

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

JUNE/JULY 2025

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MISHAWAKA, IN. 46544



I love summer! It is the season for wearing shorts, sandals, and light clothing—simple, comfortable, and freeing. There is something refreshing about being outdoors, feeling the warmth of the sun, and enjoying long, bright days. But let us be honest—when the temperatures climb into the 90s, especially with Midwestern humidity, it can be tough. You start

sweating as soon as you step outside, and even the shade offers little relief. In those moments, we all find ourselves saying, “Thank God for air conditioning!”

Living in the Midwest means we need both heating and air conditioning. Our winters are long and cold, while our summers are hot and humid. We rely on both systems to stay comfortable year-round. However, that is not always the case in other parts of the country. Take Texas, for example. In February 2021, a historic winter storm hit the state with snow and freezing temperatures. Many homes lacked proper heating, and millions lost power. Pipes burst, and people were left without heat in dangerous conditions. It was a reminder of how unprepared we can be when unexpected weather comes. I also think about Washington State, where I used to live. In the Seattle area, many homes still do not have air conditioning because the climate used to be mild. For example, my parents’ home only has a heating system—at the time, adding air conditioning did not seem necessary. But now, with summer temperatures sometimes reaching into the 90s or even over 100 degrees, many people find themselves wishing they had installed AC, as heat waves have become more frequent.

Here in the Midwest, we may grumble about our heating and cooling bills, but we know we need both. In a way, experiencing both the extremes of winter and summer helps us appreciate comfort, preparation, and even the change of seasons.

Life is much the same—We go through warm, joyful times and cold, challenging seasons. Things are not always consistent. But through it all, one thing never changes—God is always with us. His presence is constant, no matter the weather or the season of life we are in.

So I hope you enjoy this summer! Take time to rest, spend time with your loved ones, and enjoy the sun. May this season bring you peace, refreshment, and a renewed awareness of God’s faithful presence.



Blessings,  
Pastor Daniel Cho

## Worship & Music



Greetings from worship and music,

Thank you to all who shared their time and talent by gifting the congregation with the lifting up of your voices in song throughout the year. If anyone is interested in joining choir in the fall, we would love to have more voices! This is a great opportunity for those who enjoy singing and are willing to serve and glorify God through gathered voice. Belonging to the choir means sharing God's love through music and testimony while enjoying fellowship, fun, and praising with other members!

The choir season starts in September and goes through May and we sing biweekly on Sunday mornings. This is a non-audition opportunity to share your musical gifts, so please consider joining us.

Contact Dr. Siwon Kim or Chris Wukovits for more information.

Have a blessed summer!



\* Prayers for the Nation and World.

For Peace and Justice around the world; for those who are suffering through conflicts/war; for protection and comfort for all those impacted as well as wisdom for all the world leaders making decisions. May respect, kindness, courage, and the ability to work through differences reign as they work towards being the peacemakers You designed us to be.

### Prayers for:

\* Rose Marie Reif, who had knee replacement surgery. Prayers for successful recovery and strength for rehab to follow.

\* Those dealing with various health issues. Prayers for successful treatment, healing, comfort, and acceptance.

We hold up the names of: Laura, cousin of Katie Robertson's friend; Kathy Bellairs; Terri Keller, friend of Chris and Chuck Wukovits; Vicky Garrett; Patty Stanz; and Erika, Greg Phillips' sister.

\* Caregivers of family/friends. May they feel your love and sustaining power. Help us to be mindful of their feelings. We hold up the name of Jim Stanz.

\* Those who experience emotional crises, mental distress, or struggles with addictions. Prayers for successful treatment and help with coping skills.

\* Our homebound members who always appreciate cards and calls.

We lift up: Kathy Bellairs, Jack Bruner, Ann Jones, Pat Harker, Esther Morrison, and Sandra Hamman.

\* All those names we have left unspoken and hold within our hearts, but whom God knows.

## Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka



### Presbyterian Women Circles

Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Circles meet at 7 p.m. A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you are welcome to join us. For more information about Elizabeth Circle, please contact Mary Ann Dentino at 574.287.8573 or [dentinosb@aol.com](mailto:dentinosb@aol.com). For more information about Ruth Circle, please contact Teresa Primmer at 574.220.3500 or [gigiprimmer@gmail.com](mailto:gigiprimmer@gmail.com).



**Calendar Meeting—June 4th at 6:00 p.m.** at Church. Carole will host at Church, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate the end of our program year and plan out our next one.



Many thanks to everyone who donated filled purses for the PW Purse Project. Seventeen purses were delivered to St. Margaret's House, and they were so thrilled! We are the only organization that provides such a "treat" for their



ladies. A special thanks goes out to Judy Green for providing Mary Kay products for each purse. Be on the lookout for nice purses at thrift stores or garage sales. We will be tackling the Purse Project again next spring!

- Christine Wukovits

### 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.

Sale Days: *Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

Work Days: *Wednesday, June 18th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon*

*\* NO WORK DAYS IN JULY \**

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



## Smock News

Our last event will be at a South Bend Cubs game on July 19th. Mark your calendar and look for more information next month.



## Christian Education News

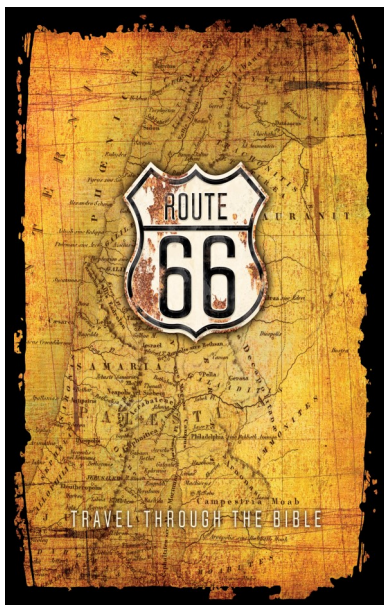
Our Summer program will start on Tuesdays in June from 10:00 a.m. until Noon:

*June 17th and 24th*

*July 8th, 15th, and 22nd.*



The goal is to give children time to play together and maybe a small break for the parents.



Additionally, this fall, we will have two classes—one for elementary age children and one for preschool.

*Route 66* is the curriculum we will be using for the elementary age class. This curriculum emphasizes more on the books of the Bible, hence route 66. If anyone would like to visit one of our classes, you are very welcome.



## MAC Mishawaka Alliance of Care

### Mission—Our Faith in Action

Let's not forget to add food to the shopping cart for MAC and Food Pantries.



#### **Staple Products:**

cereal, soup, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, and easy to cook foods are best donations—nothing perishable and please be sure to watch for expiration dates.

**Pentecost Offering—June 8th.** A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our congregation so we can make an impact on the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Once again, our 40% will be supporting **Cultivate Food Rescue**—they collect excess edible food for redistribution to those in our community who need it most—children, through a backpack program and families & seniors, through food pantries. We have been supporting this organization for a few years and decided to plan a **Meal Packing volunteer night** at Cultivate. They are located at:

1403 Prairie Ave.  
South Bend, IN.

**Work night TBD—Be sure to watch the bulletin for more details.**

**July/August Mission Project**—Battel 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.

**BOTTLE CAPS TO BENCHES**—Donate plastic bottle caps instead of recycling! Unity Garden collects Bottle Caps and turns them into Benches and Picnic Tables. A tub has been set up in the CE Lobby with other mission baskets to donate caps throughout the year.

#### Requirements for donated plastics

All plastics must be clean and free of any cardboard or linings (found in detergent caps). Any residue of what was once inside plastic bottles or lids must be washed away. Plastics must then have the opportunity to dry completely to avoid mold. If you donate prescription medication bottles, make sure to REMOVE ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION and clean all residue thoroughly from plastic before donating!

#### Acceptable Plastics

*Anything with the recycle numbers 2, 4, or 5; pill bottles clear of personal information/residue of contents; milk and creamer caps; detergent caps; hairspray caps; toothpaste caps; deodorant caps; applesauce pouch caps; sports drink, soda, water, and juice caps; condiment caps; spray paint caps; ointment tube caps; baby food caps; shampoo and conditioner caps; cottage cheese/yogurt lids; mayonnaise jar lids; peanut butter lids; ice cream bucket lids (under 8" in diameter) -they will not accept cut up lids; cool whip lids; pringles lids; coffee can lids; butter lids; cream cheese lids; and spice lids.*

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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](mailto: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:* Ron May*Worship and Music:* Vicky Garrett**Board of Deacons:***Moderator:* Lynett Heritz

Michael Green, John Martz Jr.

Jenn Frey, Teresa Primmer, and

Juliana Bidlack

**Book Club:** Judy Green**Newsletter:** Katie Robertson**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz,  
Darlene Seufert**PW:** Moderators—Chris Wukovits  
Judy Green**Special Gifts:** Lynett Heritz**Book Club**

Book Club: Book Club is on summer break until September. Remember to share all the great books you are reading this summer. Be sure to watch the bulletin and Newsletter for updates.

Thanks, Judy Green



Thank you to all who helped with the annual Church Grounds clean-up on May 17th! Your hard work in keeping our grounds clean is much appreciated!

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE****June...**Carole Polk

Judy Green

**July...**Dyan Phillips**August...**Andrea Finley

Darlene Seufert

**Please Send information for the September Newsletter to Katie Robertson by August 17th.**

**[fpcmishawaka@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmishawaka@gmail.com) Thank you!**



Worship 10 am



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Greeter..Laura Pride Usher..Ethan DeMaegd Bill Bellairs W.L. Judy Sulak  <b>Pastor Daniel Cho's birthday</b>	2 <b>Tom Camren's birthday</b>	3	4 PW Calendar Meeting /Supper at Church—6 p.m.	5	6 <b>Carole Polk's birthday</b>	7 Upper Room Sale 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
8 <i>Communion</i> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Greeter..Mary Watt Usher..Carole Polk Greg Phillips W.L. Darlene Seufert	9	10 <b>Lynett Heritz's birthday</b>  <b>Darlene &amp; Neil Seufert Anniversary</b>	11	12	13	14 <b>John Rice's birthday</b>
15 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> Greeter..Judy Green Usher..Michael Green Carole Polk W.L. Mary Watt  	16	17 CE Summer Program 10 a.m. until Noon	18 Upper Room work-day 10-Noon	19 <b>Michael Green's birthday</b>	20	21
22 Greeter..Judy Sulak Usher..Bill Bellairs Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chris Wukovits	23	24 CE Summer Program 10 a.m. until Noon	25 <b>Pam and John Martz Anniversary</b>	26	27	28
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20 Greeter.. Usher..Michael Green Carole Polk W.L. Judy Sulak	21	22 CE Summer Program 10 a.m. until Noon	23 National Vanilla Ice Cream Day 	24	25	26
27 Greeter.. Usher..Bill Bellairs Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Alan Camren  Darlene Seufert's birthday	28	29 National Lasagna Day 	30			