



First Presbyterian News

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Pastor Installation

The installation for Travis Winckler took place on May 22 in a very special service here at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jill VanderWal officiated with a laughter-filled fellowship following. We are all very thankful to be blessed with this young & inspirational family (Travis, Emily, Gabe and Silas) and look forward to the future. If you have not yet joined us for a Sunday service, come soon and enjoy a meaningful, memorable morning.

Beginning Sunday, June 5th, a summer prayer and study class.

Join Pastor Travis this summer at 9 am Sunday mornings to learn how to focus and some practice tips & methods to help us pray and to help us become a praying church.

Have a prayer concern? Share with Pastor Travis by placing a call to the church office, to request to be put on the Pastor's Prayer List.

A reminder that **Prayer cards** are located in the friendship pads in the pews or you can ask an usher for one.

Pastor Travis will be updating the **church's website** weekly with a different **devotionals**.

Join Pastor Travis in church on the 19th and 26th of June for a discussion on "What does it mean to be a 'Spiritual' person? Who and what is the Holy Spirit? What makes a religious person/church?"

Pastor Travis will be gone July 3rd and the 17th with the pulpit filled in by special guest.

Spring Outdoor Clean-up was on MAY 21.

So many helping hands, so many projects updated, completed, fixed, organized and finished. If you were unable to help on the 21st but would a task, see John Martz or Dick Dentino for work yet to be done. And thank you First Presbyterians, job well done!



A Memorial Service for Bill Walter will be at the church on June 18th.

Visiting hours will be 11 am to 3 pm.

The Mission Committee is planning to go to the YWCA and serve a meal on an upcoming Saturday in late June or early July. Be on the look out for details on our bulletin board or see Angela. There will be a need for several helpful, giving, caring volunteers.

The money collected from the **Pentecost Offering** will go to help third grade students from Battel School go on a field trip to Amish Acres. We want to organize a team of walkers for the Crop Walk this fall. This walk helps raise money to feed the hungry in our area. If you would like to walk (5K), sign up on bulletin board or talk with a Mission Committee member.

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

Have a project that you need to work on or get finished? Then come join us for an evening of awesome activities in the Fellowship Hall. We meet from 6pm to 11pm. The cost is \$5 and includes set-up, tear down, and tableware. Please bring your own drink and a snack to share.

See you soon, Brittany scrap.brittany@comcast.net

June 24th and July 22nd, August 26th, Sept. 23rd, October 21st, & November 18th

DEACON'S FUNDRAISER....

The Nelson Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser, to help with monies for the Christmas-Children's Clothing project, cleared over \$325. Not a bad turn out for the cold rainy weather we had that day. A big thanks to all who sold tickets and those who purchased chicken (and pit-a-toes this year). To all the Deacon's (present and past) who worked the event; and a special 'SHOUT OUT' to our Chicken (Bill Bellairs) and our Spud (Tom Camren)! We think you guys were the warmest of us all! We still have chicken in the freezer (at a reduced rate) that is available for sale if you missed out on the event! A half chicken is \$5 each and a 2- 2 1/2 pound bag of pulled and deboned meat is \$6. Please see either Teresa Primmer or Lynett Heritz if interested.

And please stay tuned for the next Fundraiser in the Fall....**Hacienda!**

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

Another year is over, we are sad to see our students move on, *and yet*, we are already taking applications for the next school year. PWNS accepts children from ages 3 to 5 for a 1 or 2 year program. Please share with friends and family our program that starts children off with sharing, caring, and structure for their school life. Brochures are in the church office for the coming year. Many, many thanks Jayne and Eileen

Summer Book Swap is now in the lobby at church. Please help yourself to a book or bring one to exchange. Summer is a great time to keep a book nearby, to slow down with, share with a friend, leave in a hotel lobby for a new reader. What ever you choose, here are some books.



PW would like to thank everyone for their help and support of our **Basement Sale**. We netted \$2,195.30. From the many donations to the time spent setting up or working the sale, we appreciate all you do to help support our mission. Items not sold went to support several local missions: YMCA, The Sister's Closet, Homeless Shelter, Food Bank, St. Margaret's house, Hannah's House, Malawi Matters and Salvation Army and Better World Books.

A reminder, the room marked on the 3rd floor is open all year to accept donations.

June 1st at 5:30 pm is our end of the year dinner/PWCT/calendar meeting. All are welcome to attend as we plan our upcoming year. Main dish will be supplied, you are welcome to bring a salad or dessert to share.

As the summer begins, new items are purchased, PW would be happy to have donations of any old swimsuits to be used for the Malawi Sewing Project. Please place in box marked in the CE office. Thank you.

The Prayer Chain's only requirement is for you to pray for others. We are a faithful group of folk who pray daily for those in need from our congregation or friends of our congregation. If you would like to help with prayers, and would like to be included in our Prayer Chain please contact Pam C., Lynett, or Darlene. Prayer needs will be sent to your email address.

Book Club:

Hello all, The May book The Charm Bracelet was a great read! We ate ice cream and shared our own charm bracelets with one another. Those of us in attendance decided that for the summer hiatus we would share with one another all the great books we are reading, if you read a book, good or great, this summer that other church members might like please share with me. We resume in September (third Sunday of the month at 2:00) and are currently searching for a great mystery/thriller for September to kick things off. Happy reading this summer!

Judy Green mtcgjag@aol.com

Have you heard? The price of stamps has gone down! Since April 10, the new cost is 47 cents. The Deacons still have **Postage Stamps** available for purchase to help support our Deacon's Christmas fund. They come in all styles and shapes and 100% of proceeds support the fund, so please pick up pre-packaged stamps in groups of 10 (\$4.70) or 20 (\$9.40) in the CE office. Thank you. Deacons

Prayer Group meets to unite in prayer weekly. If you would like to learn more please ask Pam C. or Janet F. for details. Requests for prayers can be made to Janet Freeman, jfree930@aol.com

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Pastor hours: mornings, 9 a.m. to noon

Secretary hours: 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Financial Secretary hours: Mondays 8 - 11:30 a.m.

Custodian hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Please note that with Financial Secretary Joan's going down to one day a week for the summer, all vouchers need proper signatures and be in prior to worship on Sunday in order to be approved and paid on Mondays. Thank you.

Newsletter deadline is July 17 at noon. Please send information for August issue to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Judy Green, John Martz, Ron May, Darlene Seufert

Board of Deacons: Lynett Heritz; moderator, Tom Camren, Teresa Primmer, Jason Pursehouse, Judy Sulak, Bill Walter

Facilities and Operations

John Martz, chair (elder)
Ethan DeMaegd, Dick Dentino,
Chuck Wukovits

Book Club: Judy Green

Clerk of Session: Teresa Primmer

Christian Education: Darlene Seufert

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:

Teresa Primmer and Carole Polk

PWNS Board: John Rice, Chair

Scrap Booking: Brittany Rice

Special Gifts: Sue Rice, chair

Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Treasurer: John Rice

Worship and Music:

Judy Green, Chair

NEWS FROM THE MAC

Barbara Van Damme, MAC coordinator attended a Civil Rights Training session course. She will be scheduling civil rights training for all MAC volunteers who now interact with clients and is required by the USDA. Clients are still required to produce identification and are still limited to one visit each month.

Volunteers are the "backbone" at the Food Pantry. Due to new record keeping requirements, some tasks have been eliminated; however, housekeeping is always with us so the volunteers are invited to choose another area of service; ie. greeting clients, sending thank you notes for large donations, keeping the pantry clean, etc.

Report from St Joseph Regional Medical Center: Big Brothers/Big Sisters is seeking volunteers.

The Purdue Nutrition Program is providing information to clients, offering free classes before and after Pantry hours. Sixteen people have signed up for classes. Statistics for April: 254 households; 755 people; 26 new households.

2248 pounds of food donated; monetary donations, \$2465.39

Don Schlunt, food coordinator report: USDA frozen pork distribution is in large amounts, which is to large for small families. Therefore, filling in with frozen chicken or canned meat or fish is happening. An important aspect of managing food is keeping track of out-of-date canned goods and being sure to use USDA food first. The amount of food on the shelves fluctuates constantly. Cereal, bottled juices, peanut butter and packaged meals are always in demand.

Sadly, First Christian Church has dropped out as a MAC Pantry member; however, there are some families who continue to bring their donations.

Sixteen fuel-only cards and three bus passes were given out. There is a fund set up for this project. Checks to be made to The Albright Food Pantry marked for transportation.

Prayer Teachings 9am
Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am

June and July 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ARE the DOORS LOCKED when you leave the church? Please always check just to be sure. Thankx!!			1	2	3 Nat'l Doughnut Day	4
5 greeter: Teresa P. ushers: Ethan D. & Dan B. W. Leader: Pam Camren	6	7	8	9	10 Greek	11 Festival
12 greeter: Judy S. ushers: Carole P. & Bill B. W. Leader: John Rice Deacon's meeting 11 am	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Michael G. & Gordon R. W. Leader: Judy Green <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	20 first day of Summer	21	22	23	24 scrapbook club 6-11pm ** summer	25 fest**
26 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Greg P. & Neil S. W. Leader: Dyan Phillips	27	28	29	30		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Guest at the Pulpit 3rd and 17th					1 St. Joe Co	2 unty Fair
3 greeter: Ethan D. ushers: Dick D. & Janet F. W. Leader: Janna McLean	4 Happy Birthday USA	5 St. Joe	6 County	7 Fair	8	9
10 greeter: Margaret D. ushers: Carole P. & Bill B. W. Leader: John Rice	11	12	13	14	15	16 news letter deadline
17 greeter: Judy S. ushers: Michael G. & Judy S. W. Leader: Chris Wukovits National Ice Cream Day	18	19	20	21	22 scrapbook club 6-11pm	23 Nat'l Hot Dog Day
24 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Greg P. & Janet F. W. Leader: Dyan Phillips	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 greeter: Bill B. Ushers: Dick D & Janet F. W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits	Remember: Church Picnic in the parking lot this August!					

Collin Heritz: will be heading back to Ball State in the Fall as a Junior. Plans for the summer are working two part time jobs and spending time with family and friends (when not sleeping)! Plans to get a little golf in this summer with his G-ma Heritz and Uncle Brian Hardy.

Shayna Frick: is 18 and just finished her freshman year at IUSB, studying ultrasound technology. She is working part-time at Old Navy (her wardrobe has grown exponentially since she has an employee's discount!) and just went to the Penn prom with her boyfriend of 2 years – he is a senior this year. Shayna has had a flare-up of her myasthenia gravis symptoms lately with extra muscle weakness, so she's had to slow down a little bit lately. We have appreciated the congregation's prayers for her. Still, she is lots of fun and always has a smile on her face!

Michael Green: Mikey has just turned 18, he is registered and excited to vote in this years' presidential election. He is hoping to do more construction work w/his Uncle Gordon this summer. Football conditioning will take place all summer in preparation for his senior year on the football team. In his spare time helping with the Grands, time with Friends, Family get-away's, and college plans will fill out his summer.

Roger Deloof: will be a Junior at Marian High School and is currently playing rugby and will start football conditioning in June. He also plays saxophone both at High School and with the New Carlisle Town Band.

Victoria Green: has completed her first year of high school. She has finished her spring season of soccer where she was very successful, scoring goals and having the opportunity to play on offense (defense is her strong suit) she will be giving high school soccer tryouts. Tryouts are August 1 and 2 so lots of conditioning and "optional" scrimmages for most of the summer, please keep her in your prayers for tryouts. After school ends Victoria will start driver's education classes. She will no doubt be spending time with her best friend Lily Rose our 3 year old Boston Terrier, helping out her grandparents, and of course friends! Need a babysitter, she is willing, need references see Charlotte Phillips ☺

Jacob Prince: is a junior in high school and was on the varsity wrestling and baseball teams this year (4th on the Academic All-State Wrestling team!). He also plays sax in the jazz and pep bands and plays hand bells with me in our church choir. He is preparing to apply to college (preferably in a big city: New York, St. Louis, and Nashville are currently on his list) and he wants to study computer science.

Ethan Wukovits Palay: Ethan is heading to Arizona and the Philmont Boy Scout Camp, a camp that pays special attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the Ranch's wilderness, with 57 trails to explore, cool! Then on to a trip to Destin, Florida for more adventures but with family this time. Ethan still works with the family dog, Dodger, who is a therapy dog.

Nicolas Prince: (who now prefers to be called Nick) is finishing 5th grade. He continues to write stories and poems, but has recently discovered the joy of theater. This year he was Winthrop in his middle school production of The Music Man and he was in the children's chorus for the high school production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. He definitely has a knack for the dramatic!

Victoria Wukovits Musselman: is now 12, almost a teenager! A trip here for the Wukovits Family Reunion over the 4th of July; then a week in South Haven, Mi with Grandma & Gramps tagging along. Next for Victoria is a youth leadership program in Washington, DC. Victoria was selected to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC. She will be there with sixth graders from all over the country. Competitive Dance is still a big part of her life.

Angelique Primmer: Angel will be in 5th grade at Prairie View Elementary School this fall. Summer time fun and play is planned. She is active in and enjoys her Girl Scouts troop.

Sophia Wukovits Musselman: is in double digits, 10. She will be coming to Mishawaka for the family reunion, then to South Haven for beach time, then on to Washington DC for some fun discovering, with a possible side trip to Gettysburg then back to Mishawaka to pick up Bella, the family labradoodle (who gets to stay & play with Beau at Gramma & Grampa's) Can there be enough days? Oh and still dancing!

Charlie Wukovits Palay: is now 10. He is joining his brothers on trips to Boy Scout Camp in Arizona and beach time in Florida. Charlie is an avid reader so books go with him everywhere, hope he packs paperbacks that enjoy travel and sand!

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Luke Davis: Luke just turned 9 and is losing at least one tooth a day, or so it seems.....he's getting rich from the Tooth Fairy! Luke is finishing 3rd grade and has become a champion crafter of paper airplanes and also is very interested in art. Luke loves math, but reading? Not so much. He's going to attend the Penn "Super Kids" camp this summer and will also spend lots of time at the Blair Hills pool. Luke plans on gaining lots more freckles over the summer, too – hooray!! The family is excited for our annual summer vacation in July on Lake Michigan.

Vincent Primmer: Vinnie just finished the 3rd grade at Prairie View Elementary School. He is playing soccer and intends to play Rocket Football this fall.

Ariana (Heritz) Downs: Ariana will be going into the 4th grade. She will be a busy bee this summer. She is once again playing soccer and she will be attending church camp July 5th through the 8th. She is also participating in the summer reading program and will be coming to Indiana to stay sometime with both of her grandmothers.

Maicey Hardy: will be turning 9 in June and will be heading into the 4th grade at Heritage Intermediate in Middlebury. She took 1st place in the Spelling Bee at York Elementary in May. She will be busy over the summer helping take care of the 13 chickens and 4 goats that the family has acquired. She loves to read, write and draw. Plans for the summer are Springhill Day Camp in June and family vacations/outings to Texas in June, camping at the Bliss Music Fest in July and Silver Beach in August.

Julie Rice: Julie Rice will be turning 9 in July and entering 3rd grade in the fall. Her summer will be full of horse riding camp, swimming lessons, getting together with friends, and finding new things to keep herself busy. Julie is playing softball again this year and having fun. Julie is a book lover through and through and she loves to draw, write, and create also. There are several books and stories authored by Julie to be found around the house, ask, she might even share with you.

Sam Wukovits Palay: 8, is into Cub Scouts and will attend the Philmont Boy Scout Camp along with his brothers. Some beach time will follow and books will fill in when there is nothing else to do, can you imagine the pirate stories being made up, hope some books being taken have stories of sunk'n treasure!

Mia Rice: turned 7 in January and is looking forward to beginning 2nd grade in the fall. This summer will be full of activities including a horse riding camp, swimming lessons, playing with friends, and many more things that will be added to the list daily. Mia plays softball on the same team as her sister this year and is enjoying herself. Mia enjoys reading book series (usually in order) and being an older sister to Tommy. She is the best Tommy translator there is and loves to do things with him and teach him things. She is also quite the collector of Shopkins.

Rachel (Heritz) Downs: Rachel will be in second grade this coming year. She will also be participating in the summer reading program as well as attending a few days for church camp but gets will not be overnights. She is looking forward to spending time with both of her grandmothers as well as our family trip to Silver beach again this year with the family.

Cooper Hardy: Cooper Hardy is 7 and will be heading into the second grade at York Elementary in Middlebury. Along with Maicey, he helps with the animals and loves collecting the fresh eggs! He is currently playing Little League and loves to walk the fields with their Lab, George, collecting 'things'! He will also be heading to Springhill Day Camp, Texas, Bliss Music Fest (and can't wait to swim in the pond), and Silver Beach with the family.

Charlotte Phillips: now a ripe old age of 6, have completed kindergarten at North Liberty Elementary School. Eternally with a song in her heart, she wakes up singing, and does it everywhere she goes: In the house, in the car, outside, public restrooms, restaurants, you name it! She is learning to read and LOVES it! She enjoys all sorts of artistic activities from coloring to drawing to painting. She has a BUSY summer ahead of her, she will be playing her second season of Tee-Ball, taking swimming lessons, attending a dance camp, theater camp, possibly a volleyball and/or tennis camp and this is all just in June! In addition, she is looking forward to playing outside with friends, going to the zoo, and doing some swimming.

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Gia Bellinger: Gia will be going to all sorts of camps this summer including her first sleep away camp. She will be dancing in her second ballet and tap recital very soon. She is also looking forward to a summer camping trip that we are planning. She loves being outside and spends most of her time with her cousin Caroline and her neighborhood friend Evan. They love playing in large cardboard boxes that they can pretend to be whatever they want!

Tommy Rice: turned 5 in April and celebrated his birthday with a Putt-Putt party. Tommy will begin going to the Autism Learning Center ½ days beginning June 6th. He currently is playing tee ball and I don't think he has decided whether or not he likes it. This summer Tommy will be taking swimming lessons and visiting Silver Beach (he is already asking everyday if today is a beach day ☺). In the fall, Tommy will be in preschool at Bittersweet Elementary and be getting special time with Mom, which she is very excited about.

Gabe (Heritz) Downs: Gabriel had been attending preschool this year and has been having fun, sharing his day with Mom. He enjoys spending time outside playing, going to the park, dancing and singing.

Gabriel Winckler: Gabe is 2 1/2 years old and a daddy's boy. He attends the preschool here at church and even though he is a year younger, blends right in the other children. He is a delight to both his parents, full of energy, (walking is just too slow) and arrives in a room moments before Mom and Dad.

Norah Grace Seufert: is 19 months old and everyday is a learning experience. Her vocabulary is increasing, and she repeats most words spoken to her except "Grandma!" Her favorite place to visit is the Zoo where she talks to all the animals. Norah likes books read to her, her favorite book is Max's Potty.

Caroline (Dentino) Micinski: is now 18 months old. She will be going to her brother Aiden's baseball games and spending time with all of her grandparents. She loves swimming, loves to swing, Paw Patrol & Elmo. She doesn't like rainy days where she has to stay in.

Vivian (May) Berstrom: will be one in July. She loves climbing on everything, going outside, and strawberries. Just recently she made her first phone call to Grandma and Grandpa while playing with Momma's phone. They were happy to get the call!

Silas Winckler: 11 months old, is moving, crawling, what ever it takes to get to *the ball*!!! Just says the word 'ball' and you have his attention. Future soccer player maybe?

Mackenzie Joan (Martz) Frey: was born on May 6th, 2016 at 2:06 pm, 8lbs 13oz. Kenzie shares her middle name with mom and Grandma Pam. FYI, a brag book can be found in the hands of Great Grandma Yolanda. A Baptism date is set for June 26 at the church.



And now for a bit of news from the young at heart.

Jim, age 93 and Chris, age 87, Sneddon will spend the summer puttering around the house that they have lived in for most of their married life. They are in their 60th year of attending First Presbyterian Church, having started to attend in 1957, invited by Mrs. Thurston.

Esther Morrison: 91 years young, is happy to be in her new place. (E. Morrison, #120, 1240 Farmington Circle, South Bend, Ind. 46614 574-256-6597). She is feeling very welcomed and happy that new neighbors mean new opportunities for more friendships. She is happy to have the ability to drive here and there by herself, and hopes maybe a train ride to Oregon this fall on a sleeper car.

Library Report: Friends of the FPC Library have been cleaning, discarding old books and rearranging furniture. Most of the discarded books will be sent to Better Book World, some will be placed in the CE office, and the really old books (dated before 1920) will be placed in the museum. It is surprising how many books have never been checked out or haven't been used in 30 to 40 years.

Betty Johnson and Brittany Rice have worked hard to sort the children's books. The current plan is to move the children's books and low table and chairs to the south end of the Toddler room. This way the children will have their own space.

Lynett Heritz, Teresa Primmer, Judy Sulak, Angie and Gia Bellinger have sorted and cleaned hundreds of books and the book shelves. The wish of the CE committee is to make the church library more accessible and more attractive, thus, used more often. The east door will be opened into Memorial Lounge after more furniture is moved out of the library and the book shelves are rearranged.

Thanks again to the many helping hands who thus far have put many, many hours into our wonderful FPC Library. Darlene Seufert, CE Chair