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## A HISTORY FROM THE COOKIE LADY

[The “Cookie Lady” is Eleanor Steiner]

My Homewood residence has been on Evergreen Road for seventy-two years. During the period of Bill and I raising our three sons and my being an “at home” mom, I knew all of the neighbors from Dixie Highway to Highland Avenue. It was the period after World War II. The fields behind Evergreen Road were being filled with new homes being built for many veterans of WWII.

Back then, there were many children on every block of Evergreen Road. Our three sons, Billy, Steve, and Tom, had the homes of many relatives to play at, including Grandma Mary Lee Steiner, Great Uncle Al Westerholm and Aunt Frieda, who had a big yard. Bill’s twin brother Al and his wife Pat and four cousins also lived two doors away from us. Uncle Sid always had golfing and sailing stories. He was a VFW member, roofer, and mailman and an active church member.

All of the Steiner babies (seven of them) were baptized in the third First Presbyterian Church built in Homewood. The last of the seven Steiner babies, Tom Steiner, was born in 1958 and was the first baby baptized in the new and current church building.

Most of the women living on Evergreen Road were “stay at home” mothers. We enjoyed our roles as Room

Mothers, Cub Scout Den Mothers, Sunday School teachers, and Women’s Association members. As we gathered together in those activities, we became long-lasting friends as well as neighbors.

When I went to work at Homewood-Flossmoor High School from 1966 to 1999, I was engaged in other activities as sponsor of the Dick Drago Club, Friends of the H-F Library, and Key Club. In 1999, after 33 years at H-F and at 70 years of age, *I retired.*

I had continued my church activities, but with retirement I discovered that many new neighbors had moved into homes on Evergreen Road. Because I walked in the neighborhood every day, I stopped and visited with those working on their lawns and gardens and walking their dogs.

One day last year, I had baked some chocolate chip cookies to give a box of them to the new neighbors who lived behind me. I called to the mother, and she and her four-year-old son came to the fence and were so happy to get the cookies. The next week, the boy asked his mother, “When is the Cookie Lady going to make some more cookies for us?” From that time on, when I met a new family on Evergreen Road, I would give them a box of cookies as we would chat outside. I have made dozens and dozens of cookies for those moving into

homes on Evergreen Road and have been given the title of “Cookie Lady.” Recently, one of my first recipient family members asked if I made peanut butter cookies. I will be making some for him and my next new family who will be moving next door to me in October.

I am back in form now of knowing most of my neighbors and listening to the stories of their lives—and yes, we all have stories and experiences to relate to each other, no matter what our ages are. An 88-year-old cement worker, who was helping to replace a home driveway, told me about being the last of his family still living. I suggested he write down what he knew about his family because those records would be important to someone in his community.

I recently received the yearly Clan Macnachten Association Worldwide Newsletter and enjoyed looking at the birthday list and dates of the members’ birthdays. Under October, my name was listed—Eleanor McNair Steiner.

I hope that my future includes being the Cookie Lady for the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood.

Eleanor Steiner

## COMMUNION SCHEDULE

October 3 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary  
World Communion Sunday  
Breads of the World



## SESSION REPORT

### Regular Session Meeting, September 20, 2021

The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering will be received on Sunday, October 3, 2021. There is no special envelope in your box, but there will be such envelopes in the Sunday worship bulletin for your offerings. This is also World Communion Sunday, so you can celebrate the Sacrament of Communion with billions of fellow believers on the same day. From the special offerings received, our local church may choose how to allocate 25% of the amount received to a charity or organization of our choice. For 2021, Session has chosen to donate our entire 25% share to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to join in the help and support provided to victims of the recent Hurricane Ida, which left a swath of destruction from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Atlantic Ocean at New England. Please give generously to this unprecedented need for help.

Because Rev. Elvery will be away for a required professional development training course on the customary Session meeting date of Monday, October 18, 2021, the

Regular Session Meeting for October will be on Monday, October 11, 2021.

Session received notification of the death of Active Member Betty Ross on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Her funeral service was private, and Rev. Elvery officiated.

Notification was received of the passing of two non-members, as follows:

- Dan Slagle—friend of Active Members Jerry and Kathie Hazlett—on Thursday, August 19, 2021.
- Cherie Kiepura Garza—niece of Interim Musician Mary Ann Wenzelman—on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Session dismissed and transferred Active Member Dorena Dee Delaney to Range Line Community Presbyterian Church, Hebron, IN, per request. Session dismissed and transferred Active Member Emily Hanley to Range Line Community Presbyterian Church, Hebron, IN, per request. Also transferred were Baptized Member Grace Hanley and Baptized Member Olivia Hanley.

Session had a “mini-review” of the experience so far with the outdoor Heavenly Perks on the edge of the north driveway on a card table with water only. The interest in continuing outdoors until the weather turns colder was positive. Stop at the table for a quick HP drink before worship and say hello to your friends.

The subject of wearing masks in church continues to receive discussion—who should, shouldn’t, and/or can’t wear masks?—seems to change almost daily based on state executive orders and guidelines. Session can’t react fast enough with specific rules that require our members receive notification in a timely manner.

We are doing our best to keep our congregation safe.



Respectfully submitted,  
Edward C. Wahl, Clerk of Session

## FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



With our sanctuary open for in-person worship, there is a need for Sunday flowers for the chancel. Choose a Sunday on the wall calendar in the Narthex or contact Debra Campbell at 798-0490 with your choice. Flower dedications may be in honor of or in memory of someone or to “the glory of God.” Garden flowers are also welcome.

 **FROM THE PASTOR**

I've heard the Presbyterian church described as the number one second-choice church. Especially when a household has different denominational backgrounds, the Presbyterian church seems to have enough elements of "home" worship so all feel comfortable. That's the good news. The bad news is that often the polity, the way a church makes decisions, is very different—which can lead to confusion.

At the risk of beating a drum too often, I want to review polity of the Presbyterian church. In a Presbyterian church, the congregation has three powers: the power to buy and sell property, the power to elect their officers, and the power to elect an installed pastor. The only officers required by our constitution are Elders who make up the Session. Deacons and Trustees can be elected if the congregation has voted to have a Board of Trustees and/or a Board of Deacons. Either board is responsible to the Session, which has the final authority. The Session is made up of Ruling Elders, who are elected from the membership of the congregation and who are then ordained. The moderator of the Session must be a Teaching Elder, or minister, who is the installed pastor or one appointed by Presbytery. Teaching Elders (ministers) hold membership in the Presbytery to which they are accountable and not in the church.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is a committee elected by the congregation to find and nominate an installed pastor. They present a name approved by the Presbytery to be elected to pastor the congregation that then votes to call or not call the person.

Temporary pastors, such as Interim Pastors and Stated Supply Pastors, are contracted with by the Session with Presbytery's approval for no more than one year at a time. In most cases this contract can be renewed.

While this system can be unwieldy and slow moving, it, like an ocean liner once turned, steams ahead. At the local level the Teaching Elder is one voice among many on the Session. At Presbytery (the regional level) and General Assembly (the national level) there is a balance of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders. At the local level the Session is clearly biased in favor of the lay leaders, Ruling Elders. I cherish this feature. Having the local leaders in the majority clearly underlines the fact that ministry belongs primarily to the people and not to the pastor.

*Dudley Elvery*

 **PRESBYTERY REPORT**

**Help Wanted:**



Are you curious about what it means that Presbyterians are **connected**? When we pray for one another in hard and happy times, that is certainly one level of connection. But in addition, we are connected to the congregations of the Presbytery of Chicago, as well as across the country as the Presbyterian Church (USA). The special offering for *Peace and Global Witness* is one of the PCUSA connections.

On Tuesday, September 21, Pastor Dudley (clergy) and I (ordained Elder) were among the 203 *commissioners* attending the Assembly of the Presbytery of Chicago. As you might guess, this quarterly meeting has been held on Zoom during the pandemic. The current Moderator of our Presbytery is Mike Welf, a member of First Presby of Chicago Heights, who preached here recently in Rev. Elvery's absence.

So why does this article say "**Help Wanted**?" In 2022 we will need to elect a new FPCHW elder commissioner as there is an intended balance of ministers and elders at the Assembly meetings. What does a commissioner do? In my time as a commissioner, I have attended Assemblies, served on committees, and have reported to you some highlights of Presbytery activities. Worship is always part of the Assembly—sometimes ordinary and often inspirational—scripture, sermon, prayers, offering (this time for Peace and Global Witness), hymns to open and close the Assembly. "Stand By Me," the closing hymn, is one of my favorites.

What follows are some highlights of the September meeting: Rev. David Thornton invited participation in the Presbytery's mental health training in November. Presbytery Coordinating Commission presented a first reading of the budget, expressed concern for unpaid Per Capita from churches, reported the sale of the Lansing church property to another church for \$405,000, and offered Ken Hockenbury for a second term as stated clerk. He was elected.

Hyeyoung Lee, currently serving as a mission co-worker in South Korea, graduated from McCormick Seminary and, as a candidate for ordination, answered questions from the Assembly as part of that process. In Korea she is working with Young Adult Volunteers, but at some point will return to Chicago. I enjoyed her openness, hopefulness, and maturity; we are blessed by her faith and her work.



Two churches have merged: Park Ridge and Niles. The nominating committee put up Rev. Barbara Gorsky for Moderator-Elect as well as eight delegates to the next General Assembly—four and four and a youth delegate. I went to GA in Detroit several years ago—it was a **wonderful** experience! This one will be hybrid, virtual with only committees meeting in person.

Our Executive Presbyter, Sue Krummel, is retiring. Chairperson Lawrence Brown reported on the work of the search committee (like our PNC) which culminated in the choice of a candidate who will be introduced and voted on at a special meeting on October 12. Stay tuned.

Our congregation includes **many** ordained Elders. Are you one? Could you be a commissioner to Presbytery? Yes? Then please speak with Ed Wahl, Pastor Dudley, or phone me at 630-690-6097 or email [karenvmaurer@outlook.com](mailto:karenvmaurer@outlook.com). (Remember that these are new contacts for me since I moved.)  
Karen Maurer

## 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 October, lunch will be on **October 22**, and in November, lunch will be on **November 12**. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. at Paulie's Pub in South Chicago Heights, 2736 Chicago Road. Come for Christian fellowship.

## TRUSTEE REPORT



The Trustees met in the parlor on September 14. Earl Anker reported that J & L used a hose to try to force a leak in the roof area over the pastor's lectern, but were unsuccessful. So, the location of the leak is still under study. Meanwhile, a carpet has been placed outside the basement restroom near the boiler room to eliminate a slipping hazard. Earl also noted that some tuck pointing is needed near the steeple to address the leak affecting the sanctuary balcony ceiling.

Spraying weed / grass remover in the parking lot has been effective in removing growth. Laura Dillman reported that weeding continues with emphasis on the front of the church and the perimeter of the parking lot. Several evergreens around the front of the church are showing their age and may be considered for removal. The base of the cross in the Aki Garden is rotting and will soon need consideration of alternatives.

Paul Gerrish reported that the sanctuary piano has recently been tuned. Consideration is being given to installing humidity control in the piano for long-term preservation. The Trustees approved an annual contract with the Wicks Organ Company for tuning and adjustment.

Earl reported that a routine periodic elevator inspection has been completed. Jay Ruklic reported that two new Dell computers have been purchased to replace the outdated ones in the office and pastor's study. They will be installed shortly.

The Trustees set October 23 for the annual All-Church Work Day to do cleaning and maintenance projects that are not part of routine service. Bring some rags, a tool box, paint brush, weed whacker, shop vac—anything you think might be helpful. You do not have to stay the entire time.  
Rod Dunlap

### *WHOLE CHURCH WORK DAY*

*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 8:00 – noon*

### *BREAKFAST SNACKS*

*Tasks are waiting  
(indoors and outdoors)*



## STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

Generally speaking, the financial condition of the church remains healthy as we prepare and look forward to the calling of a new pastor in our yoke with Calvary United Protestant Church. We are protecting the funds we will need for possible expenses in the future transition, and we will reactivate our staff budget to reflect the salary and benefits our new called pastor will receive.

Two Required Minimum Distributions were received in August from the retirement accounts of members who choose to make tax-free contributions to the church and to eliminate paying income taxes on the amounts of their donations. Electronic giving through the church website is also increasing. We give thanks to God for these very supportive contributions.

The Presbytery of Chicago has requested our church remit the 2021 Per Capita Apportionment. To date, we have received only \$2,551 of the \$3,996 that is due, or approximately 40 members who have not sent in their

Per Capita. Are you one of them? Check the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Giving Statement you received in July to see if you have made your 2021 contribution. This is the last call for your 2021 Per Capita payments, which are **\$36.00** per active member. Please send your checks for Per Capita to the Church Office using P.O. Box 1519. Thank you!

The summary of receipts and disbursements for First Presbyterian Church of Homewood for the month ending August 31, 2021, is in the following chart:

	Through August	2021 Budget
<b>General Fund Income</b>		
Identified Giving	\$82,456	\$130,000
Loose Offering	45	0
Initial Offering	338	400
Required Min. Dist./Stock Sale	21,786	22,000
Community Dinners Donations	0	0
Other Income	16,678	20,000
Dividends & Capital Gains	1,024	10,000
Sale of Investment Shares	0	11,300
Endowment Fund Distributions	0	9,000
Transfer from Designated Fund	1,456	2,000
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>123,783</b>	<b>204,700</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>		
Missional Ventures	\$0	6,000
Faith Formation	6	9,500
Facilities	24,890	49,000
Staff	51,558	81,000
Transition	30,211	51,800
Administrative Support	3,182	7,400
Purchase of Investment Shares	0	0
Transfer to Designated Fund	0	0
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>109,847</b>	<b>204,700</b>
Designated Fund Income	\$9,041	
Designated Fund Expenses	5,529	
<i>Total Active Members—August 2021</i>		<i>100</i>
<b>Summary through August 2021 (8/12 of Budget):</b>		
Income Over/(Under) 2021 Budget		(12,683)
Expenses Over/(Under) 2021 Budget		(26,620)
2021 Total Net Income (Loss) to Date		13,937

## MEMBER CARE MINISTRY

(formerly CONGREGATIONAL LIFE)

It's been a month of the water table outside of the north Narthex door as encouragement to connect with others before worship. A different member has hosted each Sunday, and the table has changed, too. Thanks for your feedback—we will continue this hospitality in October. Thanks to Shirley Armistead and Johnnie Dorsey for making it happen and to our weekly hosts.

Karen Maurer

## FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Please continue your personal faith formation with Tuesday Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom and/or with Tuesday Tim's Apologetics Study on Zoom at **7:00 p.m.** (Yes, there is a time change.)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our Nominating Committee will be meeting in October in order to make suggestions for the church officers for 2022 and beyond. Session needs three members for the Class of 2024 and one member for the Class of 2023. The Trustees need four members for the Class of 2024. Please let Kathie Darman know if you wish to self-nominate or if you wish to take a second term ("re-up").

## 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. Kathie Darman

### **Week of October 3**

Leighton Whitaker  
Carolyn Wiley  
Susan Zorns  
Karen Allison  
Joan Alvers

### **Week of October 10**

Joyce Anders  
Earl Anker/Jan Bunker  
Dave/Shirley Armistead  
Marilyn Austin  
RoseMary Baird

### **Week of October 17**

Karen Barge Fillippo  
Nancy Beaudoin  
Bruce/Shirley Boersma  
Elizabeth Boersma  
Barbara Bielawski

### **Week of October 24**

Doug Bonthron/Sally Wolford  
Ian Bonthron  
Leslie Bonthron  
Michael Bonthron  
Natalie/Jim Calderone

### **Week of October 31**

Debra Campbell  
Mary Cantway  
Jean/David Conover  
Linda/Bob Cook  
James Daanen



## HOSPITALIZED

In the hospital during the past month were Marscilla Dorsey, Jan Bunker, and Ed Wahl.



## NURSING HOMES / REHAB

Pat Steiner, Plymouth Place, LaGrange Park.

 **SYMPATHY**

Church sympathy is extended to the family of Cherie Kieपुरa Garza (niece of Mary Ann Wenzelman).



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



***The Falling Leaves***

Lee Hilario

This time of the year reminds me of Nat King Cole’s song “The Falling Leaves.” The song begins like this: “The falling leaves Drift by my window, the falling leaves of red and gold.”

The fall season’s arrival creates a landscape Of magnificent colors in rhythm with the wind, The wonders of God’s creation displayed, The splendor of beauty revealed.

I am in awe for the beauty it brings. The red and yellow leaves glow in the sun That will turn them to brown, Then tossed by the wind as they fall to the ground.

The changing season signifies the passing of time Like a clock ticking continuously ahead. Forward it goes, never backwards, And points to the time as it spins around.

With these falling leaves comes to follow A season of cold winter and snow, But all these were created for us to show That seasons come and go.

Eccl. 3:1 “There is a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens.”

Genesis 8:2 “As long as the Earth exists, seed time and harvent, cold and hot, summer and autumn, day and night will not cease.”

 **NOVEMBER CARILLON**

The deadline for having articles placed in the November *Carillon* is **Wednesday, October 20**. Please send in all materials in writing to the Editor at [ewahl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ewahl@sbcglobal.net). The Editor thanks the October reporters for their assistance. *J C =W=*

 **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

**October**

John Maxwell, Jr  
Carolyn Wiley  
Eleanor Steiner  
Karen Maurer

**October**

Kathie Hazlett  
James Daanen  
Bradley Armistead  
Bruce Miller



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



**LOOKING TOWARD FALL**

# OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 10:30 Heavenly Perks (outside) 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) <b>World Communion</b> Heavenly Perks on website	<b>4</b>  7:00 Book Study on Zoom	<b>5</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom <b>7:00</b> Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 Stewardship Team	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30 Heavenly Perks (outside) 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) Heavenly Perks on website	<b>11</b> <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> 7:00 <b>Session</b> on Zoom	<b>12</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom 7:00 Trustees in Parlor <b>7:00</b> Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 
<b>17</b> 10:30 Heavenly Perks (outside) 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) Heavenly Perks on website	<b>18</b> 6:00 Worship Team on Zoom	<b>19</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom <b>7:00</b> Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	<b>20</b> <b>CARILLON DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 <b>Homewood Beautification Award</b> at Dolphin Lake	<b>22</b> 12:30 Chicago Heights Men's Fellowship	<b>23</b> <b>TRUSTEE WORK DAY</b> <b>8:00 - noon</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30 Heavenly Perks (outside) 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) Heavenly Perks on website	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study on Zoom <b>7:00</b> Tuesday Study w/ Tim on Zoom	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:30 Heavenly Perks (outside) 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & live streaming) Heavenly Perks on website <b>Halloween</b> All Hallows' Eve						