


Spirit SIGHTINGS



Presbyterian Church of Palatine

May 2024

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Accepting everyone, we engage in partnerships that serve with love
and compassion, seeking to create a just and equitable world.





Pastor's Message

A Prayer for the Day of Pentecost by Jay Blossom

Come, Holy Spirit.

We remember your outpouring.

On the day of Pentecost, you settled
like tongues of fire
On all flesh, both young and old,
Displaying your glory to pilgrims from
every nation.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We seek your refreshment.

Wash over us with peace that passes
understanding,
With gratitude for our daily bread,
With love for our neighbors and for
ourselves,
And with courage for the journey set
before us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

We await your transformation.

Send us out with power to love those
whom the world calls unlovely,
To strengthen those who have faltered
along the way,

To bind up the brokenhearted,
To employ your gifts in the struggle for
justice.

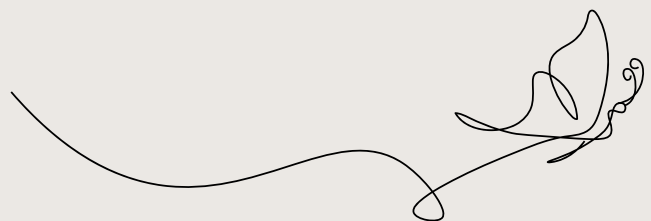
Come, Paraclete.

Be our Helper as we help the neediest
among us.
Be our Comforter as we comfort those
who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
Be our Advocate as we advocate for
the voiceless and the parentless.

Change us, we pray.

Move us and send us into the world under
your power, for your glory.

Amen.



Pastor RJ Kang

Stewardship



Nine and a half years ago, in the fall of 2014, our first Season Team, Harvest 1 was formed and, as we called it then, the Season Team Structure was officially started at our church. I was a member of the Advent 2014 team and since then have been on a total of 11 teams as a member and several more as the Stewardship Representative.

For me, the Season Team embodies all aspects of Stewardship and I still find that participating on a Season Team to be a very rewarding experience. At the planning meeting you meet the other team members, work through the process of developing the season theme and the mission projects that speak to you through the scripture for the season.

At this meeting the team comes together around one goal, providing the best worship and fellowship experience possible during the season. It is so rewarding to see a team of 3-5 individuals gel into one cohesive team where the strengths and weaknesses of the individual team members are complemented by the strengths and weaknesses of the others.

Everyone has a role to fill during the season and there is always someone to help you out if you have difficulty with your role.

As a team member you get to draw upon all the aspects of stewardship: time, talent and financial resources. During the season you will be utilizing your time to help provide the best worship and fellowship experience possible.

Over the past 9+ years I have worked with some very talented people that I did not know well or didn't appreciate the depth of their talent. Early on we realized that through season teams we got to know each other better, often forming friendships that still exist today.

Being a season team member does not require any financial investment on your part. But I find that as we support the mission projects, I'm inclined to give more to those projects than I normally would.

So, where am I going with this primer on season teams? Two of the 2024 teams need your help. Pentecost 1 has been changed from one to two teams to better accommodate summer activities. These teams need members. I'm hoping that I have been able to generate some interest and that you will consider becoming a member of one of these teams.

The benefits are huge for a small expenditure of your time. Signup sheets are outside the church office. Thank you.

Bruce Churchill
Stewardship Ministry Team



Easter Season Updates

“Easter: Turning the World Upside Down”

During the Easter Season, we celebrate the joy of transformation through the risen Christ. Following Jesus’ example, we seek to turn the world upside down through acts of kindness, compassion, and commitment to help those who struggle with life challenges we cannot fathom. In the season’s final weeks, we invite you to be involved:

Friday, May 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Feed My Starving Children Meal packing session at FMSC -- 740 Wiley Farm Ct., Schaumburg. Optional light supper at PCOP 5:00 p.m. Join PCOP friends in packing nutritious meal pouches to be distributed to children facing acute food insecurity around the world. Sign up by April 30. Carpooling from PCOP available.

Sunday, May 5th during Fellowship

Partners for our Communities
Come and learn more about challenges faced by many in our community, and how POC helps empower underserved people. While learning, enjoy some Cinco de Mayo treats!



United Africa Organization



Please bring gently-used clothing and household items to help recent migrants and refugees from Africa:

- Gently-used clothing (men’s, women’s, and children’s)
- Back-packs and carryalls
- Dishes, cutlery/utensils, dish towels, bath towels
- Brooms, trash cans, cleaning supplies

Recent African and other newcomers come to the US to escape political prosecution or civil unrest or to seek greater educational and employment opportunities.

UAO helps them become integrated and make valued contributions in their new country. Please leave items under the Cosby Room coat rack.

Team Members

Emima Asakawa, Kathy Ekeberg, Katrina Keiffer, Tom Kenter, Jan Lohs, and Cheryl Maluta.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: ‘What are you doing for others?’”
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Presbyterian Women

PW Circles

Grace Circle's final meeting of the year will be a brunch potluck on May 15th at 10am in the Cosby Room. Rebecca Circle will meet on May 18th at 10am via zoom. You are very welcome to come whether you have attended before or not.



PW Retreat Recap

Thirteen women gathered for the annual PW Retreat April 12 - 14 (Friday evening through Sunday brunch) at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. Traveling the greatest distance was Kelly Gordon - from Ontario, Canada!

It was a fun, relaxing and fulfilling weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth - not to mention warm, sunny weather in a beautiful setting. Kathy Ekeberg led a meaningful study, "Sharing Our Faith Journeys".



Pictured

Left to right

Back row: Mindy Drum, Marge Pearson, Nancy Briggs, Jan Lohs, Tracey Grady, Sheila Ford, Kelly Gordon.
Front row: Kathy Ekeberg, Judy Lundeen, Linda Baumgart, Bev Auer, Pam Anderson, Barbara Singelmann.



PCOP Pantry

From mid-March until the end of April, our PCOP Pantry delivered 31 orders to 12 different families which included 24 adults and 30 children. One of the families was a first-time client. The total estimated cost of those orders was \$1,821 and the number of separate items totaled 1,098.

The pantry was open on March 21, April 4, and April 18. As always, families unable to pick up their orders on the scheduled day are welcome to retrieve them whenever the church office is open.

The Virginia Lake Social Worker continues to personally deliver 2 orders to clients who have transportation issues.

The Pantry Mission Team decided to add one more item for clients to request - feminine hygiene sanitary pads. These were added to our order form in mid-April and first deliveries will be on 5/2. As we do for laundry detergent (which is the only other non-food item we stock,) we will limit availability to one package per month.

Barbara Churchill, Mary Kenter, Anita Kern, Wayne Mroz



Lent Season Update

The Lent season team is grateful for all who supported our mission to collect personal hygiene items for Palatine High School's comfort closet, Pirate Cove. We not only received enough toiletries to stock the Cove's shelves, but also a good deal of non-perishable food items which can be sent home with students so that they have access to food over the weekends. Thank you!

Pam Anderson, Linda Baumgart, Anita Kern, Marge Pearson, Barbara Singelmann, Nancy Barkman



Pentecost 1

Help Needed!

Unity in the Spirit
May 19th-July 7th

Please sign up on the poster in the entryway to help with fellowship and ushering during P1. Two people are needed each Sunday for fellowship (set-up and clean-up) and one person to usher.



What does it mean to be a Presbyterian?



PC (U.S.A.) 101, Part III

1

Embracing the Presbyterian identity involves affirming the role of women in ministry, recognizing that God's call extends to both women and men across all facets of the church's ministries.

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“This commitment reflects our understanding of the church's unity within the broader universe.”

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As Presbyterians, we uphold the dignity of all individuals, irrespective of their social backgrounds.

This commitment to inclusivity is a cornerstone of our identity as members the Presbyterian Church, valuing the respect and acknowledgment afforded to every person.

Being Presbyterian emphasizes that the work of the church is a collective effort involving ministers, elders, deacons, and laypeople. The mission to share the gospel globally and govern the church is a collaborative endeavor, incorporating both clergy and laity, men and women alike. Notably, decision-making is not concentrated in the hands of one person, making it a particularly appealing aspect of Presbyterianism. It represents an inclusive governance approach within the church.





Upcoming Events

May

2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Food Pantry
2:30

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Worship 10 AM
Speaker 11:30 AM

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PW Board
10AM

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W3
7 PM

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Worship
10 AM

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Personnel
7 PM

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Grace Circle
10AM

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Food Pantry
2:30

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Rebecca Circle
10AM

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The Day of Pentecost
Worship 10 AM
P2 Planning 11:30 AM

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Stewardship
7 PM

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Worship 10 AM
Session 11:30 AM

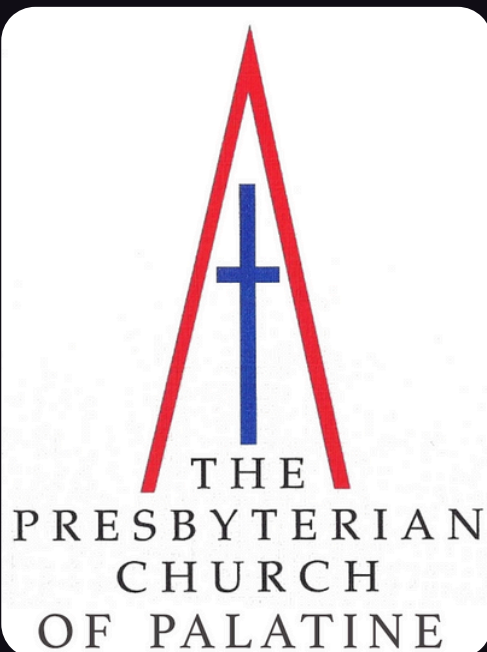
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