

First Presbyterian News

June/July 2024

401 Lincolnway East

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Greetings FPC Family and Friends,

I read something like this a long time ago:

At age 4: Daddy can do anything.

At age 7: Daddy knows a lot.

At age 8: Who's smarter, Daddy or my teacher?

At age 12: Daddy doesn't know much.

At age 14: My dad? He's out of touch.

At age 25: I understand my father, but the older generation is outdated.

At age 30: My father's opinions make sense.

At age 40: Honey, before we decide, let's ask Dad for his advice.

At age 50: My father was a great man.

At age 60: If my father were still alive, I would definitely ask for his advice.

When you think of "father", what comes to your mind?

In my childhood recollections, my father symbolizes the unwavering strength of a solid pillar, ensuring our family remains steadfast and secure. Reflecting on my family's immigration journey, it was my father who guided us into this country. Upon our arrival during my junior high years, he was the sole proficient speaker and interpreter among us. We depended on his guidance—navigating the challenges of a new environment and ensuring our family's stability. Without him, I cannot imagine how our family would have managed to settle into life in the U.S. Although he may not speak English fluently and has an accent, my father's unwavering dedication to our family has been truly remarkable. If I were in his place, I do not believe I could have done any better or even would do better. He is far more superior to me; I cannot even compare to him. That is how deeply I respect and admire my father and how grateful I am to have him in my life.

As we find ourselves in June, a month often associated with the onset of summer, it's worth noting the presence of Father's Day. Despite its placement in the calendar, Father's Day often does not feel as significant, perhaps overshadowed by the prominence of Mother's Day. This has led me to wonder if Father's Day was created more for commercial reasons than genuine recognition. While fathers' contributions to their families may go unnoticed at times, they deserve just as much respect and recognition as mothers.

Let us take this Father's Day as an opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for all the love, sacrifices, and support fathers provide to their families. Happy Father's Day to all the amazing dads out there!

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it... Dad.

- Author Unknown

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



PWCT Calendar Meeting

PWCT Calendar meeting is on **Wednesday, June 5th at 6 p.m.** This will take place at Judy Green's home. Main dish is provided, bring a dish to share and any calendar dates for the coming year.



Malawi Work Day

Malawi Pillowcase dress work day went very well. We have 16 dresses in the works, Thanks to Pam C, Darlene, and Rose Marie for finishing up sewing at home this summer

Happy Summer to All! Judy G & Carole

Upper Room News

Please remember that when you donate items, be sure to check them to make sure that they are clean and damage free. If you are interested in helping to sort, price, or work during the Work/Sale Days, please join us! We always welcome extra hands. |

* Upper Room is NOT accepting donations of clothing or shoes until further notice.

Sale Days: **Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Share with friends, family, neighbors.

Work Days: **Wednesday, June 19th from 10 a.m. -Noon**

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Upper Room the best it can be!



MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care



We donated 64.28 lbs of food/toiletry items in May. In April, the pantry served 206 households, which included 37 new families.

Item spotlight: Each cart includes *Jello*, *canned fruits*, and *Jiffy box mixes*. These are great items to have on hand to use as is or as part of recipes.

***Nothing perishable and please watch for expiration dates.**

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Mission—Our Faith in Action

Thank you for your support of the **Pentecost Mission**

Battell School receives school supplies so their biggest need remains **leggings and sweatpants**. They are in need of sizes 6x, 7x, 8, and 10.

They also can use underwear in those sizes.

A collection box will be out during the summer to collect items to deliver in September.

Carole Polk



The Saga of Ricky Raccoon

The saga starts on the annual church clean-up day on Saturday, May 18th. Chuck Wukovits, head of Building and Grounds, lowers himself on a ladder into the window wells on the east side of the Christian Ed building to clean out the leaves and debris that accumulated over the winter months. As he lowers himself into the second window well, he hears hissing and growling. There is a raccoon curled up in the corner, very unhappy that his nap was interrupted. Chuck decided not to argue with said raccoon, goes home, gets a long board, lowers it into the well, and hopes the critter will find his way out.

On Saturday evening, Ethan DeMaegd and Janel Cook arrive to church to prepare for communion the following day. The raccoon is by the east door and is startled by their arrival. He obviously climbed out of the window well in good shape. He scurries off behind the air conditioner unit.

The window wells are clear of all wildlife on Sunday morning. Great news!

Chuck goes down to church on Monday morning to retrieve his board, and Ricky Raccoon has moved to the first window well, sleeping off his nightly adventures. Chuck moves the board. I show up at church on Monday evening for the Elizabeth Circle meeting, and find the raccoon curled up in the corner, getting ready for his nightly carousing. He really is settling into his new home.

Chuck finds no raccoon on Tuesday morning and removes the board. Yeah!

Chuck goes down to church on Wednesday to greet the guy who is installing our new water heater. Yep, you guessed it...Ricky Raccoon was back in the second window well. We haven't decided if this raccoon is deeply religious or just dumb. Chuck decides he needs a more drastic measure. He can attach boards in all of the window wells so Ricky can come and go as he pleases. But that creates a problem. If anyone opens a window down in Westminster Hall, he would have full access to the building. Not a good option. Chuck resorts to plan B...a live trap. So, on Thursday night, he lowers a live trap with ropes into the window well, baited with some of Beau's turkey, and hopes Ricky likes the idea of room service. Fingers crossed!

Success! Ricky loved the turkey snack and found himself in the live trap. I'm sure he was embarrassed that he fell for such a thing. On Friday morning, Ricky was hoisted up in the trap, hissing and growling, and relocated in Merrifield Park. When he was released, he ran right up a tree. We will miss the little guy, but I'm sure he will be happier in a tree than in our window wells. Everyone needs to say a little prayer that he doesn't find his way back!

Chris and Chuck Wukovits



* Prayers for Ukraine; for Israel, Gaza, and all who are suffering – for peace in this crisis, bravery for the coming days, protection & comfort for all those impacted, and for wisdom to all world leaders making decisions

* For all those who have Covid

* For those who experience emotional crises/mental distress or struggle with addictions, prayers for successful treatment/help with coping skills

* Prayers for comfort & strength for Kevin Finley's family

* For those with heart issues, including Kevin Finley – prayers for successful treatment, comfort, & healing;

* For Josh (Victoria Green's boyfriend). Prayers for strength as he deals with one grandfather doing well and one struggling.

* For those with cancer including Greg Phillips' friend, Jon; Mary Watt's brother-in-law, David; Josh's grandfathers, Garry and Joseph – prayers for effective treatment, comfort, peace, and acceptance

* For continued prayers for those who have ongoing needs including our homebound members – Jack Bruner, Janet Freeman, Esther Morrison, and Kathy Bellairs – who always appreciate cards or phone calls

* Also prayers, we hold within our hearts, for those names we have left unspoken, but whom God knows.

Smock Cluster Fund

We have an amazing opportunity for our members over 50. The Smock fund was created to assist our older members in Presbyterian Churches in Indiana. The Fund has reached out to churches to form clusters and plan activities that are fun, educational, and inclusive.

Sunnyside, First Presbyterian Elkhart, Goshen and Mishawaka accepted this opportunity and a form committee to write an application for funds. Our application was accepted and we were given \$14,375.

The committee has planned 6 activities so far that will start in August and continue every other month.

August 13, 2024: Wellfield Botanical Gardens (1011 N. Main Street, Elkhart IN 46514). This event is limited to 50, so sign up early. You will also fill out a box lunch menu. The cost for this event is \$5.00

Two informational Meetings are planned:

* The first is June 3rd at First Presbyterian Church 215 E Lincoln Ave. Goshen, IN 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

* The second is June 4th at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church 115 S. Frances St. South Bend, IN from 3 p.m.—4 p.m.

Darlene

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**Pastor hours:** Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon**Secretary hours:** Tuesday thru Friday 9 to noon**Financial Secretary hours:** Monday & Thursday 9 to noon;**June-September:** Tuesday 9-noon**Custodian hours:** Monday thru Friday 7 to noon**Contact us at** (574) 259-7874 or fpcmishawaka@gmail.com**MAIL ADDRESS:** First Presbyterian Church-Mishawaka

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Church Officers and Committees**Session:***Clerk of Session:* Teresa Primmer*Christian Education:* Darlene Seufert*Facilities/Operations:* Chuck Wukovits*Finance:* John Rice, treasurer*Mission:* Carole Polk*Personnel:* Mary Watt*Worship and Music:* Vicky Garret**Board of Deacons:***Moderator:* Lynett Heritz

Bill Bellairs, Angela Bellinger, Jenn Frey,

Teresa Primmer, Juliana Bidlak

Book Club: Judy Green**Newsletter:** Katie Robertson**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz, Darlene Seufert**PW:** Moderators—Chris Wukovits and Judy Green**Special Gifts:** Ron May**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE****June...** Judy G./Carole**July...** Dyan Phillips**August...** Lynett/Teresa

Please Send information for the August Newsletter to Katie Robertson by July 17th.
fpcmishawaka@gmail.com
Thank you!

Book Club

Book Club is on Summer break until September.

Remember to share all the great books you are reading this summer.

Thanks, Judy Green

**Worship & Music**

Greetings from worship and music,

On May 26th, our congregation welcomed Michael Fair as our organist/pianist for summer. Michael is a Senior at Columbia College of Chicago, where he is majoring in Music Composition. We look forward to hearing some of his own compositions during our services this summer.

Michael is the son of Richard and Kathy Fair. Richard served as our intern Pastor this past Spring.

Welcome, Michael. We are delighted to have you with us!

Blessings to all!

Worship & Music team

**Christian Education**

Our Sunday School ended on Pentecost. We had a great year learning how God listens to our prayers, comforts us during hard times, and helps us be good fruit instead of bad. We are planning to start our Tuesday playtime on June 25th through July 30th. The purpose is to socialize with other children and have fun. All children, from toddlers to 5th grade, are invited. We will meet in the playroom from 10 a.m.—Noon.

We do need help. If willing, please let me know which dates you would be available.

Summer Camp will be held at Bedford Camp and Conference Center which is close to Bedford, IN. Please let me know if your child would like to attend.

Darlene



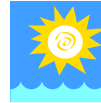
Thank you to all who helped with the annual Spring clean-up!



Worship 10 am



June



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Upper Room sale 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
2 <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Session meeting after worship	3	4 National cheese day 	5 PWCT Calendar Meeting 6 p.m. @ Judy Green's home	6	7 National Doughnut Day 	8
9 Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk, Greg Phillips W.L. Dyan Phillips Deacons Meeting after worship	10 National Iced Tea Day 	11 National Corn on the Cob Day 	12 National Peanut Butter Cookie Day 	13	14	15
16 Greeter.. Usher..Ethan DeMaegd Michael Green W.L. Judy Sulak *Happy Father's Day!	17 National Root Beer Day 	18	19 Upper Room workday 10-Noon	20 First Day of Summer 	21 National Smoothie Day 	22
23 Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs Ryan Frey W.L. Darlene Seufert 30 Greeter.. Usher..Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Pam Camren	24	25 Tuesday playtime 10—Noon	26	27 National Ice Cream Cake Day 	28	29 Independence Day Celebration 3-11 p.m. Central Park Mishawaka


Worship 10 am



July



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Tuesday playtime 10—Noon	3 National Chocolate Wafer Day 	4 	5 Independence Day Celebration Elkhart 6 p.m. Central Green *Fireworks at 10 p.m.	6
7 <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk Greg Phillips W.L. Alan Camren	8 National Freezer Pop Day 	9 Tuesday playtime 10—Noon	10 National Kitten Day 	11	12 National French Fry Day 	13
14 Greeter.. Usher..Michael Green W.L. Chris Wukovits	15	16 Tuesday playtime 10—Noon	17 * NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18	19	20 National Lollipop Day 
21 Greeter.. Usher..Ryan Frey W.L. Chuck Wukovits	22	23 Tuesday playtime 10—Noon	24	25 National Hot Fudge Sundae Day 	26	27
28 Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs Judy Sulak W.L.	29 National Lasagna Day 	30 Tuesday playtime 10—Noon	31			