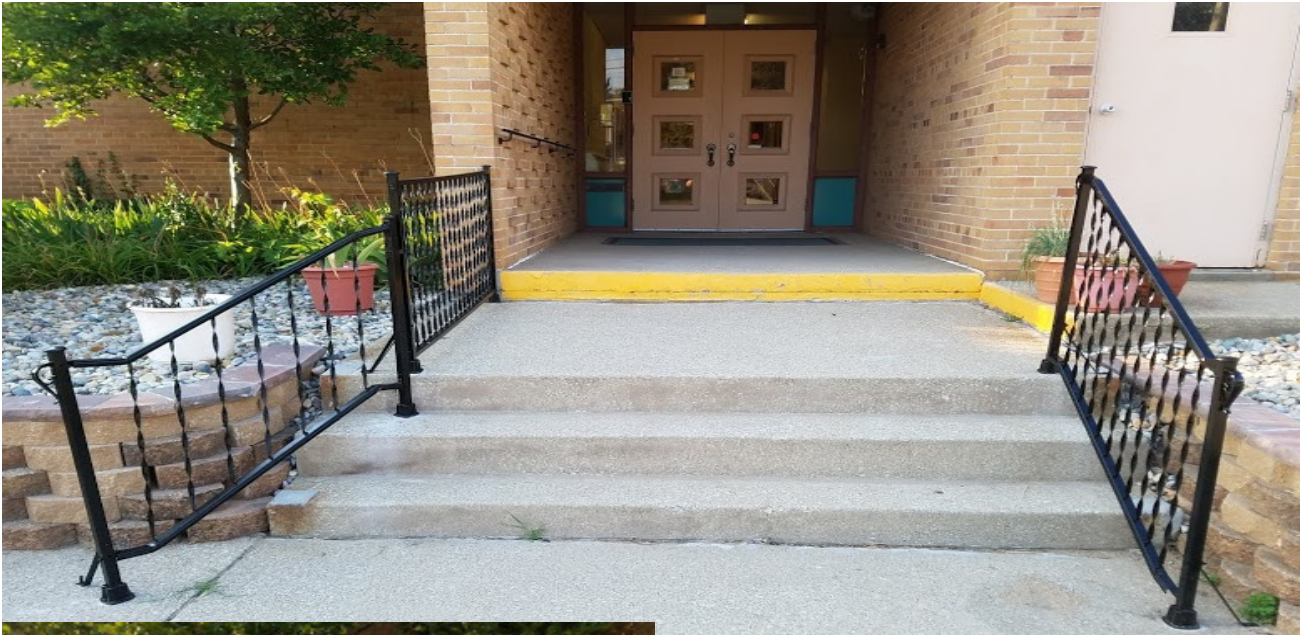


First Presbyterian News

August 2018

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544



A flat stone design on the eastern side of entrance.

The construction work is done! New rails have been installed, (the old ones had rusted out) matching stone walls on both sides of entrance, (no more damaged wall or wall with ivy growing between the stones) easy to maintain landscapes and better water drainage design. The tree was trimmed into shape and the sign given a fresh coat of paint. The old flag stone was also put to use. Now the pastor's entrance is ready to greet a backdoor guest.



Some old flag stones were placed on the east side of the building by the driveway to help counter erosion.

DEACONS PICNIC and WORSHIP

When: Sunday, August 19th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Teresa and Dave Primmer's house
711 W. 16th St, across from Rose Park.



Deacons will provide the entree and beverages; along with chairs, plates and plastic ware. We ask that you bring a dish to share!



SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

Meet us in Fellowship hall from 6pm to 11pm to work on any personal projects, crafts, scrap booking, cards, or even an adult coloring book! Ideas flow when we get together as does the friendship.

A donation to the Food Pantry shopping cart is your admission.

As of August 1st there are 153 days till Christmas, how are your projects coming along?

Contact me at scrap.brittany@gmail.com for any questions, thank you, Brittany.

2018 dates: August 31, September 28, October 26 and November 16.

Book Club September 16, 2018 at 2:00 pm Come ready to share and tell about the book you have read all summer long. We will pick our October book at that time and lay out details for the next few months as well. Watch the Sunday bulletin for the September location. *Happy Reading!*

Questions: contact Judy Green at mtcgjag@aol.com

“THE WEDNESDAY CONNECTION”

What is that, you may ask! An opportunity to “connect” with your church family and perhaps meet some new folks mid-week. It is a good thing to do.

The Wednesday Connection is the upcoming supper, fellowship, connection and study time beginning on **Wednesday, September 26** in Fellowship Hall. Supper will be at 6:15 and we will finish our study/discussion by 7:30.

The study format will be similar to last year except we will be using a DVD presentation to guide our study/discussion. Someone from CE committee will facilitate each session.

Our first focus will be “***Fear of the Other, No Fear in Love***” by William H. Willimon. This study seems timely as our country wrestles with the issue of immigration. Let us come together, studying together, sharing “bread” and companionship while listening with the heart of Jesus and the leading of the Holy Spirit of God.

There will be a sign up sheet on the lobby bulletin board to indicate your participation and another for preparing and serving a light supper..... to feed 10-15 fellow FPC family members and invited friends. Open to all!!!

Questions? Please contact one of us. Carole Polk, Pam Camren, and Janna McLean, CE Elder



The Presbyterian Women



Regarding The Upper Room.... New name of the "basement Sale".

The top floor has been year round storage area for donations, but now it will also be our sale site. We tested the waters a couple of months ago and it was well received, so now we have plans on having 3-4 sales a year. **Presbyterian Women are working and preparing for our next sale; August 11th!**

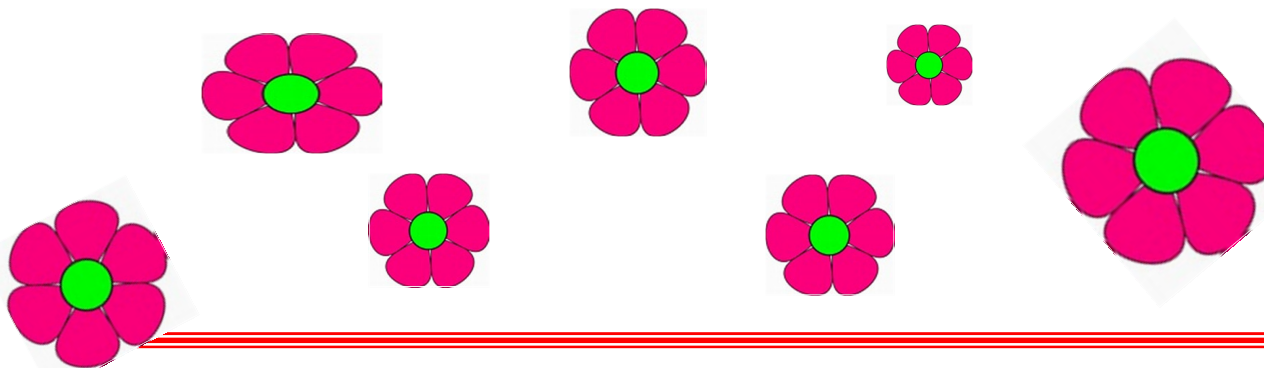
We have a work night planned before the next sale, Wednesday, August 8th from 6-8 p.m. If you happen to be free, extra hands are always welcome, we will be sorting and pricing items.

It is always a good time to donate but with the upcoming sale, this is a great time to start downsizing your closets. Items can be dropped off on the 3rd floor of the CE building. The second room on the right is set aside for receiving items. Please remember that we do NOT accept computers or electronics; or broken, stained or damaged items. Please bring items in clean, good condition. We will consider some pieces of furniture but please check with Darlene or Lynett before bringing to the church. We can always use paper shopping bags but as of right now we are covered for plastic shopping bags!

Just a reminder that the rooms aren't open for shopping except for designated dates.

On August 2nd several ladies will be heading to Louisville for the PW Gathering. While praying for a safe trip and journey and we will look forward to hearing all about the exciting things Presbyterian Women have planned. On August 12, Pam Camren, Mary Ann Dentino, Lynett Heritz and Darlene Seufert will share these experiences with us from the pulpit.

Carole & Pam C. Co-Moderators PW



Filling the big red tub and shopping cart

Being a small congregation we have always found a way to help and the Mission committee would like to thank you. As the year moves along we ask for soup items, socks, band-aids, and always food items for the shopping cart. It is now time to ask for school supplies. The every day items that helps both student and teacher. Pencils are always in short supply just weeks after school starts and that leads to erasers. Note book paper and folders to store work are helpful too. Back packs are a luxury for some families, but what ever you can share is always, ALWAYS appreciated. So if you can, please consider helping to fill the big red tub in the lobby and maybe add a can or two to the shopping cart (see page six for a MAC pantry report) and know you are appreciated with kind thoughts from those who need this extra help. Thank you.

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Organist & Choir Director**Brandon Holihan**

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Custodian**John McLean**

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Worship is at 10 a.m. Fellowship to follow.**Volunteer greeters, ushers & worship leaders****August 5** Margaret DeMaegd greeter

Ethan DeMaegd and Dan Bruner ushers

John Rice worship leader

August 12 Ethan DeMaegd greeter

Carole Polk and Bill Bellairs ushers

Mary Watt worship leader

August 19 Bill Bellairs greeter

Michael Green and Gordon Reif ushers

Alan Camren worship leader *CHURCH PICNIC***August 26** Bill Bellairs greeter

Greg Phillips and Dick Dentino ushers

Dyan Phillips worship leader

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 SulakFacilities and OperationsChuck Wukovits, Chair
Ethan DeMaegd, Dick DentinoBook Club: Judy GreenClerk of Session: Teresa PrimmerChristian Education: Janna McLean, ChairFinance: Ron May, ChairMission and Evangelism:

Angela Bellinger, Chair

Newsletter: Sue RiceNominating: *ruling elder*Personnel: Alan Camren, ChairPrayer Chain: Lynett HeritzPresbyterian Women:

Lynett Heritz and Pam Camren

Scrap Booking: Brittany RiceSpecial Gifts: Sue Rice, ChairStewardship: Ron May, ChairTreasurer: John RiceWorship and Music:

Darlene Seufert, Chair

**TODDLER ROOM
SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

August - Lynett Heritz

September - Brittany Rice

October - Judy Sulak

November - Mary Ann Dentino

December - Darlene Seufert

Newsletter deadline is August 17 at noon for the September issue. Please send information to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or Judy, office manager, at officejudyk@gmail.com. or you can also mail/ phone church.

Please note; When there is an event held at the church we need a "security" church member to take the assignment of making sure the office doors, both interior and exterior doors, classroom doors (and other rooms not to be used) are locked at the beginning of the event and then checked/unlocked after event. And please remember to always check that Exit Doors are locked before/as you leave. Thank You.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Office Manager hours: Tuesday through Friday 9 - noon

Financial Secretary hours: Monday & Thursday 9 - noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 8am to 1 pm

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

OUR MAIL ADDRESS: First Presbyterian Church-Mishawaka

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Find the tub in lobby

Fill the tub with school supplies

Focus a young mind!!

Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am

August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Communion</i> <i>Don Neely,</i> <i>guest pulpit</i>	6 	7	8 <i>PW work night</i> <i>6 to 8 pm</i>	9	10	11 <i>Upper Room</i> <i>Sale</i> <i>10 to 4 pm</i>
12 <i>Pam, Darlene, Mary Ann</i> <i>& Lynett will fill the pulpit</i>	13	14 <i>Mishawaka</i> <i>first day</i> <i>of school</i>	15	16 <i>S. Bend</i> <i>first day of</i> <i>school</i>	17	18
19  <i>Picnic at Rose Park</i> <i>Judy Sulak guest pulpit</i>	20	21	22 <i>PHM</i> <i>first day</i> <i>school</i>	23	24	25
26 <i>Steve Mullin</i> <i>guest pulpit</i>	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Scrap</i> <i>booking in</i> <i>fellowship</i> <i>hall</i> <i>6 to 11pm</i>	

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support as I recover from breaking my ankle while at a retreat near Sumas, Washington. Your calls and cards and concern have brightened my day. I certainly have made progress, but it's going to be a journey yet for a while so please keep praying! Thanks, Janna

GOD'S FIRST WARNING GENESIS 2

"ALAS," ADAM SAID, "WOE IS ME!
I'M LONELY AS LONELY CAN BE!"
GOD SAID, "JUST YOU WAIT.
I'LL SEND YOU A MATE.
JUST KEEP HER AWAY FROM THAT TREE!"

From MAC

James Braunsdorf, treasurer, June 2018

As your MAC treasurer I prepare our annual non-profit income tax return which is due late spring each year. I recently completed the return for 2017 and would like to share some facts and figures with you. We get so involved in the day-to-day operation that we do not step back to get the big picture.

Through the efforts of so many people we make a real difference in Mishawaka. You may see a small collection box for groceries in your church or contribute to the Boy Scout food drives or write a check and not be able to follow that through the process. But volunteers take it to Albright Church and more volunteers weigh it in, safely store it, welcome people who need it and help distribute it. Other volunteers use the cash contributions to shop to get perishable food to increase the nutrition and variety we can supply. It all adds up.

In 2017 we had 37,828 pounds of food and toiletries contributed that we passed through. We also are able because we meet government requirements to receive another 27,576 pounds of commodities from the US department of agriculture that gives our clients fresh fruits, vegetables and meats. By conservative estimates those pass through donations would have cost over \$100,000. We also spent about \$13,000 of cash contributions to supplement and fill in needs.

In the course of the year we served 9449 people. To do this we had 83 volunteers who contributed 3,272 hours to the operation of the food pantry. We really thank all of you for making this possible. -James B.

MAC food pantry is looking for old backpacks. So many of the clients who come for food walk. With the pantry giving out a weeks worth of food means several bags to be carried home. If you are replacing your child's backpack please consider donating the old one. Maybe you could fill it with food items!

There is always room for one more if you would like to volunteer. A donation of time is a free gift given and there are several different times that they could use your help. You can call Albright Church, 574.259.1975 ext. 107 or even email them at macfoodpantry24@gmail.com. From the Pantry's web site...Pantry donors come from local churches, individuals, and several businesses – for example Martin's donates bread supplies three times a week. Volunteers show up Tuesday morning to record donations, weigh them, check all the food for expiration dates, and set up the carts ready for the evening clients. Every Tuesday evening and Friday morning, volunteers show up faithfully week after week, year after year to welcome families in need and give out carts of food. Everyone is offered a treat and on Friday, those who wish may listen to a short devotional by a volunteer, however, this is not required to receive food. Several times a month our "muscle " men, pick up large orders of food from the Food Bank and deliver it to the food pantry.



You have heard 'it takes a village to raise a child', and so it takes many hands to help those less fortunate than us. Thank you my church family for always making me proud. Janet Freeman, Mission Committee

August by Celia Thaxter

Buttercup nodded and said good-bye, clover and daisy went off together, but the fragrant water lilies lie yet moored in the golden August weather.

The swallow chatter about their flight, the cricket chirps like a rare good fellow, the asters twinkle in clusters bright, while the corn grows ripe and the apple mellow.