

# First Presbyterian News October 2018

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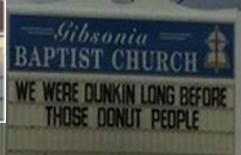












## Signs, Signs every where signs

Pew! What some churches do to get new friends and old to come to church.

We have so many creative people here at First Presbyterian just wanted to share for your enjoyment.

AND that maybe one of First Pres.'s people would come up with a note worthy sign for us.

Send your ideas to Sue Rice who will compile a list to share in a future newsletter and our sign man.

### "THE WEDNESDAY CONNECTION"

The Wednesday Connection is supper, fellowship, connection and study time in Fellowship Hall. Supper will be at 6:15 and we will finish our study/discussion by 7:30. We will be using a DVD presentation to guide our study/discussion. A CE committee member will facilitate each session.

Our first focus will be "Fear of the Other, No Fear in Love" by William H. Willimon.

This book is one of the finest Christian books published in 2016. A no non-sense, reliable spiritual guide, only 90 pages long, "Fear of the Other" is a powerful read that challenges from cover to cover, to consider the gospel command to love, shakes up our orthodoxy, and forces us to look at common Biblical passages in a fresh way.

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!!! Sign up is now on bulletin board.

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



Public - Hosted by Brandon Hollihan

Sunday, October 7 at 4 p.m. Brandon Hollihan will be giving a conducting recital in the Reyes Organ Hall at the Debartolo Performing Arts Center. This event is free, but you will need to reserve tickets online. Go to performingarts.nd.edu, click on events calendar, change month to October, and click on the 7th. Brandon's concert is the last event listed on this day.

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This music is meant to awaken your spirit and fill your soul.

Book Club; In October, Modern Romance by Aziz Ansari a non-fiction novel. Beth Davis will lead the discussion, Darlene will be hosting, join us on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm.

"For years, Aziz Ansari has been aiming his comic insight at modern romance, but for **Modern Romance**, the book, he decided he needed to take things to another level. He teamed up with NYU sociologist Eric Klinenberg and designed a massive research project, including hundreds of interviews and focus groups conducted around the world."

In November: Sleep No More: 6 Murderous Tales by PD James. 11/18/18 2pm

Book Club takes place the 3rd Sunday of the month, 2pm, and we take turns hosting, leading and providing snacks. Come once, every time, what ever your pleasure...even if you have not read the book. *Happy Reading!* Questions: contact Judy Green at <a href="mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com">mtcgjag@aol.com</a>

#### **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 October 1st there are 86 days till Christmas, how are your projects coming along? Contact me at <a href="scrap.brittany@gmail.com">scrap.brittany@gmail.com</a> for any questions, thank you, Brittany.

**2018 dates**: October 26 and November 16.

October 30th is the deadline for having a loved one remembered on **All Saint's Day**, November 4th. Contact the office (officejudyk@gmail.com) with name, date of death and your relationship.

#### Presbyterian Women

the PW Bible study; God's Promise-I am with You, are available for purchase, see Pam or Carol.

In October we have the Fall Gathering/Retreat @ Geneva Center registration due by 10/1/18,

Theme: Retreat, Renew and Recharge (see below for more details)

October 7, PWCT meeting 11:30 a.m.

October 13, Upper Room work day, 10 a.m. to noon, our last sale was a success, thank you all for keeping the donations coming

October 14, last day to sign up for pre-sale of noodles, clip board in lobby to pre-order, noodles \$5 for a 16oz bag

October 19 & 20 Geneva Center Retreat below...

October 21, Dedication Sunday, First Presbyterian Women will be celebrating and dedicating our mission projects, Baby Bundles, Malawi Matters, and others items during worship and also receiving the **Thank Offering** during Fellowship time. Please plan to join in by sharing from your thankfulness to God for the many "bundles of blessings" that you have received from God.

October 23, work night to make noodles 6 to 8 p.m.

November 4, PWCT meeting, 11:30 a.m.

November 6, work night to make cheeseball/soup mixes 6 to 8 p.m.

November 9, set up for bake sale, please deliver/have baked goods at church by today, 4 p.m.

November 10, <u>Bake Sale/Vendor Fair</u> is just around the corner! We have some exciting vendors this year and will be putting together a flyer soon. If you have any ideas for advertising let us know.

November 14, Upper Room work night 6 to 8 p.m.

November 17, Upper Room Sale, if you would like to help, please contact Pam or Carole



Fall Retreat at Geneva Center Oct. 19th and 20th, 2018 Registration 4:00 p.m. Friday



Theme: Retreat, Renew and Recharge

Matthew 13: 31 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Guest and spiritual leaders will be Barb Vinson, Michigan City Presbyterian Church, The Rev. Grace Hammer from Delphi Presbyterian Church.

Friday night, October 19th, will be informal gathering starting with dinner at 5:30 followed by a short worship experience lakeside provided the weather permits. During the evening we will be painting and decorating clay pots. The evening will conclude with a meditation practice. You may choose to bring your own wine. We will have cola and seven up. The committee is providing snacks for Friday night.

Saturday activities include planting seeds and a speaker yet to be confirmed. You will have time to walk the labyrinth, fellowship and just have free time. The retreat will close with a short service including communion.

Foot and Back massages will also be available on Friday and Saturday depending on number that sign up. Bring a book you would like to share with someone.

Pam Camren & Carole Polk, co-moderators

#### From Session

The Session continues to work with Presby in it's search to find a Pastor. We have just received 14 new personal information forms and will be contacting these candidates looking for the right fit for our congregation.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue on, thank you, Teresa.

- The Mission Committee

  \* directed the 25% of the Peacemaking Offering, one of the four special offerings received, to aid foster families, many of which are grandparents serving as legal guardians for children.

  \* So far we have collected a little over 150 boxes of band-aids for Memorial Children's Cancer Ward. Let's try to reach 200 by the end of the year!

  \* We are still collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Don't forget to drop yours in the collection jar in the lobby.

It is time to look ahead to Thanksgiving already. We are going to again be giving 14 baskets to families at Battell School. We will begin collecting items on Sunday October 28th and deliver them on Sunday November 18th. Watch for the list of items needed next month.

#### WORSHIP AND MUSIC

A thank you to our September guest preachers: Rev. Don Neely, Rev. Terry McBride, Rev. Walter Davis and Lay Leader Alice Yacillo. I really appreciate Rev. McBride who changed his schedule to be at our church September 16th. We have been so Blessed with pulpit supply and now the choir is back adding to our worship experience.

Rev. Don Neely will be with us for World Communion October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Walter Davis is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Lay Leader David Abbott will fill the pulpit October 21st.

We now have a book shelf in the narthex with clip boards, crayons and pencils.

Each week will be a Children's Bulletin.

We will also have books that the children may look at, read and enjoy during the service. Darlene, chair

#### **TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

October - Judy Sulak November - Mary Ann Dentino December - Darlene Seufert

As in the past, please switch with someone if you are unavailable on a given Sunday.



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

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#### **Church Officers and Committees**

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Lynett Heritz; moderator,

Pam Martz, Teresa Primmer, Jason Pursehouse, Judy Sulak

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Pam Camren and Carole Polk

Scrap Booking: Brittany Rice

Special Gifts: Sue Rice, Chair

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Darlene Seufert, Chair

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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#### NEWS FROM THE MICHIANA ALLIANCE OF CARE

The MAC Board met September 6. Pantry Director, Shelia Swinehart, <u>combined</u> Pantry statistics for the summer months:

Food Donations 5727 pounds
Monetary Donations \$2,541
Expenditures \$3,372
Account balance \$3,731
Households served 601
Individuals served 2123

The statistics indicate families continue to be joining together to combine their resources.

Sheila distributed TO ALL VOLUNTEERS an information letter explaining the rules ALL PANTRIES must follow in order to receive government commodities. The monetary donations received cover the costs involved for the Pantry truck insurance, maintenance, etc.

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The Vineyard Church will be holding another food drive for the Pantry, as it has done several times in the past. St. Peter's Lutheran Church will also hold a food drive in September. Granger Community is in the planning stages for it's annual "Food Drop". The MAC Food Pantry is to be included.

There is a <u>critical</u> need for a volunteer Pantry truck driver to replace Doug Wilkins who had to resign due to health issues. Primarily, the driver would be going to the Food Bank in South Bend to pick up the food order placed by the Pantry director. The driver is not required to hold a CDL license and would be needed on Tuesdays.

Volunteers are the "life blood" of the MAC Food Pantry. They are a special group of folks who truly care about our community.

Thank you, Janet Freeman, Missions

There is a great need for items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap.

I have been surrounded by the love of this congregation since the loss of my husband, Dave. Thank you all for the prayers and cards through the years and especially this last month. Teresa Primmer Worship 10 am Fellowship at 11 am

### October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 The Wednesday Connection 6:15—7:30	4	5	6
7 World Communion Sunday Greeter: Carole Polk Usher: Carole P. and Bill B. W. Leader: Judy Sulak Pulpit: Rev. Don Neely PWCT noon	8	9	10 Wednesday Connection	11	12	13 work day in upper room
14 Greeter: Ethan DeMaegd Ushers: Michael G & Gordon R W. Leader: Mary Watt Pulpit: Rev. Walter Davis	15 Special gifts 3pm	16	17 Wednesday Connection news deadline	18	19	20
21 <i>PW Dedication Sunday</i> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Dick D. and Judy S. W. Leader: Alan Camren <i>Pulpit: Lay Leader David Abbott Book club 2pm</i>	22	23 PW make noodles 6pm	24 Wednesday Connection (last week)	25	26 Scrap booking in fellowship hall 6 to 11pm	27
Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P. and Neil S. W. Leader: Darlene Seufert Pulpit: Rev. Walter Davis	29	30	31 Happy Hall-oooo ween!			

