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First Presbyterian News

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Turn back clocks Saturday night, 11/5 or Sunday morning, 11/6.

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From the Pastor's Pen

As I write this in October, it is hard to believe that Advent is right around the corner. Advent is the season in which we prepare ourselves – hearts, minds, and lives – for the coming of the Christ-child. It is a time when we learn to wait to receive something we cannot give ourselves, but which God promises to give to us. I like to think of this waiting in two senses. First, we wait *prayerfully*. For those who have been participating in the Wednesday evening Soul Feast small group, you know the emphasis we have been placing on strengthening our relationship with God through a variety of spiritual practices. From meditating on scripture, to reimagining our worship, to rediscovering the fast, the Christian tradition offers many resources for hungry souls longing to feed on the bread of life. Advent is a great time to explore a new spiritual practice as a way to attune yourself for the coming of Christ's light that shines in the darkness (John 1:5). The second sense of waiting I like to think about this time of year is *active*. Faithful waiting is not idle dawdling. When we learn to wait for the Christ-child to be born in our midst once again, we seek to put our faith into practice. Perhaps this Advent God is calling you to see and respond to a neighbor in need. If you have yet to participate in the Deacon's Christmas gift ministry, this is great year to get involved!

Bagpipes, special readings and time with children will all happen on St. Andrews, the 20th.

In worship this Advent we will be exploring this waiting along with Beth Richardson's book The Uncluttered Heart. Beth encourages us to make room for God during Advent and Christmas by sweeping out "the corners of our hearts, cleaning up the clutter, to make space for God's hope, peace, joy, love, and presence." I look forward to unpacking all this might mean for us and for our children this sacred season. Keep an eye out each Sunday of Advent for special children's messages focused on the manger scene and Advent wreath. Remember to invite a friend and new family to experience with us all this holy and wondrous season has to offer.

Grace and peace be with you.

Pastor Travis First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka, IN



***November 12th BAKE SALE & VENDOR FAIR 9 am to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

As fall has arrived, it is time to look forward to Thanksgiving. The **Mission Committee** will again be putting together and delivering *Thanksgiving baskets to Mishawaka families* who need some extra help during the holidays. Please begin thinking about helping us out by contributing food or the funds to help purchase food and the delivering of the baskets. A list will be available on the bulletin board with items needed but just think Thanksgiving Dinner items. We will begin collecting for them the first Sunday in November. Delivery to families will be Sunday before Thanksgiving.

fpcmishawaka.net, the church's website, is updated weekly with devotionals from Pastor Travis.

Have a prayer concern? Share with Pastor Travis by placing a call to the church office.

Prayer cards are available from an usher every Sunday.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS...

Our Bible Study this year is WHO IS JESUS?

By Judy Yates Siker

Elizabeth Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This month is on the 21st at **Janna McLean's** home,

December 20 Chris Wukovits

January 16 Susan May hosting at church

February 20 Pam M hosting at church

March 20 Joint Meeting

April 17 Mary Watt hosting

May 22 Pam C hosting

Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This month is on the 17th at **Judy Green's** home.

December 15 Teresa Primmer

January 19 Lynett Heritz

February 16 Dyan Phillips

March 20 Joint Meeting

April 20 Judy Sulak @ church

May 17 Rose Marie Reif

Bake Sale information

Work Night November 9TH 6-8 p.m.
(Cheeseballs/Soup Mixes)

Sign-up to work day of sale. We need help with greeting, stocking tables, cookie walk, check-out and kitchen. This is one of 2 fundraisers that funds our budget.

Donations please have at the church by Friday November 11 at 5 pm.

If making cookies for cookie walk, we ask for only 2-3 dozen of each kind. Holiday cookies go the best, people are looking for those items they do not make. **Please provide name of baked goods and note any special ingredients (ie nuts, fruits, etc) If you ordered noodles and or cheeseballs, they will be set aside for you to pick up on Saturday.

Sale day !! November 12th 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Flyers are available via email and print. Invite your friends and co-workers to shop.

Breakfast with Santa December 10th @ 9 am. Adults \$5.00, Kids ages 3-10 \$3.00, 2 & under free. Tickets will be available beginning Nov. 12th. Please join us for breakfast and special time with Santa.

Presbyterian Women

2016 – 2017 CALENDAR



Nov 9 Bake Sale work night 6-8 p.m. cheeseball & soup mixes.

Nov 11 Set-up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.

Nov 12 **Bake & Vendor Sale**

9 to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Dec. 10 **Breakfast with Santa.** 9:00 am

Dec 9th set-up in Fellowship Hall

Jan 14 **PW Winter Gathering**

PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.

Jan. 16 **Kitchen clean-up** 10:00 a.m.

Mar. 11 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study**

@10:00 a.m. Carry-in Brunch

Election of Officers PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.

Apr. 23 **Gifts of Women Sunday**

Honorary Memberships, Install officers 2017,
Birthday Offering Celebration

Apr 23 Basement Sale set up 11:30 am

Apr. 24-26 Work days

Apr 27 **Basement Sale** 9 - 6 p.m.

Apr 28 **Basement Sale** 9 - 2 p.m.

Apr 29 **Bag sale** 10 - noon Clean-up @ noon

TBD **Spring Gathering** - Presbytery

June 7 **Calendar Meeting & Supper**

@Church 5:30 p.m.

PWCT MEETINGS Nov 6th Noon Jan 14th 9am Feb 5th Noon
Mar. 11th 9am Apr. 2nd Noon June 7th 5:30 pm

Prayer Shawls If you have any prayer shawls made, please bring them in and let Judy Sulak know so they can be inventoried. We are in need of adult size shawls.

Canticle Ringers: Practices will be Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Session 1 will end in December with two planned times to ring during service; December 4th & Christmas Eve. See Director Judy Green if you want to join, no music reading experience required. Session 2 will rehearse February 1 thru April 5 with plans to ring on March 5 and April 9. Session 3 is May 10 thru 31, ringing on June 4, 2017.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 am to 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Secretary hours: 9 am to noon Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Financial Secretary hours: Mondays & Thursdays 9 - noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 8am to 1 pm

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Newsletter deadline is November 17 at noon for December/January issue. Please send information to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or mail/email the church secretary.

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Judy Green, John Martz, Ron May, Darlene Seufert

Board of Deacons: Lynett Heritz; moderator, Tom Camren, Teresa Primmer, Jason Pursehouse, Judy Sulak

Facilities and Operations

John Martz, chair (elder)
Ethan DeMaegd, Dick Dentino,
Chuck Wukovits

Book Club: Judy Green

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer

Christian Education: Darlene Seufert

Finance: Ron May, Chair

Mission and Evangelism:

Angela Bellinger, Chair

Newsletter: Sue Rice

Nominating: Darlene Seufert, Chair

Personnel: Alan Camren, Chair

Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz

Presbyterian Women:

Carole Polk and Lynett Heritz

PWNS Board: John Rice, Chair

Scrap Booking: Brittany Rice

Special Gifts: Sue Rice, chair

Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Treasurer: John Rice

Worship and Music:

Judy Green, Chair

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE MAC

The MAC Board hosted a "thank you" dinner for the Food Pantry volunteers on October 13. The hours these dedicated folks give in a variety of ways is invaluable.

It must be noted working with the clients on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings is just one facet of the operation. Food donations from the participating churches and those who deliver them to the Pantry throughout the week, along with money donations which cover other costs.

We must not forget Albright United Methodist Church where the Pantry began its work many years ago.

The Board was fortunate in finding replacements for those who retired after many years of service.

In August through a client survey, some changes were made in what had been routinely stocked in the Pantry. Being aware of the number of persons in a family, the amount of food given to each family can vary. Using what is available from The Food Bank and USDA, church members were asked to watch grocery store ads and encouraged to donate some of these items when doing their weekly shopping. A goal was set to provide a list weekly on the bulletin boards or on the Sunday bulletin insert. Another goal of the Pantry is to try to supply food which is "health happy", especially for growing children.

The 2016 statistics made available at the Volunteers Dinner included; average number of households served per week (60), number of persons served (7089), food and non-food items donated (27,279) pounds, food received from USDA at no cost, (22,899) pounds, food and non-food items purchased (\$16,266), money donations (\$13,361), operation expenses (\$2,266), *non-food items include paper products, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, laundry and cleaning supplies.

TOTAL NUMBER OF FOOD PANTRY HOUSEHOLDS SERVED IN 2016 so far is 2,220.

Thanks to the First Presbyterian Church for this valued mission to the Mishawaka community. Respectfully submitted, Janet Freeman

Book Club: November 13th @ 3pm we will discuss **A Kiss Before Dying by Ira Levin.**

It tells the shocking tale of a young man who will stop at nothing—not even murder—to get where he wants to go. For he has dreams; plans. He also has charm, good looks, intelligence. And he has a problem. Her name is Dorothy; she loves him.

Darlene is hosting and Judy is snack provider.

Please contact Judy Green for more details. mtegjag@aol.com

Possible book for December is Christmas Angels by Violet Shipman (author of the charm bracelet)

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

Thanks Giving will happen this month. A time for us all to take a moment, to realize all we have, to say a prayer in hope for each other, to be a reminder that we have been blessed.

This is our last Friday scrapping and crafting for this year. As always the friendships and laughter you have shared have given me pleasure the whole year through. *Brittany*

November 18 in Fellowship Hall, from 6pm to 11pm.

A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down. Don't forget to bring a drink (and maybe a goodie to share).

Contact me at Brittany scrap.brittany@comcast.net

2017 dates — mark your calendar now...you know you got projects to finish!

February 24th March 24th April 21st May 19th June 23rd July 28th

August 25th September 22nd October 27th and November 17th.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday: October 30

The Stewardship Committee will be collecting this year's pledge cards Sunday October 30. This is the time for making a commitment to support the church's mission in 2017. The cards will be passed out and collected during worship. Follow-ups will be as needed.

Our church budget is fairly close to balance in 2016.

The Stewardship Committee is hopeful that we can maintain that status or grow forward and restore some of our cutbacks in 2017.

Please prayerfully consider your commitment to FPC for 2017, and join us for dedication on Sunday!



Dedication Sunday for PW included 86 baby bundles, 7 hand made bibs and 10 knit baby caps, some even for preemies. Thank Offering collected on this Sunday also.



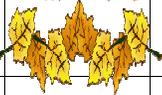
Deacons Stamps Project – 3 years ago a large number of stamps were donated to the Deacons to help raise money for our Christmas Shopping program. I would like to thank everyone who purchased stamps and helped us raise over \$1,400! What a wonderful gift. I am out of stamp packets, but I do have stamps of 1, 3 and 4 cent values. On behalf of the Deacons, I would like to thank you for supporting this project. Carole Polk

I would like to Thank all our church members who have donated their art for our weekly Sunday bulletins. Your time and effort are truly appreciated. Sue Rice



Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am
Sermon Talk Back 11:15 am

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 C. Ringers 7 pm	2 Soul Feast 7:30 pm	3	4 	5 Clock "fall" back over night or do Sunday morning!
6 greeter: Judy S. ushers: Ethan D. & Dan B. W. Leader: Chris Wukovits All Saints Day	7 	8 VOTE C. Ringers 7 pm	9 Soul Feast 7:30 pm Bake sale work night	10	11 Set up for bake sale all sale items to church Veterans Day	12 PW Bake Sale
13 greeter: Ethan D. ushers: Carole P. & Bill B. W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits	14 Elizabeth circle 7pm Pam C's home	15 C. Ringers 7 pm	16 Soul Feast 7:30 pm	17 Ruth circle 7pm Darlene's home	18 Scrapbook Club 6-11pm	19 
20 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Greg P. & Neil S. W. Leader: Dyan Phillips St. Andrews Day Hanging of the Greens	21 	22 C. Ringers 7 pm	23 PWNS sharing party	24 Happy Thanksgiving 	25 	26 
27 first Sunday of Advent greeter: Bill B. ushers: Dick D. & Janet F. W. Leader: Pam Camren	28	29 C. Ringers 7 pm	30 Soul Feast 7:30 pm			

ARE the DOORS LOCKED when you leave the church? Please always check just to be sure.

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School: November is a time for God's Majestic space. The children make their own spaceships and fly to the stars and planets. When they land, we talk of sharing, caring and being thankful. We end with our Thanksgiving Feast on November 23rd.
Many blessings from PWNS, Jayne and Eileen

The St. Joseph County Coordinating Team of Presbyterian churches met on October 11 to evaluate the joint South Bend Cubs Game. It was decided by all present that it was so successful we would plan 3-4 joint activities per year. Our next activity will be a pot luck on January 1 at Westminster Church after our joint worship service. Mark your calendars now. There will be more to come!! Respectfully, Mary Ann Dentino

Hanging of the Greens: On November 20th we will be decorating the sanctuary after St. Andrew's Day fellowship starting around noon. Many hands make light work of decorating our sanctuary for Advent.

Presbyterian Women Vendor Fair & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 12, 9am - 2pm
First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka
401 Lincolnway East

Vendors include: Mary Kay, Thirty-One, handmade items, crafts for the home, Dove Discoveries, Norwex floral arrangements, and more...

Baked goods will include cheeseballs, homemade noodles and soup mixes. Various baked goods, breads, seasonal treats and cookies by the pound! Shop for the holidays then treat yourself to lunch when you are done, lunch starts at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you for supporting our Mission Work both locally and abroad.



On Dedication Sunday, fellowship was served in our recently updated Memorial Lounge. With Chris Wukovits, Alan Camren and John McLean.

Two couches and four chairs were given new colors, carpet was cleaned & curtains freshened.



After all that work was done, some furniture moved and some paint was touched up. There was dusting, polishing, and refreshing.



The Library was reorganized and now is open to the lounge. Art work is hung, seasonal additions help make this all feel new! PW, many thanks!

