

*First Presbyterian Church*  
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## ***TOWER TOPICS***

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**When:** Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Who:** Everyone is invited

**What:** Alla Soroka, an international peacemaker from Ukraine, will be speaking about her work and life.



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

If you travel to Loch Ness in Scotland you can take any number of boat tours out onto the loch to look at the countryside, the geological sites and formations of the land, wildlife, Urquhart Castle, and of course, Nessie, the legendary Loch Ness monster. Most of the trips that go out onto the loch, in fact, seem to be some sort of monster search trips. However, the leaders of those trips, from what I could gather, have no belief in a monster. They have used sonar and other technology and though they have tracked large moving objects, those with the most experience and scientific technology among us, do not believe that such a monster exists. However, they never come out and say it directly. They will give their opinion based on the facts they have but they never come out and say, “This is hog wash! There is no monster.” Why? Because their livelihood depends on people coming to Loch Ness in the hopes of seeing this thing that in their own opinion does not exist. That cannot say the truth because the truth could cost them their livelihood. So they say things like, “In my opinion...” or, “from what I have seen...” and always leave the door open so that more people will come searching. (By the way, even without a monster sitting, Loch Ness is gorgeous and a most stunning part of creation that is worth the visit and tour!)

That got me to thinking about all those things we know to be true but just cannot get ourselves to say because it would cost us something – some understanding, our moral high ground, our self-righteous position, our reputation among our friends. So instead of speaking a truth we hunker down on our tenuous position and pretend we cannot see the truth of the matter.

Let me give you an example. I have a person in my life who sees things from a VERY different perspective. As a black man he has a very different take on social justice, racism, peaceful protest, social violence, systemic racial problems, and so forth. When we talk, sometimes what he says makes me very uncomfortable. It makes me uncomfortable because there is truth in it and it causes me to AT LEAST say, “That is outside my experience, but I can see that might be true.” But to say that is to give up the moral high ground. To acknowledge that truth is to say he might have a point. So I can either acknowledge that or hunker down and ignore the truth of what he says.

In Jerusalem there is a peace center run by the Roman Catholic Church. I head the director of the peace center speak on the difficulty of peace conversations in the Middle East because both sides have to establish that they have suffered more than the other side, and neither side can concede the suffering of the other side without giving up the moral high ground. They have to ignore a truth in order to keep their handle on what they need.

So now I am going through the hard work of examining my “truths” to see where my blind spots might be. Let’s take race relations, since that is a hot button topic. What are my assumptions,

prejudices, stereotypes, and those things for which I have no proof but anecdotally hold onto as truth? Where are those things that make me so uncomfortable that I shut down conversation and revert to “what I know”? What are those things I just refuse to acknowledge because I then lose the moral high ground? I think we all probably have those things in our lives, but they are hard to identify and harder to deal with. But understanding is only found when we can open ourselves up and acknowledge the truth that we might not have all the answers and someone else’s experience, though different from ours, is valid. Then, and only then, do we begin moving to some middle ground where we can both stand firm.

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## **SESSION NOTES**

- Sadly removed Evelyn Anderson, Oral Congdon, Clarence Griffin, and Warren Piehl from the rolls upon dates of their deaths
- Placed 10 people on the inactive roll of the church due to request or inactivity in the church
- Received Ralph and Theresa Kampuis into active membership by letter of transfer
- Discussed Sara Miles' process to be a Certified Ruling Elder in this congregation and agreed to send a letter to the presbytery's CPM to request their certification of Sara for that work
- Discussed the use of funds from the estate of Oral Congdon to be given soon
- Elected Brad Kovachik as church treasurer for 2018
- Discussed the Sabbatical time and final Sabbatical budget
- Discussed paid positions in the church and a motion to make the treasurer position a paid position. It was decided to keep the position a volunteer position for the time being.
- We discussed and agreed to become an Operation Christmas Child box drop-off center. Leslie Pottorff will direct that effort.

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## **THANK YOU**

Dear friends at First Presbyterian,  
Our family is so grateful for all your kind expressions of sympathy.  
Blessings,  
Jan Griffin

## **CHECK IT OUT** by Sheryl Becker

There's no better time to "fall" for a new book or DVD from our library. Per Sandy Billingsley, I have ordered Everything Belongs, The Gift of Contemplative Prayer, by Richard Rohr. I also ordered Charles Colson's Loving God, a resource book for end-of-life planning recommended by a member, and some large print books. Sara Miles also donated some of her vast collection of literature and DVD's as did Gary and Kathy Anderson. Thank you for your suggestions!

Any interest in doing a book group during the upcoming winter months? Let me know and we'll start looking at possible titles.

Special thanks to Leslie Pottorff who has been so flexible in helping out in the library, despite my often-short notice!

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Bible Study group will meet in the Link, at our usual meeting time of 9:00 a.m. On Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, we will meet in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m.

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### General Operating Fund

Beginning Balance 8/1/2017	\$60,543.70
Receipts	\$14,992.00
Disbursements	<u>\$26,133.47</u>
Ending Balance 8/31/2017	<u>\$49,402.23</u>

#### Building Reserve Fund

Beginning Balance 8/1/2017	\$39,492.31
Receipts	\$ 98.00
Disbursements	\$ 0.00
Interest	<u>\$ 1.67</u>
Ending Balance 8/31/2017	<u>\$39,591.98</u>

# Deacon's Ministry

**Shalom Center Food Ministry:** The first Tuesday of the month we volunteer for soup kitchen, except for the months of April and November. Please sign up, so we know how many are coming. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 volunteers served 109 people. Thank you Cris and Darlene Doil for making the soup, all the volunteers, and the bakers that made cupcakes. Our next soup kitchen is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Souper Stars are making the soup. In September we collected 6 bags of groceries and 1 bag of toiletries. Our next Deacons Food Collection is October 1<sup>st</sup>. **IMPORTANT: THE SHALOM CENTER HAS MOVED INTO THE NEW BUILDING. THE ADDRESS IS 4314 - 39<sup>TH</sup> AVE. THEY HAVE ALLOWED CHURCHES TO BRING IN PRE-COOKED SOUP AND BAKED GOODS.**

**Chains of Prayer:** Call Judy Wynstra at 262-605-1127 if you have a prayer request. If she is not home leave a message. She will make sure your request is taken care of. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain please contact Judy.

**Card Ministry:** The Deacons send cards to members who cannot join us Sundays in church, as well as those who may sick, hospitalized for some reason, or are going through some rough times and need support. Please contact Tana Baldwin if you know of someone who needs a card. Donations of cards are appreciated. You may put any donations in Tana's mailbox. If you would like someone to call you, serve you communion, or visit, please let us know.

**Local Missions:** Deacons send out our second installment donations of \$1000.00 to Women and Children's Horizons and Shalom Center and our second installment donation of \$ 500.00 to Walkin in My Shoes, Jail Chaplaincy and Habitat for Humanity Kenosha. We send \$500.00 out of Local Missions to Hospice Alliance.

## **HELP WANTED:**

Lydia Spottswood would like to retire as coordinator for the soup kitchen. She is willing to help anyone interested to learn the responsibilities of the job. We would really like to see more than one person take over the job, so the responsibilities can be shared. This is an important outreach service for our church, so please think about it and contact Lydia.

**Our next meeting will be Monday November 27th.**

## **ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**

Hope you all have been saving up your treasures to donate to the sale this year. As you may have heard, we are also getting items from the Lake Forest Illinois Presbyterian Church. We will need extra volunteers to go down and help get the items on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, then, help unload them to store in our church. Then on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> we will need help at 12:00 pm to move things out of the Sunday school rooms (because we will have more items) so we can set up tables for the sale. Please volunteer for this great mission fundraiser. Sign-up sheets are on the door in the narthex. Below is a list of times to volunteer:

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> go to Lake Forest time: call Charles (262-942-1205) if you are going

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> unload trucks at church time: Sat. about 5pm

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> set up tables for rummage sale after Sunday school 12:00-2 pm

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> drop off merchandise from members: 2pm-4 pm

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> set up merchandise 9 am -7 pm

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> price merchandise 9 am -7 pm

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Presbytery members sale 7 pm-9 pm

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> straighten up 12 – 2 pm

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Open to public for sale 2 pm – 7 pm

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Open to public for sale 8 am – 3 pm with 2 pm – 3 pm bag sale.

Any questions about the sale, ask Pat (262-945-9675) or Charles (262-942-1205).

### **COUNTERS NEEDED**

We are looking for counters for October 8, 22 and 29. We also need a counter for the month of November. Please let the office know if you can help with any or all of these Sundays.

## **SAUCE OFF**

Here is your chance to break out that secret family pasta sauce recipe. We are having a Spaghetti Sauce Cook Off on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. We will provide the pasta so that you can try out the best of the best sauces. Bring your sauce in and see how it holds up to the others. Don't have a secret recipe? Come and help us sample sauces!

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## **INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER TO VISIT**

The Presbyterian Mission agency supports mission partners in various parts of the world. This summer several of these International Peacemakers are visiting the US in various Presbyteries. Our Presbytery is hosting Alla Soroka from Ukraine. She will be staying in Milwaukee from September 28 till October 4, and we have invited her to come to a potluck dinner at our church on Sunday, October 1st to share with us her work and information about life in Ukraine. Since 2005 Alla has worked with at risk children - teenage prisoners and orphans living in her home town of Odessa, Ukraine. Presbytery thought we

would be especially interested, since one of our mission partners, Nadia Aiyoub has been also working in Ukraine. It should be a really interesting evening, so I hope many of us are able to attend.

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## **PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT**



Please join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Pizza, popcorn and soda will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the movie(s) will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. The movie *Luther* will be shown in Fellowship Hall for the adults. A separate movie will be shown in the Link for the children at the same time.

*Luther* is the story of Martin Luther, a 16<sup>th</sup> century priest who led the Christian Reformation. The movie follows his struggles as a monk as he urges the cardinals to make the Scriptures available to the common believer.

All members and guests are invited. Please sign up for Movie Night on the sheets in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall to give us an idea of how much food is needed. Hope to see you there!

## **DAILY LECTIONARY PASSAGES**

### **OCTOBER 2017**

- Oct 1** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; 2 Kings 17:1-18; Acts 9:36-43; Luke 5:1-11
- Oct 2** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Cor. 7:25-31; Matt. 6:25-34
- Oct 3** - Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; 2 Chron. 29:1-3; 1 Cor. 7:32-40; Matt. 7:1-12
- Oct 4** – Psalm 96, 147:1-11, 132, 134; 2 Kings 18:9-25; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Matt. 7:13-21
- Oct 5** – Psalm 116, 147:12-20, 26, 130; 2 Kings 18:28-37; 1 Cor. 9:1-15; Matt. 7:22-29
- Oct 6** - Psalm 84, 148, 25, 40; 2 Kings 19:1-20; 1 Cor. 9:16-27; Matt. 8:1-17
- Oct 7** - Psalm 63, 149, 125, 90; 2 Kings 19:21-36; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Matt. 8:18-27
- Oct 8** – Psalm 103, 150, 117, 139; 2 Kings 20:1-21; Acts 12:1-17; Luke 7:11-17
- Oct 9** – Psalm 5, 145, 82, 29; 2 Kings 21:1-18; 1 Cor. 10:14-11:1; Matt. 8:28-34
- Oct 10** – Psalm 42, 146, 102, 133; 2 Kings 22:1-13; 1 Cor. 11:2 (3-16); Matt. 9:1-8
- Oct 11** - Psalm 89:1-18, 147:1-11, 1, 33; 2 Kings 22:14-23:3; 1 Cor. 11:23-34; Matt. 9:9-17
- Oct 12** – Psalm 97, 147:12-20, 16, 62; 2 Kings 23:4-25; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Matt. 9:18-26
- Oct 13** – Psalm 51, 148, 142, 65; 2 Kings 23:36-24:17; 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Matt. 9:27-34
- Oct 14** – Psalm 104, 149, 138, 98; Jer. 35:1-19; 1 Cor. 12:27-13:3; Matt. 9:35-10:4
- Oct 15** – Psalm 19, 150, 81, 113; Jer. 36:1-10; Acts 14:8-18; Luke 7:36-50
- Oct 16** – Psalm 135, 145, 97, 112; Jer. 36:11-26; 1 Cor. 13:4-13; Matt. 10:5-15
- Oct 17** - Psalm 123, 146, 30, 86; Jer. 36:27-37:2; 1 Cor. 14:1-12; Matt. 10:16-23
- Oct 18** – Psalm 15, 147:1-11, 48, 4; Jer. 37:3-21; 1 Cor. 14:13-25; Matt. 10:24-33
- Oct 19** – Psalm 36, 147:12-20, 80, 27; Jer. 38:1-13; 1 Cor. 14:26-33a; Matt. 10:34-42
- Oct 20** - Psalm 130, 148, 32, 139; Jer. 38:14-28; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Matt. 11:1-6
- Oct 21** – Psalm 56, 149, 118, 111; Jer. 52:1-34; 1 Cor. 15:12-29; Matt. 11:7-15
- Oct 22** – Psalm 67, 150, 46, 93; Jer. 29:1, 4-14; Acts 16:6-15; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
- Oct 23** - Psalm 57, 145, 85, 47; Jer. 44:1-14; 1 Cor. 15:30-41; Matt. 11:16-24
- Oct 24** - Psalm 54, 146, 28, 99; Lam. 1:1-5; 1 Cor. 15:41-50; Matt. 11:25-30
- Oct 25** – Psalm 65, 147:1-11, 125, 91; Lam. 2:8-15; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; Matt. 12:1-14
- Oct 26** – Psalm 143, 147:12-20, 81, 116; Ezra 1:1-11; 1 Cor. 16:1-9; Matt. 12:15-21
- Oct 27** – Psalm 88, 148, 6, 20; Ezra 3:1-13; 1 Cor. 16:10-24; Matt. 12:22-32
- Oct 28** – Psalm 122, 149, 100, 63; Ezra 4:7, 11-24; Philem. 1-25; Matt. 12:33-42
- Oct 29** – Psalm 108, 150, 66, 23; Hag. 1:1-2:9; Acts 18:24-19:7; Luke 10:25-37
- Oct 30** – Psalm 62, 145, 73, 9; Zech. 1:7-17; Rev. 1:4-20; Matt. 12:43-50
- Oct 31** – Psalm 12, 146, 36, 7; Ezra 5:1-17; Rev. 4:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9



## **FIRESIDE FRIENDS**

Fireside Friends will meet on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will listen and enjoy as our own recent visitors to Scotland relate their latest adventures. Scotland is where Presbyterianism traditionally began so perhaps we'll learn a little more in that area, too. If you have questions, please contact Mary Wirsch or Julie Iorio. Remember, too, we'd love your help with the rummage sale, even if you can only give a couple of hours.

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## **SENIOR LUNCHEONS**

Our senior luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All seniors and guests are welcome. Please join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Prayer Shawl will meet at church on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – noon at Pat Meinhardt's house. All knitters and crocheters welcome!

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

September 3	125
September 10	143
September 17	146
September 24	135
Sunday Average	137

## **HELPING HANDS**

Do you need a little extra help? The Helping Hands program offers various types of assistance to our members. Contact Donna Bauman to see if we can help.

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## **SOUP KITCHEN**

On Tuesday, October 3, our congregation is helping prepare and serve a nutritious meal for those in need at the Shalom Center Soup Kitchen. New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

**The Peace and Global Witness offering  
will be collected on Sunday,  
October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$291.00 to Aurora Health Care Foundation in memory of Parker O'Guinn. Your gift will support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) of Aurora West Allis Pavilion.

Together, we have the power to transform care and create a stronger community. Thanks to donors like you, we are able to provide the best care possible and help more people access vital health services to help more people in our community live well. Your generous donation will make a difference for so many of our neighbors, friends and loved ones.

Thank you, again, for your thoughtful support!

Patrick Rath  
Senior Vice President Foundation Development  
Aurora Health Care Foundation

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## **SOUP KITCHEN NOTES**

The Shalom Center has moved into the new building. The address is **4314 39<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha**. We are still able to make the soup either at home or at the church, it does not need to be made at the new location.

The new soup kitchen serving schedule is:

4:45 – 5:00 pm – Family Shelter residents are served

5:00 – 6:00 pm – Community-wide soup kitchen service

Sandwich makers are asked to arrive at 3:45 p.m.

Soup and cupcakes can be brought in between 3:45 and 4:30 p.m.

Volunteer food servers should arrive by 4:30 p.m. (use west building entrance)



## October Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> ..... David Pisecki  
9<sup>th</sup> ..... Dave Misun  
..... Laryssa LeFebve  
10<sup>th</sup> ..... David Thompson  
11<sup>th</sup> ..... Ryan Rasmussen  
13<sup>th</sup> ..... Matt Gohr  
15<sup>th</sup> ..... Nancy Piehl  
..... Mary Jane Misamore  
20<sup>th</sup> ..... Bill Misamore  
21<sup>st</sup> ..... Don Mandry  
24<sup>th</sup> ..... Karl Koesser  
25<sup>th</sup> ..... Jourene Frederick  
26<sup>th</sup> ..... Alyssa Emerick  
28<sup>th</sup> ..... Alan Frederick  
30<sup>th</sup> ..... Lynda Brodjeski  
..... Rod Rasmussen

### DEACONS

Kathy Anderson, Tana Baldwin, Lynn Faulk,  
Jane Frost, Nancy McGovern, Penny  
Ingraham, Julie Iorio\*, Brenda Langerman,  
Carole Serpe

### SESSION

Gary Anderson (Fellowship)  
Kelly Andrichik (Worship & Music, Personnel\*,  
Nominating)  
Ron Bauman (Stewardship & Finance\*, Building  
& Grounds, Personnel, Nominating)  
Erika Behling (Worship & Music)  
Sandra Billingsley (Christian Education\*, Mission\*)  
Walter Deignan (Building & Grounds)  
Cris Doil (Stewardship & Finance)  
Marcy Hufendick (Christian Ed, Personnel)  
Shari Infante (Fellowship\*, Mission)  
Ron Meinhardt (Worship and Music\*, Personnel)  
Bill Misamore (Stewardship & Finance)  
Paul Spottswood (Fellowship, Worship and Music)

( ) indicates committee assignments; \*indicates  
Team Leaders  
Mark Bourque is moderator

## MISSION STATEMENT

Called into being by God's grace, we are Christians in progress;  
Called to grow together in God's ways through worship, study, fellowship, evangelism,  
and service;

Called to be servants of God's love to one another, to our community, and to the world.  
We welcome all to our community of faith.



# **OCTOBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**



**Head Usher:** Alan Frederick

## **October 1<sup>st</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Penny Ingraham  
Greeters: The Quists  
Reader: Ron Bauman  
Sound System: Jerry Jones  
Counters: Ann King  
                  Darlene Doil  
Nursery Helper: Jane Frost  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team  
Comm. Prep.: Carole Serpe

## **October 8<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Lynn Faulk  
Greeters: The Rasmussens  
Reader: Lydia Spottswood  
Sound System: Todd Kotten  
Counters: Ann King  
                  Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Volunteer Needed  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **October 15<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Jane Frost  
Greeters: Joan Rivera  
Reader: Erika Behling  
Sound System: Don Mandry

## **October 15<sup>th</sup> (cont'd)**

Counters: Ann King  
                  Darlene Doil  
Nursery Helper: Karen Edenhofer  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Julie Iorio  
Greeters: The Robinsons  
Reader: Mary Jane Misamore  
Sound System: Tom Berry  
Counters: Ann King  
                  Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Linda Putrow  
Fellowship Host: Fellowship Team

## **October 29<sup>th</sup>**

N. Door Greeter: Brenda Langerman  
Greeters: Gail Robinson  
Reader: Jacob Loveall  
Sound System: Walter Deignan  
Counters: Ann King  
                  Volunteer Needed  
Nursery Helper: Kortnie Ruth  
Fellowship Host: Mariners

## **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**