



# First Presbyterian News

December 2018/January 2019  
401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

## *Worship and Music News*

Thank you to Len Sailor, Christine Sneddon, Heather Sneddon, Judy Green and Carole Polk for assisting with the St. Andrew's Day Service. Always, always a blessing!

Advent season is upon us and Worship and Music has been busy with preparation...

**December 2 - First Sunday in Advent.** We are blessed to have Nancy Brinklow as our worship leader for most of December. This Sunday will be communion and lighting the candle in HOPE. Hope for peace, joy and love. *O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL*

**December 9 - Second Sunday in Advent.** Nancy will be our guest lay leader. We light the candle for Peace. *IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR.*

**December 16 - Third Sunday in Advent.** Will be a very special event planned by the Christian Education and Worship and Music committees. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and follow the footprints as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. *O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL.* This will be a prayer journey of talking and listening to God. We'll have music, scripture readings and activities which will include all ages. We light the pink candle for Joy. *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM.*

**December 23 - Fourth Sunday in Advent.** Nancy will be back with us, we light the candle of Love. Joy Offering collected. *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING.*

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Service starts at 7:30.** Our worship leader will be Taylor Hall. The hand bell choir have planned a couple of surprises for us to open the service. The Christ candle will be lit and the flame passed out into the congregation. This is always a special time in the life of FPC. *SILENT NIGHT. HOLY NIGHT!*



**December 30** - The Presbyterian community service this year is hosted by Sunnyside Presbyterian Church. Time to be announced.

**January 6 - Epiphany** David Abbott will fill our Pulpit. Communion will be served. *WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE.*

January 13 - Leslie Morris will fill our Pulpit.

January 20 - Rev. Steven Mullin will be our minister.

January 27 - Rev. Don Neely

Thank you to the many members who serve Sundays in leadership roles. Your help is greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to Brandon who leads our Chancel Choir, children's choir and selects our music most Sundays. We are so fortunate to have your talent at the organ and piano. Thanks to those choir members who come early to rehearse and provide special music during the service. If you would like to join our Sunday Worship Team, let me know. We can always use more of you and it really is rewarding to be a part of the team that glorifies God in word and song. Darlene Seufert, Worship and Music Committee

*Angels We Have Heard on High* Away in a Manger Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

What Child is This **The First Nowell** Go, Tell it on the Mountain *Joy to the World*

Deacon's Shopping will be Saturday morning, December 1st, 8:00am. JC Penney's will again be the place. Please join fellow church members as we help families make some area children's (50 this year) Christmas morning joyful and their winter warmer. For more information you can contact Lynett or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Always, ALWAYS a morning filled with blessings! .....and thank you.

#### DEACON'S PROGRESSIVE DINNER....

When: Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Where: FPC Fellowship Hall  
 Time: 5:30-8 p.m.



The Deacon's will be supplying the Main Entrée and ask that you bring an Appetizer, Side Dish or Dessert to share. Maybe a dish that is a family favorite!

Please RSVP on the Clip Board in the CE Lobby or call the Office.

## Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka

What a busy group!!! Vendor and Bake Sale, Nov. 10; Upper Room (Resale Room upstairs in CE wing) Work Night Wednesday, Nov. 14 and Upper Room Sale on Saturday, Nov. 17. Then comes Advent Decorating, wow!

In December, the gals wear different hats as Deacon shoppers, daughters, mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers with lots of preparations for the Celebration of our Savior's birth.....more baking, more sewing, more decorating, etc. Wow again!

Then comes the new year and new activities. On **January 12<sup>th</sup>** will be our Winter Gathering at 10 a.m. with a **Potluck Brunch** preceded by the PWCT meeting at 9 a.m....yes the coffee pot will be on by then! Our Gathering will focus on mission projects underway and perhaps something new. Come join us for the greatest fellowship around!!

And last but by no means least, is **Kitchen Clean Up** day on **January 21, 2019!** Many hands make lighter work and again the fellowship is great! Coffee will be on before the 10:00 a.m. start time!

All women members of the congregation are members of PW and we sincerely hope that you will participate whenever you can! And don't forget the opportunities for Bible study with Ruth Circle on third Thursday and Elizabeth Circle on third Monday, both at 7 p.m. Where? Elizabeth Circle will meet on the December 17th at Chris Wukovits' home. January 21st at church. Ruth Circle will meet on the December 20th at Teresa Primmer's home. January 17th at Judy Sulak's home. Teresa Primmer or Mary Ann Dentino are also happy to share info. Our study is "God's Promise, I Am With You" a comprehensive look at God's promises throughout the Bible. An excellent study!

Pam Camren and Carole Poklinkowski, Co Moderators



#### Presbyterian Women Bake Sale Update...

Thanks to everyone that baked, worked, shopped or supported us in any way. We had 18 Crafters/Vendors this year along with many tasty baked goods, homemade noodles, cheeseballs, soup mixes, breads, our annual Cookie Walk and much more! We cleared \$2000, making this a very successful sale; which helps fund our Mission work!



December is the month of the **Christmas Joy Offering**. The offering will be received on during Advent and Christmas Eve. Fifty percent will be distributed to the Board of Pensions which supports programs that provide support to retired and active church workers, and fifty percent to support Presbyterian higher education programs. Please give generously during this joyous season.

Please take the time to sign the giant card on the Mission bulletin board sharing wishes with your church family.

Mission would like to thank everyone who made this year's Thanksgiving special for 14 family. All baskets were received with smiles and Thank You's!

In January we will collect items for our annual Soup'r Bowl. Look for the red tub in the Lobby and toss in your donations!

**Christian Education Committee** is providing Advent booklets for families, as well as calendars for the children. These will be available the first Sunday in Advent and throughout the season, in the back of the Sanctuary. Please pick one up and spend time this Advent Season preparing your heart for the coming of our Savior.

❄️❄️ *ADVENT* ❄️❄️

**Book Club;** This month's read is *The Christmas Bus*, {The people of Christmas Valley always celebrate Christmas to the fullest extent. The mayor plays Santa, every business is holiday themed, and there's a nativity for the kids each Christmas Eve. This town knows Christmas. But this year nothing goes according to plan. Shepherd's Inn is full of strangers, Mad Myrtle is causing problems, and a young couple with a baby due any minute rolls in to the middle of town in their Partridge Family-style bus. It's hardly the holiday Christmas Valley wanted--but it may be just what they need. December 16th, (Book Club takes place the 3rd Sunday of the month) 2pm, and we take turns hosting. Check weekly bulletins for more details or give Judy a call, but we would love to have you join us!

[mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com) **HAPPY READING!**

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

**December - Various Ladies**

As in the past, please switch with someone if you are unavailable on a given Sunday. And if you would like to be added to 'sitter' list please let Janna know. Thank you.



**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE 2019**

January - Darlene	February - Judy Sulak
March - Pam Martz	April - Angela
May - Lynette	June - Judy Green/Carole
July - Dyan	August - Lynett
September - Brittany	October - Teresa
November - Mary Anne	December - Katie

**SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice**

Dates for 2019 are still in the works.

I want to wish you Happy and a Joyful Christmas, see you next year!

Moses' curiosity Exodus 3

Moses was walking one day,  
And spotted a bush on the way.

It had a strange glow.

He thought, "Don't you know?"

It just might have something to say!!"

{to be continued}





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**NEWS FROM THE MICHIANA ALLIANCE OF CARE**

The year ending holidays approach. It is time to express thanks from the MAC Board for the ongoing support the MAC Pantry has received throughout 2018.

The dedication from the 'army' of volunteers who have served, as well as member churches, the various Service groups, merchants and individuals in the community have kept the MAC Pantry doors open.

The Pantry Director statistics from the November Board meeting: October monetary donations: \$13,899.80- It should be noted a check (\$12,925) was received from the River Valley Church Storehouse Pantry which has closed with a stipulation all funds, if invested, be used for food. Number of households served on nine Pantry days: 242; number of individuals: 809

The South Bend Food Bank is making progress as it welcomes a new director. Good news for placing and picking up orders each week.

Planning ahead: The MAC Pantry will be, once again, a recipient of the Granger Community Church Food Drop on January 26, 2019. This event will get 2019 off to a good start as the opportunity to be of help to some of our neighbors, especially during the winter months.

**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Ron May, Janna McLean, Darlene Seufert, Chuck Wukovits

**Board of Deacons:** Dick Dentino, Lynett Heritz; moderator, Pam Martz, Teresa Primmer, Jason Pursehouse, Judy Sulak

**Facilities and Operations**

Chuck Wukovits, Chair  
Ethan DeMaegd, Dick Dentino

**Book Club:** Judy Green

**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer

**Christian Education:** Janna McLean, Chair

**Finance:** Ron May, Chair

**Mission and Evangelism:**

Angela Bellinger, Chair

**Newsletter:** Sue Rice

**Personnel:** Alan Camren, Chair

**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz

**Presbyterian Women:**

Pam Camren and Carole Polk

**Scrap Booking:** Brittany Rice

**Special Gifts:** Sue Rice, Chair

**Stewardship:** Ron May, Chair

**Treasurer:** John Rice

**Worship and Music:**

Darlene Seufert, Chair

Lord, in a world where worry can fill our news and papers daily, please help us to remember the good news again. This Christmas, make it real in our hearts, filling us with Your joy and peace. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Help us to remember—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God. Your promise to us forever more.



Finance committee thanks everyone for their pledge commitments in 2019. We've not received as many as last year, yet, so we'll welcome a few more. If you have any questions please contact either Ron May or John Rice. As always, our members are a blessing!



# December/January

Worship 10 am  
Fellowship at 11 am

Sun	Mon	Tu	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Deacons Christmas shopping 8am
2 Greeter: Rose Marie Reif Ushers: Ethan D & Dan B W. Leader: Judy Sulak Pulpit: Nancy Brinklow PWCT 11:30 am	3	4	5	6	7	8 Deacon's Progressive dinner 5:30 pm at church
9 Greeter: Ethan DeMaegd Ushers: Carole P & Bill B W. Leader: Pam Camren Pulpit: Nancy Brinklow	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Greeter: Anna Bower Ushers: Michael G & Gordon R W. Leader: Darlene Seufert book club 2pm	17 Elizabeth circle 7pm Chris W's	18	19	20 Ruth circle 7pm Teresa's	21	22
23 Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P & Judy S W. Leader: Alan Camren Pulpit: Nancy Brinklow	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Worship at Sunnyside Church	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Greeter: Janet Freeman Ushers: Neil S. & Judy S W. Leader: Darlene Seufert Pulpit: David Abbott	7	8	9	10	11	12 PWCT 9am PW Gathering 10am
13 Greeter Ethan DeMaegd Ushers: Carole P. & Bill B. W. Leader Pam Camren Pulpit: Leslie Morris	14	15	16	17 Ruth circle 7pm Judy S.'s	18	19
20 Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg P. & Michael G. W. Leader: Dyan Phillips Pulpit: Rev. Steve Mullin	21 Kitchen clean up 10am Elizabeth 7pm @ church	22	23	24	25	26
27 Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Dick D. & Michael G W. Leader: Janna McLean Pulpit: Rev. Neely	28	29	30	31		

## In the bleak midwinter

By [Christina Rossetti](#)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom worship night and day,  
Shelter from the cold, and a manger full of hay;  
Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,  
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Worship filled the air;  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can give Him: give my heart.



**Newsletter deadline** is January 17th  
at noon for the February issue.

Please send information to Sue at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or office manager Judy at [officejudyk@gmail.com](mailto:officejudyk@gmail.com) or you can mail/ phone church. The newsletter is published 10 times a year, with double issues in June & July and December & January. The deadline is always the 17th of the preceding month. All articles are welcome at anytime, I can save/file for later dates if needed. If you have questions please contact me.

Thank you, Sue Rice.

From Todd Young, Senator for Indiana,

Fellow Hoosiers, Hearing from you helps me to be better at my job. Any time you want to weigh in on legislation or just make your voice heard, reach out to my office using the contact info in this letter. Additionally, my team and I stand ready to help any time you need assistance navigating the federal bureaucracy. Some of the services we offer are listed below. Thank you.

Help with Federal agencies; including Veterans Affairs, Social Security,

Small business Administration IRS.

Federal Grants; Assistance for Hoosier organizations and local governments.

Student Services; service as an intern or find out how to attend a military service academy

Visiting Washington, D.C.; arrange tours of the U.S. Capitol, White House and more.

Flag Requests; own a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol building.

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This letter was shared by Teresa Primmer and will also be posted on bulletin board at church.