

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, Ind. 46544

# First Presbyterian News

## September 2015

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**Worship & Music:** We are trying to keep some continuity with respect to pulpit supply. Steve Mullin will fill the pulpit for most of October and November with Don Neely filling the pulpit during the Advent season. The following dates are in need of a Worship Leader: September 6, October 11, December 13 and December 20. Please consider lending a hand on one of these dates. It is simple, rewarding and appreciated when you serve as worship leader. Please see Judy Green if you are interested. September 13th will be the kick-off to a new year. Traditional Communion will be served. The children's Sunday School class had a gathering last month with a discussion on a new curriculum. Also, some adult classes have been discussed. Please see Darlene if you have any CE questions, or if you would like to volunteer in any way.

### Calling All Singers and Ringers!

Chancel Choir and Canticle Hand Bell Ringers are looking for people who love music. You certainly don't need any experience! It is great fun spending time with friends in your church family, singing and ringing to the glory of God. According to a study done in Great Britain, people who sing in a choir are the most joyful. Please see list below for top 5 reasons to join the church choir.

We are beginning the new church year on September 13<sup>th</sup> with breakfast in the small dining room. You don't have to bring anything, but we need a reservation by Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Choir practice, led by Justin Appel, will be on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Handbell practices will be announced at a later time. Please consider adding to our numbers. You won't be disappointed! Hope to see you then!



Here they are:

1. If you don't have any clean clothes, a choir robe hides everything.
2. Choir members get the most comfortable seats in the sanctuary.
3. If you forget your money envelope, the collection plate is never passed in the choir loft. You can bring it next week.
4. Want to see who comes in late or sits in the last pew? Choir members can see everything!
5. If you happen to nod off during the sermon, the pastor will never know.

Judy Green-Bell Director & Chris Wukovits-choir

### **The Prayer Chain**

We have No Dues, No Meetings....

the 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 Camren, Lynett Heritz, or Darlene Seufert.

We will send prayer needs to you through your email address.

### **PNC Update....**

We continue our search. We thought that we were close, but God apparently has other plans for us! Continue to keep this committee in your prayers. It has been a difficult and sometimes stressful process, but we continue to have faith that the right person is there for us! We are a faithful and determined group.

## Presbyterian Women 2015 – 2016 CALENDAR

- Sept. 12 Fall Gathering @ Geneva Center  
 Sep. 16 **PW Circle Kick-Off** Fellowship Hall -light supper  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study Introduction, install officers.  
 Sept. 13: Noon PWCT Meeting  
 Oct. 11 Noon PWCT Meeting  
 Oct. 18 **Dedication Sunday** - Together in Service Projects  
 Oct. 28 Bake Sale work night 6:00–8:00 p.m. -noodles  
 Nov. 1 Noon PWCT Meeting  
 Nov. 11 Bake Sale work night 6:00-8:00 cheeseball/soup/etc..  
 Nov. 13 Set up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.  
 Nov 14 **Bake Sale** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
 Dec 4 set-up in Fellowship Hall  
**Dec. 5 Breakfast with Santa. 9:00 am**  
 Jan. 9 9 a.m. PWCT Meeting  
**PW Winter Gathering/Tea lunch/ brunch?**  
 Malawi-Phyllis Wezeman  
 Jan. 18 Kitchen clean-up 10:00 a.m.  
 Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Noon PWCT Meeting  
 Mar. 12 9:00 am PWCT Meeting  
 Mar. 12 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study @10:00 a.m.**  
 Carry-in Brunch Election of Officers  
 Apr. 3 **Gifts of Women Sunday** - Honorary Memberships  
 Birthday Offering Celebration, Install officers 2016  
 Apr. 3 Noon PWCT Meeting  
 Apr. 9 Mission sewing cutout 9:30 am  
 Apr 17 Basement Sale set up 11:30 am  
 Apr. 19 & 20. Work days  
 Apr 21 **Basement Sale** 9 - 6 p.m.  
**Apr 22 Basement Sale** 9 – 2 p.m.  
 Apr 23 **Bag sale** 10 – noon Clean-up @ noon  
 Apr Spring Gathering TBD  
 June 1 Calendar Meeting & Supper @Church 5:30 p.m.

### *Come to the Water and nourish your soul*

About the Bible Study: On March 21, 2011 the Bible Study Committee selected the theme “Bible stories of water” for the topic of this year’s study. Specifically, they requested that the study focus on using scripture text to tell the story of faith through water stories from Genesis to Revelation. They suggested that it include physical and spiritual thirst/dehydration, baptism, the life-giving power of water, the symbolism of water, modern realities related to water, the connection between water and spirit, the parting of the Red Sea, and the wedding at Cana. Water plays a central role in the stories of scripture from the chaotic waters creation to the River of Life in Revelation, where chaos is no more. Sometimes there is too much water (think Noah); sometimes there is too little water (think drought in the desert) In this study, we will explore delivery of God’s people through the parting of the Red Sea and the crossing of the Jordan River, judgement of a people weak in faith, and the adoption of the people of God through baptism. The rich imagery of water throughout the Bible stands and articulates our faith, just as water nourishes our bodies, so the scriptures on water nourish our souls.

*By Judy Record Fletcher with suggestions for Leaders by Larissa Kwong Abazia*

**All Presbyterian Ladies, Please come to the Kick-off dinner, September 16th. Our meals are always a wonderful mixture of goodies, no one notices seconds or even thirds, recipes are shared and much laughter and conversation happens. We hope to see you there. 6 p.m. Fellowship Hall**



## SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

Join us for some fellowship and fun at our Scrapbooking/Crafting Group! We meet in the Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$5. Set-up, clean-up, drinks, and tableware are provided. Sharing snacks & ideas with each other and catching up on all the things happening in our lives makes this evening go very quickly. Feel free to bring any type of project that you have to work on. We meet from **6pm to 11pm**.

**2015 DATES:** September 25<sup>th</sup> October 23<sup>rd</sup> November 20<sup>th</sup> No December

Only 3 work days left before Christmas, I look forward to seeing you. Brittany Rice

**NEWS FROM THE MAC** Road construction in front of Albright United Methodist Church has affected getting to church activities and made visiting the Food Pantry a challenge. Signs are posted at the doors and the volunteers are at the pantry continuing to work with clients.

From Carol Minx, Pantry director:

There are new rules regarding address identification from clients. This is not always a quick change but a much needed update.

Here are some statistics regarding food and cash donations: June - \$7,434, cash - 3484 pounds of food; July - \$2,642, cash - 3219 pounds of food

Everyone needs Insurance these days, our premiums are \$1,300 (Pantry liability and Pantry truck) .

We have a new freezer donated through the efforts of John Keb and Rob Barker, Lion's Club

Yahoo! Over \$1000 raised by the Black Hawk Cycle Club event and a big THANK YOU, over 300 pounds of food from People Gotta Eat event at Notre Dame.

Of course, major repairs (\$550.52 for parts) were needed on the Pantry truck. Labor was donated.

MAC churches responded well to the WNDU Pack-a-Backpack event. MAC church members helped pack the items which were distributed across the area.

*[Editor's Note: The school supplies donated by our church members were delivered to Battell School.]*

The American Cancer Society will sponsor an event at Howard Park in October. The Pantry Truck will be there to accept donations.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR DONATIONS TO THE FOOD CART IN THE CE LOBBY:** Peanut butter; jelly; pancake mix and syrup; cereal, crackers & soup; Hamburger/Tuna Helper; canned veggies (any kind); lunch box size fruit, gummies; applesauce cups; toilet paper; shampoo; women's hygiene products. (You know, all the stuff you put into your cart.)

**Deacons:** The Deacons Christmas Shopping Program is earning money with 2 fundraisers. **Postage Stamps** are available for purchase. A generous church member has given the Deacons several sheets of stamps to sell to add to the coffers of the Deacons Christmas shopping outing. They come in all styles and shapes. Remember the holidays are just around the corner! Several people have been supporting the stamp program and we thank you for that. 100% of proceeds support our fund and what a fun way to dress up your boring envelopes! Starting in September in the CE Office by the mailboxes will be a box with pre-packaged stamps in groups of 10 (\$4.90) or 20 (\$9.80). You can pick up what you need when you need them. And don't forget to visit Hacienda September 21st.

### Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

We begin Monday, September 14th with classes taking place 8:45 to 11:15 weekdays. This year we are a small group which means more time one on one with each student. As in years past we ask the church members to keep the east parking lot open in the morning for delivery & pick-up and a big THANKS for all the soup labels. We will follow the Mishawaka Schools' schedule for days off and vacations. Thank you, Jayne Wurz

**Missions:** did you just pop a top on a drink? Save that tab!!! And bring it to the church to fill our tub for Ronald McDonald House. The tub can be found in the foyer and is growing in volume. Join the fun and bring in those tabs.

**All Saint's Day—November 1st**  
**Please send Judy Green any names of saints to be remember. Thank you**

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**Organist****Justin Appel**

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

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

Financial Secretary hours: Mondays &amp; Thursdays 8 - 11:30 a.m.

Contact us at (574) 259-7874 or

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**Newsletter deadline is September 17 at noon.**Please send **information for September** newsletter to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or mail information to Debra, the church secretary.

Friends,

As you know, the US Supreme Court has ruled that same-gender marriage is now legal in all 50 states. This is a ruling for states and not for congregations. Therefore, our local congregations will each have to make their own decision about whether they will welcome same gender marriage ceremonies in their buildings. This is not a decision of the presbytery, but a decision to be made by your session.

I am including a link here to a Q & A sent out by our denomination's stated clerk, Gradye Parsons. This may give you some clarity or guidance as you make this decision. Some churches will respond reactively and wait to see if they have any requests for such marriages. Others will be proactive and make a policy in advance of potential requests. No matter how you respond, this may bring up debate and conflict within your session. This issue is not purely intellectual but is emotionally charged for many people. Please know that your congregational consultant and our Shalom team members are ready to help you work through this sensitive issue. I pray that your discussions and processes will be sensitive and respectful in tone. Jesus calls us to love all and to judge no one so those mandates guide us through times like these. Please let me know if I can assist you as you move forward.

Peace and Blessings, Penny Hill Executive Presbyter

[Q&A on Same-Gender Marriage](#)

from the Office of the General Assembly

**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**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

I would like to thank the Primmer family for the donation of a lawn mower earlier this summer that was used to keep the grass groomed. This just didn't happen without help from Dick Dentino and the Green Family. Also we need to thank Dick for his gracious gift of a new self-propelled lawn mower to help on the hill.

John Martz



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <u>communion</u> greeter: Bill B. ushers: Ethan & Dan B. W. Leader: Servers: Lynett, Laura P. & Darlene <i>John McClean, pulpit</i>	7 <b>Labor Day</b> <i>All schools off</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13 greeter: Laura P. ushers: Carole & Bill B. W. Leader: Judy Green	14 <i>PWNS 1st day</i>	15	16  <i>PW kickoff dinner 6pm</i>	17	18	19
20 greeter: Teresa P. Ushers: Michael G. & Gordon R. W. Leader: Chris Wukovits	21 <i>Deacons Hacienda Fund raiser night</i>	22	23 TOPS meeting 8:30am	24	25 Scrapbook Club 6-11 pm	26
27 greeter: Bill B. Ushers: Dick D & Janet F. W. Leader: Chris Wukovits <i>Carrie Munson, pulpit</i>	28	29 St Joe Valley Master Gardeners 6:30-8:30pm pm	30 TOPS meeting 8:30 am			

**Worship every Sunday at 10 a.m.**

**Fellowship at 11 a.m.**

**Financial Secretary hours: Mondays & Thursdays 8 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Office will be closed on Labor Day, financial secretary will be in the office on the 10th**



TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Safely) will be meeting at First Presbyterian Church while Battell Center is closed for renovations. Kathy Bellairs, a member at both can share information for those interested.

**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**



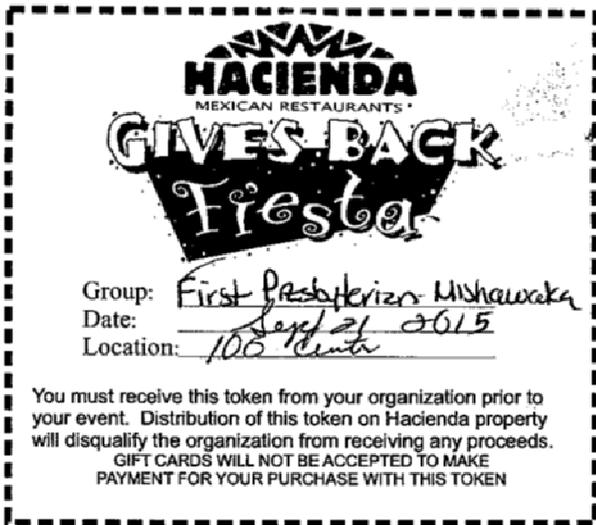
**Hacienda Fiesta Night!**

The Deacon's second fundraiser is **September 21<sup>st</sup>**, plan to have lunch and/or dinner at 100 Center Hacienda and invite your friends and family!  
(carry out works too)

We will receive 20% of the billed amount.

\*\*Note you cannot use gift cards to pay your bill. Cash or Credit Card only. But purchase of gift cards does count! We will be taking orders Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and hand out the cards on the 27<sup>th</sup> or you can buy them on the 21<sup>st</sup> at Hacienda with your voucher. If you would like an order form to help sell gift certificates see Carole, Lynett or Teresa.

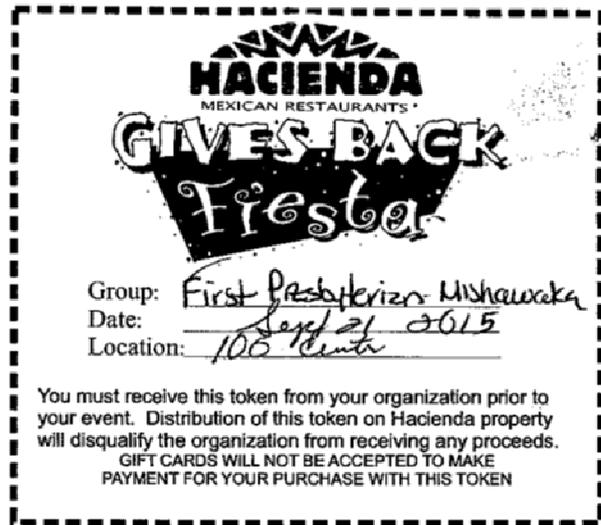
Pass the voucher on to your friends and family and co-workers. It is good for dine-in or carry-out only on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 100 Center Hacienda. Vouchers will also be available in the bulletin, via Facebook and via email. Sheets of 6 are also available. We need \$1500 in sales for the program to benefit us.



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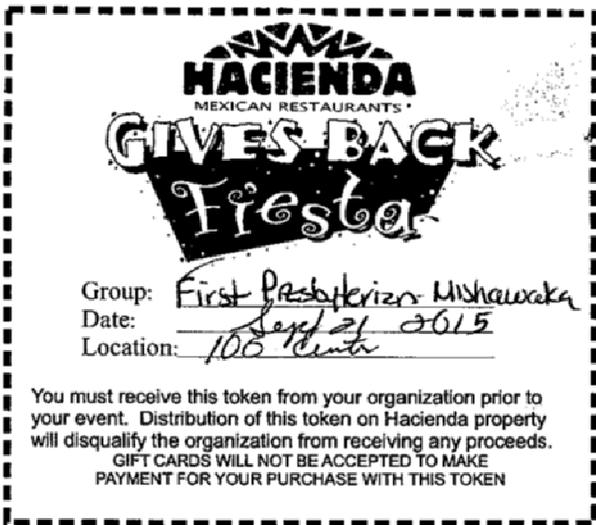
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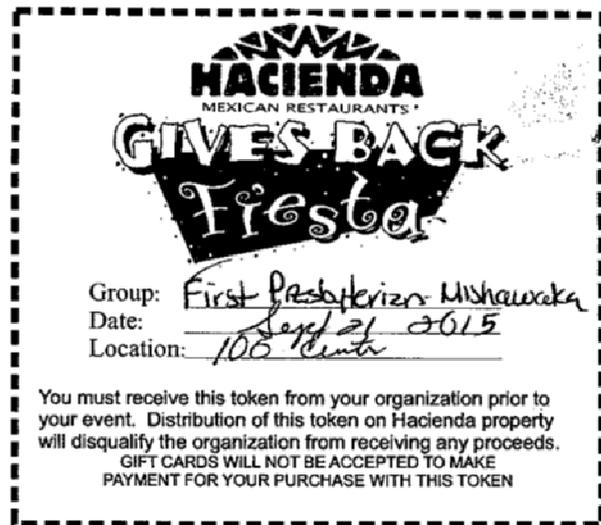
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