



In the hit HBO series Game of Thrones they say winter is coming... if you watch the show you'll understand the reference. But for those of us in the church we face the two fold reality that a literal season of winter will soon be upon us and also that the church universally faces some challenges as to how to be the church in a rapidly changing world where Christianity is no longer the social/cultural norm. While both of these facts can get us spiritually deflated, in the midst of winters onset there is also HOPE. Hope is seeded in Advent. It is a deep resolve that no matter what happens in the world around us nor what we may face personally, God is the source of all our strength. In fact, it is in our weakest moments the Apostle Paul says that our reliance and trust in God's power is most magnified.

The challenge is and always will be: How do we as a church continue to live into the promises and prophetic dreams of Advent? As we wait for Jesus' impact in our world, even for Christ to come again, may we not wait so complacently that the grass begins to grow deeply beneath our feet. We must strive to be a part of the kingdom come we pray for and live into the discipleship we claim in tangible and visible ways.

Jan Barker has served our church for eight years. She has been the epitome of a team player. She started out for several years as an acting director, never having worked in Christian Education previously, but having had much

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*experience in working with children. When I began working with Jan six years ago it was clear that she needed some help with connecting the Biblical background of the lessons to the curriculum and teaching. So Jan volunteered to go back to school to get more formal Christian Education training with the full backing of the church both in prayer and encouragement and through the support of continued Christian education in our Education specific endowment fund.*

*Jan has done everything I've ever asked of her. She is respected and loved. It is hard to say goodbye. However, I firmly believe that after receiving this opportunity the very first day of looking, having it be closer to her home (and on the more convenient side of the tracks!) and having the ability to go full time, that God has blessed Jan in this endeavor. I thank God for her time here and for all the time she has given to us and our children and wish her all the best in her new role at Gloria Dei.*

**Updates:**

*Several of you have spoken, and you have been heard. Concerns were raised that many of you miss more familiar hymns and more frequency of the organ being played in worship. Music leadership and pastoral leadership are working in a more concerted effort to craft each first communion Sunday to meet that need. I thank those of you who offered the comments in a way that was respectful of others and yet also raised your concerns. In a congregational church your voice matters because we believe that we equally work and share the ministries of the church.*

*Church members of all ages are encouraged to come and join our youth for a short presentation by Bridge communities ministries as a family from Bridge shares their experience at how the ministry has helped them cross the gap of homelessness and crisis into a stable life. This will occur on November the 5th at 8pm in our Chapel.*

*Our post service Christian Education Classes will recommence*

**November 5th:** "When the Empire Strikes Back" Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III

**November 12th:** "Relinquishment and Reception" Walter Brueggemann

Topic: Current Fissures in Society

**November 19th:** "What the Wing Says" Barbara Brown Taylor The Holy Spirit speaking to the church today.



## A LOVE LETTER

Dear FCC Congregation and Staff,

After almost eight years here at First Congregational, I am leaving to begin a new position down the street at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. I will be the Family Ministry Coordinator. I was very fortunate that this position became available and that they hired me so quickly. It is a wonderful new opportunity. It is beginning as part-time and will work into a full time position within six months.

I have so many mixed emotions right now as I am going to miss all of you so much and love you all from the bottom of my heart. From the babies through the preschoolers, elementary children, teens and all of the adults, you have touched my life and made me a better person. God's plans for each of us are so amazing. He puts us in places that we sometimes never expect, to learn things, meet people and serve in His name. I was called here and now I am being called to Gloria Dei. I keep telling myself that I am only "down the street: and can come back and visit anytime I want. This is also true for all of you. Please come and see me when you can, I would so love that.

My last day here is Sunday, October 29th. I will begin my new position on Tuesday, October 31st. Pastor Kim will begin taking over the Sunday school responsibilities. Pastor Scott is working on finding members from the congregation to rehearse and produce the Christmas pageant and run our Junior Fellowship program.

Many people have said to me; "When God closes a door he opens a window." I find this to be true, however, the good part is that windows are glass and you can see through it into what went before. Remember, I will be looking through that window often and thinking about all of you and how much joy you have given me for the past eight years.

Much love and blessings for you all!

Love,

Jan

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

SLEEP OUT SATURDAY EVENT, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH BEGINNING AT 8:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL!

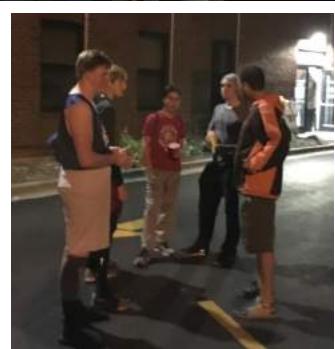
We will kick off our Sleep Out Saturday event by welcoming a special guest from Bridge Communities who has been personally impacted by teenage homelessness. Please bring your family and friends to this ALL CHURCH evening program.

Come join us for a Bridge Communities guest speaker followed by games and group building in the park. We will meet back in the chapel for an 11:00 pm movie, build a fire, share a meal, and raise awareness about teenage and family homelessness in DuPage county.

Sunday morning we will have breakfast and fellowship together before sharing worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am.

Donations can be made to: [www.bridgecommunities.org/group41](http://www.bridgecommunities.org/group41), Please contact Dena Provenzano with questions at [denapro@comcast.net](mailto:denapro@comcast.net)/630-660-7445.

Dena Provenzano, Director Of Youth Ministries



A reminder of how this church community can help shape and change lives one family at a time. An update from our latest sponsored Bridge family. <https://www.bridgecommunities.org/index.html>



## Women's Fellowship

Ladies Of The Morning & Evening



We're going out for breakfast Friday, November 3 at 9:30 am at Egg Harbor Café 5128 Mochel Drive, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 963-0390. If you plan on coming please email or call me. It is nice to have some idea of how big a table to get. Peggy Gutzke H-630/971-1382 [peggy.gutzke@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.gutzke@gmail.com).

**Two weeks later** we'll stay at the church for **Stitch and Chat** in the Parlor, Friday, November 17, from about 9:30-11:30 AM. You don't need to bring anything to stitch, but can just hang out and chat. This is a very casual gathering. Come if and when you can, even if for only a few minutes.

FCLC would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Fall Fest. It was a lovely day of food, fun and fellowship. During this fall season FCLC would like to say, **THANK YOU** to all of the generous support, love and care everyone has sent our way.



### BLOOD DRIVE



Congregational Care would like to thank Ron Moravec and Mark Herrick for their help at the October 17 Blood Drive. Thanks again to Pat Lockett for providing delicious bar cookies for our snack table. Many thanks to the following **23** participants: Sandy Toleikis, J. Richard Toleikis, Mark Herrick, Pastor Scott, Joyce Doemland, Dave Doemland, AnnaMay Miller, Clint Mobley, Michelle Mobley, Roger Crisman, Scott Given, Ralph Anderson, Pat Armstrong, Ruth Poplar, William Saxton, Matt Newton, Judy Harry, Kathleen Travis, Dena Provenzano, Marc Provenzano, David Burke, Jill Aparo, Karen Nachtigall. Blood donations save lives! Please mark your calendars and plan ahead for our next Blood Drive on January 16th! Blood can be donated every 8 weeks. Thank you!

### B&G Update

Sanctuary Lighting Project: Galvanic Electric has installed the required overhead electrical upgrades and JR Lighting is scheduled to install the new LED theatrical fixtures the week of October 30. The installation will be complete by November 3.

Included in the installation is a Sanctuary level lighting control to eliminate the need to go to level 5 to access these lights.

Thanks to Megan Ruschke, Jan Hibbeln, Sandy Toleikis, and members of B&G for helping on our work day and the week prior. Several storage areas got purged and reorganized in addition to other tasks completed.



## Personal Habits and Your Carbon Footprint

The stakes for our planet have never been higher. The world is warming, sea levels are rising, and the impacts of climate change are occurring faster and stronger than originally predicted. It is a global crisis with no place for partisan rhetoric, requiring solutions at every scale and across every sector.

These are the opening lines of the foreword of the book *Drawdown: the Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming* / edited by Paul Hawken, (Penguin Books, 2017). One of the more surprising solutions discussed in this book is the need to eliminate hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) from refrigerators. Their capacity to warm the atmosphere is one thousand to nine thousand times greater than that of carbon dioxide. In fact, in Kigali, Rwanda in October 2016, 170 countries agreed that, starting in 2019, the world will begin phasing HFCs out of use. Scientists estimate the accord will reduce global warming by nearly one degree Fahrenheit. Therefore, each household should (1) avoid leaks from refrigerants and (2) destroy refrigerants at end of life.

Another surprising fact is that a third of the food raised or prepared does not make it from farm or factory to fork. The food we waste contributes 4.4 gigatons of carbon dioxide equivalent into the atmosphere each year - roughly 8 percent of total human-produced green house gas emissions. A fundamental equation is off-kilter: people who need food are not getting it, and food that is not getting consumed is heating up the planet. Studies have shown that 35 percent food in high-income economies is thrown out by consumers; in low-income economies, however, relatively little is wasted at the household level.

The type of food we eat is also important. If 50 percent of the world's population restricts their diet to a healthy 2,500 calories per day and reduces meat consumption overall, scientists estimate that at least 26.7 gigatons of emissions could be avoided from dietary change alone. This would make healthy, plant-rich diets one of the most impactful solutions at a total of 66 gigatons reduced.

Other solutions discussed in the text include: (10) the use of rooftop solar, (26) the use of electric vehicles, (31) improved insulation, (33) LED lighting in homes, (37) the use of mass transit, (43) less air travel, and others.

In addition, the Rev. Dr. Terry Gallagher has identified 48 steps to living sustainably - actions we all can take. These are available on the web: [www.SustainingCreation.org](http://www.SustainingCreation.org). We suggest you follow his second suggestion to educate yourself on the actions you can take to reduce the devastation due to Global Warming by visiting his web site or consult the book *Drawdown: the most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming*, which is now in the collection of the Church's library.

Juan P. Hessler, For the Caring For Creation Team



## Thank You!

A big thank you to all of the following people who helped make October a very successful month for the Pads program. There were new work volunteers and food donators. We couldn't have done it without the support of all of you! It was such a pleasure working with so many wonderful people. Hope I didn't forget anyone!

### Work Volunteers

Cathy Becher  
David Burke  
Laurel Carlson  
Gail/Len Clark  
Karen Costanzi  
Joyce Doemland  
Beth/Randy/Sandy Drew  
Deb/Tom Eisenhart  
Skyla Hall  
Nancy Hessler  
Kim Kaniewski  
Susan Keys  
Kurt Kras  
Barb Kilar  
Sandy Larva  
Patty Lewis  
Lisa Lockett and friend  
Amanda Meierdick  
AnnaMay Miller  
Clint/Michelle/Lauryn Mobley  
Ron Moravec  
Judy Murrison  
Chris Niels  
Lynn Niemi  
Lindsey/Corinne Rensch  
Greg Skiba  
Dave/Margaret Swartz  
Jerry Topel  
Fred Widmann  
Dave Williams  
Paul Zimmerman

### Food Donations

Lima Barnes  
Meg Bollinger  
Laurel Carlson  
Vicki Christiansen  
Gail Clark  
Loralei Collins  
Barb Compton  
Cheryl Comerford  
Trudi Connick  
Karen Costanzi  
Joyce Doemland  
Mary Dove  
Deb/Tom Eisenhart  
Lora Finucane  
Janet Freels  
Sandy Gales  
Dee Glassford  
Barb Hammack  
Nancy Hessler  
Virginia Hopley  
Marilyn Jelinek  
Susan Keys

### Food Donations Cont.

Barb Kilar  
Kupka Family  
Sue Larsen  
Sandy Larva  
Patty Lewis  
Lisa Lockett  
Kathryn Luco  
Anna May Miller  
Marita Moniger  
Ann Mullen  
Judy Murrison  
Chris Niels  
Laurie Olsen  
Joann Purcell  
Amy Rettberg  
Olgha Sandman  
The Swartzs  
Sandy Toleikis  
Mary Vercellino  
Pam Wiemerslage  
Deb Williams  
Linda Wojcik

Jam N' Jelly at Lemont and 75  
donated 2 gallons of soup every  
Monday- Craig Metros continues  
to be responsible for this blessing

Angelo's Market on Maple  
donated meat, chesse, and bread  
for lunches plus 4 gallons of milk  
every week.

We served about 40-60 servings on five Mondays. Many individuals provided multiple food on multiple nights. A big hug goes to those who signed up for more than one night or multiple food items. There were many compliments on the food from the guests. My heartfelt thanks to those who volunteered to work particularly those who signed up multiple times.

Thanks to the very helpful confirmants who came in the evening to help set up, and make lunches. Also a big thanks to Downers Grove North High School students who came early in the morning to clean up. The regular staff of Pads and the coordinator Tom Williams were always willing to help. Thank you all again for making this a great outreach to those in need! Also a special thanks to my husband, Bob, who has helped to organize and do the dishes each Oct. Monday night for 17years. ~ Char Wild



# THE PILGRIM

**GARAGE SALE UPDATE AND THANK YOU:** The 2017 church garage sale was another record-breaker! We have taken in \$8157 so far, with more items left to sell online. After deducting the \$450 for the movers, we should still net over \$7800. Better yet, the sale enabled community outreach, mission giving, great fellowship, and environmental stewardship! Leftovers were donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStore, St. Vincent DePaul, Salvation Army, Sharing Connection, Hope's Front Door, People's Resource Center, SCARCE, and PADS. Many thanks to all who donated items, worked the sale, and shopped, to the church staff for their support, and also to Boy Scout Troop 55 for their help. Following is a list of our wonderful volunteers, many of whom put in multiple shifts. We could not have done this without them! And we apologize if we've left out anyone who pitched in. Please know that your help was much appreciated, too! Blessings to you all from the Garage Sale Committee (David Burke, Gail Clark, Trudi Connick, Peggy Gutzke, Jan Hibbeln, Joyce Nelson, Cathy Sanders, Elaine Smith, Debbie Stelling, Sandy Toleikis, and Donna Wadycki).

AL WINIECKI  
ANDY STELLING  
ANNA MAY MILLER  
ARLA YOUSEF  
BARB BAYER  
BARB BOLLENBERG  
BARB COMPTON  
BARB HAMMACK  
BARB KILAR  
BETTY SABA  
BILLY HOIS  
BOB KATREIN  
BOB MAGLIOLA  
BRETT JOHNSON  
CAROL KULLEN  
CHAR WILD  
CRIS NIELS  
DANA BOERSMA  
DAVE HERSEMAN  
DAVE WILLIAMS  
DAWN MAGLIOLA  
DEBBIE ANDERSON  
DEBBY WILLIAMS  
DEE GLASSFORD  
DENNIS LEWIS  
EDITH LARSON  
ERIC NELSON

FRED WIDMANN  
GAIL McDOWELL  
GREG INSCO  
JAN GIVEN  
JANEL MORAVEC  
JEAN MARIE JONES  
JEFF WEIMERSLAGE  
JERRY TOPEL  
JILL RAHN  
JOAN TOPEL  
JOHN HIBBELN  
JOHN VERCELLINO  
JOY THOMPSON  
JOYCE DOEMLAND  
JUDI DAVENPORT  
JUDY ANDERSON  
JUDY HARRY  
JUDY MURRISON  
KAREN COSTANZI  
KAREN NACHTIGALL  
KARLA SULLIVAN  
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LORA FINUCANE  
LYNN NEIMI  
MARK HERRICK  
MARTY SCHRANZ  
MARY LOU CHRISTIANSEN  
MARY VERCELLINO  
MARY WINIECKI  
MEG BOLLINGER  
MEGAN RUSCHKE  
MIKE PRESCOTT  
NANCY HESSLER  
NANCY KUPKA  
NICK COSTANZI  
PAM WEIMERSLAGE  
PASTOR SCOTT OBERLE  
PATTY LEWIS  
PAULA RHODES  
RICH TOLEIKIS  
ROY WEIMERSLAGE  
SANDY DREW  
SANDY GALES  
SHIRLEY REARDON  
SUE LARSEN  
TOM RUSCHKE  
VICKI CHRISTIANSEN  
VIRGINIA HOIPLEY



## *Solutions Start When You Walk-In*

HOPE'S FRONT DOOR is currently collecting new or gently used toy for the annual toy sale. All toys will be sold at reduced cost to help our clients, clients of our community partner human service agencies and those in the community in need. The toys are generally priced from 50 cents to five dollars. Family members shop and select items their loved ones will enjoy. The event provides an opportunity for community members; particularly those with limited resources, to shop for holiday presents and at the same time maintain a sense of ownership and dignity.

### Preschool Age

- Crayola crayons and coloring books
- Toy medical kits (Fisher Price)
- Kitchen play items; cash registers, play food, dishes
- Little Tikes & Fisher price action structures and parts (people, animals and cars)
- Play tools
- Toy musical instruments
- Washable baby dolls (no cloth)
- Pop-up books
- Light up/musical toys
- Play-Doh
- Play-Doh kits
- Bubbles
- Transportation tracks (cars/trains)
- Simple games; Memory, Candy Land, Chutes & Ladders
- Wooden puzzles (peg & latch)

### School Age

- Games; Headbands, Operation, Connect Four, Sorry, Trouble, Life, Guess Who, Jenga.
- Cards; Uno, Skip-Bo, Phase Ten, playing cards
- Lego sets
- Craft kits; Painting kits, beading kits, hemp jewelry kits, ink stamp kits, wooden item kits
- Matchbox cars/trucks
- Toy dinosaurs, insects animals
- Non-violent action figures
- Dolls and doll clothes
- 60-100 piece puzzles

### Teens (area of HIGH NEED)

- Games; Checkers, Adult headbands, Scattergories, trivia games.
- Sketch pads, drawing pencils, colored pencils
- Craft kits; bead/string kits, fabric painting, wooden items
- Model kits (cars, planes, boats)
- Journals (no spiral)
- New finger nail polish/nail polish remover
- CD players or MP3 players
- Make-up/Nail Polish
- Hand Held electronic games (20 Questions, etc.)
- Teen reading books
- Wii/Xbox games
- Playing cards
- Teen DVD's
- Gift cards (Amazon, Target, iTunes, Walmart,etc.)
- Word search, mad libs, crossword puzzles and Sudoku books
- Gear from a sports team
- Basketballs and other sports equipment



To benefit the clients of the HOPE'S FRONT DOOR

# 9th Annual HOLIDAY TOY SALE!

Please donate now!

*Currently accepting gently used or new toys at*

**St. Scholastica Parish Office**

M - Th; 8am - 8pm      F; 8am - noon

7800 Janes Avenue, Woodridge

Contact Jerry Christensen at [stsdeaconjerry@aol.com](mailto:stsdeaconjerry@aol.com)

or

**HOPE'S FRONT DOOR Office**

M, W, Th, F; 10am - 11:45am

1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove

Contact Janell Robinson at [janell.robinson@hopesfrontdoor.org](mailto:janell.robinson@hopesfrontdoor.org)

**Please come back and shop!**

**Saturday, November 25, 2017      3:30pm until 6:00pm**

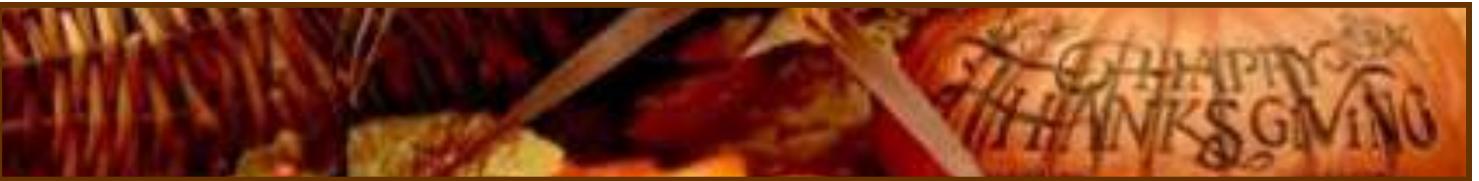
**Sunday, November 26, 2017      7:30am until 2:00pm**

**St. Scholastica Parish School Gym**

**7720 Janes Avenue, Woodridge**

Contact Jerry Christensen at  
[stsdeaconjerry@aol.com](mailto:stsdeaconjerry@aol.com)





# POINSETTIAS

Here's a special opportunity for you to help make worship in our sanctuary this Christmas a more BEAUTIFUL event! Share a poinsettia with us! Attach your payment with the completed order form and return in the collection plate by December 17, 2017.

Your name and the name of your loved ones will appear in the bulletin.

**PLEASE CHECK ONE**

- I would like to take my plant home after one of the evening services.
- I would like to leave my plant for distribution to our homebound members and friends.

What a wonderful way to remember dear ones at this time of year!

Your Name:

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(Please PRINT clearly)

Telephone Number/E-mail:

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Name of Loved One whose memory flowers are given:

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(Please PRINT clearly)

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks made payable to First Congregational Church)

# Disaster Bucket Relief Kits





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## Pack and Transport Groceries for Neighbors in Need!

**Help lift, load, & transport weekly food donations from area stores to People's Resource Center Food Pantries.**

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Drive our truck\* or ride along to pick up items from multiple stores and unload them at the Wheaton or Westmont facility. *4 month weekly commitment*

**See shift options and sign up!**

<http://tinyurl.com/prcFoodPickups>

[Volunteers@peoplesrc.org](mailto:Volunteers@peoplesrc.org) / 630-682-5402 x243



\*Driver's License required; training provided.



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### ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Friday November 3  
8:15pm \$10

**TWANGTOWN PARAMOURS** — Two all-pro Nashville musicians and Kerrville finalists team up to present "Sophisticated Americana," a hybrid of the Nashville and Austin scenes with high-ranking albums on the Country Roots & FolkDJ charts!

Friday November 10  
8:15pm \$10

**TRIFOLKAL (Greg Trafidlo, Laura Pole & Neal Phillips)** — Three acclaimed singer-songwriters team up for terrific originals and传统als, plus songs from other great artists. Warmth, beautiful harmonies, and side-splitting comedy!

Friday November 17  
8:15pm \$10

**LORDS OF LIECHTENSTEIN** — Quirky young New York brothers with great harmonies of the Everly Brothers and mischievous animosity of the Smothers Brothers. Purposeful lyrics move from heart-wrenchingly sad to outlandishly ridiculous!

Friday November 24  
8:00pm \$10

**OPEN MIKE** — All welcome! Great variety of acoustic artists! So popular we may limit number of acts. 2 - 3 songs, 10-15 minutes. Open 7:30 for signups – first come, first served. Show starts 8:00. Info: 630-968-5526.

Friday December 1  
8:15pm \$10

**CURTIS & LORETTA** — They're known all across the country for exquisite harmonies, incisive songwriting, and skill on numerous instruments including Celtic harp, mandocello, guitar, mandolin, banjo and ukulele.

Friday December 8  
8:15pm \$10

**ANNE & ROD CAPPS** — Award-winning indie/folk/rock. Songwriting is relevant, wry, exuberant! Michigan duo sings with guitars, banjo, mandolin and fiddle with a rootsy vibe, a touch of twang, and a soulful groove. 7 great CDs!

Friday December 15  
8:15pm \$10

**GEORGE MATTSON TRIO — CD Release** — Old time and classic country, plus swing jazz, blues, honky-tonk and maybe a Child ballad, with guitar and banjo, big, rich voice and off-beat humor! With Tommy Re on fiddle, Mike Hazdra on bass.

Friday December 22  
8:15pm \$10

**TWO WAY STREET CHRISTMAS SHOW** — Chris McIntosh & Alvin McGovern and their special guests will enrich your Christmas season with traditional and contemporary holiday music. You'll want to sing along!

Friday December 29  
8:15pm \$10

**PETE NORMAN'S Post-Christmas Blues Fest!** — 33rd annual show (!) sure to banish your post-Christmas blues! Great songwriter Pete and his guests present folk, blues, ragtime & fun songs. Guitar, Dobro, fiddle, banjo, more!

Friday January 5  
7:30pm \$10

**WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY** — Talented mice on our volunteer staff perform while Dave is away: (**Several performing groups to be announced!**)

<sup>1</sup>Featured on WFMT 98.7 "Folkstage" with Rich Warren. <sup>2</sup>Featured on WDCB 90.9 "Folk Festival" with Lilli Kuzma.

Sunday Nov 26 2:00-5:00 pm \$35 (\$29 advance)	<b>Muriel Anderson &amp; Michael Kelsey Guitar Workshop</b> — Unique technique, tunes, timing, looping. Includes free set of GHS signature strings. Intermediate, yet open to all levels. Reservations at Tobias Music Downers Grove, and online at <a href="http://www.murielanderson.com/DG">www.murielanderson.com/DG</a>
Saturday Nov 11, 8:00pm \$5	<b>Old Time Barn Dance</b> — Reels, squares, line dancing, waltzes and more, plus the music of our great live band. Fun for the whole family! All dances taught and called by our expert leaders. No experience, costume or partner needed. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7-9pm Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Song Circle</b> — BYOS (Bring Your Own Songs). A monthly opportunity to informally & acoustically perform your songs or covers for the circle. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors.
Saturdays, 2-4pm Nov 4 & 18 Dec 2 & 16, Jan 6 & 20	<b>Sing-Around</b> — Our popular song fests where beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! Songbooks provided. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors. First and third Saturday afternoons of every month at 2:00 pm.
Saturdays, 2-4pm Nov 25, Dec 23, Jan 27	<b>Bluegrass Jam</b> — Musicians of all experience levels gather to improve skills, learn/share tunes, & have fun! 4th Saturdays, 2:00-4:00pm. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
Saturdays, 2-4pm Dec 30, Mar 31, Jun 30	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Country/Western Jam</b> — Whenever there are five Saturdays in a month, beginners and experienced musicians jam! 2:00-4:00pm. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
Thursdays Nov 30, Dec 28, Jan 25 7:00-9:30pm <b>FREE!</b>	<b>LAST THURSDAY!</b> — Monthly open mike for high school & college age students. Last Thursday of every month. Music, poetry, any performance art — 10 min. max. Signups begin 7pm --- first come, first served. Info at <a href="http://twowaystreet.org">twowaystreet.org</a> , on Facebook, or call 630-968-5526.

Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:15. Doors open by 7:30. \$10.00 donation requested. Beverages and snacks available. The Two Way Street Coffee House is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Downers Grove. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, Folk Alliance International. For current entertainment listings and updates, booking and other information, visit us on the web at [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org) and on Facebook.



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