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First Presbyterian News August 2014

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The good ole summer time, dog days of August, Baseball **Silverhawks outing...August 15** some FPC members will be watching a game then fireworks at Four Winds Field (formerly the Cove.) Game time is 7:30 pm. and there will be a pregame presentation by faith singer Cody Collier, and you can see Myron "clown prince of baseball" during the game. Tickets are still available as of 7/24*. FPC seats are in Sec 113, Rows H and I. Contact 574-235-9988 or go online, South Bend Silverhawks.



Annual Church Picnic!

The annual church picnic will be held on **August 24th**. Worship will be at 10:00 with Vicki Garrett as Worship Leader, and the picnic will follow. For everyone's convenience, the worship and picnic will be held in the east parking lot. (You might want to bring your own lawn chair.) Deacons will provide sloppy joes, buns, and drink. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. As always, friends and family are invited too.

SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

- Join us for some fellowship and fun at our Scrapbooking/Crafting Group! We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6 pm to 11 pm. Provided is the set-up, clean-up, drinks, and tableware. The cost is \$5. If able, please bring a snack to share. Feel free to bring any type of project that you have to work on...remember Christmas is only 16 weeks away.
- The list of dates for 2014 are below, mark your calendars and join us for the next few.
- Looking forward to seeing you there, Brittany Rice scrap.brittany@comcast.net

Aug. 29th Sept. 26th Oct. 24th Nov. 21st

Study Tour Of Cairo

We are invited to visit Cairo and experience a church and nation in the midst of change. We would have the chance to meet with pastors and lay leaders in the church and seek to understand what it means to be a minority church in the changing Middle East and how Egyptians have been expressing a witness of peace and transformation since the 2011 revolution.

This invitation is extended by Dr. Joshua Yoder and Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick. They said the best time to come is between September and April. The cost is about \$100 a day + \$1,000 for airfare. Anyone interested in Egypt should come. You would tour Ramses College for Girls, experience "Garbage City" and the Coptic cave churches, or visit a new church development in Cairo. The list goes on.

If you think that you might be interested, read the invitation that is located on the bulletin board nearest to the East Door. On that bulletin board you will also find Dr. Joshua Yoder and Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick's Annual Ministry update. Anyone is invited to support World Mission financially. Please remember that congregational gifts should include in the memo line of the check: Kirkpatrick Yoder/DMS 507564. Donations can be sent through the Presbytery or directly to the PC(USA) at this address: Presbyterian World Mission

P.O. Box 643700
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BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD

MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

PACK-A-BACKPACK CONTINUES...

Even if the deadline for this activity has passed, the need for school supplies is still out there. The container will remain in the CE Lobby for a few more days.

First Presbyterian Church's connection with Battell Elementary School's social worker continues.

Any excess items will be delivered to the central location (Emmons School)

Teachers in the school system are made aware the supplies are available.

As we know, many times the teachers in the schools use their own resources to help students get started into the new school year and on the road to success.

Many thanks from the FPC mission committee & MAC.

WHAT IS A YAV?

The June issue of PRESYTERIANS TODAY was a delight to read. The issue tells many stories of mission trips planned and carried out by **YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS**. When there is a need, be it a natural disaster, working with inner-city kids, home repair for older folks, building playgrounds in distressed areas or an organized mentoring program, the YAVS are on it. Some groups has traveled to foreign lands to build or repair or schools, start a gardening project to teach folks how to grow their own food or become self-sufficient by selling products to their neighbors. The YAVS are a growing entity within the PCUSA. The comradery among these young adults will be with them all their lives. Truly they "go and do" and by doing so put action into the words we read in Matthew 25.

Read more in the June issue. There are copies in Memorial Lounge.

Buy Stamps! The holidays are not that far off, and Carole still has sheets of stamps to be sold. All the proceeds will go to support the Deacon's Christmas shopping. Contact Carole or the office with inquires. Thank You.



Why per capita? Per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature of Presbyterian polity. Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian. Our congregation has a strong history of supporting the larger church through both per capita and voluntary "shared mission" giving. Because of reduced finances, we have had to cut shared mission giving from our budget. We maintain our giving of per capita, but need to ask if every member would be willing to make a donation of his or her per capita amount, above his or her regular pledge or giving. Would you be willing to make an extra donation of your per capita amount? If so, please use the designated envelope in your offering envelope box, or simply mark your check "per capita." Thank you.

Have you checked your church Mail Box? Most church members have a mailbox in the C.E. Office that many committees, offices, members use to communicate within the church. Don't let your box become an eyesore, in need of a weeding, Preen it now. See Sue Rice if you have any questions, need to add a name or change your box.

Fall Adult Education...

Because we will probably have after-worship events several Sundays in September, we won't start adult Sunday School until October. Watch for further details about the class to be offered then.

However, if there is sufficient interest, we will offer a mid-week class on preparing for the end of life called *Ending Well*. Pastor Steve and others will lead sessions on topics such as health care directives & living wills, powers of attorney, options for care (assisted living, nursing homes, etc.) hospice, basics of estate planning, cremation/burial arrangements, and funeral planning. If you are interested, please call the church office, email Pastor Steve, or sign up on the Cupboard Corner bulletin board.

Hymn Festival and Pick-up Choir September 7..

Our June 22 favorite hymn Sunday, with the "pick-up choir" under the direction of Mary Watt, was a great success. We are having another one on Sunday, September 7. Plan to join us for worship, (and sing in the choir!) with possible after-worship activities to follow.

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

Fall classes start the Monday after Labor Day, **September 8th**. There are still a few openings if you know of anyone looking to enroll their children in a pre-school this fall. The more kids, the more sharing and learning can happen. Some items that the school can always use are any craft items; felt, yarn, straws with big openings, feathers, tennis balls, regular size balls and some bigger balls for the younger children (they are easier to catch) and bikes. (some big wheels are toooo big for the younger children to reach the pedals.) Of course, keep bring in those soup labels to help out our children.

Thank you, the PWNS Staff

Tai Chi Monday Nights this fall Register now for Tai Chi for Arthritis (Sun Short Form) for September classes starting **September 8, at 6 p.m.** Cost is \$45.00 for six weeks, one hour a week. Register by August 28th through the church office. Thank you.

Calling out all Crafters!

First Presbyterian Church is having a Bazaar on **October 18, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Those who would like to have a booth, tables are \$30 each, (limit three tables per booth). Friday the 17th will be set up from 5-9, anyone needing earlier in the day must make arrangements.

Presbyterian Women will be serving food throughout the day and there will be a "Grama's Attic" on the platform to the Education Wing. So if you have some interesting items to donate to the "Attic" set them aside to bring in by the 17th of October.

The Bazaar will be held in Fellowship Hall, Westminster Hall, the main hallway in front of the office and in the Education Wings. Its going to be a fun time! Tell all your crafting friends, mark it in your calendars, clean your cupboards and closets for "Grama's Attic". Contact Debra, church secretary for all inquires.

Flower Fund provides flowers every week in the Sanctuary. Please contact the church to sign up for a date: to remember a loved one, to celebrate a special time, for the love of God's house. Debra can book your date(s) for the next 6 months.

Pastor's Column...

This month I want to focus again on our transition and search process.

I first want to update you on several other projects:

Church Directory: Debra Leonard is putting together the pictures that we have in preparation for printing the directory. To help in this process:

If you have not had your picture taken or submitted a digital picture, please either email a digital picture or bring in a photo that we can scan and return to you. Photos brought in will need to be out of frames.

Watch for proof copies of the directory to be checked for accuracy.

Website: Getting this up and running has taken longer than anticipated (like so many major projects), but it is getting closer to becoming a reality. Watch for further updates.

Church Energy Efficiency: Facilities & Operations elder John Martz is leading the effort to make our building more energy efficient, primarily through better control of thermostat settings and possibly more efficient lighting.

Wedding Ministry: Pam Camren, Lynett Heritz, and Chuck Wukovits have been working as a task force to get this ministry started. They hope to bring final plans to the August session meeting.

With regard to new pastoral leadership, we are moving closer to beginning the actual search process. The Presbytery has been revising its rules, and (thankfully!) the process has become simpler and more streamlined. It is no longer necessary to do a congregational "mission study" prior to naming a pastoral nominating committee (PNC). Rather, the congregation is to have focused conversations around its identity, its future, and the kind of leadership it wants and needs.

We had the first of our congregational "holy conversations," last spring. I will propose to the session, at its August 10 meeting, that we scheduled two more conversations in September, in which we will talk more directly about our congregation as it exists now, our relationship to our community, and our sense of what God is calling us to be and do in the future. Depending on how these conversations go (including the number of participants), we may be ready to elect a PNC in early October. The PNC would then work with Anna to complete the church's Ministry Information Form (MIF).

In preparation for these conversations, I ask you to reflect on our congregation's strengths and weaknesses, on the reality that our congregation probably cannot afford full-time pastoral leadership, and on possible futures for our congregation. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us to truly discern God's will for our congregation, and to give us the courage and commitment to follow where the Spirit leads. And watch for further details as to the congregational gatherings.

Wonderful organ music fills the air as we worship together each Sunday.

We are blessed by the gifts of these talented musicians from ND who are subbing while Michael Duryea is away this summer.

Dr. Paul Walker has arranged for these young people to make our organ soar and to add inspiration to our worship!

We are grateful to him and to those musicians, Dr. Mark Doerries and Caleb Wenzel. Be sure you come to be inspired, blessed and awed by these talented folks.

Pam Camren for Worship and Music

Church Office hours: 9:00 to 12:00, Monday thru Thursday
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Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz
Scrap Booking: Brittany Rice



do you see what I see?

Remembering Rev. Franklin May

I learned recently that the Pastor Emeritus title/status was not be used after the death of the pastor so designated by the congregation. We didn't know that, so continued to list Franklin W. May on our bulletins and newsletters as Pastor Emeritus.

Many remember Frank's ministry among us from 1968 until his retirement in 1985 at which time the congregation voted to name him as Pastor Emeritus. It stuck. The title was used to introduce him when he did return to worship at FPCM from time to time and even occasionally to do pulpit supply for us.

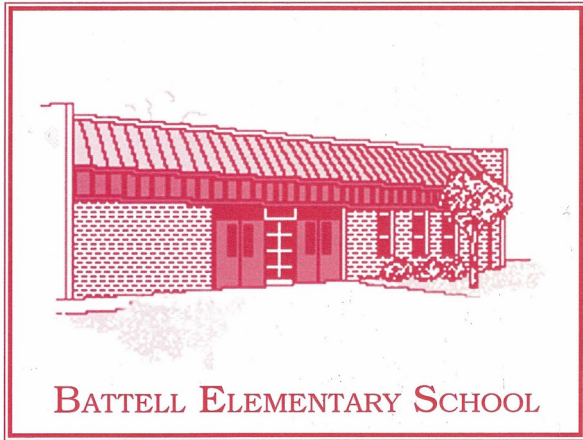
Stan provided me an autobiography that Frank wrote sometime in the 1980's in which he shared his very early memories of growing up in Ft. Wayne, the hard times of the depression era during which he grew to love beans and the near loss of their home just before the election of FDR due to lack of work for his father. He shared memories of his school years, learning music and his religious training and ministry. He graduated from Ft. Wayne Bible Institute in 1943 and New York University in 1949. He ministered in Elkhart, Archbold, OH, and in East Peoria, IL, as a Missionary Church pastor and in Sardinia, OH., Winona Lake, IN., Hobart, IN., Detroit, MI., as associate and in 1968 came to Mishawaka. His quote "In 1968, we accepted the call of the First Presbyterian Church in Mishawaka, IN. From this church I retired in 1985 after 17 years of the best years of my ministry".

So, we remember Frank with great love and respect....our former pastor emeritus.

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Thank You

Special thanks goes out to the congregation for their support during the Pentecost Offering. Your generosity has provided \$290.00. 40% of that amount will be given to CASA. Thank you
 First Presbyterian, Mishawaka
 for your dedication.

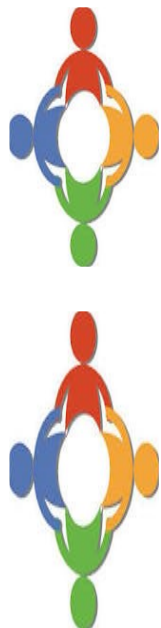


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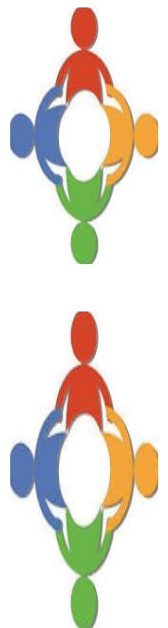
The third grade students from Battell have expressed their thanks for helping them attend a play and have a thrasher's dinner at Amish Acres. The funding came from the 40% kept from the Pentecost Offering kept in the community to be used for at risk children.



Dear First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka,
 Thank you very much for your donation to the Wukovits - McKay educational excursion. We used much of the money for our transportation cost to Amish Acres. We enjoyed the play and a delicious meal. It would not have been possible without your generous donation. Thank you again.



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3 Ushers Mike and Mikey G. Worship Leader Judy G.	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Ushers Carole P. and Tom C. Worship Leader Alan C. communion	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Ushers Dan B. and Bill B. Worship Leader Pam C. Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Ushers Ethan D. and Gordon R. Vicki G. Worship Leader Church Picnic 	25	26	27	28	29 <i>6–11 pm Scrapbooking In Fellowship Hall</i>	30
31 Ushers Janet F. and Greg P. Worship Leader Judy G.	Labor Day office closed			Newsletter deadline is August 17 at noon. Please send information for September or any future newsletter to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or you can mail information to Debra the church secretary.		

Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00

