:

"Portraits in Grace is a musical gallery of faith displaying the life, ministry, and passion of Jesus. Through scripture, narration, and song, the backdrop is created for the reflections of the Lenten season, particularly during Holy Week. As the cantata moves through Christ's extraordinary life, each song displays the sacred beauty of the Savior and lingers with His many graceful acts of love."

The portraits for each song are as the Creator, the Savior the Healer, the King, the Passover Lamb, the Man of Sorrows, the Redeemer, and the Grace Giver. Some familiar tunes are included in this 2017 cantata. Following worship, Heavenly Perks will include a **Bake Sale** sponsored by the Women's Association.

March 26 is the deadline for ordering Easter flowers. (See order blank on a later page.)

Follow Jesus on His way to the cross with the Last Supper on **Maundy Thursday**. *Maundy* comes from the word *mandate*, and we remember Jesus's mandate to love one another. The location of this 7 p.m. Communion service on March 29 was not determined at time of publication. Check the worship bulletins.

For **Good Friday**, March 30, there are usually two services; however, no information on a noon community service was available. The evening **7:30 p.m.** Tenebrae service occurs in our sanctuary, probably with St. Paul Community Church joining us.

Then be sure to return on Sunday, April 1, for **Easter Worship** at 10:30 a.m. We'll have our Alleluia Wands

ready for the children (and the young at heart) to wave as we celebrate Jesus' triumph over death and give thanks and praise to God among the spring flowers. And don't forget breakfast!



Alleluia! Christ is risen! Congregational Life invites you to celebrate the joyous news with family and friends at the **Easter Breakfast** prior to the worship service. The breakfast will be served from **9:00-10:00 a.m.** in Westminster Hall. If you would like to participate by providing food or drink, sign-up sheets are available on the Welcome Center in the Narthex starting March 11. Jan Bunker

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

March will be an important month for the Women's Association with two events scheduled. The Women's Association will gather in Westminster Hall on Thursday, **March 15**, at 12:30 p.m. for a **Potluck Luncheon** and program. No reservations are needed, but please bring a dish to share. All are invited and please bring friends to enjoy **A Travel Adventure to India** with Sylvia and Paul Tufts.

BAKE SALE

Here is the second event. The Women's Association will hold a **Bake Sale** on Sunday, March 25. Bakers and buyers are needed to make this a success. Bakers should bring packaged items to Westminster Hall at 9 a.m. Items will be on sale before and after worship!



CIRCLE MEETINGS

LYDIA – Thursday, March 8, 1 p.m. at the home of Wanda Nielsen, 1227 Olive, Homewood.
REBECCA – Wed., **March 21**, 7:30 p.m. at the home of ????. Lesson 1 from *A Cloud of Witnesses* is the study.

TRUSTEE REPORT

At the February meeting of the Trustees, Buildings & Grounds Committee reported working with snow and ice removal and with getting bids for the spring roofing project, covered mostly by insurance. The Trustees chose a company to do the roof; however, C.E. Building chimney must be repaired first by someone else. The lock on the Aki Garden door to the elevator is still

being difficult. Earl Anker reported that we need another inspection of the elevator and that the pressure test is coming soon. He has secured a maintenance contract for the elevator because our “free” time has expired. For the office server, printer, and camera, the church secretary has been authorized to contact Computer & Networking Inc of Homewood. The Trustees decided to not invest in a new AED machine; the outdated one will be disposed of properly and all signs removed. We have to wait for a spring thaw before selling the 18 grave sites at Cedar Park. The Trustees authorized the sale of 50 oldest folding chairs and the rack to Larry’s Cartage (Phil Dillman’s boss). Damage to the surface of the Communion table will be addressed. A rug for sopping up bad weather water from shoes will be purchased for Westminster Hall for Monday Night Dinners. The Trustees have Heavenly Perks for February.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation

on February 18, 2018, was called to order by Trustee President Janet Wahl. Rev. Dudley Elvery opened with prayer. President Wahl highlighted the annual report of activities and accomplishments of the Board of Trustees. She mentioned contracts and the volunteers for Grounds Beautification work. The Trustees hosted an All-Church Work Day and a 25 Years Reception for Johnnie Dorsey. Mostly, the Trustees worked on repairs in 2017: refrigerator compressor, dish washer leak, snapped piano string, hearing aid devices, computer server crash, elevator lights, chimney water leak, water sensor system, sanctuary cross lighting, sewage pump system, heating duct work in C.E., LED bulbs, and roof hail damage. Some repairs came under insurance and some from donations, but the *Trustee Contingency Fund* has gone down to only \$300. All congregation helpers were thanked.



During the questions session, Karen Maurer gave her opinion that the sanctuary cross not be lighted from behind. Leighton Whittaker suggested holding fund raisers for the Trustees. Evelyn Dixon wondered how the congregation would know money was needed. The answer was to watch the Trustee reports in the newsletter or to donate at any time to the Trustee Contingency Fund. This financial discussion was unexpected, but appreciated by the Board of Trustees.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

For 2018, the hats are being worn by the same people who served on the Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team in 2017. Donna Moore is co-chair; Edward Wahl is co-chair; Sylvia Tufts is at-large member; Jack Day is

at-large member; and Ron Shropshire is Trustee representative. Rev. Elvery is ex-officio member. Any member of the congregation who would like to be an at-large member for 2018 should contact any of the above.

It’s an unusual year. The 2018 Church Budget remains a work in progress. It is anticipated that the details and expected costs regarding our transition will be more formalized now that we are able to work with consistent pastoral leadership into the months ahead. We still have our normal operating costs, however, and your church needs your continuing support to keep going.

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

	<u>Through January</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Income		
Identified Giving	\$11,969	\$---
Loose Offering	172	---
Initial Offering	390	---
Per Capita	796	---
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	0	---
Community Dinners Donations	100	---
Other Income	1,293	---
Housing Investment Transfer	0	---
Designated Funds	945	---
Dividends & Capital Gains	8,644	---
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	---
Total Income	24,309	---
Expenses		
Missional Ventures	\$440	\$---
Faith Formation	64	---
Facilities	2,716	---
Staff	13,355	---
Administrative Support	4,272	---
General Expenses	0	---
Per Capita Apportionment	0	---
Transfer to Investments	0	---
Shared Mission—Presbytery	0	---
Transfer to Designated Funds	<u>2,140</u>	---
Total Expenses	22,987	---
<i>Total Active Members—January 31, 2018</i>		<i>127</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>
<i>Average Sunday Attendance—January 2018</i>		<i>54</i>
Summary through January 2018 (1/12 of Budget):		
Income Over/(Under) 2017 Budget		\$---
Expenses Over/(Under) 2017 Budget		---
2018 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date		1,323

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have returned your 2018 pledge envelopes and time and talent surveys through February 24, 2018. We have tabulated

37 responses received so far from the 103 mailed in mid-January (only 4 out of 10). So far the aggregate pledge total is \$105,906. We are looking forward to receiving more responses from our members who have not yet returned their envelopes. A follow-up reminder will be mailed early in March to those members who have not responded.

Thank you to all who have already paid the 2018 Per Capita amount of **\$33.61**. Please use the special Per Capita envelope in your offering envelope box if you are sending in your payment. Approximately 23 boxes of 2018 offering envelopes are still in the Cloister waiting to be picked up. If you are missing your envelopes, that's where they are.

A significant donation of \$2,000 was received from the Great Lakes Foundation in December 2017 to support the Community Dinners Missional Venture in 2018. Also received in January 2018 was an end-of-year (2017) capital gain cash distribution from one of our investment accounts in the amount of \$8,643.80. Other donations are coming through the Memorial Fund to support community dinners.

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 (4) \$5,841
- **Weekly average for 2018 (4) \$5,841**

MISSION/OUTREACH MINISTRY



COMMUNITY DINNER

Help! Help! Help!
 Help is needed. We have good news and bad news! Both are the same in that Laurel Hamilton, who has so ably coordinated our Monday Night Community Dinners since their beginning, will soon be serving a church in Indiana. Session wants this vital, cherished ministry to continue. To that end, we will be looking for a **team of volunteers** to keep this going for the near future. If you are approached, please listen knowing that Session believes you have leadership gifts to contribute. Can you suggest someone outside the church?
 Pastor Elvery

WORSHIP TEAM – EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers for the Easter Sunday service on April 1 must be ordered **March 26**. Please fill out the form herein or the one found in the Sunday bulletins. Turn in the form with the money to the church office.

EASTER FLOWERS & RESPOND NOW ORDERS

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MONDAY, **MARCH 26**

Giver's Name (for Easter bulletin): _____

Number of **Lilies** _____ at \$8 Total: _____

Number of **Tulips** _____ at \$7 Total: _____
 _____yellow _____pink _____white _____purple

Number of **Daffodils** _____ at \$7 Total: _____

Number of **Azaleas** _____ at \$17 Total: _____
 _____blue _____pink

Number of **Hydrangeas** _____ at \$19 Total: _____
 _____white _____pink _____purple

RESPOND NOW donation _____ at \$8 Total: _____
 (Respond Now gifts will go toward fresh meat and fruit distribution for Easter meals. Respond Now donations are tax deductible) **GRAND TOTAL \$** _____

(If writing a check, please use a separate check from your weekly offering. Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Easter Flowers/Respond Now" on the memo line.)

For the Easter bulletin, please specify how you would like name(s) listed:

_____ *In Memory of* _____

_____ *In Honor of* _____

_____ *In Celebration of* _____

_____ *I would like my plant delivered to a shut-in.*



CHRISTIAN FAITH FORMATION



A tent for the *Young Children's Sunday School* classroom? Why? A tent and a campfire? The answer is so we can tell some Old Testament stories as they might have been told long ago when God's people

lived in tents. The campfire is made of logs from Laurie Ulrich's fireplace, red and yellow cellophane, and a battery-powered candle. Our old tent gave out, and James inaugurated the new tent at the end of February for stories of Moses and Noah. We've been missing Olivia and Grace, but they will be back in a couple of weeks when we'll have stories of Abraham & Sarah and Joseph & his brothers. The ice is melting on the pond in back of my home, and a pair of cardinals is considering nesting in my front yard; spring is coming, and James' new baby will be born. Thank you, God, for these reminders of hope.

Karen Maurer

Darlene Giesbrecht, Laurie Ulrich, Shirley Boersma, Kathie Hazlett, Debbie Maxwell, Dee Delaney, June Sluis, and Eleanor Steiner

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The membership of the 2018 Nomination Committee is set. If there is a suggestion for the next church officers or if you wish to self-nominate for Elder, Trustee, Deacon, please contact one of the following people:

Elder Chair Kathie Darman	Darlene Giesbrecht
Elder Jan Bunker	Lee Hilario
Trustee Janet Wahl	Bob James
	Sylvia Tufts

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 March 4

Nancy Beaudoin
Betty Bednarcik
Barbara Bielawski
Doug Bonthron & Sally W.
Ian Bonthron

Week of March 11

Leslie Bonthron
Michael Bonthron
Debra Campbell
Mary Cantway
Mary Cavallo

Week of March 18

George & Sabra Collar
Jean & David Conover
Linda & Bob Cook
James Daanen
Linda Daanen

Week of March 25

Kathie Darman
Jack Day
Chris & Nancy Dederer
Dee Delaney
Laura Dillman



HOSPITALIZED



In the hospital during the past month were Rick Noetzel (brother of Laurie Ulrich), Tom O'Hanlon (father of Kathleen), Carol Moneysmith (sister of Darlene) and Jan Finfrock.

NURSING HOMES

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

SYMPATHY

Church sympathy is extended to the family of Gloria Stroh.



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: Gloria Stroh and Eileen Curry.

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for all of the prayers, cards, and phone calls. Our church family means so much to Marilyn and me. We thank God for all of you. I am feeling better and hope to be back to church soon. I really miss everyone. Love to all of you, Marv Austin

APRIL CARILLON

The deadline for articles placed in the April *Carillon* is **Tuesday, March 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 of the March reporters for their assistance.

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SESSION REPORT

 Clerk of Session, Laurie Ulrich

Adjourned Meeting Reopened, February 23, 2018

The Adjourned February Session Meeting was reopened at 7:06 p.m. with prayer by Rev. Elvery. The purpose was to plan for continuing Monday Night Community Dinners after March 12, when Laurel Hamilton is no longer able to take this responsibility. Session agreed to continue the dinners using volunteers rather than paid individuals. Laurel summarized the duties. We settled on an initial plan to simplify our menus and to **seek a volunteer to coordinate teams** who would shop and cook each week. *The current system of volunteers who provide food, set up, serve, and clean up would continue.*

**HERE IS A PAGE TO PLACE BY THE PHONE
OR ON THE REFRIGERATOR!**

SESSION MINISTRY/RESPONSIBILITY ASSIGNMENTS	
Clerk of Session	Laurie Ulrich
Stewardship & Finance	Donna Moore, Ed Wahl
Congregational Life	Jan Bunker, Shirley Armistead
Worship	Kathie Darman, Betty Owens
Community Dinners	Laurel Hamilton
Mission/Outreach	Laurie Ulrich
Personnel & Administration	Kathleen O'Hanlon
Faith Formation	_____
Deacon Oversight	Shirley Armistead
Prayer Ministry	Donna Moore
Nominating Committee	Jan Bunker, Kathie Darman chr
Social Media/Publicity	_____

SESSION APPOINTMENTS 2018	
<u>Church Treasurer</u> Linda Daanen	<u>Financial Secretary</u> Dan Hamilton
<u>Carillon Editor</u> Janet Wahl	<u>Church Historian</u> Phil Dillman
<u>Church Librarian</u> Paul Gerrish	<u>Memorials and Gifts</u> Ed Wahl
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE	
The membership of the 2018 Nomination Committee is set. If there is a suggestion for the next church officers or if you wish to self-nominate for Elder, Trustee, Deacon, please contact one of the following people:	
Elder Chair Kathie Darman	Darlene Giesbrecht
Elder Jan Bunker	Lee Hilario
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	Sylvia Tufts

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**Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11.
Remember to turn the clocks one hour ahead on
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Programs Charlene Hansen, Kathie Hazlett
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 Publicity Darlene Giesbrecht
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 Eleanor Steiner
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 **CHURCH OFFICERS 2018**

SESSION

Class of 2018

Kathie Darman 207-2813 Laurie Ulrich 957-8048
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Class of 2019

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Buildings and Grounds

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Elevator

Earl Anker

Energy

Rod Dunlap

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 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

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Organ/Piano/PA

Paul Gerrish

Nominating Comm

Janet Wahl

Insurance

Jay Ruklic, chair
 Jim Foster

Endowment Managers

Jim Foster
 Ron Shropshire

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 Bruce Miller

Carillon Message

Jay Ruklic

Disaster Preparedness

Jim Foster
 Jay Ruklic
 Bruce Miller

Budget for 2019

All Trustees



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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

March

- 1 Glenn Stehr

- 5 Janet Wahl
Emily Hamilton
- 9 David Armistead
- 11 Beverly Shropshire
- 17 Jan Bunker Anker

March



- 21 Dan Hamilton
Paul Tufts

- 22 Nancy Llewellyn
- 23 Sally Wolford
- 25 Charlene Hansen
- 29 Evelyn Dixon

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



MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30 Women's Board 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	2	3
4 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks	5 5:30 Community Dinner	6 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study (Parlor) 12:10 Tuesday Lent Lunch	7	8 1:00 Lydia Circle	9	10
11 [Daylight Saving Time] 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks	12 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Stewardship Team	13 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study (Parlor) 12:10 Tuesday Lent Lunch 7:00 Trustees	14	15 12:30 Women's Potluck Tufts on India 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Heavenly Perks	19 5:30 Community Dinner 7:00 Session	20 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study (Parlor) 12:10 Tuesday Lent Lunch Carillon Deadline	21 7:30 Rebecca Circle	22 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:40 Chancel Choir	23	24
25 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship/Kids Sun Sc Palm Sunday Cantata One Great Hour o Sharing Heavenly Perks Bake Sale	26 Easter Flower Deadline 5:30 Community Dinner	27 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study Panera Bread!	28	29 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion Service	30 7:30 Good Friday Service	31 