



# The Chimes



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## Worship Schedule

### All Saints Day

November 4, Communion Sunday

10:00 am Service

Psalm 24; **Revelation 21:1-6a**

Rev. Laura

"On That Day"

4:00 pm VIVID

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, Veterans Day

10:00 am Service

Romans 12:9-21; **Matthew 25:34-40**

Rev. Laura

"When Was It"

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18

10:00 am Service

Romans 12:9-21, Luke 21:1-4

Rev. Laura

### Christ the King

#### Hanging of the Greens

November 25

10:00 am Service *Food on the Fourth*

Revelation 1:4b-8; **John 18:33-38A**

Rev. Laura

"What is truth?"



Stewardship Sunday  
November 18th

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**Church Leadership****Session****Laurie Hartshorn, Clerk of Session****Class of 2018**

Jenna Hague  
 Mark Hanson  
 Linda Kelley  
 Ralph Krall  
 Cindy Shipley

**Class of 2019**

Charlotte Cronin  
 Mary Jo Mays  
 Alicia McKeighan  
 Megan McKeighan  
 Kathy Nordvall

**Class of 2020**

Tim Cole  
 Deb Hanson  
 Don Hartshorn  
 Pam Madden  
 Alexis Maloof

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 Vicki Ghidina  
 Angie Gross  
 Laurie Hartshorn  
 Michael Kelley  
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 Charlene Mousty  
 Sandy Nott  
 Rose Schmollinger  
 Trudy Sholtz

**Class of 2019**

Theresa Bender  
 Ken Krancher  
 John Madden  
 Sue McGill  
 Rick Noetzel  
 Deb Paul  
 Nancy Pogue  
 Bev Ranson  
 Myrna Schwarz

**Class of 2020**

Bill Barrett  
 Judi Beck  
 Audrey Beeney  
 Pat Bensing  
 Theresa Buley  
 Betty Downard  
 Ann Gropp  
 Megan Marsh  
 Nancy Thompson

**Session Committee Liaisons**

Church Life  
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 Worship & the Arts  
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Pray for the pastoral leadership even now being prepared by God to partner with UPC.

Interested in joining United Presbyterian Church?  
 Contact the pastor or visit our website at: [www.unitedpc.org](http://www.unitedpc.org).

## Letter from Laura

I've been out to Grandview Drive several times in recent days. The colors are outstanding this year. It always makes me wonder a bit about eyes – how wonderfully made they are. No photo ever seems to *quite* catch the complete crispness and beauty our eyes drink in when fall colors pop. Last fall I didn't pay much attention to the colors because Northmoor was still closed and I wasn't always sure where I was. In the midst of the beauty, I think of the sadness woven into our ordinary lives, beginning with sitting in the surgical waiting room with the Nixons last October to hugging someone yesterday when she told me of a death in her family. How precious our life together, our UPC community is. An interim time is so short, passing in the blink of an eye within a long unfolding story. The results are often seen in hindsight. Makes one wonder sometimes, even as the trees along Grandview Drive make me want to shout with joy!

I won't wonder about one thing. Before we know it, UPC will be planning a mortgage burning and I want to come back and enjoy it. Since 2007, through doing multiple extra-mile giving programs, matches from the Foundation for special mortgage gifts, refinancing twice for a better interest rate, faithful steady giving from many people, directing every unrestricted bequest to the principal, receiving support to the general budget from the Foundation most years and keeping our eye on the goal we had reduced the mortgage by 75% in June of 2018. When we started UMM! on July 1<sup>st</sup> we were 71 months away from paying off the mortgage. Now we're 51 months away and counting! What great news! No matter how we crunch the numbers, we find positive results.

Thanks for your support of this mortgage reduction program, **Unite to Move the Mortgage!**, a collaborative program of the Stewardship and Finance Committee and UPC Foundation. Our hope for **UMM!** is to have every one of our Ministry Partners – every child, youth, woman and man who benefits from our beautiful facility and grounds – take this opportunity to pool our resources and shorten the term on the mortgage by making additional payments on the principal. We are asking all organizations, groups, clubs, members and friends of UPC to consider making a gift between 7/1/18 and 12/31/18 to help this happen. It's not too late to participate in UMM! – where every gift matters.

Blessings,  
Rev. Laura



## Worship & the Arts



**VIVID in November**  
VIVID is an intergenerational worship service that values hands-on ac-

tivities, intergenerational community and collaboration, and an informal environment to promote relationships. VIVID stands for the kind of worship experience we hope to create: Interactive, Intergenerational, and Illuminating. On All Saints Day, November 4 we will be worshipping with interactive story-telling, prayer stations, songs, and a shared meal together.

### Are you a Facebook User?

**If so, you can help us.**

If you are a Facebook User, you can help the church out by doing three very simple things. 1) Please "Like" the United Presbyterian Church page 2) give us a 5-star rating with a brief little note on why you like the church 3) Recommend the page to other. These three easy things will greatly help visitors when they look at the page to get a sense of our church and they will be more likely to view the content on our Facebook page. Thank you.

### Christmas Concert at UPC

Save the Date! On Saturday, December 1 at 4:00pm the worship ministry at UPC is presenting a worshipful concert featuring music from the Chancel Choir, Worship Band, Handbell Choir, Celtic Ensemble, Instrumental Ensembles, and our preschool children. It will also weave together Scripture, poetry, and story proclaiming the mystery of Christ's birth. The concert is free and we encourage all of you to invite friends and family to attend this event.

### Advent Devotionals

Remember to pick up your Advent devotionals at the end of November. This year our devotionals will be accessible to people of all ages so you can go through this resource on your own, with a partner, or with the whole family. Additional details will be provided in the Ringer as the pick-up date gets closer.

### There is an Artist Behind Art

The scope of this article is way too limited to make a case for why visual art is important. So, I assume you have already come to this conclusion. As someone who thinks art is important, what can you do to move from conviction to action?

Peoria needs people who support the arts. Not "arts" in a disembodied phenomenological sense. I mean artists.

Since my time in Peoria, I am amazed at the disconnect between people who say they "value the arts" and how local artists are actually supported systemically and financially. Because the term "arts" has been conflated to mean any creative endeavor, we have lost all sense of the very real connection between artist and arts. The arts do not exist without artists, and artists cannot work at their craft diligently and passionately without a support system in place. In order to create "fine art" or "challenging art" or "provocative art", the artist themselves need to have the time and resources to create.

How can you help? I'm going to offer 2 concrete steps.

1) **Pay for art made by real artists** in direct way where the artists actually receive the money. If you want to furnish your house with good art, be patient and go to galleries, cafes, exhibits, shows that feature local art and be ready to purchase something. This may take months and years before you find something you love. But if you wait and find a piece that speaks to you, it may be something you have for the rest of your life. And believe me, one piece you pay \$600 is worth way more than a handful of kitschy prints you find at Home Goods or Crate and Barrel.

2) **Talk to artists.** Go to gallery spaces. Visit studio spaces on First Fridays. Attend an Emerging Artist's Collective meeting at Ear and the Envelope on the fourth Thursdays from 4:00-5:30pm and meet artists who are striving to step onto the arts scene in Peoria. It might be intimidating at first, but artists would love to talk about their work and they will be grateful you are taking an interest in them as people. Ask what inspired them to create their work. Ask them about their story and how they discovered their passion for art. Talk to them like normal people because they are normal people (with some potential quirky and socially awkward tendencies).

I encourage you to both *appreciate* and *support* the arts in real ways. For more information for ways of engaging the arts, please email me at [aschultz@unitedpc.org](mailto:aschultz@unitedpc.org). It would be great to have the opportunity to discuss more about this.

Aaron Schultz

## Session Shorts

The Session met on Tuesday, October 23rd and opened the evening with the delight of watching the video about our UPC Discovery Nature Explore Classroom, said video having been sponsored and funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education to inspire and train other early childhood professionals to improve educational environments. Filmed on our campus during the 2017-2018 school year, the Session was deeply appreciative of the sneak preview.\* In our sharing time before opening prayer, we acknowledged we had all learned something new about our preschool. The Session then entered into a lively discussion with Josh Wrigley about his proposed Eagle Scout project, referring to Properties the approval of a draft plan to be brought back for Session approval. We also received minutes and/or oral reports from all standing committees and the Clerk, called a Congregational meeting for 12/2 for the purpose of conducting elections and approved the baptism of Felix Maloof on 11/11/18. The Clerk presented a certificate to Elder Alexis Maloof in honor of her recently completed term on the National Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women and read a letter about recognizing Alexis' service and willingness to share her many gifts in the mission and ministry of Presbyterian Women. Several fundraisers for the youth were approved: a Chili cook off on 1/27/19, the traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5, 2019 and a Paint Night (painting pictures) on March 9, 2019, as well as scheduling fundraiser dinners on 4th Sundays at Oliver's year on a regular basis. The Session also spent time in executive session and then adjourned at 9:05 until the next regular meeting of November 27, 2018.

\*(go to <https://youtu.be/sh9hZ4XJHSs> to see)

## Thank You Notes

UPC Church Friends,

Thanks to Keli, our nurse, for her visits to Jim and me. I was in the hospital Aug. 16-18 and Jim was in Sept. 9-10. Also thanks to Linda Kelley, Julie Watson, Vicki Ghidina, and John Madden for their visits to Jim and other members for phone calls and cards. The church sent each of us a beautiful red rose. Thanks and God bless.

Eunice and Jim Andrews

Thank you for your support of the Peoria Municipal Band.

Dear Church Friends,

What a great church to belong to at the untimely loss of my brother Dan. Your heartfelt condolences and prayers and

the efforts and time that you took to come to his visitation was overwhelming. United Presbyterian Church is a church living by example. Pam and I are proud to be members of such a Christ inspired Church.

Thank you,  
Pamela and John Madden

Thank you so much for the lovely rose sent during my hospital stay. Special thanks to Pastor Laura for her visit and Parish Nurse Keli for her phone call. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Kathy Roland

In honor of my brother Paul's passing, I want to thank you for the white rose & the card with all the thoughtful members who signed it. I appreciate the love and support of this wonderful church.

Thanks,  
Jan Mooberry



## Nature Connections

### It's Bird Feeding Time !

Nature Connections will be providing free *Bird Feeding Kits* again this year. The joys of connecting with God's little creatures is good for kids, good for families, and good for seniors. Nature Connections will provide a *Free Bird Feeder, Instruction Information from Cornell Ornithology Lab, and your First Bag of Bird Seed*. Pick up your kit on December 2 at Christmas Tree for the Birds. Email [judyhelm@telstar-online.net](mailto:judyhelm@telstar-online.net) or tell the office if you want a kit.

It's free, give it a try!



### Upcoming Fundraisers

- January 27, 2019 Chili cook off after church at 11:00 am. Prepare your best chili recipe
- March 5, 2019 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner— evening
- March 9, 2018 Paint Night Fundraiser
- 4th Sundays at Oliver's year round or as scheduled

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

2018 Children and Youth Christmas Program

New date: 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16 @ 10:00.

Anyone wanting a speaking part must come to the rehearsal on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 9:30 am. The script will be projected on the screens so we can read what we wish we'd heard. The old, old story told in a new way.

## Christian Education

### Children's Sunday School

Can you teach on the second, third and fourth Sunday of a month for us? Or commit to being a sub? Please let Rev. Laura know as she is doing the scheduling and training for us right now. 815-822-0557 or [revlaura1911@hotmail.com](mailto:revlaura1911@hotmail.com). Classes are for age 3-PreK; K, 1st & 2nd and 3rd-6th.

### Adult Sunday School

Offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, the curriculum being used is the "Present Word". **If you are interested in more information, attending class or need materials please contact : Ann Gropp-309-339-3239.** We meet in Room 105 (Sewing room).

### Books of the Bible Puzzle Answers

The books are Amos, Mark, Luke, John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Esther, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus, Matthew, Genesis, Philemon, Chronicles, Daniel, Nahum, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi, Peter, Exodus, and Kings.

## Youth Groups

### Youth Groups Update

Jump Start is for those in 3rd-5th grades

RUSH is for those in 6th-8th grades

QUEST is for those in 9th-12th grades

#### 2018

Nov 11 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Dec 9 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

#### 2019

Jan 13 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Jan 27 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Feb 10 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Feb 24 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Mar 5 Pancake supper 5:30-7:30

Mar 24 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Apr 14 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

Apr 28 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00

May 19 Jumpstart 1-2:30 RUSH/Quest 2:30-4:00 \

### Pancake Breakfast Thank you

A big thank you to everyone for supporting the youth pancake breakfast on Sunday, October 21. We served over 120 people and made \$519.40. This money will be used for summer youth trips. We would also like to thank the "Dough Boys" for assisting in the kitchen. What a big help!

# Mission

## Family Christmas Shop

Family Christmas Shop is right around the corner on Saturday, December 8th from 4:00-6 :00 pm. This annual event provides gifts for families in our community at no cost to them. In addition, the families are able to enjoy an afternoon of holiday treats, family photos, and activities for the kids.

We've been talking about a few updates to this year's event- namely moving the format from a shopping experience to having the families provide a wishlist of items with an open house style event in December. Now we need your help! Starting in early November be on the lookout for tags with a wishlist item from our families. Please return the item unwrapped and with the tag attached to make sorting as easy as possible. We hope this will make your shopping easier and is also a benefit for our families in providing gifts we know the children will enjoy. Monetary donations of any amount to purchase the wish list items are also greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed in advance of the event and on the afternoon of the Family Christmas Shop. A sign up sheet will be in the welcome center in early November or by contacting the church office. Here are the areas of opportunity- note with our updated format a few of the volunteer positions have changed but there are still many opportunities to get involved!

Sunday, November 25th at 4:00 pm: Help us sort the gifts returned to the church by family and group them together in order to make pick-up run smoothly. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Friday, December 7th at 5 p.m.- Help with the final sorting of gifts and setup for the event. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

### Saturday, December 8th- Family Christmas Shop

- Greeters- Welcome families at the door with a smile and direct to the check-in table.
- Check-in Table- Check into the event and provide a list of instructions for the evening.
- Portraits- Assist photographer in family portraits area.
- Hospitality and Snacks- Set-up snack area and serve guests.
- Children's Activities- Assist children in shopping for their adults and playing while their adults pick up gifts.
- Nursery- Provide care for our youngest guests in the nursery (ages 2 and under).
- Gift Wrapping- Wrap gifts after families have picked up their presents.
- *New-* Family Craft Station- Assist families in making a family craft in the Fellowship Hall.
- *New-* Gift Distribution- Distribute the gifts to the families that have been pre-sorted by family name.
- *New-* Family Concierge- Assist families in navigating the stations, hold presents and help take to car, answer questions, provide amazing welcome and hospitality.



## Mission Cont'd

### Love Peoria Movement

Join the Dream Center Peoria as they ask the question... What would happen if WE loved like CHRIST for 60 days? It will transform our community!

When we treat people with dignity, compassion and purpose and go over the top with extravagant love, it causes people to think differently about themselves. This is the key to breaking the chains of poverty. When we extravagantly love others, not based on their circumstances but based on how Christ loved us, it begins a transformation from poverty to stability.

They have challenged the community to spread love around Peoria for 60 days in November and December. Learn more at [lovepeoria.com](http://lovepeoria.com) or reach out to Michelle Nielsen Ott with questions.

Love Peoria Examples:

#### Family & Friends

1. Tell someone how wonderful they are and how happy you are to have them in your life.
2. Go visit your your parents or a relative. Tell them how much you appreciate them (or one thing about them you do appreciate).
3. Visit a sick friend.
4. Do something special for your family at breakfast. Put chocolate chips in their pancakes.
5. Surprise them with an unexpected visit or phone call.
6. Write love notes for your kids or spouse and put them in their lunches.
7. Surprise someone with flowers.

#### Neighborhood

8. Rake leaves or share a coffee at home with a widow.
9. Send someone a unexpected care package.
10. Introduce yourself to a neighbor you don't know.
11. Give a new mom her own gift.

#### Workplace

12. Write a thank you note.
13. Share your knowledge with someone who needs it.
14. Be 'big' enough to lose a battle.
15. Say nice things about someone at work behind their back.

#### Community

16. Offer to pray with a stranger who stands out to you.
17. Buy a stranger lunch and eat with them.
18. Smile at every stranger at the mall.
19. Write a positive customer review in person for an employee who stands out to you. In person, tell them what you appreciate about them.
20. Write Post-It notes with encouraging messages and leave them in library books. Acknowledge someone else's kindness to you.
21. Pick up trash at a street corner and pray for the neighborhood.
22. Compliment a stranger on a noticed kindness.

#### Local Organizations

23. Read a book to a child.
24. "Adopt a block" by delivering food, praying, and talking about Jesus.
25. Take a rose to someone in the home for the elderly.





## Mission Cont'd

### Projecto Amar Update

From August 2nd - 5th, 98 children from Projecto Amar I and Projecto Amar II gathered for a camp with the goals being to have fellowship and fun together, share principles of the Kingdom of God and evangelism. This year's theme was based on C.S. Lewis' famous book from the Chronicles of Narnia series: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.

During the three days, the children learned about the following topics: "Who is God?", "The Problem of Sin", "Redemption through the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ", "Taking Responsibility as a Christian in the World" and "Teamwork in the Body of Christ."

The camp was facilitated by 52 individuals, including staff from Projecto Amar, volunteers and a Christian organization called "Cerrado Acampamento" that specializes in Christian camps. Also, the guest speaker for the week was a missionary named Pedro Palhaco. The children enjoyed the games, activities, sports and recreation that all centered around the "Narnia" theme, as well as worship around the campfire.

One of the highlights this year was seeing some of the adolescents from the Projecto Amar programs serve as junior leaders at the camp; they took their task of serving as role models and leaders for the discipleship sessions very seriously. During the camp, eight children accepted Jesus as Savior, seventeen rededicated their lives to the Lord and five responded to the challenge of being a missionary whenever the Lord may call them.

This camp was made possible by the generosity of state-side donors through VisionTrust, and also generous local support in Brazil. The campsite is owned by a Christian family that allowed Projecto Amar to use it free of charge. Also, the ministry was gifted with generous donations of food to serve the children during their stay.

The staff in Brazil are praising God for the generous donations and the faithful prayers of those who helped make this life-changing trip possible for the children of Projecto Amar!

## Church Life

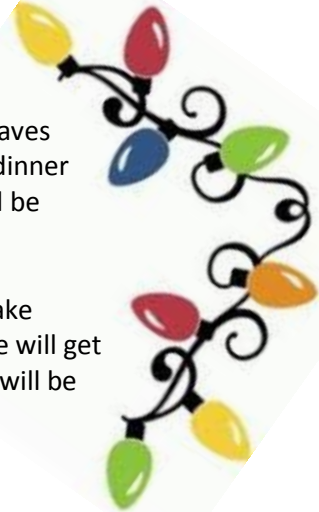
### Dining Tour Books

Dining Tour Books are available in the church office for \$30.00 each. There are 17 new restaurants this year. All proceeds go towards the Share the Warmth blanket ministry of UPC. We receive \$10.00 for each book. Contact the office if you are interested in one.

### Bus Trip

We are taking a bus trip to see Folepi Wonderland Sunday, December 9th. The bus leaves UPC at 4:30 pm and returns after dinner (on your own). The restaurant will be decided. Cost is \$5.00 per person (prepay).

Please call Trish at 693-2002 to make reservations. Note: First 13 people will get seats on the church bus, overflow will be asked to drive their own cars.



### Ladies Night Out

Place: Pizza Ranch on Brandywine

Date: November 15

Time: 6:00 pm

RSVP to Eunice Andrews @ 688-8458 or Betty Pugh @ 822-8500.

### BUNCO

Join us for a fun filled evening playing BUNCO in the UPC Fellowship Hall on November 9. We begin at 7:00 pm. Bring a dollar for prizes along with a snack to share. All ages encouraged to have fun counting, adding numbers and throwing a dice. BUNCO will not meet in December.

### Anna Circle

Date: Thursday, November 8th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Weaver Ridge, Peoria, IL

Chapter 10 of "The Girls Still Got It"

Mission: There will be NO Share the Warmth blanket-making due to the Thanksgiving weekend.

## Parish Nurse

### November is

### National Diabetes Awareness Month

Having pre-diabetes or diabetes does not mean you have to stop eating in restaurants or give up your favorite foods. What is important is making healthy food choices, eating regular meals, and controlling the amount you eat. To manage diabetes it is important to learn about counting carbohydrates, measuring a serving size, reading food labels, developing a practical meal plan, setting goals for healthy eating, and preventing high or low blood sugar. Your health care provider, dietitian, or diabetic educator can help you with this.

Being active is an important part of diabetic management. Exercise is helpful in keeping diabetes under control. Choose activities you enjoy and that fit into your daily routine. Exercising for 10 minutes 3 times throughout the day is as good as one 30 minute activity session.

Checking your blood sugar on a regular basis is also helpful for diabetic control. A log of your blood sugar results helps your health care provider make necessary changes in your diabetic management plan. Other tests that monitor overall health for those with diabetes include A1C (blood test to monitor long-term blood sugar control), weight, blood pressure, cholesterol level, kidney function (urine and blood test), eye health (dilated eye exam), and foot health (foot exam and sensory testing).

If you have diabetes, it may be necessary to take a pill or insulin injection to lower your blood sugar. Some people with diabetes also take medication to lower blood pressure and cholesterol. It is important to take your medications as prescribed and to talk with your health care provider right away if you are having any problems or side effects from the medication. It is also very important to talk with your health care provider before taking any over-the-counter medications including supplements and herbals.

Learning how you might feel if your blood sugar is low and what measures to take should also be discussed with your health care provider or diabetic educator. Low blood sugar can result from taking too much diabetic medication, skipping meals, exercising more than you are used to, and drinking too much alcohol.

In addition to following a plan for diabetic management, the following precautions may reduce the risk of complications of diabetes: have regular medical exams and tests; see an eye doctor at least once a year; keep feet clean and dry, report any sores or redness to your health care provider, have a friend or family member check the bottom of your feet if you have trouble seeing; don't smoke; and be sensitive to any changes in your health.

If you are having trouble coping with your diabetic plan, don't hesitate to discuss concerns with your health care provider or diabetic educator. It is important to have a support network for healthy coping. Attending group education sessions, staying socially engaged, and building healthy relationships can help a person stay physically and emotionally healthy.

<http://www.diabeteseducator.org/living-with-diabetes/aade7-self-care-behaviors>

Keli Briggs, MSN, RN

Faith Community Nurse



## Parish Nurse

Please keep the following people in your thoughts:

Eunice Andrews  
 Mary Buesing  
 Ken Brower  
 Penny Brower  
 Charles Cook  
 Kerry Dickerson  
 Mary Everett  
 Geneva Hall (Gulley)  
 Jes Hall  
 Jaxson Harper  
 Margaret Hutchison (Madden)  
 Mary Jermac  
 Dwight Jones  
 Katie (Cronin)  
 Mike Kelley  
 Ralph Krall  
 Debbie Kutter  
 Duane Mach  
 David McDowell  
 Jaci Nunley  
 Dean Peoples  
 Christy Presseau (Malooof)  
 Stephanie Rittmiller  
 (Rouzer)  
 Bill Schultz  
 Larry & Sara Stotts  
 Josh Swank  
 Felicia Vallosio  
 Cal Vobroucek  
 Jon & Kim Wrigley  
 Ruthie Yingling



For those in active service: Holly Donald

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of John Madden on the death of his brother, Dan Madden, on September 30.

Congratulations to Tim and Beth Ghidina on the birth of their son Tucker John, born October 8. Grandparents are John & Vicki Ghidina and Great-Grandmother is Bernice McGlasson.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Jan Mooberry on the death of her brother, Paul Arford, on October 12.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Shirley Poshard on the death of her brother-in-law, Keith Poshard on October 26, 2018.

Prayers of Christian sympathy for the family of Linda Kelley on the death of her aunt, Helen Kinsell on October 28, 2018.

## News and Notes

### Fall Back

Just a reminder to set your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings ends on November 4th.

### December CHIMES Info Date Change

Please note that for the month of December, the CHIMES information will be due in the office on December 13. We will be collating the CHIMES on December 20 because the office will be closed the week of Christmas.

### Congratulations to Christie Cook

Congratulations to Christie Cook for recently receiving the Stan Rupp Peoria Area Anti-Hunger Coalition Memorial Award for 2018.

### Congratulations to Lowell Gropp

**German Town Hills Elementary School** was planning spirit week. They decided the theme for the week would include being friendly to others, saying nice things to others, helping others, noticing those not always noticed and taking them under your wing, etc. In listing these attributes someone said there is only one person here who is all of these things, Mr. Lowell Gropp. Lowell is the custodian extraordinaire. They decided secretly to honor him at an all school assembly. The classes made signs, banners, and personal cards to give him. The school invited his family and they in turn invited friends to help join in the celebration. Congratulations, Lowell!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi No Bereavement	<b>2</b> 9:00 StarNet Conference 1:00 Mah Jongg	<b>3</b> 9:00 PGR at Galesburg 6:30 Holiday Bash
<b>4 Communion All Saint's Day</b> 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 4:00 VIVID USBorne Book Sale	<b>5</b> 8:30 Exercise 5:30 Member Care 6:00 Tai Chi 6:30 Church Life 6:30 Properties	<b>6</b> 9:30 PASG Collection 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	<b>7</b> 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 5:30 Bells 6:00 Nature Connections 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Choir 7:00 Preschool 7:15 Worship Band	<b>8</b> 8:30 Exercise 11:30 PASGDTS 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Anna Circle 6:30 Stewardship & Finance	<b>9</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Put flags out in the cemetery	<b>10</b> 8:00—5:00 American Sewing Guild
<b>11</b> 9:00 Mission 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Worship & Arts/Christian Ed Maloof Baptism 1:00 Jumpstart 2:30 RUSH/Quest	<b>12 No Preschool</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:00 Parents' Bereavement 6:00 Moms Demand Action 6:00 Tai Chi	<b>13 No Preschool</b> 9:00 PASG Board 10:00 am Independence Village Worship Service 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:00 Human Resources 6:30 Families Anonymous	<b>14 No Preschool</b> 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 11:00 PEO BX 11:30 ANG 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Choir 7:15 Worship Band	<b>15 No Preschool</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Ladies Night Out	<b>16 No Preschool</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg	<b>17</b> Private Party in kitchen and gym
<b>18</b> Stewardship Sunday 8:00 CHIMES Info Due 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship Blood Pressure Screening/office	<b>19</b> 8:30 Exercise 6:00 Tai Chi	<b>20 No Preschool</b> 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous	<b>21 No Preschool</b> 8:00 Session Info Due in Office 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 5:30 Bells 6:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Choir 7:15 Worship Band	<b>22 Office Closed</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	<b>23 Office Closed</b>	<b>24</b> Brookens' Thanksgiving In Fellowship Hall/ Kitchen
<b>25 Christ the King Sunday</b> <b>Food on the Fourth</b> 9:00 Adult Education 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship 11:15 Snack Pack Packing 11:15 Hanging of the Greens 4:00 Sort Christmas Gifts for FCS	<b>26</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:00 Parents' Bereavement 6:00 Tai Chi	<b>27 No Preschool</b> 11:30 PASGNP 1:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Bereavement 6:30 Families Anonymous 7:00 Session	<b>28</b> 8:30 Pastors' Bible Study 9:30 PASGSS 1:00 Collate CHIMES 5:30 Concert Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 8:30 Exercise 1:30 Tai Chi 6:00 Bereavement 6:00 Concert Dress Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg	<b>1</b> 4:00 Christmas Concert

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