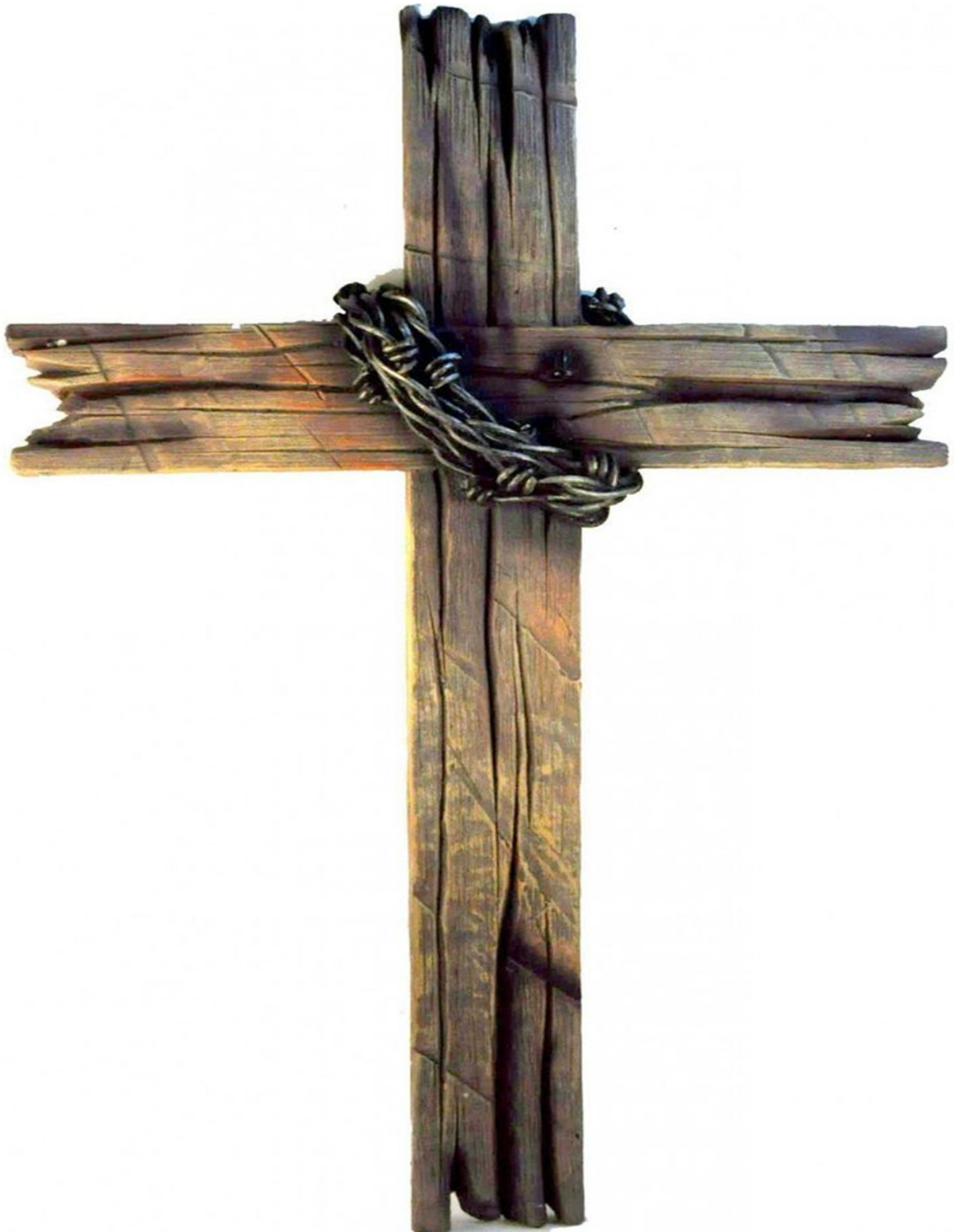


First Presbyterian News

April 2017

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544



April (& May) Happenings at First Presbyterian Church

April 1, PW basement sale work day, 10am to noon. Sorting & pricing.

April 2, deadline for tickets to South Bend Cubs outing in August.

April 9, Palm Sunday, we will once again have a palm processional led by the children, plus palms available for the congregation, the Canticle Ringers will play the prelude. One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected and due to popular request instructions for making a cross from palm will be available.

“Kids in the kitchen” Bible lessons. (the first one on Palm Sunday)

This will happen during worship in place of Disciples’ Treehouse. The children will learn about and make bread, **and** the bread will be used for communion on Easter Sunday.

April 13, Maundy Thursday, Sunnyside Presbyterian 6 to 7 pm.

April 14, Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM, Friday, First Baptist Church, 3010 S. Ironwood Dr., South Bend. Some of our own members will participate, 13 local churches involved.



Easter Sunday Prior to worship we will enjoy a continental breakfast provided by the Deacons. Activities for the children will be available during this time as well. The Deacon's Easter Continental Breakfast...We are serving from 8:30 to 9:30, so please join us for a lite breakfast and fellowship before worship! Easter service will include communion.

April 17, newsletter deadline. If you have items to share with your church family, please send them by this date.

April 17, Elizabeth Circle @ Mary Watt’s home.

April 20, Ruth Circle @ the Church, Judy Sulak hosting.

April 21, Scrapbooking Club, Fellowship Hall 6pm to 11pm. Book a table and finish a project while enjoying your church family.

April 23, Gifts of Women Sunday. Emily Dumler Winckler will be the guest speaker.

April 23 thru 29, basement sale week, work days and sale days. We recycled before it became popular!

April 30 Book Club, the Commonwealth by Ann Patchett, Teresa Primmer is hosting.

May 6, Presbyterian Women’s Spring Gathering @ Geneva Center

May 13, Deacon’s fundraiser of **Port a Pit chicken**. 11am to 3pm.

"Waking up White" by Debby Irving, a small group book discussion takes place every Wednesday 8 pm at Travis & Emily's home. ~~Please sign up on sheet found in the narthex.

Hello all. Due to the Chicago club winning the World Series last year, as well as an increase in popularity in general, games are going to be selling out earlier and more often than ever before. Thus, I am starting the planning for our annual pilgrimage to Four Winds Field early this year.

Here are the details, Tickets are \$14.50 per person (includes all taxes and fees) Game is Friday, August 11 at 7:30pm. Email me back with how many tickets you would like.

I need final head counts and ticket money by April 2. Thanks! Greg gndphillips4800

April 13, Maundy Thursday service at **Sunnyside Presbyterian Church**, 115 South Frances Street, South Bend IN 46617. Maundy Thursday Soup & Sacrament, 6 to 7pm (574) 287-1524

Newsletter deadline is April 17 at noon for the May issue. Please send information to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or you can mail or email the church secretary Judy at officejudyk@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Circle meets April 17 @ Mary Watt's home May 22 @ Pam Camren's home
Ruth Circle meets April 20 Judy Sulak hosting at the church May 17 @ Rose Marie Reif's home

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

Friday evenings once a month 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, we will be happy to share ideas. A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down.

Contact me at scrap.brittany@comcast.net **April 21st** May 19th June 23rd
July 28th August 25th September 22nd October 27th and November 17th.

Book Club, due to the Easter holiday book club is on April 30th, 2 pm this month.

We are reading Commonwealth by Ann Patchett,

Spanning five decades, *Commonwealth* explores how a chance encounter reverberates through the years.

Beth Davis will be our leader, Teresa Primmer will host and Lynett will provide eats.

May book: The Book That Matters Most by Ann Hood

An enthralling novel about love, loss, secrets, friendship, and the healing power of literature, by the bestselling author of *The Knitting Circle*.

We have plenty to keep us reading through our summer hiatus but please continue to send me selections. Happy reading!! Judy Green is the contact person at MTCGJAG@aol.com

May 6th is PW Spring Gathering at Geneva Center.

Focus on Educated Child. Registration is 9am. Contact Darlene or Lynett for details or to register.

SAVE THE DATE...MAY 13, 2017

Deacon's Fundraiser Nelson's Port a Pit Chicken (\$6.50) 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(and Pit-totoes available \$3.50) Pre-Sale tickets available from any Deacon

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School: The Church Session has voted to end the Pre-School mission, after more than five decades of service to the community. Our student roster had just become too small to continue. The decision was a difficult one, and was probably a couple of years past due in appreciation of the staff and legacy of the school. Please continue to pray for Jayne and Eileen, as well as the families that will need to go elsewhere next year.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

**April is exciting month for Presbyterian Women.**

Saturday, **April 1** @ 10-12 is Basement sale work day in storage rooms. So please have all items to workrooms by March 28th or hold your items until April 17th when we can bring our items to the stage area. Also, we ask that you hold off dropping LARGE items until April 17th. And we ask that the items be in good condition, not broken or stained. We do not take TVs, computers or large electronics. If you have smaller furniture to donate please make arrangements with Lynett, Darlene or Carole before dropping off.

April 23rd is last day to bring items in for sale.

Books can be brought down to Fellowship hall anytime. Books are for available for sale now. Hard copy -\$1.00 Paperback .50 magazine .25.

April 23rd is also the 1st day of Basement Sale set-up and last day to bring in items. We thank everyone who has brought in items throughout the year. Now we have to bring those items downstairs & set up tables. Pack a lunch, we plan on working 12-4. A sign-up sheet will be posted for work days. Sale Days are Thurs. the 27th 9-6; Friday, 28th 9-2, Saturday the 29th 10- noon.

Gifts of Women Service

On April 23rd, Emily Dumler Winckler will be our guest speaker. This Sunday will have many special moments including a Honorary Membership recognition and Fellowship taking place in Memorial Lounge. We will be taking up our Birthday Offering - a penny for each birthday to benefit many social programs as well as donations for our Philippians Adopt-a-Child Mylene, who will be beginning her college classes in May.

Presbyterian Women 2017 CALENDAR

April 2nd noon PWCT meeting
 April 23 **Gifts of Women Sunday**
 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** 10-12 Clean-up @ noon
 May 6 **Spring Gathering** - Presbytery
 June 7 @Church 5:30 p.m.

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF The third article about our staff focuses on JOHN MCLEAN, the *church custodian*. As is the case with the other 4, he did not grow up in the Presbyterian church. However, each is committed to do what is best for FPC. A reminder: there will be a quiz in June's newsletter.

John McLean's mantra, "whither thou goest I will go", has served him well for 33 years. He grew up in upstate New York and attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan. There he met Janna, his wife to be, and majored in sociology and ancient civilizations, studying Greek in preparation for the ministry. After attending Louisville Theological Seminary for a year, he and Janna moved to Pittsburgh where she was working toward an advanced degree in biology. John enrolled in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary graduating in 1990. He began his ministry serving 3 small churches and realized that was his calling. Janna's job took them to Missouri where he continued serving small congregation for 8 years. While there he became an ordained Methodist minister.

Janna, now Dr. McLean, moved to colleges in Colorado, Illinois, and Indiana. In Colorado John served on the staff in a large Methodist church. The responsibilities he was given he could do but mostly outside his calling of one-on-one/face-to-face pastoring. He resigned in 2007 and in the last 10 years worked in sales, customer relations, the food and transportation industries, and public schools. There were 4 years in Illinois before coming to Indiana. Because of the moving and owning 3 houses, he has learned basic maintenance skills which he has put to use as our custodian. Our church has certainly benefitted from Janna's accepting a position at Bethel College and not leaving John back in Illinois. We at FPC are hoping that the McLeans are in for a lengthy stay here in Mishawaka.

The St. Joseph County Co-ordinating Team is planning 3 events for the remainder of 2017.

April 30 dinner at Villa Marci's

July 31 Cubs game and dinner

October ? Trivia Night (hopefully with Bill Moor)

watch Sunday bulletins for final details or contact Dick or Mary Ann Dentino.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor hours: mornings, please call for appointment

Office Administrator hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 - noon

Financial Secretary hours: Mondays & Thursdays 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
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Carole Polk and Lynett Heritz

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Judy Green, Chair

February 23, 1017

Dear Friends and Sponsors of the MAC Food Pantry, I wanted to give you an update on what has been going on at the MAC Food Pantry. In January we started the new food donation rotation schedule and have had wonderful participation from our sponsors! We appreciate food donations and having some of the basic items allows us to be fair and equal in distributing food to our clients. Also I want to extend a special thanks to the volunteers who deliver the food every week and to those of you who are always there to weigh it, check dates and stock. You are all so faithful and so generous with your time.

This year we were recipients of the Granger Community Church food drive. On January 28 GCC members delivered 175 hand decorated boxes of food to our pantry. Volunteers made quick work of unloading them, each box weighed about 15 pounds and was filled with cereal, soup, spaghetti, pasta sauce, peanut butter, rice, muffin mix, canned chicken, pork and beans, tuna and hamburger helper. This was enough food for three weeks of distributions to our clients. Two days after receiving the GCC boxes, we received a very large shipment of USDA food, a total of 5882 pounds!!!! This included 840 pounds of ground beef and 840 pounds of chicken. I have never seen the pantry so full, and it is wonderful to have plenty to give to our families. We never know when we will receive a USDA shipment, and don't always know what will be included in each USDA allotment. This can make purchasing & storing food a little tricky at times, but we have been able to provide consistent basic food items for our clients every week. Another item of note is that we were inspected by the St Joseph County Health Dept. recently and received a "Perfect Inspection Certificate"!!!!

Before I sign off, I would like to share some 2016 statistics with you: MAC Food Pantry distributed 103,438 pounds of food in 2016. Donations from friends, sponsors and food drives accounted for 37,249 lbs. USDA allotments amounted to 28,162 lbs., and we purchased 38,027 lbs. We received \$17,854.94 in monetary donations, \$17,658.48 was spent on food and personal care items for our clients. We served 2942 households (9476 individuals) in 2016. Our volunteers recorded 3252 hours of service.

Thank you all for what you give and for what you do for the many who are struggling in our community. It is both humbling and inspiring to work with you in this mission.

Sincerely, Barbara Van Damme



Adult Bible Study 9 am
Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 basement sale work day
 2 SENT Greeter: Anna Bowers ushers: Ethan DeMaegd & Dan Bruner W. Leader: Judy Sulak <i>1st Sunday Conversation</i>	3	4 <i>Canticle Ringers 7pm</i>	5 <i>'waking up white' 8pm</i>	6	7	8
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i> greeter: Janet Freeman ushers: Carole Polk & Bill Bellairs Leader: Alan Camren <i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> 	10	11	12 <i>'waking up white' 8pm</i>	13	14 <i>Good Friday</i>	15
16 <i>Easter</i> greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Michael Green & Gordon Reif W. Leader: Janna McLean 	17 <i>newsletter deadline Elizabeth circle 7pm</i>	18	19 <i>'waking up white' 8pm</i>	20 <i>Ruth Circle 7pm</i>	21 <i>Scrapbooking 6pm to 11pm</i>	22
 23 <i>Gifts of Women</i>	24 Basement sale work day	25 Basement sale work day	26 <i>waking up white' 8pm</i>	27 Basement Sale	28 Basement Sale	29 Basement Bag sale
30 greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Greg Phillips & Neil Seufert W. Leader: Dyan Phillips Book Club 2pm						

The 34th Christmas is returning to FPC Mishawaka once again. December 9 & 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in participating in any way please contact Judy Green and or Vicky Garret. We need to assemble a cast in the next few months, rehearsals will start in October and will take place on Saturday or Sunday's. We will also be forming a children's choir, we also have some roles for older children as well. Please consider taking part in the performance, acting experiences are not required. More details to follow each month...

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2017**



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age 16 thru grade 12
June 26—July 1

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- 2) MAD - Music, Art & Drama
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Sign up today!!



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#2- June 23—25

#3- June 26 – July 1

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June 27 – 29

New Beginnings Camp-\$185.00

Grades 1-3

June 29 – July 1

More information is available on our website :
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The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Palm Sunday.
Hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts. Romans, 5:5

**One
great hour
of sharing**

By God's grace, each day is a gift, an opportunity for a new beginning. Through abundant and generous gifts to OGHS, for many years, Presbyterians have faithfully heeded God's call to serve people seeking to reclaim and restore their lives. Your gift to OGHS is a gift of hope. Your gift allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by natural and human-caused disasters. Your generosity helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally. Your sharing makes it possible for Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people.

Please give generously. Thank you.