



# The CHIMES

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

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## From the Pastor “Collective Talents”



*By Rev. Alex Lang*

As a sophomore in high school, I was a struggling student. Unable to cut it in many of the advanced classes, I had dropped down into the easier, regular classes. The only advanced class that remained on my schedule was third year Latin. For the prior

two years of Latin, we had focused on learning vocabulary and grammar. During the third year, we left behind the practice sentences of our grammar book and started translating real Latin.

Our focus was Cicero, a lawyer who served as Roman Consul in 63 BC. During his year in office, Cicero discovered a conspiracy to assassinate him and overthrow the Roman Republic with the aid of foreign armed forces. The person responsible for leading the coup was a Roman Senator, Lucius Sergius Catilina. Once Cicero became aware of the conspiracy, he requested an audience before the Roman Senate and gave an impassioned speech accusing Catilina and his allies of conspiring to overthrow the government.

This speech became known as the “Catiline Address” and it is considered by some to be the best extemporaneous speech of all time. Over a period of five months, we translated this speech 5-7 sentences at a time. By the time we finished, it was clear to us why Cicero is considered one of the greatest orators in history. His ability to construct phrases using alliteration, metaphor

and similes, all off of the top of his head, was remarkable!

When we had finished translating his speech, our Latin teacher gave us a new assignment. We had to give a speech like Cicero. We had to choose a topic that was important to us, write a speech using various literary devices, and then give the speech from memory. To say I was deathly afraid of this assignment was an understatement. I had never written a speech or spoken in front of an audience. The fact she was forcing us to memorize the entire thing made my stomach churn.

Nevertheless, I worked hard on my speech and memorized it to the best of my ability. When my turn came to stand before the class, I thought I was going to be sick. I stood up and my legs felt weak. I could barely remember my first word, but as it came out of my mouth, my nerves subsided and everything came into focus. Something about that moment felt right, and unlike many of my peers who stumbled through their speeches, I was confident and able to command the attention of the room.

In that moment I had discovered a talent I did not know I possessed. I had the talent of oratory and I have nurtured that talent ever since. Indeed, one of the reasons why I am your pastor is because I have worked so hard at the craft of preaching sermons. As much as I work hard to bring you quality sermons week after week, my talent of preaching alone is not enough to make our church thrive.

We need the **Collective Talents** of everyone in the church—both monetary talents, as well as skills and gifts—to make this church flourish. It is all of our talents working together that make this church what it is. This year we are working to exceed our potential both in terms of what we give monetarily

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# Session Highlights

## By Clerk of Session, Sue Henderson



### From the September 10, 2018, meeting:

- Learned that Alicia Hanner-Reese, a seminary graduate under care of our Session, is resuming her move into candidacy and eventual ordination in the PCUSA.
- A Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing officers will be held on September 23, 2018, at 11:30 am.
- Reza Aslan will be the speaker on October 11, 2018. He is an author, academic, and well-respected speaker who will speak about the Islamic Reformation. This event is open to the public and is sponsored by First Pres and the Chicago Theological Seminary.
- The events on September 9: exciting worship (with choir, brass, and message), Sunday School, and Fall Kick-Off in the East parking lot were well-attended and enjoyed by all.
- The key card entry system is up and running.
- A temporary overflow for the Chapel is available in the Forum when necessary.
- Playground installation will begin soon.
- A new Sunday Bulletin format, which includes both services, started on September 9.
- The church has a new Instagram account: FirstPresAH.
- Session approved Boy Scout Troop 32's request that the church add Family Scouting (which will include girls in their program) to their sponsorship of the organization.

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### From the October 8, 2018, meeting:

- Heard that PADS began to receive guests on October 2. There was a family present – a mother and four children, which we were able to accommodate.
  - There will be a New Member Class on October 21. They will meet the congregation on Sunday, November 11.
  - The budgeting process for 2019 has begun. Committees will meet with Admin and Finance beginning October 15.
  - Playground equipment is expected to arrive on October 10.
  - The Nominating Committee is seeking two people to serve as Deacons in the Class of 2021.
  - Over 330 tickets have been distributed thus far for the Anniversary Speaker, Reza Aslan.
  - Worship, Music and Sacraments Committee is looking in to providing more than lyrics on the hymn slides during worship services.
  - Children's Ministries is hoping to have a pancake breakfast in January.
- (Minutes from the October 8 meeting continue on Page 3)*



# Collective Talents continued...

to the church and what we give through our skills and talents. This year I'm asking you to invest more of yourself in First Pres.

If you are not already doing so, choose a ministry—give of your gifts and skills. If you cannot give more time, consider more monetary support. If you have never made a commitment before, and need a guide to help you decide what to contribute to the church this year, a great starting point is \$35 a week. That comes out to \$1,820 for the year for an individual and \$3,640 for a couple. Of course, if you can give more, every dollar helps.

When you write down your financial contribution for *Commitment Sunday on November 11*, I ask that you prayerfully consider how your commitment to First Pres will make a tangible difference in sustaining our congregation, and in turn, the lives of our brothers and sisters who are struggling beyond our walls. Together, our community will use our collective talents to be a beacon of light that spreads God's love to a broken world.

## From the October 8, 2018 meeting (continued):

- Mission Committee's request to collect funds for Hurricane Florence relief was approved. Funds would be distributed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- There will be a Fair Trade fair on October 27 and 28 in the Parlor.
- Mission Committee approved the formation of a social justice group, Stone Catchers, to be led by Katy Allen and Michele Holifield.
- Stewardship Sunday will be November 11. Letters will be mailed to congregation the previous week. The theme is Collective Talents – Exceeding Our Potential.

## From the Music Stand

*By Adam Hendrickson, Director of Music and Worship*

The Music Ministry at First Pres is so special to me. The many volunteers who put forth so much time, effort, and talent into all they do inspire me each and every week. With all of the thanks we will be giving in November, and especially during the season of Advent leading up to Christmas Eve, the remainder of 2018 will be a wonder to behold. We hope you can join us as often as possible during Sunday services and especially during our December 16th concert, "The Glory of Christmas." The story of our Savior's birth will be experienced in a rare and enthralling way. Also, do not miss out on our December 2nd concert, "Messiah Sing-Along," with the Northwest Symphony Orchestra! Both concerts begin at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



## Special Music Note

November 4  
9:30 am worship in the Chapel

Come and experience the music of Coldplay! Featured songs include:  
"Adventure of a Lifetime"  
"A Head Full of Dreams"  
"Paradise"  
"Up & Up"

Join in the singing or simply experience the uplifting sounds of their music.



# Its the holiday season around First Pres!



## Thanksgiving Baskets

Please donate healthy, nonperishable food for families served by Christopher House and Firman Community Services, two local organizations that serve families in need. Please note, lighter boxed items (not expired) are easier for our clients to carry on public transportation. Containers will be located in the Narthex on *Sundays in October and the first two weeks in November*. Thank you for helping these families have a joyful holiday! **Questions:** Contact Jody Stanhope at 847-259-8054.

## Winter Items Collection

Please keep the young children of Firman House in your hearts as you shop and see winter items in the stores. *In November*, we will have the winter items barrels in the Narthex and hallway for the collection of cold weather items (hats, gloves, scarves, etc.). Items donated must be new items. Items will be donated to the families of Firman House during the Firman Christmas Party. Thank you for your generous contributions! **Questions:** Contact Kathy Doering, Firman House Chairman, at doering.kathy.m@gmail.com or 847-255-4364.

## Family to Family Christopher House

It is that special time of remembering the families of Christopher House. Along with your gifts to members of a family, you also bring a smile to a lot of faces. Your gifts meet some of the needs of a family and ensure a special holiday season. Please consider participating individually, as a family, or share a family together with friends. Sign-up on *Sundays, November 4, 11, 18, or 25*, at the Presbyterian Women's table in the Forum after 9:00 am worship service and the Narthex before and after the 10:30 am worship service. Please deliver all purchases to First Pres at 9:00 am on December 8. **Questions:** Contact Fran Spencer at 847-358-3543.

## All Church Christmas Decorating

*Saturday, November 24 / 9:30 am in the Narthex* - Come one, come all, and help make the church a special place for Christmas! Join in the wonderful tradition with members of your church family to transform our church home and help get ready for Advent and the Christmas season. Meet in the Narthex at 9:30 am for refreshments and assignments. All ages are welcome for the variety of tasks, the more the merrier! **Questions:** Contact Marty Kraybill at marty1110k@gmail.com or 847-398-3423 and/or Lin Willour at lwillour@aol.com or 847-287-5179.

## PW Christmas Tea

*Wednesday, December 12 / 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall* - Enjoy the holiday spirit with Presbyterian Women and presenter Rochelle Pennington. "The Christmas Schooner" has become famous in different songs, paintings, poems, and television programs. Hear the story that has become a living memorial and enjoy fellowship, tea, and treats. **RSVP** to Ingrid Kaufman at ingridkaufman@icloud.com or 847-705-5956.



# Youth & Family Ministries

By Rev. TC Anderson, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Families

## Wise and Sage Thanksgiving Dinner

Calling all Wise and Sage members of the church (60+ years old)! We are having our annual Wise and Sage Thanksgiving Dinner where the high school youth of the church cook, serve, and clean up a Thanksgiving dinner just for you! The dinner is on **Sunday, November 18, at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall**. **RSVP** to the church office for this great dinner!



## Christmas Cookie Walk

The Youth Ministries Cookie Walk is happening again this year! Make sure to stop in the **Parlor on Sunday, December 16**, to get a box (or more) of Christmas cookies. If you would like to bake cookies for this event, please contact Rev. TC at [tcanderson@firstpresah.org](mailto:tcanderson@firstpresah.org), otherwise just show up after either service on December 16 and buy as many boxes of assorted cookies as your heart desires! All proceeds go to Youth Missions.

## Keep an Eye Out For Jan's Jam

In January, the youth will have its fourth annual Jan's Jam! This is an event for youth of all ages (6th grade through college aged)! Make sure to watch your emails for more details!

## Family Scouting at First Pres

Boy Scouts of America developed Family Scouting because parents were looking for a scouting program that both brother and sister could attend. Scouts BSA is a year round program for boys and girls from 5th grade through high school. The program provides fun, adventure, learning, challenges, and responsibility to help scouts become the best version of themselves.

Enrollment for the BSA Girl Troop is now open! We already have several girls interested in our new Girls Troop, so join the fun and enroll today!

Troop 32 is inviting First Presbyterian Church members, families with girls and boys, ages 11 and older, to contact Troop 32 Scoutmaster, Patrick Painter, at [32scoutmaster@gmail.com](mailto:32scoutmaster@gmail.com), or Chartered Organization Representative, Al Wilson, at [alwilson100@comcast.net](mailto:alwilson100@comcast.net), to learn more about Family Scouting at First Pres!



# Children's Ministries

*By Katy Allen, Director of Children's Ministries*

## Sunday School - Looking at Bible Stories in a New Way

The beginning of the program year is an exciting time! We welcomed a great group of Kindergartners to our Sunday School gathering time, and our newly-minted 5th graders love being "the oldest!" Coming together again after summer break gave us an opportunity to share some of our summer experiences and to catch up on the new school year. This time of sharing is important to reconnecting and to feeling part of our Sunday School family.



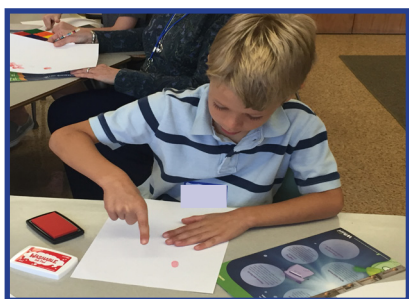
We are diving into the Bible in new ways this year with our Kindergarten through 5th grade classes. Using a combination of curriculums, both purchased and created in-house, we will spend two weeks on a Bible story. The first week will be spent learning the story and participating in activities related to the story. The second week will be spent applying the theme of the Bible story to our lives. Our first lesson was the creation story. During the first week, we read the story and did some activities related to creation. When we came back to it the second week, each class had a discussion about ways we can take care of our small part of creation – our church. We talked about ways the church handles garbage and recycling, looked at ways we could improve, and gave examples of things we are doing here at First Pres to

make positive impacts.

Over the course of this year, we cannot wait to make connections between Bible stories and our everyday lives!

## Kids Connect - Connecting Kids Through Fun & Fellowship

What do you call it when you bring a group of kids together on Wednesday night? Kids Connect of course! That is just what's happening here at First Pres – kids are coming together as part of Family Night for a fun evening where they can just be kids! Our gym time encourages participation in games where everyone gets a turn, no one is the best, and winning is not the



most important aspect. Our classroom time allows kids to explore their creative side with unique art projects and their analytical side with exciting science experiments and activities.

In addition to these awesome parts of Kids Connect, we are also introducing workshops to our schedule. Over the course of the program year, kids will get to experience yoga, art (taught by a real artist), science

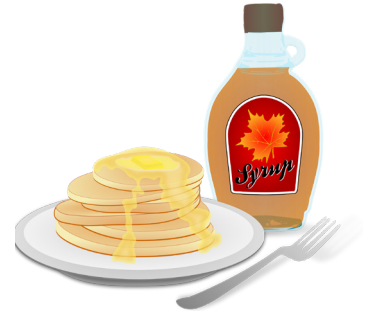


(taught by a real scientist), woodworking, cooking, sewing, and American Sign Language. Kids get to choose what they are interested in, what they would like to learn more about, or what they would like to try for the first time. Workshops are an exciting way to allow our program to grow and yet still remain responsive and familiar.

If you have not checked out Family Night yet, mark your calendar for Wednesday evenings – dinner is at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall and programming for all ages begins at 7:00 pm. You'll be glad you did!

## Sunday School Family Breakfast

On *Sunday, October 28*, Children's Ministries will be hosting a Family Breakfast for our Sunday School kids and their families. It is sure to be a fun morning of fellowship as we gather in Fellowship Hall to spend time together over pancakes, sausages, and eggs.



## Calling All Carolers!

Christmas will be here before you know it! Soon we will be hearing Christmas carols on the radio and in stores. As you enjoy the familiar words and melodies of beloved Christmas carols and hymns, consider sharing the gift of song with others at our all-church caroling event.

Warm up your singing voice and join us in *Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 23, at 4:00 pm*. We will divide into groups and head out to Luther Village, the Moorings, and individual homes to share the Christmas spirit with church members and friends who need some Christmas cheer. This event is family-friendly, and is a great way to get involved and meet new people.

At the conclusion of our caroling, we will meet back in Fellowship Hall for a pizza dinner. For more information, please contact Michele Holifield at [mkholfield@yahoo.com](mailto:mkholfield@yahoo.com).

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## First Pres Playground!

*By Katy Allen, Director of Children's Ministries, and Coleen Anzalone, Director of Parents' Day Out*

After months of planning, we finally broke ground on our playground in mid-September. It was fascinating to watch the transformation from a parking lot, to hole in the ground, to sidewalk and garden forms, to finally our playground! In addition to a brand new playground that will provide hours of fun for PDO, Sunday school, VBS and other activities, the Children's Ministries Loaves & Fishes garden will have a permanent home within the playground area. This community-type garden helps to provide food for events here at church, Faith Community Homes families, the Wheeling Township Food Pantry, and our own congregation.

A project of this size is truly a collaborative effort. Parents' Day Out and Children's Ministries would like to thank everyone who donated to the various fundraisers that were held in the spring to raise an additional \$20,000 for a secure fence around the playground, bollards for additional security, ground cover, benches, and picnic tables.

We can't wait to get outside and play very soon!



*Looking up at our new tower!*



## Social Justice at First Pres: Stone Catchers

The Mission Committee approved the formation of a new group, Stone Catchers, that will focus on social justice issues. Stone Catchers held its first meeting on October 16. In addition to spending some time getting to know one another, the group shared their thoughts on social justice issues and brainstormed ideas for involvement and what direction the group might take. Through education, action, field trips, speakers, letter writing campaigns, and local activism opportunities, Stone Catchers seeks to reflect Jesus' teachings of mercy and grace.

The name Stone Catchers refers to scripture in the book of John, Chapter 8. In it, a woman was being shamed by a group of Pharisees and Jesus intervened on her behalf. Jesus boldly called for the sinless among them to be the first to throw a stone at the woman. The crowd dispersed at Jesus' words, and the woman was called upon by Jesus to go and sin no more. The idea for the name came from a video featuring Bryan Stevenson, a lawyer, social justice activist, and author. In the video, he calls for Christians to catch stones that are thrown at the disenfranchised, the voiceless, the forgotten among us.

If you are interested in participating in Stone Catchers, please contact Michele Holifield (mkholifield@yahoo.com) or Katy Allen (katyallen357@gmail.com).

### Thank You From Christopher House:

Thank you to everyone who made the fundraiser for Christopher House a success! The fundraisers that occurred at the Deer Park and Arlington Heights California Pizza Kitchen locations raised a total of \$644.20!



### Update From Faith Community Homes on Vanessa's Family:

Vanessa and her family lived in the Prospect Heights apartments that suffered that big fire in August. Vanessa is a 2016 graduate of Faith Community Homes (FCH). FCH has been working with Vanessa and recently found a new apartment for them. Thank you to all who donated items and made financial donations to assist this family. Please keep Vanessa and her family in your prayers as they continue to recover from this event.

## Upcoming Events



**Family Night:** Enjoy a meal together with the families of First Pres and learn about the opportunities for learning, faith, and fun each Wednesday evening from September through May during Family Night! Drop-in dinner is from 6:00-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall and all-ages programming is from 7:00-8:00 pm. Free nursery care is available!

Please note: Dinner ONLY December 19, NO Family Night November 21 and December 26



**Ten Thousand Villages Market:** Saturday, October 27, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, and Sunday, October 28, 8:30 am-1:00 pm, in the Narthex and Parlor / Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit, fair-trade company that works with artisans in developing countries to ensure that they receive fair and stable pay for their work, as well as ensuring safe working conditions and empowering those who are commonly voiceless.

Start your Christmas shopping early by purchasing items that will make a difference in the lives of those who create the goods you purchase!

**PW Events:** See Page 12 for more information on November and December events.



# Upcoming Events Continued

**Wednesdays @ Noon Recital:** Wednesday, November 7, at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary / Join us for a midday recital featuring Marianne Kim on organ.

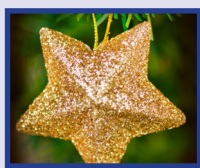
**Greg Athnos Lectures:** Members of First Pres are cordially invited to attend lectures presented by Greg Athnos at The Moorings (811 E. Central Rd, Arlington Heights). Programs begin at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. November 13: "Franz Liszt, A 19th Century Musical Radical"; November 27: "An American Choral Sampler: From Colonial America to 21st Century"; December 4: "Christmas Music and Poetry Through the Ages"



**Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble:** Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary / The Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble is

comprised of classically trained adult musicians performing a variety of repertoire in an equally diverse range of settings. The Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble continues to remain at the cutting edge of music for brass and organ, commissioning new compositions and entertaining audiences well into its third decade of existence.

**Wise and Sage Dinner:** Sunday, November 18, at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall / See Page 5 for more information.



**All-Church Christmas Decorating:** Saturday, November 24, at 9:30 am in the Narthex / Help make the church a special place for Christmas! Join in the

wonderful tradition with members of your church family to transform our church home and help get ready for Advent and the Christmas season. Meet in the Narthex at 9:30 am for refreshments and assignments. All ages are welcome for the variety of tasks, the more the merrier! **Questions:** Contact Marty Kraybill at marty1110k@gmail.com or 847-398-3423 and/or Lin Willour at lwillour@aol.com or 847-287-5179.

**Messiah Sing-Along:** Sunday, December 2, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary / First Pres is once

again teaming up with the Northwest Symphony Orchestra to bring Handel's *Messiah* to the Arlington Heights community in sing-along form. Warm up your vocal chords and join in the audience participation as we fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, such as the "Hallelujah Chorus," honoring the birth of our Savior.

**Wednesdays @ Noon Recital:** Wednesday, December 5, at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary / Join us for a midday recital featuring Sarah Jenks on piano and Megan Hendrickson, soprano.



## **PW Christmas Tea:**

Wednesday, December 12, 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall / See Page 4 for more information.

**Cookie Walk:** Sunday, December 16 / Stop in the Parlor after worship and get your Christmas cookies! All proceeds goes to Youth Missions!

**The Glory of Christmas Concert:** Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary / Experience a unique and inspiring vision of the Christmas story as the Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers, Men's Chorus, and Orchestra present a concert of seasonal favorites to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Gerald Finzi's *In Terra Pax* will be the featured work. Audience participation is encouraged as we raise our voices in singing familiar carols of the season.



## **All-Church Christmas**

**Caroling:** Sunday, December 23, at 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall / Warm up your singing voice!

We will divide into groups and head out to Luther Village, the Moorings, and individual homes to share the Christmas spirit with church members and friends who need some Christmas cheer. We will meet back in Fellowship Hall for a pizza dinner. **Questions?** Contact Michele Holifield at mkholifield@yahoo.com.

**Christmas Eve Worship:** Monday, December 24 / 4:00 pm Family Service and Pageant - 8:00 pm Worship - 10:00 pm Worship with Communion. Services will be in the Sanctuary.

# A Light in the Darkness

*By Rev. Alex Lang*

Every Sunday, during the season of Advent, we light a new candle on our Advent wreath. There are four candles placed along the outside of the wreath and one in the center. Each of these candles represent a theme that is critical to the season of Advent. If you have been in service during Advent, you probably remember that we usually have a family or an individual light the candle(s) as our call to worship.

This year, I have decided to base my Advent sermon series around the themes associated with these candles. The first candle represents hope, the second peace, the third joy, the fourth love and the fifth candle represents Jesus, the light of the world. This particular series is called, "A Light in the Darkness," and the focus is on how we live in a world where evil, malevolence and immorality dominate, and yet God is still able to shine through and overcome the darkness that enshrouds our lives.

The goal of this series is to explore how God makes the divine known to us in ways that we can observe and experience in the world. Each week we will take the theme of that Advent Sunday and attempt to discern the ways in which God's love becomes manifest in our lives. We will be examining how God brings hope in the midst of war and violence; peace in the midst of our chaotic internal lives; joy in the midst of a world focused solely on happiness; love in the midst of lives that often feel meaningless.

Then finally, on Christmas Eve, we will celebrate how Jesus embodies all of these themes because Jesus is where God's light is concentrated the most. I believe it will be a very uplifting and inspiring series that will truly prepare us for how our lives have been changed as the result of the birth of our Lord on Christmas day.

## What choir will be at worship?

Below you will find a list of the choirs and the dates they will be at worship.

9:00 am Worship: Music for November/December led by Compass

10:30 am Worship Ensembles:

November 4 – Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and First Pres Brass

November 11 – Chancel Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir

November 18 – Women's Chorus and First Pres Strings

November 25 – Jazz and Chancel Choir

December 2 – Chancel Choir

December 9 – Chancel Handbell Choir and Men's Chorus

December 16 – Chamber Singers, Chancel Choir, First Pres Brass

December 23 – Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

December 30 - Soloist(s)



# *Christmas Eve Worship*

*4:00 pm Family Service and Pageant*

*8:00 pm Worship*

*10:00 pm Worship with Communion*



## **Days of Restoration**

On Easter, you heard Rev. Alex talk about our new church initiative, Days of Restoration. To participate in Days of Restoration, sign up via our website to receive an e-mail that provides you with an action that you are to perform the following day. So far there have been some incredible acts of charity and forgiveness. The purpose of these actions is to practice the ethos of sacrifice and restoration. The more we practice these acts of sacrifice and restoration, the better we can achieve the ultimate end of the Christian faith: restoring balance to the world. Read what Larry Olson did when we asked people to write a letter of encouragement to a student in their life.

“I sent a letter to each of my four grandchildren. Megan is a supervisor at a clinic helping teens facing disruptive situations. Brian is employed in marketing/sales. Josh is leaving soon to study in Prague for a semester. Elizabeth begins her freshmen year at the University of Kentucky. Four very easy to write letters recognizing accomplishments with many more to come.” - Larry Olson

## **Celebrations**

To Josie Johnson on the birth of her grandson,  
**Zander Ben Faulkner**

## **Sympathy**

Please join in extending sympathy to:

To Tim Hurley and family on the passing of his  
father, **John (Jack) Hurley**

To Marc and Katie Washco on the death of  
their grandmother.

To the family of **Dan Wills**

## **Sympathy Continued**

To the family of **Glenn Richmond**

To Leon Nelson on the death of his sister,  
**Jeanette Olson**

To Mike Noble and family on the death of his  
father, **Fred W. Noble**

To the family of **John Albert**

To the family of **Laura Jean Gouwens**

To Lisa and Darl Pochert on the death of Lisa's  
father, **Neil A. Gerlach**





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## PW Upcoming Events

### Christian Women United

*Friday, November 2 / 1:00 pm at Christ Community Mennonite Church on S. Roselle Road in Schaumburg* - The Northwestern Illinois Chapter of Christian Women United (CWU) invites you to attend their upcoming program focusing on "World Community Day." This Ecumenical group is composed of church women of all faiths and services, and supports Christian Women International. CWU supports projects and women internationally with awards of resources through a source called, "Least Coin." The funds are collected at local levels of CWU. **For more details:** Contact Patty Richard at 847-255-3554 or patriciajr404@att.net

### Morning Circles and Christmas Celebrations

*Wednesday, November 21 / 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall* - All women are invited! "God's Promise" is our study for this year. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and Bible study.

In December, all Circles will be hosting their December Holiday Celebrations. Circles will meet at the following locations at **9:00 am on Wednesday, December 5:** Circle 1: Susan Carroll's home / Circle 2: Church Parlor / Circle 3: Marty Kraybill's home. Join in the holiday fellowship and celebration.

**Questions:** Contact Ingrid Kaufman at 847-705-5956 or ingridkaufman@icloud.com

### Circle 7 Events

*Tuesday, November 20 / 7:00 pm* - Presbyterian Women Circle 7 invites you to join them for fellowship and Bible study at the home of Sue Taflinger (2455 E. Towne Blvd. in Arlington Heights) with co-hostess Jan Cikra. *Bad Girls of the Bible* is the book being studied. **Questions?** Contact Sue at 847-398-2460

*Tuesday, December 18 / 6:30 pm* - Circle 7 invites women to join them at 6:30 pm at the Palm Court Restaurant (1912 N. Arlington Heights Rd in Arlington Heights) to share in holiday fellowship. **RSVP:** Karen Wilson at 847-669-2677