



# First Presbyterian News

May 2018

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

The Session is carrying on the usual work of the Session with the help of our moderator, the Reverend Sarah Bishop. We are also receiving and examining Personal Information Forms referred to us from the Church Leadership Connection as we continue to look for a pastor. We have also requested our Ministry Information Form be forwarded to our surrounding Presbyteries to be included in their publications. We will continue to let you know our progress as time goes and appreciate your prayers and suppose as we continue our search.

Teresa Primmer, Clerk of Session

**Mission Committee;** The *Pentecost Offering* will be collected the first part of May. As in the past, 60% of the money collected will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief. This year 40% will go to Hannah's House in Mishawaka an organization that provides a place for pregnant teenage girls who need a safe place. At Hannah's house the girls find shelter, food, support for the choices they face. There are life skill classes, parenting classes, counseling services. The girls learn about medical and educational resources available. In the past we have supported Hannah's House with dishes, pots, pans, and other kitchen utensils from the basement sales. Your support for this needed service is much appreciated.

And lastly, many, many thanks for supporting our on going *band-aid drive for the Children's cancer ward*. The children really do enjoy choosing!

Angela, Betty, Jennifer, Mary Ann, and Anna, the Mission committee.

## Pick up-Clean up Party!

Dust off those rakes, shovels, pruners, and gardening gloves! The church clean- up day is May 12<sup>th</sup> ! We need you to spruce up our beautiful church! You can come for an hour or more, whatever works with your schedule. Lunch will be provided. As you know, many hands will make the task much lighter. There will be lots of different jobs to do. Come and make a difference! See you May 12<sup>th</sup>! Chuck Wukovits

## SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

Meet us in Fellowship hall from 6pm to 11pm to work on any personal projects, or a planned donated project. Ideas flow when we get together as does the friendship. Please make a donation to the Food Pantry shopping cart is all that I ask. Contact me at [scrap.brittany@gmail.com](mailto:scrap.brittany@gmail.com) for any questions, thank you, Brittany.

**2018 dates:** May 18, June 22, July 27, August 31,  
September 28, October 26 and November 16.

Mark your calendar... Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> **Pentecost**....  
following the service, join the youth as they present a special pageant and fellowship.  
Don't forget to wear red!

Book Club , 2 p.m., May 20st  
the Bookshop on the Corner, hosted by Rose Marie Reif, Judy Green leader  
Contact Judy Green if you are interested in joining us.

## Presbyterian Women

**May 5 Malawi Work Day** 10 a.m. to noon  
**June 6 Calendar Meeting & Supper** @ Church 5:30 p.m.



*Church Wide Gathering in Louisville, KY. August 2nd thru the 5th. Please contact Darlene if you would like to join the ladies attending from First Pres.*

**Ruth Circle** last meeting for this year will be at *Rose Marie Reif's* on *May 16, 7 p.m.*

**Elizabeth Circle** last meeting for this year will be at *Janna McLean's* on *May 21, 7 p.m.*

**The PW Upper Room Resale Shop...** Our Upper Room resale shop was a huge success! Woo Hoo! We welcomed preschool and kindergarten teachers to a private sale to dispose of our piles of educational items. All the proceeds will be donated to the church for a new sign on Lincolnway. BUT, that means we need more donations! Clean your closets, basement, and garage. Place your gently used items on the third floor, and we'll take it from there. Make sure your clothing is clean, with no tears and minimal stains. Small kitchen appliances are great sellers. Make sure they are clean and in good working order. **Positively NO electronics like phones, printers, or computers will be accepted.** If you have furniture, please contact Lynett or Darlene. We're hoping to have two or three sales per year. The present location is so much easier to manage! Thank you in advance for your donations! Christine Wukovits, secretary of PW

### NEWS FROM THE MAC

This message comes from the HELP WANTED column of FIRST PRES NEWS where there is no lack of another mission opportunity.

The MAC Food Pantry is in need of people who have two hours during each month to serve as a volunteer. Albright UMC has provided a "home" for the Pantry for over twenty years. Some of the volunteers have served since day one. Now we find those folks have come to a place in their lives where the time has come where they have to say goodbye. At the last MAC Board meeting it was agreed to make the MAC congregations aware of the situation.

In addition to the two days the Pantry is open, each week there are other tasks needing volunteers, ie.

- ◆ preparing the food carts for folks visiting on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings.
- ◆ Unloading the truck after a visit to the Food Bank in S. Bend; storing the food in the church basement;
- ◆ restocking shelves prior to Pantry days
- ◆ Only **TWO HOURS EACH MONTH**, please consider this opportunity.

**DID YOU KNOW: VOLUNTEER HOURS HAVE BEEN CALCULATED AT \$21.00 PER HOUR????**

March Statistics: Pantry: 194 households; 649 individuals served. Please keep in mind that most of these households are our senior population with several single parent households sprinkled in.

The Boy Scout troop from Coalbush Church delivered 1475 pounds from their food drive. The Pantry received 30 Easter boxes, each containing a ham, from Four Winds Casino.

Due to the recent flooding, the Elkhart Kroger store sent most of its undamaged inventory to the South Bend Food Bank. This allowed the Pantry Director to buy items for nine cents per pound rather than the normal cost of eighteen cents per pound. These items include laundry soap, paper products, and such.

### Volunteer Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Work Project

WHAT: Help build 20 Habitat Homes    WHEN: August 27-31, 2018  
 WHERE: Near Jefferson and Byrkit, Mishawaka    WHO: 250 volunteers each day  
 SPECIAL: The Carters usually show up to help with these projects.

More information will come as it is available.

Let Angela or Mary Ann know if you are interested in helping with the project.



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Office Manager hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 - noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday &amp; Thursday 9 - noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 8am to 1 pm

Contact us at (574) 259-7874 or fpcmishawaka@gmail.com

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**Newsletter deadline is May 17** at noon for the double issue of June and July. Please send information to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or email to Judy, office manager, at [officejudyk@gmail.com](mailto:officejudyk@gmail.com). or you can also mail to or phone church.

**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Ron May, Janna McLean, Darlene Seufert, Chuck Wukovits

**Board of Deacons:** Lynett Heritz; moderator, Dick Dentino, Pam Martz, Teresa Primmer, Jason Pursehouse, Judy Sulak

**Facilities and Operations**

Chuck Wukovits, Chair  
Ethan DeMaegd, Dick Dentino

**Book Club:** Judy Green**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer**Christian Education:** Janna McLean, Chair**Finance:** Ron May, Chair**Mission and Evangelism:**

Angela Bellinger, Chair

**Newsletter:** Sue Rice**Nominating:** *ruling elder***Personnel:** Alan Camren, Chair**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz**Presbyterian Women:**

Lynett Heritz and Pam Camren

**Scrap Booking:** Brittany Rice**Special Gifts:** Sue Rice, Chair**Stewardship:** Ron May, Chair**Treasurer:** John Rice**Worship and Music:**

Darlene Seufert, Chair

**A huge THANK YOU** to Alan Camren for providing a thoughtful and inspirational Easter Service for our congregation. I am so very fortunate that Alan and John McLean answer the call when needed. Thanks also to the many retired pastors and lay leaders that have said yes, to fill in at the pulpit and come to FPC.  
**Darlene Seufert, Worship and Music**

BEYOND BELIEF is the theme for summer camp at Geneva Center this year, camp brochures are available, with one posted on the bulletin board in CE lobby. Now is the time to register. You can register on line at [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org) before/by May 15 to avoid late fees. There are FPC funds available to help/cover cost. Please let Pam Camren know that you have registered so that FPC portions of the fees can be paid as soon as possible to avoid a late fee. Special Gifts also offers funds to help with cost. Wow! The whole camp cost is covered! And yes, volunteer counselors are needed. Want to join the fun? Contact Cathy Adley for information and direction to camp leaders at [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org). Your Christian Education Committee, Janna McLean, Elder; Carol Poklinkowski, Disciples Treehouse Katie McCloskey and Pam Camren, members

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

May - Teresa Primmer  
June - Judy Green/ Carole Poklinkowski  
July - Dyan Phillips  
August - Lynett Heritz  
September - Brittany Rice  
October - Judy Sulak  
November - Mary Ann Dentino  
December - Darlene Seufert

As in the past, please switch with someone if you are unavailable on a given Sunday. Should that be necessary, it would be good to contact the church office of the change.

A small group from church will be attending a South Bend Cubs game on August 11th. Tickets selling fast (12.50) contact Greg at [gndphillips4800@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gndphillips4800@sbcglobal.net) for info

