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DEACON'S HAPPENINGS!

Church Picnic....Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 28th** for the Church Picnic! Once again we will worship in the South/East Parking Lot at our regular time of 10:00 a.m. Worship will be followed by food and fellowship. Deacons will provide the meat and beverages but ask that you please bring a dish (salad or dessert) to share. Guests always welcome!

Hacienda 'GIVES BACK' To support our Children's Christmas Shopping **Monday, September 19th** Once again we will be participating in a Hacienda Give Back Fiesta (100 Center location)! On this day/night FPC will earn 20% of our total guest checks for lunch, dinner, food, alcohol, Fiesta To Go & Gift Cards. Hacienda has been a long standing local favorite and this is their way of thanking the local communities for their patronage. So please plan on dining out, or carrying in or purchasing a gift card for future dining while supporting the Deacons' Children's Christmas Shopping in December. Stay tuned for dates when the Deacons will be selling Gift Cards! And check the newsletter and bulletin for your 'Gives Back Token' in September!

We are also lucky to still have **Postage Stamps** available for purchase to also help support the Christmas fund. The stamps come \$4.70 for 10 or \$9.40 for 20. 100% of the proceeds support the fund, so please pick up pre-packaged stamps in the C.E. office.

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

Another year is about to begin! Applications for the school year can be found in the office. PWNS accepts children from ages 3 to 5 for a 1 or 2 year program. Please share with friends and family our program that starts children off with sharing, learning, please & thank you, ABC's and the days of the week, Giving them a sound foundation for their school life. Thanks, Jayne and Eileen

Summer Book Swap: have you shared, taken, given to the book swap? Only one month til it disappears until next year. There is nothing like a book in your hands! So pick one up!!

A big **THANK YOU!!!** to all who participated in the May 21st Church outdoor clean up including but not limited to the following: Ethan, Margaret, Carole, Jason, Mary Ann, Angela, Giavonna, Mary, Bill, Alan, Neil, Lynett, and Chuck. (If anyone was missed you will include you in the next newsletter). There were many black bags near the light pole showing evidence that the weed population was significantly reduced, the tree sprouts and branches were trimmed back, much of the debris from the worst of the fall and winter was bagged up. A special thanks to the congregation member who filled the entire back of his vehicle with all the tree trimmings and hauled them away. Several others have indicated they will do additional/follow up work so they too, should be thanked in prayers. It is amazing what can be done with many people all working on the same project and pulling in the same direction. Facility Maintenance Committee

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

It is hard to believe but Christmas is fast approaching! Do you have a project that you need to work on or get finished? Please come join us for the evening. The conversation is hopping, the laughs flowing and by the end of the evening you wonder where the time went. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, from 6pm to 11pm. A cost of \$5 includes set-up, tear down, and tableware. Bring your own drink and maybe a goodie to share. See you soon, Brittany scrap.brittany@comcast.net
Only 4 more Fridays for the year, **August 26th**, Sept. 23rd, October 21st, & November 18th



Presbyterian Women

First, we are using some of our funds to have the two couches and chairs reupholstered and the carpet cleaned in Memorial Lounge. This will be happening piece by piece over the next couple months.

Second, we are refocusing some of our mission works. We no longer need to make baby jackets for overseas so it seemed like a good time to make some changes. We will continue to make baby bundles for St. Joseph Hospital, but we are adding *Malawi Matters hygiene kits* and *Knitting4Peace projects*. Information on the Knitting4Peace projects will be presented at the Kick-off meeting or you can visit knitting4peace.org to see what they are about. While we have designated funds for each of these projects, we will also be looking for donations. Boxes are in the CE Lobby listing the mission and items needed. If you find you have any of these items around that you would like to donate or are out shopping and see a good deal, they can be dropped in the boxes. We will be having a Malawi hygiene kit workday on **Aug 13th at 9:30 a.m.**

Third, our Kick-off Joint Circle meeting is Wednesday **September 14th @ 6:00 p.m.** A light meal will be served, followed by business and our first lesson from 2016 bible study *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* by Judy Yates Siker. Books will be available that night. Cost is \$8.00. Elizabeth Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Lastly, mark your calendar for the PW Fall event "Re-wind-d Weekend" **Sept. 23-24 at Geneva Center**. Activities planned include a wine and canvas party. Deadline to register is Sept. 7th. More information to follow. In the next month, you should receive a letter which will include information on our missions, bible study and calendar of upcoming events.

Carole and Lynett, Co-Moderators

For All the Animal Lovers.....
 There is a new thrift store in Mishawaka at 905 W. McKinley Ave. That's right by Tradewinds Restaurant. It's called Resale for the Rescue. All proceeds will be given to animal rescues in the area. Check it out! Save money and a life.



Presbyterian Women
 2016 – 2017 CALENDAR

- Aug 13 Together in Service work day 9:30 a.m. @ church
- Sept 23-24 **Fall Gathering/Retreat @ Geneva Center** Re-wind-d Weekend Registration due Sept. 7th.
- Sept 14 **PW Circle Kick-Off** Fellowship Hall - light supper 6:00 p.m. **Bible Study Introduction.**
- Oct 23 Dedication Sunday** - Together in Service Projects during service
- Oct 25 Bake Sale work night** 6–8 p.m. noodle
- Nov 8 Bake Sale work night** 6-8 p.m. cheeseball & soup mixes.
- Nov 11 Set-up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
- Nov 12 **Bake Sale** 9 to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 10 **Breakfast with Santa.** 9:00 am
 Dec 9th set-up in Fellowship Hall
- Jan 14 **PW Winter Gathering**
 PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.
- Jan. 16 **Kitchen clean-up** 10:00 a.m.
- Mar. 11 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study**
 @10:00 a.m. Carry-in Brunch
 Election of Officers PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.
- Apr. 23 **Gifts of Women Sunday**
 Honorary Memberships, Install officers 2017,
 Birthday Offering Celebration
- Apr 23 Basement Sale set up 11:30 am
- Apr. 24-26 Work days
- Apr 27 **Basement Sale** 9 - 6 p.m.
- Apr 28 **Basement Sale** 9 – 2 p.m.
- Apr 29 **Bag sale** 10 – noon Clean-up @ noon
- TBD **Spring Gathering** - Presbytery
- June 7 **Calendar Meeting & Supper**
 @Church 5:30 p.m.

PWCT MEETINGS

- Sept. 11th Noon
- Oct. 2nd Noon
- Nov. 6th . Noon
- Jan. 14th 9 am
- Feb. 5th Noon
- Mar. 11th 9:00 am
- Apr. 2nd Noon
- June 7th 5:30 pm Calendar Meeting

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CustodianCHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

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

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

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

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Please note that with Financial Secretary Joan's going down to one day a week for the summer, all vouchers need proper signatures and be in prior to worship on Sunday in order to be approved and paid on Mondays. Thank you.

Newsletter deadline is August 17 at noon. Please send information for September issue to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or mail/email the church secretary.

Have a prayer concern? Share with Pastor Travis by placing a call to the church office. **Prayer cards** are available from an ushers every Sunday. **FYI:** The church's website is updated weekly with different devotionals from Pastor Travis.

Our website provider updated their site substantially. We now have a new look, easier access to the most important info (Calendar, Newsletter, This Sunday Sermon) as well as staff, directions, and upcoming events. Those first three being in links at the bottom of the home page. Check it out! fpcmishawaka.net

Ken Vargo has retired - - - again. He first "retired" in 2005 from the South Bend School Corporation after several years employed as a custodian, or do they call them facilities engineers now? He has worked with Reverends Jan Van Lear, Mary Ann Banning, Steve Braden, and Travis Winkler and received high marks from each of them.

Ken has had to satisfy a nursery school staff, 2 church secretaries, the PW, and a number of trustees and session members - which is certainly a daunting task! He has handled it well. His request to not have any special retirement recognition has been honored. However, individual notes/cards would be appropriate. **Ken Vargo, 1238 Brook Run Dr., Mishawaka 46544.**

We do appreciate what he has done for us and wish him well in his "real" retirement.

Alan Camren Personnel Chair

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:

Carole Polk and Lynett Heritz

PWNS Board: John Rice, Chair

Scrap Booking: Brittany Rice

Special Gifts: Sue Rice, chair

Stewardship: Ron May, Chair

Treasurer: John Rice

Worship and Music:






Judy Green, Chair

MAC, backpack program, WNDU collection July 30th. From August 1st through the 11th volunteers are needed to sort and prepare the backpacks. A plan to distribute on August 12th. There are two times each day Monday the 1st to Friday the 12th - 8:30 am to 11:30am or 12:30pm to 3:30 pm. As always some times might get cancelled. A sign up list will be posted on the Mission Board for volunteers. Contact Michael, program Director at Michael.Fowler@wndu.com with questions.

Prayer and Visioning 9am
 Worship 10 am
 Fellowship at 11 am
 Sermon Talk Back 11:15 am

August 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Amish	5 Acres Arts &	6 Craft Fair
7 greeter: Anna B. ushers: Ethan D. & Dan B. W. Leader: Pam Camren	8	9	10	11	12	13 P.W. together in service work day 9:30 am
14 greeter: Anna B. ushers: Carole P. & Bill B. W. Leader: John Rice	15	16 Mishawaka school starts	17 S. B. schools start	18	19	20 
21 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Michael G. & Gordon R. W. Leader: Bruce McClure	22	23	24 PHM school starts	25	26 scrapbook club 6-11pm	27 
28 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Greg P. & Neil S.  W. Leader: Dyan Phillips church Picnic	29	30	31	Sept. 1		

ARE the DOORS LOCKED when you leave the church?

2016 Events at Geneva Center Inc.

- *Labor Day Family Camp – Reservations required- sign up on line at ww.genevacenter.org
- *September 2-4, 2016, \$150 ages 4-10 half price (under 3 free) Max per family is \$450.00. 2 Nights (5 meals), RV and Tent rates are \$60.00 per person, Electrical hook up is \$25.00
- *September 25th, 2 - 4 pm - Fall Open House
- *September 27th, 10 am – 2 pm Church Staff Appreciation Luncheon – All Churches are invited. Casual dress, workshop, lunch, breakout groups, tours, walk the Labyrinth....\$15.00 per person.
- *October 11 - 14 Stained Glass Workshop Join us for 3 nights, 10 meals and learn the fine art of stained glass. You will be able to make your own piece to take home with you. All tools and instruction for the workshop are included.
- *Oct. 30, 2016 4-7 pm - Fall Harvest Celebration – For all ages. Youth Groups welcome. \$5.00 per person. Join us for a hayride, hotdogs & more!

2017 dates are for Geneva Center camp NEXT summer

- Next year camp will be based on grade completed
 4 options
- June 12 – 17 High School (Grades 9-12)
 - *Traditional
 - *MAD – Music, Art & Drama
 - *C.R.O.S.S. Christian Recreation & Outdoor Sports skills
 - *Hands on Mission – Complete service oriented mission projects in nearby communities.
 - June 13 – 15 You and Me #1 (ages 5 & up w/ an adult)
 3 options
 - June 19 – 24 Middle School (Grades 6-8)
 - *Traditional
 - *MAD - Music, Art & Drama
 - *C.R.O.S.S. – (Christian Recreation and Outdoor Sports Skills) Variety of sports, games and activities.
 - June 23-25 *You and Me #2 (ages 5 and up)
 - June 26 – July 1
 - *Explorer Camp (Grades 4-5)
 - *Leadership Camp (age 16 – grade 12)
 - June 27 – 29 *New Beginnings Camp (Grades 1-3)
 - June 29 – July 1 *You and Me #3 (ages 5 and up)
- Details on all of these events will be updated on our web-site as they are available. Please call Cathy at 574-223-6915 or email: cathy@genevacenter.org