

# 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 Marilyn 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 **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

January 8 Family Night Returns  
January 11 Undecorating the Church  
January 20 Martin Luther King Day of Service (office closed)  
January 26 Children’s Ministries Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
February 2 Souper Bowl of Caring  
February 5 Wednesday @ Noon Recital  
February 9 Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
February 9 Children’s Ministries Valentine’s Day Out  
February 9 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

## January 5, 2020

**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 UPDATE** — It’s time for the CAT survey. Beginning tomorrow, January 6, you can access the survey by going to **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fbarlingtonheights**. This link will take you to the congregational assessment tool we have been talking about for weeks. This is a completely anonymous assessment. If you prefer to take it on paper, Carol Vega has copies in the church office. However, we ask that you take it in the first floor boardroom while you are at the office and put it in the box that will be set up to receive the surveys. Allow about 45 minutes to take this survey whether online or on paper. **Remember, it goes live *tomorrow*, meaning it will not work until January 6.** After completing the survey, stop by the table in the Narthex on Sundays to pick up our thank you gift to you for completing the survey. When you pick up your thank-you gift, you will be entered into a drawing for a larger prize which will take place at the conclusion of the survey. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Judy Hockenberry.



**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** — *Today / 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 **today**. New Members will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, January 26. For more information, contact Rev. TC Anderson.



**GOD’S HONEST TRUTH** — *Wednesday, February 5* — Our upcoming God’s Honest Truth is Wednesday, February 5, during Family Night. The theme: “Hanging on by a Thread: Stories of Survival.” Contact Alex Lang, at alexlang@firstpresah.org or 847-255-5900, to share your story! Stories must be 5-10 minutes in length and will be developed with guidance from Alex.

**Sunday, January 5 — Second Sunday of Christmas**  
8:45 am – 11:45 am — Child care (infants – 4 years) — Room 209/211 (Red Room), Main Floor Christian Education (CE) Wing  
9:00 am **Worship** — Chapel  
10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal — Choir Auditorium  
10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship — Parlor, Narthex  
10:05 am Children’s Choir — Chapel  
10:30 am **Worship** — Sanctuary  
10:30 am Coffee: Grounds for Discussion and Service — Room 110/112  
10:30 am Preschool Sunday School — Green Room, CE Wing  
10:30 am K-5th Grade Sunday School — Chapel, CE Wing  
10:30 am Y-Search (Grades 6 & 7) — Middle School Lounge  
10:30 am Confirmation (Grade 8) — Room 109/111  
10:30 am High School Sunday School (Grades 9-12) — High School Lounge  
11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship — Parlor, Narthex  
11:45 am New Members Class — Boardroom  
2:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor, Schuffler — Sanctuary  
5:30 pm Just Friends Planning Meeting — off-site (Buona Beef, RM)  
6:00 pm HSYG — High School Lounge, Gym



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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 Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 10:5-15. Enter at Door 9 (St. James Street). For more information, contact Bill Dillon, [crdillon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crdillon@sbcglobal.net).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL — *January 12 through February 23 / 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 PROGRAMMING — *Wednesdays / 6:00-8:00 pm / September through May*  
Weekly Schedule:  
*6:00-7:00 pm:* Drop-in dinner time for all ages  
*7:00-8:00 pm:* Classes and programs, including:

- Conversation Classes
- ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER adult Christian education
- Kids Connect (grades K-5)
- Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8)
- Free nursery care
- ACT & SAT test preparation course on math subject areas (\$50) (*Spring Session:* March 4, 11, 18, and April 1) — register through the church office

ENGAGE & ENCOUNTER: *Wednesday Evening Adult Christian Education / 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](mailto:marty1110k@gmail.com) or 847-398-3423 or Kate McVay at [kkoenig@hazchem.com](mailto:kkoenig@hazchem.com).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN — *Wednesday, January 15 / 9:00 am / in the Parlor* — All women are welcome on Wednesday, January 15, to join PW Circles 1, 2, and 3 for fellowship, treats, and lively discussion on the topic, “Words of Love: Honor the Life-Givers.” Come and bring a friend!

JUST FRIENDS — *Today / 5:30 pm* — Join us at Buona Beef (1420 Golf Rd, Rolling Meadows) to plan events for next month. *Friday, January 10 / 5:00 pm* — Join us at the Al Larson Prairie Art Center in Schaumburg for ESO’s Magnificent Mozart. Tickets are \$35. Dinner at Shake Shack. Contact & RSVP: Sandy Meyer, 847-818-0521.

# Serving, Giving, and Growing

*Thank you!* 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 in December 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 are available in the pew. Please be generous. **Questions?** Contact Val Schuffler at [valerie901p@gmail.com](mailto:valerie901p@gmail.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](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org) or Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org)!

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** — *Friday, January 24 / 9:30 am / Fellowship Hall* — Come hear author, Linda Keane, tell about her historical novel *The House on Lowell Street*, and the courageous spirit of a woman willing to fight for women’s dignity and equality in a time of great limitations for women. For more information, contact Patty Richard at [patriciajr404@att.net](mailto:patriciajr404@att.net).


**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 presentation: *January 7:* Jewish Composers Who Didn’t Survive the Holocaust.

# Worship Next Sunday

**January 12, 2019: Baptism of the Lord**

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

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

 *Scriptures:* Matthew 10:5-15, Romans 8:18-23  
*Preacher:* Alex Lang  
*Sermon Title:* “An Impermanent World”

**NEW SERMON SERIES: CROSSOVER / Starts today!** — 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](http://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](mailto:webcasting@firstpresah.org). Sermon videos are available at [firstpresah.org/](http://firstpresah.org/)media/sermons. Sermon podcast archives are available at [firstpresah.org/media/podcasts](http://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.

Bookmarks	\$ 0.00
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Donations to the bookmarks during the months of January, February, and March will support **Chalice House**, a community based supportive housing partnership with Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants (IDCI) and faith communities in the Northwest suburbs, providing transitional housing and other services such as educational, ESL, health, and legal services for immigrants seeking asylum. Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist (CCUU) in Palatine currently owns a 4-bedroom, 2-bath home adjacent to their main church building that is being converted for use as transitional supportive housing. Community-based housing, such as Chalice House, offers alternatives to detention while an immigrant’s case is pending so that families can stay together and immigrants don’t experience additional trauma in immigration detention centers. For questions, please contact Michele Holifield at [micheleholifield@firstpresah.org](mailto:micheleholifield@firstpresah.org), Katy Allen at [katyallen@firstpresah.org](mailto:katyallen@firstpresah.org), or Alex Lang at [alexlang@firstpresah.org](mailto:alexlang@firstpresah.org).

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT** — Each year every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. These are the activities that make us Presbyterian. This apportionment is based on church membership. In 2020, this apportionment is \$36 per member. Any funds you designate for the apportionment will be used for this purpose and will free up our General Fund dollars to be used in supporting the vision, overall ministry, and missions of our congregation. Please consider contributing your share of the Per Capita Apportionment.