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ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION

All Saints' Day occurs on November 1st, but our celebration will be during worship on November 6th. Here at First Presbyterian of Homewood, we remember those saints who have died in the past year since last November 1st on All Saints' Sunday. *"All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. ...It is a time to express our gratitude for all whom in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.*

"To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. [To this end, we] commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year."

Quotation is from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*, Geneva Press, 2003, pp 150-151.

The names in the following chart will be tolled with a single bell and a white rose will be given to a family member.

Roll Call 2022

- Darrel Lanning (Kathie Darman's sister's father-in-law)
- Dr. Linda Bunker (Jan Bunker's sister-in-law)
- Violet (Pat) Steiner
- Jim Ogden (Kathie Ogden's husband, Amy Dillman's father, Phil Dillman's father-in-law)
- Barbara Foerch
- Kay Johnson (Shirley Armistead's friend)
- Karen Allison
- Alice Scott (Debby Ruklic's mother)
- Paul Tufts (Sylvia Tufts' husband)
- Mary Walton (Mary Ann Wenzelman's friend)
- Shirley Jean Wenzelman (Mary Ann's mother-in-law)
- Timothy L. Owens (Betty Owens' son)
- Kim Giles (Nancy Beaudoin's friend)
- Caroline Balich (Glenna Elvery's friend)
- Lillian Vernado (Kathleen O'Hanlon's neighbor)

Please continue to keep the families in prayer as they grieve the loss of their loved ones and yet live in hope in Jesus' promise of life eternal. *In life and in death, we belong to God.*



COMMUNION SCHEDULE



November 6	11 a.m. sanctuary & live streaming
December 4	11 a.m. sanctuary & live streaming
December 24	Christmas Eve

SESSION REPORT

Regular Session Meeting, October 17, 2022

With Ed Wahl's departure, the Session discussed his replacement for the remainder of Ed's term (until the end of 2022). Elder Doug Bonthron volunteered and was elected to fill this 3-month position. It will be a definite learning curve for all, as the current Session has very limited experience with this position. Thanks to Ed for his many, many years of service.

The topic of a joint choir with Calvary Church was discussed. No decision was made.



Respectfully submitted,
Douglas R. Bonthron, Clerk of Session

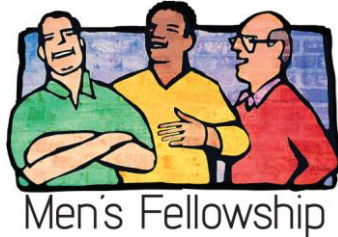
How much turkey does a person eat per year?

The average person in the United States will eat 15 pounds of turkey this year.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP

Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship Lunches with our men invited are still meeting on Fridays, but scheduling has gone off the third Friday—so pay attention!

In November, lunch will be on **November 11**. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. at Paulie's Pub in South Chicago Heights, 2736 Chicago Road. Come for Christian fellowship.



A HISTORY UPDATE PROJECT

Paul Gerrish and Phil Dillman are working to update our history book of 2009 for First Presbyterian Church of Homewood. They need events and staff and highlights of them. They want the following list added to and dates checked and volunteers to write about them:

Events

- New Beginnings (2012-2014)
- Festival of Psalms (2012)
- Bike Ride (2013)
- Community Dinners (2015)
- Pastor Dederer's Sabatical (2015)



160th Birthday & 100 Years of Women's Assn (2018)
Remember! Rejoice! Reflect!
Alma College Concert—housing the singers!
Purdue male quartet, female quartet, chimes, glee club
Farmers Market
Lenten Lunches
Lenten and Christmas Cantatas with Zion
Beautification Awards from Homewood
Thanksgiving Baskets
Chicago Submarine Gift Packing
Pandemic (2020) virtual worship & Perks, online giving, live-streaming
What else?

Staff

Pastor Dederer
Pastor Elvery
Pastor Lang – Yoked!
Directors of Music: Lynn, Jason, Jayson, Tim,
Mary Ann
Secretaries, Treasurers, Custodian
Who else?

Help if you can. All suggestions welcome.

What are the members of the turkey family called?
A baby turkey is called a poult, chick, or even turklette. An adult male turkey is called a tom and a female is a hen.

TRUSTEE REPORT

At the October 11th meeting of the Trustees, Building & Grounds Committee reported that some of the gutter leaks have been fixed, but the gutter in front of the elevator is still leaking. It was a good Whole Church Work Day on October 8. Thanks to the 15 people who came out to participate—7 in the kitchen and 8 outdoors. The kitchen looks great, but the cabinets inside and the coffee pots still need cleaning. The kitchen exhaust fan needs cleaning, but the cleaning is on hold until the circuit breaker can be located. The piano is scheduled for tuning on October 12. In January, the elevator will be due for the state required pressure test, an expensive project. From the office liaison, it was discovered that ink and paper for the copier are reordered automatically by the machine! There are no problems with the phones under the new contract with Comcast. However, when AT&T removed its lines, it also cut off the electricity to the garage. Risk Prevention hopes to solve the wobbling railing outside the C.E. building south entrance and to fix the concrete at the main entrance door. Church Mutual (our insurance carrier) will be sending new sensors for water leaks and for freezing pipes, an update. The Stewardship Team filled two vacancies with Jim Foster and Sylvia Tufts taking on Memorial Gift acknowledge-

ments and Doug Bonthron becoming a new signer of checks. Jan Wahl was thanked for her service on the Board of Trustees as she transfers to Tennessee.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

There is no Stewardship & Finance Ministry article this month, but here in the following chart is the summary of receipts and disbursements for First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month ending September 30, 2022

	<u>Through September</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
General Fund Income		
Identified Giving	\$84,781	115,000
Loose Offering	141	200
Initial Offering	431	500
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	1,977	10,000
Community Dinners Donations	0	0
Other Income	500	1,500
Dividends & Capital Gains	1,870	2,000
Sale of Investment Shares	0	38,000
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	11,300
Transfer from Designated Fund	1,700	3,000
Total General Fund Income	91,400	181,500
General Fund Expenses		
Missional Ventures	\$0	2,000
Faith Formation	90	2,500
Facilities	33,650	55,100
Staff	76,314	112,800
Transition	2,054	2,100
Administrative Support	4,010	7,000
Purchase of Investment Shares	0	0
Transfer to Designated Fund	0	0
Total General Fund Expenses	116,118	181,500
Designated Fund Income	\$11,380	
Designated Fund Expenses	8,006	
Total Active Members—September 30, 2022 92		
Summary through September 2022 (9/12 of Budget):		
Income Over/(Under) 2022 Budget		(44,725)
Expenses Over/(Under) 2022 Budget		(20,007)
2022 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date		(24,718)

How big do turkeys get?

The domestic tom can weigh up to 50 pounds, the domestic hen up to 16 pounds. The wild tom can weigh up to 20 pounds, the wild hen up to 12 pounds.

MEMBER CARE MINISTRY



The Member Care Team has Heavenly Perks on the move. We will be serving coffee in the Parlor after worship. Stop by for a cup and conversation. We are happy to report that the ushers handed out three Visitor Packets in October.

We hope you introduce yourself if you notice someone you don't know and invite him/her to Heavenly Perks in the Parlor.

We continue to be in touch with members (and friends of FPCHW) by:

- Prayer Card Ministry
- Birthday Cards
- Prayer Chain via email
- Daily Scripture via email
- Billboard Sign for Worship Advertising at Ridge & Gottschalk

Contact Shirley Armistead & Kim Hamilton if questions

The next Heavenly Perks *with homemade refreshments* will be **Sunday, October 30** in Westminster Hall following the worship service. At that time, we will be saying farewell to Ed and Jan Wahl as their moving date to Tennessee is now November 6. Charlene Hansen

Can turkeys fly?

The wild turkey can fly! (It does, however, prefer to walk or run.) The domestic turkey is not an agile flyer, although the bird will perch in trees to stay safe from predators.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

First Presbyterian of Homewood is invited to join Calvary Church of Park Forest in Outreach Ministry during November. Part I of Calvary's outreach with coats for ANEW is completed, but Part II with coats for the Village of Park Forest is on-going.

FPCHW members have two choices:

- 1) If members prefer *not* to go shopping themselves, they could write a check payable to Calvary and put it in a sealed envelope and put it in the office mailbox of Melodee Leimnetzer at FPCHW. (The cost of coats runs between \$35 and \$50.) Calvary will then buy the coats that are needed.
- 2) If members prefer to shop themselves, the coats that will be needed should be from the ages of infant to high school (some teens need XL coats for boys and girls). The coats with *price tags* still attached should be *unwrapped* and brought forward to the front of the church during the offering on *each* Sunday during the month of *November*. The coats will then be locked up in Pastor Matt's office.



The deadline for either checks or coats will be the end of November. At that time, Melodee will deliver every thing to Calvary. Melodee Leimnetzer

Are turkeys native to the Americas?

Yes, turkeys originated in the "New World." Specifically, wild turkeys are native to Mexico. ...European explorers brought wild turkeys home with them in the early 1500s. The birds were domesticated in Europe and later brought to North America by English colonists. Note that domesticated turkeys have white-tipped tails; wild turkeys have dark-tipped tails.



FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Please continue your personal faith formation journey with our Zoom classes. Tuesday Bible Study meets each week at 10:30 a.m. From the church website at www.fpchw.org click on the link for Tuesday morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. on any Tuesday. Tuesday Apologetics Study meets at 7 p.m. Contact Tim at tlvannasdale@gmail.com in order to get links to the Tuesday evening class at 7 p.m. and email notices for previews of each lesson.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE



It is time for the Nominating Committee to start seeking people who will fill the vacant spots in January on Session and Trustees. Guess what? Except for the two Session representatives (Sylvia Tufts and Kim Hamilton), there are no other members of the committee! This committee has to be **voted on at a Congregational Meeting**, which is happening at the end of October. Needed are 1 Trustee and 4 congregation members. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Sylvia Tufts.

In the meantime, if **you** will work as a leader of your church (self-nominate), please contact Sylvia Tufts. What can you volunteer for?

Session Class of 2023 – 1 vacancy for a 1 year term

Session Class of 2024 – 1 vacancy for a 2 year term

Session Class of 2025 – 3 vacancies for 3 year terms

Trustee Class of 2023 – 1 vacancy for a 1 year term

Trustee Class of 2024 – 2 vacancies for 2 year terms

Trustee Class of 2025 – 4 vacancies for 3 year terms

What kind of work is there?

Session:

Can you seek people to be liturgists?

Can you make sure each Sunday that there are flowers in the chancel?

Can you set up or clean up Heavenly Perks?

Can you film the service for internet watchers?

Can you check with staff for concerns?

Can you oversee stewardship, Christian education, the webpage, the newsletter, member care cards (various)

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Trustees:

Can you weed around the church?

Can you mop up after flooding?

Can you paint?

Can you make sure that contracts or insurance is up to date?

Can you clean the kitchen?

Can you oversee office machines or the elevator?

Can you make sure that the organ and the piano get tuned?

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Yes, we could change the Bylaws to reduce the numbers of people on the Boards, but then each person would have 5 or 6 jobs to do instead of 2 or 3. Pray that we can solve this.

Why do turkeys gobble?

Only male turkeys can make a call known as a "gobble," and they mostly do it in the spring and fall. It is a mating call and attracts the hens. Wild turkeys gobble when they're surprised by loud sounds and when they settle in for the night. The wild turkey can make at least 30 different calls!



PRAYER CARDS



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

Week of November 6

Vern Moore

Ray & Wanda Nielsen

Kirk Nickerson/Priscilla Mereness

Kathie Ogden

Kathleen O'Hanlon

Week of November 13

Betty Owens

Paul/Elizabeth Palumbo

Marilyn Perdue

Judy Petrovic

Rich & Barb Pizza

Week of November 20

Norinne Pulec

Helen Rachford

Janice Rolls

Emily Rozak

Jay & Debra Ruklic

Week of November 27

Ron & Bev Shropshire

June Sluis

Shirley Smiddy

Eleanor Steiner

Lois & Brian Toolan



GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

The following have been recorded in the Memorial Book in the Narthex: Paul Tufts and Timothy Owens.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James Daanen on celebrating his 100th birthday on October 22, 2022, and to RoseMary Baird for her new great-granddaughter.

Is the turkey considered a game bird?

Yes, but the wild turkey is one of the more difficult game birds to hunt. It won't be flushed out of the brush with a dog. Instead, hunters must try to attract it with different calls. Even with two seasons a year, only one in six hunters will get a wild turkey.

 **DON'T FORGET**

Remember that Daylight Saving Time ends early in the morning on November 6th. Turn the clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night. This will give you an extra hour of sleep.



 **DECEMBER CARILLON**

The deadline for having articles placed in the December *Carillon* is **Sunday, November 20th**. Please turn in all materials in writing to the church office or e-mail the Editor at jrcwahl@icloud.com. [Note the new email] The Editor thanks the November reporters for their assistance.

J C =W=

HELP WANTED: My appointment as editor of the church newsletter, *The Carillon*, ends December 31, 2022. As we are moving to Tennessee in November, the December issue will be my last one. That means a new editor must prepare January 2023, Vol. 58, No. 1. **Who can take over?** I will help as much as possible, but a re-design would be the best track to take. When I took over from Barbara Senior in March of 1995, I had no idea I would have a 28-year term! At that time, it was typewriters and stencils; now the newsletter is emailed in color. Someone, please, answer the help-wanted ad.

Janet C. Wahl

How long do turkeys live?

The average life span of a wild turkey is three or four years. It generally feeds on seeds, nuts, insects, and berries. The average life span of a domestic turkey, from birth to freezer, is 26 weeks. During this period of time, it will eat about 75 pounds of turkey feed.

[The Turkey Trivia is from *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, Robert B. Thomas, 2022.]

 **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

November

Kathie Ogden
Kim Hamilton
Paul Gerrish
Laurie Ulrich

November

Jim Foster
Brian Tufts
Elizabeth Palumbo
Deborah Maxwell

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

SEASON CHANGE

by Lee Hilario

The Fall Season is here,
The joy of harvest time,
The wonders of it all;
Then a new season begins.

Thank you, Lord, for the change.
The trees once lushed with green leaves
Turn colors and fall,
Then laid bare and gone.

The change of season is
A reminder of the passing time
Ready to adjust anew
And carry on.

As for this life must see
The changes come to play,
Our Almighty has a plan
For a great new life to come.


James 1:17

Every good gift, every perfect gift comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, creator of the Heavenly lights, on whose character there is no change.

Ecccl 3:11

God had made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts without enabling them to discover what God has done from the beginning to the end.

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 All Saints' Day	1 All Saints' Day 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	2	3	4	5  SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
6 Daylight Savings Ends 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) Heavenly Perks in-person & on website	7	8 Election Day 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom 7:00 Trustees in Parlor	 CAST YOUR VOTE	10	11 12:30 Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship	12  VETERANS DAY
13 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) Heavenly Perks in-person & on website	14 Stewardship Team on Zoom	15 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	16	17	18	19
20 CARILLON DEADLINE 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) Heavenly Perks in-person & on website	21 7:00 Session on Zoom	22 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	23	24  Thanksgiving	25	26
27 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) 1st Sunday of Advent Heavenly Perks in-person & on website	28  Advent	29 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	30			