

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, Ind. 46544

First Presbyterian News

June-July 2015

Volume 53 No. 10



from the Pastor's desk

Farewell Column

Having completed two years as your transitional pastor, I am leaving at the end of June. I have the last Sunday of June off (I'll be attending an autoharp workshop in (Pennsylvania), so June 21 will be my last Sunday. Hence, my last column for the news letter.

I have enjoyed my time with you very much. I want to give a few reflections on what we have accomplished together in these two years, express my appreciation to many of you, and give some information about the "bridge period" between the time I leave and the new pastor begins.

Reflections: Let me begin by refreshing you on the tasks of transitional ministry, as I defined them at the outset of my term. A transitional pastor's role includes normal pastoral duties and some additional tasks. If there has been conflict around the prior pastor's leaving (which is not uncommon), the transitional pastor seeks to help the church deal with and move beyond that conflict. A transitional pastor also has certain goals, defined by the presbytery:

1. Helping the church come to terms with its history.
2. Helping the church discover a new congregational identity.
3. Facilitating shifts in lay leadership and changes in congregational power structures.
4. Helping the church rethink and renew denominational links.
5. Helping the church prepare for new pastoral leadership and a new future.

During the transition time the church does a mission study and then elects a pastoral nominating committee (PNC). Once elected, the PNC prepares the Ministry Information Form (MIF) and then begins seeking a new called pastor. The presbytery's Commission on Ministry [COM]) needs to approve both the mission study and the MIF. The transitional pastor helps lead the mission study and prepares the church to elect the PNC, but does not directly work with the PNC in the search.

With the help, hard work, and prayers of many of you, I believe we have successfully completed (or at least made substantial progress on) these tasks. We worked through some conflict, we have established a new identity as a healthy, vibrant smaller congregation, we have negotiated changes in both paid staff and elected leadership, we have maintained denominational links, and I believe we have prepared well for new pastoral leadership. Though I have tried to provide some guidance, these tasks are done by the congregation, not the pastor, and you have done well. I believe you are well-positioned to attract a capable half-time pastor, and I am gratified to hear from the PNC that there are a number of strong candidates who are interested.

Thank-you's: It is always risky to name people for thanks, because some deserving people will inevitably be omitted from the list. Nevertheless, I want to express special gratitude to:

The present support staff (Debra Leonard, Joan Horvath, Ken Vargo), as well as former secretary Kathy Darr, for keeping things running smoothly and supporting the church and my ministry in so many ways.

Organist & choir director Michael Duryea, as well as former choir director Susan May, for maintaining the church's strong tradition of musical excellence.

Clerks of session Teresa Primmer (current) and Pam Camren (former) for diligent and excellent work in taking minutes, keeping the books in order, and providing wise counsel.

John Rice for steady and careful work as the church treasurer. It is a great gift to have reliable numbers.

The faithful members of the chancel choir, as well as Judy Green and the Canticle Ringers, for enhancing our worship with music.

Anna Bowers, Dyan Phillips, and the artists, young and old, who have graced our bulletins with their art. The current session members (Angie Bellinger, Judy Green, John Martz, Ron May, Bruce McClure, Darlene Seufert) and former session members (Pam Camren, Mary Ann Dentino, Stan May) for working hard to keep things going and make things happen in the various aspect of the church's life, including finances, stewardship, Christian education, worship, mission, personnel, or facilities and operations. The deacons (Bill Walter, Carole Polk, Lynett Heritz, Teresa Primmer, Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren) for faithfully carrying out their mission of service and compassion without prompting by the pastor. Carole Polk and other helpers for the weekly Disciples Treehouse – a wonderful gift for the children of this church.

All who have volunteered in the toddler room – a gift to both children and their parents.

Mary Ann Dentino, Lynett Heritz, and all who have helped provide the wonderful food for the many church luncheons and events.

John Martz, Chuck Wukovits, Dick Dentino, Dave Sulak, and others who have volunteered to do maintenance and repair tasks around the church, and all who help keep the flowers and plantings beautiful.

Dave Sulak and Tom Camren for faithfully providing excellent sound for worship. Also to Dave for help and advice on the technical aspects of the church, and to Tom for folding the bulletins each week.

Sue Rice for the tremendous gift of putting the church newsletter together.

All who have provided wonderful refreshments Sunday mornings, and especially to Margaret DeMaegd for filling in many Sundays when no one signed up.

Bill Bellairs and all who have stepped up to serve as greeters and ushers.

The Pastoral Nominating Committee (Lynett Heritz, Greg Phillips, Ethan DeMaegd, Betty Johnson, Katie McCloskey, Mary Watt, and Jerry Kendall), with COM liaison Anna Parkinson, for its hard work in seeking a new pastor.

Jayne Wurz, Wendy Rinehart, and the board of directors for the PWNS. The school provides excellent, caring, and low-cost education to preschoolers as in important part of the church's mission.

Pam Camren and Pam Martz for taking initiative to develop the wedding ministry.

And to all the members who worship with us, support the church and its ministries, and make us the caring, friendly, and faithful congregation that we are.

Looking Ahead: Several things to note about my leaving and the “bridge period” before your new pastor starts:

Once I end my position as your transitional pastor, it's best if I don't perform any further pastoral duties for you. Thus I won't be available for any funerals, weddings, pulpit supply, session meetings, or pastoral care.

The Commission on Ministry will name a pastor to moderate the session.

The session has voted to have supply preachers fill the pulpit on Sunday mornings until the new pastor starts. The church is blessed to have a number of excellent supply preachers available, and Judy Green is getting preachers lined up.

As of this writing, things are still up in the air as to an organist/choir director to replace Michael. We have made an offer to a Notre Dame graduate student and are waiting to hear.

As to the next phase of this congregation's life, that will be up to you, your new pastor, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I believe you have the building blocks for a vibrant ministry, including a growing children's ministry (starting with the younger children you have). However, you will need to find ways to reach out beyond the church walls to attract new people to the congregation. And you will need to continue to be open to new ways of doing things.

I hope and pray you will show your new pastor the same support, flexibility, hard work, humor, and understanding that you have shown me. May God's blessing be with you in the next phase of the congregation's life and ministry.



Worship and Music

Rev. Steve Braden’s last day at the pulpit will be June 21. Over the summer the pulpit will be filled by various pastors while the PNC continues to do their work. Please continue to keep PNC in your prayers as the committee continues the search for **our** new Pastor. Progress is being made.

June 7 worship will include communion and a baptism. (or two)

Communion servers for this day are Pam and Alan Camren and Judy Green.

June 14 worship will include the conformation class graduates.

June 21 worship will have a special Fellowship in honor of Steve’s last day.

June 28 worship will have Steve Mullin at the pulpit.

July 5 Don Neely will fill the pulpit and worship will include communion.

Communion servers for this day are Bruce McClure, Ron May and John Martz.

July 12 Don Neely will fill the pulpit. A special Fellowship to wish Michael Duryea good tidings will take place. Michael's last day will be July 17.

August 2 worship will include communion. Communion servers for this day are Lynett Heritz, Anna Bowers and Angela Bellinger.

Flower Fund

provides flowers every week in the Sanctuary. Contact Church Secretary, Debra, if you would like to reserve a date or donate to fund.



Prayer Group Meets to unite in prayer weekly.

If you would like to learn more talk with Pam C. or Janet F.

Requests for prayers can be made to Janet Freeman. jfree930@aol.com

two hands, palms together, head down: Prayer

Missions:

*The Habitat house going up behind the church will begin construction in August or September. If you are interested in helping with construction you can contact the Habitat office at (574) 288-6967. We will be getting a group together to fix lunch for the volunteers 2 or 3 times. If you are interested in helping please contact Angela Bellinger at (574) 310-1641 or angelabellinger@hotmail.com. As I get more information on exact dates I will let everyone know.

*Thank you all for your generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. At this time our total is \$969.00.

*The mission committee will be using part of the Pentecost offering to make up goody bags for pediatric cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy at Memorial Children's Hospital. Our goal is at least 10 bags. If you would like to help by purchasing the zippered bag to put the items in please see Lynette Heritz. The cost is \$15. You can also help us by bringing in items to fill the bags. There will be a list of items needed on the mission bulletin board on May 24th and there will be a collection basket for these items in the foyer at that time.

*Over the summer please remember that even though school is just getting out we will begin collecting items to stuff backpacks for back to school in late June. There will be a basket to collect items placed in the foyer at that time.

*There are new Presbyterian Today magazines every month placed in Memorial Lounge. If you would like to take a copy to read, please feel free. They are a great source of information about what Presbyterians are doing across the nation and around the world. The articles are interesting and fun to read.

Wedding Ministry Update

Pam Martz and Pam Camren represented FPC at two bridal shows this past winter promoting the use of our beautiful sanctuary for weddings of non-members. As of May 1, there are two non-member weddings on the calendar and one member wedding with which the Wedding Ministry Team will be assisting as requested. Other members of the congregation may be asked to assist in some way; welcoming guests at the east entrance, assisting with use of the elevator, clean up and whatever other assistance may be needed. If you are interested in supporting this ministry in any way, see the two Pams and they will be glad to place your names on our list of helpers....some responsibilities are even compensated!

These two non-member weddings have covered expenses of the ministry to date related to the shows and other items. We have many names with which to follow up so this outreach may soon be helping FPC financially. Pam Camren and Pam Martz

Book Club

Will meet in September on the 20th. You have all summer to read ***The Ladies Room*** by Carolyn Brown and then join us as Rose Marie Reif will host and Judy Green will provide the yummys.

'secrets overheard in the ladies bathroom of the church during a funeral-can/will change lives.'
- a fun read.

Deacons

Since its introduction, The Deacons Christmas Shopping Program has provided clothing to thousands of children in our community. In order to help as many as possible we have 3 different fund raising opportunities.

Nelson's fundraiser, to date raised 543.00

Hacienda Fiesta Give Back Night September 21 at 100 Center location, mark your calendar now to enjoy lunch or dinner, dine-in or carry-out. A portion of your purchase will be returned to the Deacons.

Postage Stamps are still available for purchase. Contact Carole Polk with any questions or orders.

Annual Picnic August 23rd, 10am, church parking lot, bring a chair for the service, a dish to share and a place setting. Deacon's will provide main dish and drinks.

NEWS FROM THE MAC

Carol Minx, director of the Albright Food Pantry, was one of those honored at the Real Services Volunteers of the Year event on May 14. Carol's hours of service at the Pantry is priceless. Working with the clients, the other volunteers, dealing with the requirements of the USDA and the Food Bank is why the Pantry is able to serve clients in Mishawaka. Even though the school term hasn't ended for this year, we all know the schools will be preparing throughout the summer for classes to begin again. That means our church will be partnering with Battell School once again by collecting school supplies in the next few weeks. Look for the BIG RED TUB in the CE lobby soon.

Carol reported:

April ---3,144 pounds of food and \$1,767.32 in cash donated.

People Gotta Eat will donate 47,000 pounds of food to be divided among 10 food Pantries.

The Albright Food Pantry will be receiving a monetary bequest from St. Andrews UCC. During March and April 240 fuel only gift cards and 186 bus passes were distributed. (Note: this donation is made by a single family in the community.)

Janet Hyduk from Real Services is working with families during Pantry hours with a new Family Development Program, there are requirements in order to participate but so far a lot of interest.

CHURCH STAFF**Transitional Pastor****Steve Braden**

revsbb91@gmail.com

Church Secretary**Debra Leonard**

Debrafcpmishawaka@gmail.com

Financial Secretary**Joan Horvath**

Joanfcpmishawaka@gmail.com

Organist**Michael Duryea**

mduryea@nd.edu

Custodian**Ken Vargo****CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: vary, call office for times. Steve's last day June 21.
 Secretary hours: 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 Financial Secretary hours: Mondays & Thursday 8 - 11:30 a.m.
Hours will change to Mondays only starting June 1st.

Contact us at (574) 259-7874 or
 First Presbyterian Church-Mishawaka
 P.O. Box 744 Mishawaka, Indiana 46546
 or fcpmishawaka@gmail.com

**Newsletter deadline is July 17 at noon.**

Please send **information for August** newsletter to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or mail information to Debra, the church secretary.

Church Officers and Committees

Session: Angela Bellinger,
 Judy Green, John Martz, Ron May,
 Bruce McClure, Darlene Seufert

Board of Deacons: Bill Bellairs,
 Tom Camren, Lynett Heritz,
 Carole Polk, Teresa Primmer,
 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

Nominating: Dave Sulak, Chair/
 Elder

Personnel: Bruce McClure, 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, acting chair

Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Treasurer: John Rice

Worship and Music:

Judy Green, Chair

Summary of FPC outdoor clean up 5/9/2015**Participating were:**

Pam & Alan Camren, John & Pam Martz, Bill Bellairs,
 Carol Polk, Neil Seufert, Lynett Heritz, Mary Watt,
 Janet Freeman, Dan Bruner, Mike Green, Dick & Mary Ann
 Dentino, Angela & Giovanna Bellinger, John & Sue Rice.

Accomplished:

Cleaned Island at far east end of south east lot
 Trimmed trees on Orr's Island and all around the south east lot
 Mowed almost all grass
 Weeded flower gardens in south parking lot
 Trimmed bushes on east side of building
 Trimmed bushes around peace pole
 Raked and reapplied new mulch to peace pole area
 Trimmed tree in peace pole area
 Weeded flowers/bushes area in front of church
 Moved curbing for Orr's Island back to where it should be
 (pushed out by snowplow)
 Cleaned up sticks and limbs piled where old shed was
 Cleaned leaves on front and east side
 Cleaned flower bed on west side of sanctuary

Smile When You Use Amazon

If you plan to purchase books, music and other wonderful gifts from Amazon, you may effortlessly donate to PW (free to you!) by signing up for and shopping through Amazon Smile. Simply visit smile.amazon.com and select Presbyterian Women as your favorite charitable organization. Shop as you normally would through "regular" Amazon, but and even better!, when you shop through Amazon Smile, a portion of the purchase of eligible items is donated to Presbyterian Women. In other words: you shop, Amazon gives, PW receives!

The good ole summer time is upon us and I always feel as though the children of FPC grow the fastest during this time. I have include some 'not' children as they are now adults but major happenings are taking place in their lives this year and parents always want to share (brag really) with those who helped raise our children. There also are updates of some children who have moved away, children of children who were members and then our own special kiddos. So here is the 2015 updated list. Happy reading.

Megan and Lauren McClure: will both be finishing their schooling; for Megan, Medical Residency in Cincinnati at the end of June and Lauren graduating from Des Moines University in May. The next chapters will be finding work for one, "we've got our "eye" on Megan as she moves into the working world and Lauren will be doing a Pediatric Residency in Chicago next year. As the daughter of Physicians, either Mary Beth or Bruce are allowed to hood her thus marking her entrance into the world of being a doctor a family torch passing moment.

Katie (Rice) McCloskey and Chris Rice: As many of you know Katie married Justin McCloskey at FPC in the spring and they live in Mishawaka. Katie is a certified, registered dietitian and she works with a company to help tell people "eat this, not that", Justin is a sergeant in the Army reserves, this fall he *gets* to go to Slovakia as a special award for his company. Right now he works for Martins in Elkhart. Chris is moving from Arizona to Indiana to Illinois this summer. He will attend school this fall in Chicago for his writing.

Brian McClure: is still in Indianapolis with school. He still scribes for the emergency room, but is looking toward the future and what is next for him.

Kristen (Tschida) and Jon ~~XXXXX~~ are renting a home in Kansas City, MO. Kristen is working with lions at the Kansas City Zoo and Jon works in the IT department at Cerner. They have a dog, Robbie and are enjoying all the Kansas City barbeque!!

Damon Frick: 24, is working full-time and playing in 2 bands; looking forward to playing outside venues this summer!

Andy Wiseman: has almost been married a year. He survived the weeding out process of first semester of Physical Therapy school. He has volunteered coaching a wrestling team in the Indianapolis area. He worked for a while at the Art Museum. He then started a job in a research lab working with lab rats. Oh, the stories he has on that! He will be a groomsman in two weddings this summer.

Justin Tschida: Justin is in his junior year at Ferris State majoring in electrical engineering. He got a job at Menards in the electrical department and will be staying in Big Rapids for the summer.....hoping to take a summer class as well.

Jeff Wiseman: Survived freshman year in Indianapolis at IUPUI. Loves it so much, he is going back for more. However, slight major change, he's now pursuing an education degree. Hopes to coach some day as well. He is part of the founding Rugby team. It is a club sport right now, but the school may sanction it for next year. He recruited friends and interest has blossomed. He worked Saturdays cleaning at a local auto garage. For the summer he hopes to be employed at a concrete company.

Colin Heritz: just finished his first year at Ball State. He's back home for the summer and working at Bob's 19th Hole once again. is graduating from John Adams High and heading to Ball State.

Shelby Frick: 19, just finished her freshman year at IUSB in the Nursing program; summer plans including her part-time job at Talbots and babysitting for several families on a regular basis; also plans to spend time at the Blair Hills pool!

Shayna Frick: 17, is graduating a year early from Penn High School and will start at IUSB in the fall; loves her part-time job at Old Navy and will be riding horses at Reins of Life; plans to join her sister at the pool as often as possible!

Michael Green: will be a junior at Penn this fall. He will possibly be working at his "first job" out in the world and will be continuing his off season workouts for both Penn football & wrestling. Summer would not be summer without yard work at his grandparents Gordon & Rose Marie to help them. He hopes to work in some fun time and will probably also start driving solo as he will have his license (you have been forewarned). In August it is football two-a-days! Wonder what his fantasy football team is named?

Chris Krafft: is growing, learning, and making plans for a great summer.

Roger Deloof will be spending his summer traveling to West Virginia with his church youth mission working at a church there to paint, stack, clean or whatever they tell him to do.

Victoria Green: will be a freshman at Penn this fall. She will be focusing most of her summer on the "optional" workouts leading up to tryouts for the Penn soccer team. This will require fitness training, workouts, scrimmages and camps all leading up to tryouts at the beginning of August. Her hard work and dedication will surely pay off when she makes the team. Victoria will also be doing summer Penn AYBT basketball tournaments throughout June and July on the weekends. She will always make time for helping out her grandparents and fun with the family... Victoria is looking forward to starting Penn in the fall.

Claire Dowell: Claire is turning 14 in June and will be starting high school this fall at Lansing High School! She is extremely active, playing basketball in winter and this spring she joined the track team and is enjoying it. She also dances and plays piano and clarinet.

Ethan Wukovits Palay: Ethan entered a creative writing contest, sponsored by John Hopkins University, and won a trip to the university for his prize. We're so proud of him! The family is planning a trip to Destin, Florida for a beach vacation in June. Sounds like Ethan has his travel boots on.

Gavin Dowell: Gavin will be 12 in August and will go into 7th grade this fall at Lansing Middle School. He is also very active, with each season bringing a different sport: soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter, and baseball in spring/summer. He also plays piano and drums and is in Boy Scouts.

Logan Cook: will be moving on up! Not only will he be a 6th grader at Discovery Middle School this coming fall but also moving into a new home over the summer. Is he our next Sheldon with his love of comic books and continued straight A's? No, because the new motorized scooter he got for his 11th birthday is way too cool!

Emily Krafft: will enter the 6th grade. Middle School. A fun, exciting, life changing time. She is ready.

Victoria Wukovits Musselman: is 11. She will be dancing her way through the summer as a member of the Utah Dance Company. A trip to Yellowstone National Park, a visit to Hoople Zoo and waterpark will be enjoyed by her and at least one American Girl doll.

Angelique Primmer: is now in the 4th grade. She is playing softball this summer, with her older brother helping by giving some extra help with her outfield skills. X-Box will fill those days when she needs "quiet" time.

Sophia Wukovits Musselman: nine is a lucky number, at least for Sophia. A trip to Disneyland and Lego Land plus some beach time will fill just some days of her summer. Jumping on the trampoline, dancing and playing with her American Girl dolls fill a few more days which leaves time for reading.

Charlie Wukovits Palay: is now 9. Charlie is involved with Dr. Dogs, a therapy dog group that visits hospitals & libraries. Dodger, the family black poodle, is a certified therapy dog. Charlie is still enjoying Cub Scouts, Legos and reading.

Luke Davis: 8, just finished 2nd grade and will be riding his scooter, hanging out with friends at day care, swimming and building Legos. The whole family is excited about our annual trip to Stevensville to say on Lake Michigan the week of July 4th.

Vincent Primmer: now 8 years old will be spending his summer relaxing and rebuilding his strength. The original X-Box - Halo, (are there other games?) will give him a good work out, as he improves, both his health & his skills.

Ariana (Heritz) Downs: is finishing 2nd grade in Ohio and looking forward to summer and spending time outdoors with her friends. She is learning to cook and loves to make pancakes!

Maicey Hardy: Maicey is finishing 2nd grade at Mary Feeser. Loves to read, write and draw in her journal. Looking forward to vacation time and traveling with mom and dad!

Julie Rice: turns 8 in July. She has experienced her first softball season and running the bases with her "special" socks is an experience she is willing to share with those who ask. A summer filled with swimming lessons, a couple of camps through school, and playing with her friends will fill her days but it really depends on the day you ask which of those 3 things are her favorite. The summer will end with a beach trip that many cousins join in on, then it is on to 2nd grade.

Sam Wukovits Palay: is now 7. He too, is working with Dodger as a therapy dog, making visits to rehab facilities and libraries. He will fill his days with treehouse adventures, Legos and **READING!**

Mia Rice: is now 6, and had a 'Frozen' theme party for her January Party. She is getting ready for a summer of trying Tae Kwon Do, doing swimming lessons, and going to a couple of camps (not necessarily with her sister), and having friends over to play. Mia has just lost her tooth and looks forward to seeing what 1st grade is all about.

Rachel (Heritz) Downs: a happy 6 year old who will be heading to 1st grade in the Fall. She likes working in the garden with her Grandparents in Ohio and reading. She loves to spend her time swimming!

Cooper Hardy: will be starting 1st grade at Mary Feeser in the Fall. He is currently playing Flag football. Loves to camp out, sit around the campfire and stay up late!

Charlotte Phillips: is now 5 years old but turns 6 this December. She will take part in swimming classes at Penn, attend Presbyterian Weekday Summer School, Play T-Ball & 'do' a Drama Camp at the Civic Center. She has a fondness for: the color blue, Legos, her scooter, and **SINGING!!**

(the acoustics in bathrooms, both private and public, are especially perfect for her to share her gift)

Tommy Rice: Thomas Rice just turned 4 and strongly prefers to be called Tommy. Really, he will tell you! He will be continuing school at the Autism Learning Center. He is making great strides and has made a couple of friends too. When he isn't at school, he loves to play outside, reading books, playing with his big sisters (mommy and daddy too, sometimes) and pretend driving of cars, trucks, vans, name it, just put him behind the wheel and he will "drive" you anywhere you want to go!

Gia Bellinger: Giavonna is finishing her first year at Shamrock Preschool where she has made lots of friends and loves learning. She has her first ballet recital coming up on May 30th and she is very excited. We are planning a summer filled with library trips, camping and lots of outside time. Her favorite color is still green and she loves doing anything that involves art or as she calls it "crafty stuff".

Gabe (Heritz) Downs: Gabe just turned 2 and is messy and fast on his feet! He's a TRUE little boy! Loves his dog, playing ball and eating! Good at taking naps too.

Caroline (Dentino) Micinski: has her first two teeth, is rolling and scooting everywhere. She loves apple banana baby food and her doggy that teaches her colors and body parts. She loves watching its heart light up when it sings. She is now 6 months old and does everything she can to keep her mommy, daddy, big brother Aiden, Aunt Angela, cousin Gia and her grandparents on their toes. She is also really quick with a smile for everyone.

Presbyterian

Best in Prayer

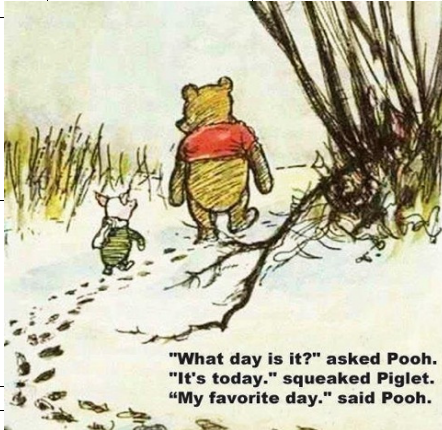
Friends -- Renowned Scottish composer John Bell of the Iona Community will be presenting a day-long workshop/singing session on Saturday, June 13, at Prairie St. Mennonite in Elkhart. Marge & I have attended in the past and found it most enjoyable. The church does fill up, so it helps to get there early. It is called "Funk Fest" in honor of someone by that name, not the style of music. Here is a URL for the Facebook event page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/457526181078573/>

Elkhart Jazz Fest will take place June 19 thru the 21st. Three days, Six stages, 100 performances.

Mishawaka's Summerfest will take place June 26 and 27th. Merrifield Park will once again host.

Amish Acres arts & crafts Festival August 6 thru 9th. Hundreds of vendors, food of every kind.

June and July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> PWNS starts	<i>2</i> PHM last day	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Mishawaka last day	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> communion ushers: Ethan & Dan W. Leader: Pam C.	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> SB schools last day	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Flag Day ushers: Carole & Bill W. Leader: Bruce Mc Confirm. Class Grads session	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Session</i> <i>7pm</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Presbyterian Church Wide</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Women's Gathering in</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Minneapolis</i>
<i>21</i> Father's Day Ushers: Michael G. & Gordon R. W. Leader: Judy G.	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> SUMMER scrapbooking club <i>6 to 11 p.m.</i>	<u>ERFEST</u> <i>27</i>
<i>28</i> Ushers: Dick D & Janet F. W. Leader: John R.	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>July 1</i> No meetings for month	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Happy Birthday USA
<i>5</i> communion Ushers: Ethan & Dan W. Leader: Bruce Mc	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> ushers: Carole & Bill W. Leader: Chris W.	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> August Newsletter deadline	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> ushers: Michael G. & Gordon R. W. Leader: Chuck W.	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	 <p style="font-size: small; text-align: right;">"What day is it?" asked Pooh. "It's today." squeaked Piglet. "My favorite day." said Pooh.</p>	
<i>26</i> Ushers: Greg P. & Janet F. W. Leader: Dyan P.	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>		

Church Calendar, for those with internet access, current calendar is available at www.fpcmishawaka.net. Debra keeps the large calendar/blotter on her desk up-to-date. The current month's calendar from the newsletter is posted on the Clipboard Corner bulletin board and in Fellowship Hall. If you have something to add to the church calendar, or see a correction, please email or leave a note for Debra. Thank you.



Happy Birthday!



This guy is having a BIG birthday!
#80

Ya'll Come and help Alan celebrate!

Come with congratulations and hugs but NO GIFTS

Open House
Sunday, May 31st
(actual birthday)
2-6 p.m.

1316 Forest View Ct., South Bend, IN

Directions:

From West: Kern Rd exit off US 31 S. Turn left at light under overpass. Continue east to 4 way stop at Miami Rd. Continue to second right which is into Southfield. At stop, continue ½ way around Southfield Circle to Deerfield Tr. Turn right onto Deerfield. Second right is Forest View Ct. 1316 is second house on right.

Look for balloons!

From South: Kern Rd exit off US 31. Turn right onto Kern Rd. Continue east to 4 way stop at Miami Rd. Continue to next right which is into Southfield. At stop, continue ½ way around Southfield Circle to Deerfield Tr. Turn right onto Deerfield. Second right is Forest View Ct. 1316 is second house on right. **Look for balloons!**

From South Bend or Mishawaka: Take Ironwood South to Kern Rd. Turn right onto Kern. Go to second possible left hand turn (Southfield). At stop, continue ½ way around Southfield Circle to Deerfield Tr. Turn right onto Deerfield. Second right is Forest View Ct. 1316 is second house on right. **Look for balloons!**

If your GPS doesn't work and you can't follow these directions, call 574-231-8379

I also know that some of you are unable to come, but I know Alan will enjoy hearing from you. Cards, call, ditty grams, emails— all are welcome. camren34@gmail.com