



# First Presbyterian News

## October 2017

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

### Peacemaking Offering

There are many factors in the world that divide us. They exist among all nations and all communities, sometimes even congregations and ourselves. "Peace as a spiritual bonding agent", Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "holding us together through the love of Christ."

The PEACEMAKING OFFERING funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling us to hold conferences and advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflict. This offering will be received on October 1.

Twenty-five percent of the offering will be kept to be used in the community.

Please participate in this offering, together we can help transform cultures of violence into communities of peace.

The Mission Committee



### Worship Music Christian Education and general information you should know

October 1 we will celebrate World Communion.

October 3 Canticle Ringers first practice. Contact Judy Green with any questions.

October 4, 11, 18 and 25 Bible study at church. 6-7:15pm with dinner included. Please use sign up sheet in lobby or contact church secretary to confirm your place. Pastor Travis will be leading us on a study/discussion on Acts.

October 6 thru 19 presale of noodles and cheeseball, order early!

October 7 10:30am to noon, rehearsals for the drama and adult choir will start for the 34th Christmas. More information on page 3 of the newsletter.

October 8 is a special Children's Day Service. This service we will enjoy worship involving the children of our church, from the oldest to the youngest. All the kiddos are interested in participating in some aspect of this service. This service will be tailored to the young at heart, such as using the scriptures from the children's bible and modifying the format of scripture and sermon and a few other parts. We look forward to having you in attendance to enjoy and support what our children have to share with you.

October 20 & 21 PW Fall retreat and recharge at Geneva Center.

October 22nd PW Dedication Sunday.

October 26th noodle making for Bake sale 6 to 8 pm

October 27th scrapbooking in Fellowship hall 6 to 11pm

October 29th is the deadline for having a loved one remembered on All Saint's Day, November 5th.

Contact the office ([officejudyk@gmail.com](mailto:officejudyk@gmail.com)) with name, date of death and your relationship.

And beyond ...

All Saint's Day in November

PW bake sale in November

Deacons fund raiser in November

Last scrapbooking for 2017 in November

St Andrews Day in November

2 services on December 24th, 10am a *simple service* and 7:30 pm Candlelight Service with handbells!



## Presbyterian Women 2017 – 2018 CALENDAR

- October 20-21 **Fall Retreat-Renew-Recharge** @ Geneva Center
- October 22 **Dedication Sunday** - Together in Service Projects during service
- October 26 Bake Sale work night 6:00–8:00 p.m. (make noodles)
- November 8 Bake Sale work night 6:00-8:00 cheeseball (make soup mixes)
- November 10 Set-up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
- November 11 **Bake Sale/Vendor Fair**- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- January 13 **PW Winter Gathering** (PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.)
- January 15 **Kitchen clean-up** 10:00 a.m.
- March 10 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study** @10:00 a.m. (PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.)  
Carry-in Brunch & Election of Officers
- April 8 **Gifts of Women Sunday** - Honorary Memberships  
Birthday Offering Celebration, Installation of officers
- May 5 **Malawi Work Day** 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- TBD **Spring Gathering** – @ Geneva Center
- June 6 **Calendar Meeting & Supper** @ Church 5:30 p.m.
- August 2-5 **Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky**

PWCT MEETINGS

- Oct. 1st 11:30 am
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am      Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 9 am
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am      Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Calendar Meeting @ 5:30 pm



**Ruth Circle** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm starting in October. Contact Teresa Primmer for information

- October 19th at Lynett Heritz’s
- November 16th Darlene Seufert’s
- December 21st at Teresa Primmer’s
- January 18th at Church (Judy Sulak)
- February 15th at Dyan Phillips’s
- March 10th Joint meeting at church Brunch
- April 19th at Teresa Primmer’s
- May 16th at Rose Marie Reif’s

**Elizabeth Circle** meets the 3rd Monday of the month starting in October. Contact Mary Ann Dentino for information

- No October meeting
- November 20th at Susan May’s
- December 18 at Chris Wukovits
- January 13 meet at the church (Pam Camren)
- February 19 at Mary Ann Dentino’s
- March 10 joint meeting at church Brunch
- April 16 at Mary Watt’s
- May 21 at Janna McLean’s

Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study: Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews by Melissa Bane Sevier. Cost of Study Book is \$10, books are available in the CE Office.



## PW Bake Sale November 11, 2017 9am to 2pm

New this year...Pre Sale of Noodles and Cheeseballs.

Noodles 16 oz for \$5.00 (Pre Sale only) at the sale 8 oz for \$3.00 only.

Cheeseballs with parsley coating (no nuts and no plain)

Pre Sale will start October 6th and run thru the 19th. We are also taking orders from the public so if you could share that would be helpful. Call in orders to the church office.

The noodle making night has been moved from Wednesday To Thursday October 26.

Sign up sheets for goodies we are looking for (favorites/best sellers) will be on the clipboards.

Sign up sheets for work nights and the Bake Sale day will be there also.

PLEASE No pre-packaging, we will handle that. Each year we add new items to the Cookie by the pound area, and have found customers like to design their own carry out. We are asking for only 2-3 dozen of one type of cookie, candy, pastry.

We also have had calls for regular chocolate, chocolate mint and chocolate peanut butter fudge. Last year we had many embrace the fall theme, but don't forget Christmas theme items too. Breads of banana, zucchini, pumpkin, whole wheat beer, herbed and lemon blueberry are great, with and without nuts and small or large loaves. If you are making a recipe from the PW cookbook let us know so we can promote that aspect.

Last year we were short in the pie area. In the past we have sold by the slice, 1/2 and whole pies.

We can not always remember who gave what so please use disposable plates when sending in items.

We will once again have vendors, if you know someone please have them contact Lynett ASAP as room is filling up quickly.

And YES! We will once again have lunch for purchase, yum!

As always we can use helping hands, workers the day of sale, donations and most importantly people to come to our sale. Flyers will be available soon to share with all friends and co-workers. We can supply paper and digital flyers. Just let us know, happy to share with you. Any questions please see Judy Green, Carole Polk or Lynett Heritz.



### 34th Christmas

Rehearsals for the drama and adult choir will start October 7 and will be every week through December 2, **NO rehearsal Thanksgiving weekend.**

The first rehearsal, on the 7th, will be at 10:30 and last till noon roughly.

Dress rehearsal will be Wednesday December 6 time. TBD

Performance dates are December 9 & 10 at 7:00 pm.

We are so very pleased to have this chance to share this special program.

More details are to come, but if you have questions please contact Judy Green or Vicky Garrett.

**All Saint's Day** is November 5th. Please submit to OFFICE/Judy Green by October 29th, the name of the person you would like to be remembered, include the date of their death, their relationship to you.  
Thank you. (officejudyk@gmail.com -- MTCGJAG@aol.com)

**From the Deacons...**

- **Greeters** are always needed on Sunday morning. If you would like to greet before the service, please contact Judy Sulak.
- Presbyterian Women are holding their Annual Bake Sale/Vendor Fair on **November 11**. **The Deacons will be selling frozen Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken and containers of chicken salad.** The monies will go towards our Children's Christmas Shopping on December 2.
- **Children's Christmas Clothing Shopping, December 2.** Please contact Lynett or Teresa if you would like to participate in shopping at J. C. Pennys! It's a remarkable experience!
- If you would like to donate a poinsettia(s) for the Advent season in memory of /or honoring someone, please make your checks payable to **FPC Deacon's Flower Fund**, and don't forget to include the name(s) to be honored.

**HURRICANE UPDATE**

Members of PDA's National Response team will arrive in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina this week to provide aid, assess damage, and offer spiritual and emotional care for those impacted by the winds and flooding. While PDA has already been in contact with Presbyteries throughout Florida and Puerto Rico, the Church remains mindful of the areas where contact has, so far been difficult to make such as the Florida Keys and the Caribbean Islands.

There are years of recovery ahead. Will you please continue to extend the hands of Christ by standing in the GAP.           GIVE   ACT   PRAY

The mission committee of First Pres of Mishawaka has discussed the best way for us to extend the hand of Christ. It was decided that sending money was best so they could purchase what is needed in their community. This would help their economy plus save shipping charges allowing all donations to go toward the disaster. However, if anyone is traveling to either disaster area or know if a way to get free shipping we would gladly put together hygiene kits or clean-up buckets to send.

**WAYS TO GIVE TO PDA**

1. To give by phone, call 800-872-3283
2. By check, make the check out

To Presbyterian Church USA. Please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:

Presbyterian Church USA  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15264-3700

3. For more information about giving on line go to [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org)
4. You can drop a check in the offering plate, designating where we should send it.

Thank you for helping us extend the hand of Christ.

**Mission Committee**

**Book Club:** October 15th, *Tornado Weather* by Deborah Kennedy. We will meet at Teresa Primmer's home, snacks by Lynett and leader will be Dyan Phillips. "the story hangs ever so loosely on the disappearance of Daisy, in a town called Collierville, Ind., with a tornado on the horizon and the flawed folks of this town."

November 19th, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Darlene Seufert will host and lead discussion, snacks provided by Judy Green.

On December 17th, *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney, and January 21st, *Winter G* Though this story is hung on a child gone missing and a tornado on the horizon, the focus is the flawed folks *arden* by Kristin Hannah. We would love to have you join us, contact me if you have any questions, thanks, Judy. (MTCGJAG@aol.com)

We're at that time when we consider our church stewardship and what our financial giving can mean for First Presbyterian Church in 2018. What does our Christian stewardship mean for us? Stewardship is part of our calling to follow Christ. It's an act of discipleship. First Presbyterian Church is part of the family of Christ. Whether we give of our time, talents or resources, we are giving to the body of Christ. Giving of our financial resources also supports local missions like the food pantry. It also supports worldwide mission through the Presbyterian Church USA.

2018 will be an interesting year as we search for a new pastor. And the mission of the church moves along regardless of the circumstances. As we enter this stewardship time, let us begin to consider how we can support the Church and its mission. You will hear more about this in October.

And on November 12, the congregation will be asked to submit a pledge for 2018.

Please take a moment to decide what your commitment will be.

**Finance Committee**

Committee's it is time to once again turn in your meeting dates to the church secretary for the following year. You can email or leave a note, but please some form of 'written' will work best. Thank you.  
officejudyk@gmail.com

*Those wonderful Church Bulletins!* Thank God for computers! Sometimes. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins, but not necessary Presbyterian bulletins:

**The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.**

**The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.**

**Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM -**

**pray-**

## NEWS FROM THE MAC

It's amazing how quickly things can change at the MAC PANTRY. The local media has reported the situation at the Food Bank is experiencing similar problems.

At the September MAC Board meeting, director, Shelia Swinehart reports:

Food donations; 2391 pounds, down 193 pounds

Monetary donations; \$526, down \$205

Households served, 243, an increase of 25; individuals 883, an increase of 100

Records show the number of families served weekly have increased from 20/25 to 35 consistently Account balance as of August, \$1273, down \$465. The drop is due to having to purchase food from the Food Bank.

It appears the numbers in individual families has increased; however, there is no change in number of items placed in each bag.

The Pantry continues to receive government commodities which helps.

Here is some good news, an answer to our prayers. We welcome Doug Wilkens, as the Pantry truck driver...not only does he deliver the food order from the Food Bank, he unloads it at the Pantry, maintains the truck and has indicated he will maintain food inventory numbers..

We also welcome Beth Temple, as a representative from SJ Regional Medical Center. She will be reporting the latest news from the hospital..

In order to keep member churches aware of the work of the Pantry, the Board would like to develop a newsletter to be available via the internet. Is there someone out there who would be willing to design such newsletter?...any and all news would be provided for the content just work your magic!!...Think about it!!!

We are grateful to CP Industries for repairing the Pantry Laptop computer at no charge.

Sadly, the Willow Creek UMC ladies who have volunteered for many years have informed Shelia they won't be able to continue as volunteers when the winter weather comes.

we are grateful to them for their service.

It's the volunteers...some of them having served over twenty five years, since the Pantry's first days..

Our own shopping cart is always ready for filling. Of course the staples are always needed but let's not forget that the holidays are quickly approaching. Peanut butter and jelly along with cereal are almost always asked for. Canned goods of any kind are welcome and toiletries are much appreciated. If you find your self confused on just what to get, you can send a check to Albright Church, Food Pantry at 504 W. Mishawaka Ave, Mishawaka, In 46545. the staff on hand can see the empty spaces and fill them in.



Also of note, they often offer treats to the children coming in with their parents so if you have left over Halloween candy this is the place to send it to. Thank you.

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: please call for appointment

Office Administrator hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 - noon

Financial Secretary hours: Tuesdays 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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**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Judy Green, Ron May, Chuck Wukovits, Janna McLean

**Board of Deacons:** Lynett Heritz; moderator, Tom Camren, 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:** Darlene Seufert, Chair

**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:**

Judy Green, Chair

**The Prayer Chain: *The only requirement, pray for others.***

We are a faithful group who pray daily for those in need from our congregation or friends of our congregation.

Prayer needs will be sent to your email address.

If you would like to be included in our Prayer Chain, please contact Pam C., Lynett, or Darlene. Thank you

**Newsletter deadline is October 17** at noon for the November issue. Please send information to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or email Judy, church secretary at [officejudyk@gmail.com](mailto:officejudyk@gmail.com). You can also mail to church or phone Judy.

**Ladies of the Church!**

We have the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon on January 6th at His Majesty's Tearoom, across from the Mishawaka Library. Nine of us enjoyed lunch there on May 6th and had a fabulous time. If you weren't able to go or would like to go again, please let me know. The cost is \$25. At the time, I thought that was a bit pricy....but it's worth every penny! It's quite the experience. The house will be decked out in Christmas finery as well. Please let me know by November 1 if you are interested. You will not be committed, but I need to know an approximate number. You can call me or shoot me an email. Thanks!

Christine Wukovits

Thank you our church family. Your kind words, hugs, cards and prayers helped make the passing of mom/gama/great-gama, Phyllis Jackson, less painful. John, Sue & Chris Rice, Katie, Justin & Max McCloskey.

**Worship 10 am  
Fellowship at 11 am  
Talk Back 11:10 am**

**October 2017**

| Sun  | Mon | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
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| <p>1<br/>Greeter: Teresa Primmer<br/>Ushers: Ethan DeMaegd and Dan Bruner<br/>W. Leader Judy Sulak</p>   | 2   | 3  | <p>4<br/><i>Bible Study<br/>6pm</i></p>  | 5   | <p>6<br/><i>Presale starts for<br/>noodles and<br/>cheeseballs</i></p> | <p>7<br/><i>34th<br/>Christmas<br/>rehearsal</i></p> |
| <p>8 <i>acolytes Mia Rice and<br/>Charlotte Phillips</i><br/>Greeter: Teresa Primmer<br/>ushers: Carole Polk and Bill Bellairs<br/>W. Leader: Chris Wukovits<br/>Time with children: Dyan Phillips</p> | 9   | 10   | <p>11<br/><i>Bible Study<br/>6pm</i></p>   | 12  | 13   | <p>14<br/><i>34 rehearsal</i></p>                    |
| <p>15<br/>Greeter: Teresa Primmer<br/>ushers: Michael Green and Gordon Reif<br/>W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits<br/><b><i>Book Club 2pm</i></b></p>  | 16  | <p>17<br/><i>Newsletter<br/>deadline</i></p>     | <p>18<br/><i>Bible Study<br/>6pm</i></p>   | <p>19<br/><i>Last day to<br/>pre-order<br/>noodles/<br/>cheeseballs</i></p> | 20   | <p>21<br/><i>34 rehearsal</i></p>                    |
| <p>22 <i>acolyte Julie Rice</i><br/>Greeter: Bill Bellairs<br/>ushers: Dick Dentino and Judy Sulak<br/>W. Leader: Darlene Seufert</p>  | 23  | 24   | <p>25<br/><i>Bible Study<br/>6pm</i></p>   | 26  | <p>27<br/><i>Scrapbooking<br/>6pm to 11pm<br/>Fellowship Hall</i></p>  | <p>28<br/><i>34 rehearsal</i></p>                    |
| <p>29<br/>Greeter: Bill Bellairs<br/>Ushers: Greg Phillips and Neil Seufert<br/>W. Leader: Janna McLean</p>  | 30  | <p>31<br/>Happy<br/>Hall-<br/>ooo-<br/>ween!</p> |  |   |  |  |

**SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice**  
 Only 2 more Friday evenings for 2017!!!  
 We meet in Fellowship hall from 6pm to 11pm to work on our various projects without the interruptions of phone, family or TV.  
 Bring any project you would like to work on, knit, paint, card making, scrapbooking!.  
 A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down. Thank You, Brittany  
 Contact me at [scrap.brittany@comcast.net](mailto:scrap.brittany@comcast.net) October 27th and November 17th.