

Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
Shirley Allen — sister of Hal Stern
Pat Almblad
Liz Armstrong
Betty Lou Bukowski
Kyle Campbell
Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow
Mary Clarbour
Sally Costello
Jonathan Cranfill — nephew of Judy Hockenberry
Jordan Cutshaver — grandniece of Roger Fick
Bree Foley — cousin of Mario Alberico
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora
George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes
Barbara Hayes
Helen Gee — aunt of Elaine Chen
Dorita and Houston Godfrey
Ermina Gomez & daughter — friends of Elaine Chen
Kit Graham — friend of Betty Sanders
Shirley Graham — sister of Marilynn Graves
Addy Hebden — granddaughter of Mary Hebden
Rich Jacobs — son-in-law of Barbara MacDowell
Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne

Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne
Marylyn Jirsa
Fred Langer — father of Laura Carlson
Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong
Bruce Leonard — brother of Debbie Klein
Quentin Mare’
Paula Ford Martin — daughter of Mary Ford
William Palm — boyfriend of Rebecca Chen
Denise Poy
Robert Schultz — friend of Char Lattof
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad
Susan Scott
Ed Slivovsky
Je’Anna Paris Smith
Rosalie Stoike
David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen
Carson Taylor — member of the Krigas family
Jaquan Thompson
Jewell Truskowski
Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow
Dan Tsutsumi
Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen
Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers
Don Voyles — father of Danielle Voyles
Rev. Kenneth Wegener — friend of Liz Armstrong
Rich Willuweit — brother of Carol Kelley
Doris Woods — friend of Sandy Nacher

Serving in the Armed Services

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling
Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen
Geoffrey Martineau — brother of Lisa Martineau
E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
2 LT Kristen Reese, Army — daughter of Jim and Becky Reese, sister of Adam and Brian Reese
Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse

Sympathy to:

The family of John “Jack” Bonthron. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

The family of Margie Seastone. A service was held on December 28.

About First Pres

STAFF

Pastor / Head of Staff: Alex Lang
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Judy Hockenberry
Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families: TC Anderson
Pastor Emeritus: Harry Thompson
Associate Pastor Emerita: Dianne Shields
Director of Children’s Ministries: Katy Allen
Nursery Coordinator: Beth Johnson
Director of Parents’ Day Out: Coleen Anzalone
Director of Operations and Technology: Brian Larson
Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban
Worship Technician: James Thompson
Business Administrator: Debbie Walter
Senior Administrative Assistant: Mary Fino
Administrative Assistant / Receptionist: Carol Vega
Facilities Coordinator: Michele Holifield
Community Liaison: Teri Stanley
Coordinator of Volunteers: Liz Armstrong
Volunteer Librarians: Bob Hanlon, Mary Hebden, Barbara MacDowall, Matt Meisterheim

Save the Date

Today
December 31
January 1
January 8
January 11
January 20
January 26
February 2
February 5
February 9
February 9
February 9

Worship — 10:00 am only (No Sunday School)
Office closes at 12:30 pm
Office closed
Family Night Returns
Undecorating the Church
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (office closed)
Children’s Ministries Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Souper Bowl of Caring
Wednesday @ Noon Recital
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Children’s Ministries Valentine’s Day Out
35th Annual Organ Fest

PASTORAL CARE — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

COMMUNITY LIFE AT FIRST PRES — Do you have questions about Sunday worship, education hour, mission opportunities, committees, music, or something else? If you are visiting or new and want to know more about how to get involved, or if you have been here a while and are looking for new ways to connect, contact our Community Liaison, Teri Stanley, at communityliaison@firstpresah.org.

Church Life

December 29, 2019

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights! We are glad you are here! We know that you have a lot of choices about where and how to spend your time on Sunday. We are happy that you chose to spend it with us this morning. We want you to feel special and welcome here. We are an open and inclusive congregation. Our hope is that as you worship with us, you will be inspired to choose love, be the light, and change the world. We invite you to participate in building the kingdom of God. Thank you for being here.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY — CAT! CAT! CAT! We are not talking about the Broadway musical or the kind that make you sneeze. We are talking about the Congregational Assessment Tool. The Congregational Assessment Tool is a survey that measures the energy, enthusiasm, resources, and excitement in our congregation. It is a survey that every active member and regular attender will be invited to complete. It can come to you via the internet so even if you are flying south or southwest for the winter, we will send you this CAT! The Session wants to hear from everyone. Begin to look for this CAT after the first of the year and please take the time to give the Session your feedback.

SUNDAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE — Sunday morning education for all ages will resume January 5. Please take this time to worship as a family. Preschoolers are welcome in the Red Room for child care.



HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE — The office will be open from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on Monday, December 30, and will close at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, December 31 and remain closed on Wednesday, January 1, for the New Year holiday. Normal business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) will resume on Thursday, January 2.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS — Sunday, January 5 / 11:45 am / in the Boardroom — Are you interested in becoming a member of the First Pres family of faith or learning more about the church? Join us for the New Members Class on January 5. New Members will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, January 26. For more information or to signup, contact Rev. TC Anderson at 847-255-5900 or tcanderson@firstpresah.org.

Sunday, December 29 — First Sunday of Christmas
9:45 am – 11:15 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 209/211 (Red Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing
10:00 am Worship — Sanctuary
11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship — Parlor, Narthex



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Upcoming Events

MEN’S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY — Meet the guys tomorrow, 6:30-7:30 am, in the Parlor. Read Genesis 1:1-5; Exodus 18:10-12; Psalm147; John 1:1-9, 10-18. Enter at Door 9 (St. James Street). For more information, contact Bill Dillon, crdillon@sbcglobal.net.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL — There will be **NO** Sunday adult education the month of December. Join us for a new class ***beginning January 12 / 9:00-10:00 am / in the Boardroom — Foundations of Faith — Rev. Judy Hockenberry*** — This class will offer the opportunity to discuss what Presbyterians *really* believe in some big areas like Jesus’ death on the cross and resurrection, as opposed to what many Presbyterians *think* they believe. Come and join Pastor Judy for a lively discussion and some informative study of basic reformed principles.


FAMILY NIGHT NEWS — Regular programming for Family Night will take a holiday break. Dinner and full programming will resume on January 8.

NEW ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER CLASS — *Beginning Wednesday, January 8 through March 18 — The American Experience: Religion in the New World* presented by Dr. Donald Kaasch and Rev. Alexander Lang — For the third year in a row, Rev. Alexander Lang and Dr. Donald Kaasch will be team teaching. This year they will be talking about history and evolution of American Christianity. Starting with Puritans, we will examine and dissect all the various permutations of American Christianity over the last four centuries. The goal of the class will be to discern the thread of how each new variation of American Christianity is a reaction and response to how the prior variation has become established and entrenched in the American culture of the day.

“UNDECORATING” THE CHURCH — *Saturday, January 11 / 9:30 am / in the Narthex* — Join the Presbyterian Women Flower Committee to pack up the Christmas decorations so beautifully placed around the church. We will have refreshments and jobs for all ages and abilities! Meet in the Narthex beginning at 9:30 am. Thank you for sharing your time and talents. *Contact:* Marty Kraybill at marty1110k@gmail.com or 847-398-3423 or Kate McVay at kkoenig@hazchem.com.

SECOND ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE — *Monday, January 20 / 10:00 am / in Fellowship Hall* — Join First Pres and Stone Catchers as they address hunger in our community. Everyone is invited to participate! On the morning of January 20, volunteers from First Pres will canvass surrounding neighborhoods to pick up food donations and bring them back to the church. Food will then be sorted and packaged for delivery to the Wheeling Township Food Pantry. We will also be serving lunch for both volunteers and members of the community who are in need of a meal. A walk-in lunch will be available from *11:30 am – 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall* for anyone who is hungry. We need volunteers who are able to drive to collect food and those who can help prepare/host lunch in Fellowship Hall. The event will begin at *10:00 am in Fellowship Hall*. If you have questions, please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org or Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org!

Serving, Giving, and Growing

 **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! MANY THANKS TO BE GIVEN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

— Thanks to all who joined in the fun of **decorating** each and every corner of our church to make it so beautiful during Advent and Christmas. Many hands make for wonderful results and great fellowship. Thank you all so very much! *Marty Kraybill and Kate McVay*


— Thank you for your kind donations to support the efforts of making the church festive for Advent and Christmas. Thank you for your donations for **Christmas flowers** to continue the spirit and beauty of the season for all to enjoy! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. *The Presbyterian Flower Committee*

— Thank you from **Firman House!** Because of your kind and generous contributions of much needed hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens many children from Firman House will have a warmer winter this year. Thank you for your generous contributions that were delivered to all the children at the yearly holiday party! *Kathy Doering*

— Thank you for your overwhelming generosity to our **Christopher House** families! The kindness of our congregation, friends, and families never ceases to amaze us! You provided a bright holiday for so many moms, dads, and children who otherwise might not have had such a joyful season. Thank you!

SPECIAL OFFERING: BLANKET DRIVE — In the months of January and February, we will be collecting for the Blanket Drive. The goal of church World Services (CWS) is to build a world where there is enough for all. By providing a donation of \$10, CWS can provide a blanket as a vital and powerful resource for someone needing a little support, warmth, and encouragement. Please help those facing crisis by donating to the Blanket Drive. Envelopes will be available starting in January. Please be generous. *Questions?* Contact Val Schuffler at valerie901p@gmail.com.

JUST FRIENDS — *Saturday, January 4 / 5:30 pm* — Join us for our traditional “After the Holiday” holiday dinner at Claim Jumpers (2610 New Sutton, Hoffman Estates). *Sunday, January 5 / 5:30 pm* — Meet at Buona Beef (1420 Golf Rd., Rolling Meadows) for our monthly planning meeting. Contact and RSVP: Sandy Meyer, 847-818-0521.

 **FITNESS BOOT CAMP** — *Saturdays / 8:30-9:30 am / in the Gym* — Taught by church member Fernando Egea, this class will help you burn some calories, increase strength, balance, and overall long-term health! Drop in for this free class. *Contact:* Fernando Egea, egeafm@gmail.com.


GREG ATHNOS LECTURES — Members of First Pres are invited to attend lectures presented by Greg Athnos at The Moorings. Programs begin at 7:00 pm in the Odean Johnson Chapel. Upcoming presentations: *January 7:* Jewish Composers Who Didn’t Survive the Holocaust; *January 14:* The Music of Spain; *January 21:* Music of the American ‘War Between the States’, the Civil War.

Worship Next Sunday

January 5, 2019: Second Sunday of Christmas

9:00 am — Worship (Chapel)
Music: Compass

10:30 am — Worship (Sanctuary)
Music: Chancel Choir

 *Scriptures:* Exodus 18:10-12; Genesis 1:1-5
Preacher: Alex Lang
Sermon Title: “From Many, One”

NEW SERMON SERIES: CROSSOVER — *Coming Sunday, January 5* — The idea behind the *Crossover* sermon series is to focus on different religious traditions that have points of intersection with Judaism/Christianity. Each sermon will explore a brief outline of a foreign religious tradition and then we will discuss how a particular tenet overlaps and has a similar concept within Christianity.

LIVE WEBCAST & WORSHIP RECORDINGS — Worship services are webcast each Sunday on the church website, firstpresah.org. You can view these services live or at a later time. Access these webcasts directly through the Home page. If you need help with technical problems, please send an e-mail to webcasting@firstpresah.org. Sermon videos are available at firstpresah.org/media/sermons. Sermon podcast archives are available at firstpresah.org/media/podcasts. To subscribe to the weekly sermon podcast, search your podcast app for “First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights” or “The Word @ First Pres.”

More News

If you give electronically but would like to put something in the offering plate, we invite you to use the laminated bookmarks available in the pew rack in front of you. We will be keeping you abreast of your generosity.

Extra giving opportunity and explanation of use:

Bookmarks	\$ 2,374.00
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The bookmark funds will be used for the Mary and Martha Lending Closet.

MARY AND MARTHA’S LENDING CLOSET IS OPEN!

Mary and Martha’s Lending Closet is open for business. Do you have an upcoming gathering you are planning for? No need to go and buy all you will need. Borrow it from Mary and Martha! We have been stocking the shelves all summer, but we also want to hear from you. A suggestion box is located outside the door.



Donations received from those who borrow from the closet will be used to further our outreach and hospitality ministry. We are partnering with local school districts to make sure that all children have access to lunches they need to succeed through the pay down of student lunch accounts and participation in district summer lunch programs.

Questions? Contact Michele Holifield at micheleholifield@firstpresah.org or Amy Hempleman at ahempleman@gmail.com.

Beginning in January, the bookmarks funds will support Chalice House.