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As the chill of Winter gives way to the warmth of Spring, the promise of resurrection almost lingers in the air. The poet A.E. Housman writes,

*Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.*

(A Shropshire Lad, 1896)

Easter is not only a special Sunday, it is a season. It is not only a special worship service; it is a *way of being*. Resurrection is not only a promise for after death, but is also a call to cultivate life around us here and now. In Easter we celebrate the victory of God's gift of new life won for the world in the resurrected Christ. The awesome mystery of the empty tomb leads us to consider what God wants to resurrect in our own lives and environments today.

This Eastertide I invite you to celebrate the potential for new life being born in our midst at FPC. I look forward to exploring the mystery of Christ's resurrection with you throughout the Easter season in a series of sermons. To prepare, I invite you to reflect with me on three questions:

- 1) What difference does it make for my life that Jesus is risen?
- 2) What difference does that make for FPC?
- 3) How might being Easter people shape our approach to serving our neighbors in Mishawaka/South Bend?

Easter blessings be with you and yours,

Pastor Travis

Sunday April 3rd is *Gifts of Women Sunday*. Rev. Jill Lowery will be in the pulpit. Please join us for this special service and fellowship to follow. We will also be collecting our Birthday Offering. We are asked to give one penny for each year of our life. Our gift to the Birthday Offering allows the chosen ministries to help at-risk youth, ensure safe housing for low-income families and build a school for girls. PW has given more than \$29 million in support throughout the world.

Collection will be taken during fellowship, thank you. Your Presbyterian Women.

Due to a surge in demand for tickets, I am starting the process for our annual trek to Four Winds Field (formerly the Cove) for the **South Bend Cubs game outing** a bit earlier this year. Tickets are \$13.50/person, and I will need total head count and ticket money no later than April 1 to ensure we all get seats. Game is Friday August 26 at 7:30pm. Fireworks follow the game. I will place a sign up sheet at the church to sign up there or respond to my email. Play Ball! Greg Phillips. gndphillips4800@sbcglobal.net

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

April 29th, May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd, August 26th, Sept. 23rd, October 21st, & November 18th

DEACONS FUNDRAISER Save the Date....**Saturday, April 30th** from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. the Deacons will be holding their 2nd Annual Nelson's Port a Pit Fundraiser to benefit the Children's Christmas Shopping. A ½ chicken will sell for \$6.50 and this year we will be offering Pit-Tatoes for \$3.50. Please help by selling tickets to family and friends, at work or neighborhood. Stay tuned for more information! If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Primmer or Lynett Heritz.

If you are looking for something fun to do on Tuesday afternoon, and you play pinochle, look no further! Join a great group of friendly folks at Castle Manor at 12:30 for an afternoon of cards. We usually play at Battell Center, but moved to Castle Manor for the renovation. Hope to see you! Chris W.

Spring Outdoor Clean up (SAVE THE DATE) will be on MAY 21, 2016 from 9:00 till? A light lunch will be served. Please bring along garden tools and gloves. The church has some, but not very many. Look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please list anything you feel needs to be done or any project you would like to work on, or submit any suggestions for needed work to John M. or Dick D.

An uplifting new tradition, **Prayer cards**. Prayer cards have been added to Pew pads (or you may ask an Usher for one) where you can share a request and place in the collection plate for Pastor Travis to pray for.

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

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 Camren, Lynett Heritz, or Darlene Seufert. We will send prayer needs through your email address.

Our Baptismal Font, a place of renewal, hope, joy & peace will continue to serve us with a visual reminder of the living waters. There is water in the Baptismal Font and in a bowl at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to dip, splash, cross themselves. Come touch the water....

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

April Showers bring May flowers! So, this month we will shower some seeds in the classroom to get them to grow. Rain, rain coats, rain boots, singing in the rain and how the sun helps to grow flowers are discussed. The colors of flowers and how Moms like them! Happy Spring and thank you, Jayne.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

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

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Newsletter deadline is April 17 at noon. Please send information for April or any newsletter to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or mail/email information to Debra, the church secretary.

News from the MAC

The Mishawaka Alliance of Care and dedicated volunteers at the Food Pantry are keeping the wheels turning, as reorganization does take time. That being said, the clients continue to be served on the regular schedule. There was a timely response to an article in THE SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE.

The MAC Board believes there needs to be a division of the responsibilities for the Pantry to operate efficiently. Leaving that to just one person as administrator is asking a great deal; therefore, there will be a coordinator for each category, ie; food ordering, transporting and stocking; required computer input and reporting; working with volunteers who serve the clients. The goal is by using this cooperative model all requirements will be covered.

At the March Board meeting the client statistics were reported as:

Individuals, 546; Households, 184; Children, 178;
over 60, 98; new clients, 14.

The Food Pantry is housed by Albright United Methodist Church but is a separate entity from the church. And every week many Mishawaka residents walk thru their doors. If you an empty space in your calendar, the commitment is for two hours per month: Tuesdays, 6 til 8 pm or Fridays; 10.00 am until noon. There are several jobs that require little more than just a smile for these neighbors. Thank You, Janet Freeman.

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, acting chair

Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Treasurer: John Rice

Worship and Music:

Judy Green, Chair

Postage Stamps available for purchase! They come in all styles and shapes. 100% of proceeds support our Deacon's Christmas fund, so please pick up pre-packaged stamps in groups of 10 (\$4.90) or 20 (\$9.80) in the CE office.
Thank you. Deacons

**Church School 9am
Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am**

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PW @ Geneva	2 Retreat Center
3 Gifts of Women greeter: Teresa P. ushers: Dick D & Janet F	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 greeter: Judy S. ushers: Carole P & Bill B W. Leader: Pam Camren	11 Deacon 7pm	12	13	14 Newsletter deadline noon	15	16 PW Gathering At Geneva Center
17 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Ethan D & Dan B W. Leader: Judy Green PWCT 11:15 pm Basement Sale set-up noon Book Club 2 pm	18 Elizabeth circle 7pm at church	19 basement work day	20 basement work day	21 <u>Basement sale</u> 9 to 6 Ruth circle 7pm at church	22 <u>Basement sale</u> 9 to 2	23 <u>Bag Sale</u> 10 to noon Clean up to follow
24 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Michael G & Judy S W. Leader: Bruce McClure	25	26	27	28	29 scrapbook club 6-11pm	30 Deacon's Nelsons Port a pit fund raiser
May 1 ushers: Ethan D & Dan B W. Leader: Janna McLean	Triad Pill Drop, April 30th, 9am to 1pm the Douglas Road Fire Station. The right way to dispose of old prescriptions					

Presbyterian's Today. This month's issue is featuring many columns relating the church and young adults, "The Once and Future Church" written by a college minister at IU, is entitled 'why stick with the Church' is a message from the heart. Worth a few moments to read and hours of reflection. Our youth is the future of all the churches. Why not pick up a copy on your way home after church this Sunday.

Smile When You Use Amazon

If you shop from Amazon, you may effortlessly donate to PW (free to you!) by signing up for and shopping through Amazon Smile. Visit smile.amazon.com and select Presbyterian Women as your favorite charitable organization. Shop as you normally would through "regular" Amazon! 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!

Presbyterian Women 2016 CALENDAR

April 1 & 2 Women's Retreat @ Geneva Center *see Pam's note below

April 3 **Gifts of Women Sunday** Honorary Memberships, Birthday Offering, Install officers of 2016

April 9 **Cancelled**- -Mission sewing cutout - -**Cancelled**

PW is no longer sending jackets for overseas mission. We will be taking a look at our mission projects and making some changes. We will keep you updated, watch for details on new projects!

April 16 Spring Gathering at Geneva Center, Carol Winkler speaker. \$10 includes lunch. Special discount for first time "gather", let Teresa know if you are interested.

April 17 PWCT 11:15 am **moved from the 3rd** followed by the setting up of sale.

April 17, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 Basement Sale (set up, sale, bag sale and clean up) *see next page

June 1 Calendar Meeting & Supper @Church 5:30 p.m.

Dear Sisters, I am planning to attend the Women's Retreat at Geneva Center on April 1-2 and have post-ed copies of the registration forms (due by 3/30) on the bulletin board. I will be happy to drive a car load on down. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with our sisters across the presbytery and each other after our celebration of Christ's resurrection and before our busy basement sale time. I hope you will consider this as a chance to "renew your spirit". It sounds great! Peace and hugs, Pam Camren

2015-2016 PW Bible Study: **COME TO THE WATERS** by Judy Record Fletcher

April Bible Study: The Hospitality of Living Waters--Compassion



We have had some amazing Bible Studies this year on Righteousness, Forgiveness and now Hospitality. Hospitality is at the heart of any successful organization and especially a church. But hospitality means more than welcome guests on Sunday and inviting them to

fellowship after the worship service. As modeled by Jesus in John 4:1-30, 39-42, hospitality means welcoming all people even the sinful Samaritan women. How can FPC bring "Living Water" to strangers, not only within our walls, but within our community.

Lastly, the lesson looked at grass root programs by churches in the southwest who are living out the Old Testament instructions to care of aliens because the Israelites were once aliens in a strange land themselves. Weren't our ancestors once aliens in this country?

Elizabeth Circle, meets on the 3rd Monday at 7 p.m.
April 18th meeting is at the church.
May 16th is at Mary Ann's home.
See Mary Ann Dentino for additional information.

Ruth Circle, meets on the 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.
April 18th meeting is at the church with Judy Sulak hosting.
May's date is changed to the 18th with Rose Marie hosting.
See Teresa Primmer for additional information.

Book Club:

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are. FRANCE, 1939

We meet at 2:00 p.m. on the 17th. We take turns hosting & leading. (there always eats)
This month we are meeting at the church and Dyan Phillips will lead the discussion. Contact Judy if you have questions. mtcgjag@aol.com



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BASEMENT SALE 2016!

ALL ITEMS BEING DONATED MAY BE LEFT ON THE STAGE STARTING APRIL 4TH

Sunday, April 17... We will be setting up for the Basement Sale after Worship
 Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19TH & 20TH – We will finish setting up and pricing items

Thursday, April 21 SALE DAY...9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, April 22 SALE DAY...9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 BAG SALE & CLEAN UP!

If you need to drop off items before this date please contact either Darlene Seufert or Lynett Heritz to make arrangements. We are accepting gently used clothing for men, women, youth and children. Please remember that all items should be clean and in good condition. There is always a need for bedding, home wares, linens, books, seasonal items and children's toys and books.

As in the past we will not be accepting computers/large electrical items.

Computers can be dropped off at the Goodwill Store and electrical items to the Rehab Store on McKinley. If you are in need of help moving such an item, Justin McCloskey or Chris Rice have offered to help.

We are always in need of helping hands. Please consider volunteering on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday! You can contact Darlene and/or Lynett, we would love to hear from you! So please stop by, tell your neighbors to come, tell your friends to come, let's make this **The Sale!** There have been some amazing finds in past years; who knows what you will be found this year!

A flyer is attached to help you to promote our yearly sale. Our PW does so much, stretching a dollar to make ends meet. Please help, clean out that closet, volunteer for shift, buy back your items, we will really appreciate it all.

Below are part one of a new PW poster support/informational series. More coming to our church soon!



**Presbyterian Women?
 Don't they raise money
 for mission?**



**Presbyterian Women?
 Aren't they the women
 in sensible shoes?**



**Presbyterian Women?
 Aren't they the ladies
 in the kitchen after church?**



Presbyterian Women's Basement Sale...
401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka

Enter from East side Parking Lot!

Thursday, April 21, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday, April 22, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m. – Noon

BAG SALE

Clothing (men, women and kids),
Shoes, Toys, Housewares, Books,
Holiday Items and much, much more!

All Proceeds support Presbyterian Women's
Mission work, locally and abroad!