



401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, Ind. 46544

# First Presbyterian News

## March 2017

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"Walking with God is walking with Jesus, restoring life to the bodies of the abused, making the wounded whole, healing the sick, touching the untouchables, and empowering women to their rightful place. It is weeping with those who mourn, releasing the life-giving power of God's love, challenging and confronting the powerful on the doing of justice and mercy in their temples and their palaces, and giving notice that the reign of God has come." - Allan Boesak

These words from *Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar* are striking to me. They get to the heart of what it means to walk with Jesus as he carries the cross. They remind us that faith in the Jesus who bears our burdens calls us to solidarity with those who bear burdens today. This Lent I invite you to connect with someone in the spirit of Christian solidarity. Each day throughout the 40 days of Lent choose one person, cause, or issue where someone or some community is living under some form of personal or political burden. Once you have identified who that is for you, commit to praying for them daily and doing something to act compassionately on their behalf. This could mean reaching out to someone who you know is going through a really hard time, praying for them, and taking them to lunch. It could mean praying for the homeless in our community and committing to serve a meal at Hope Ministries in downtown South Bend. It could mean paying attention to how our elected leaders are making decisions that affect Muslims, immigrants, or refugees, praying for both our leaders and these affected communities, and making a commitment to call or write Congress reminding them that the call of Christian faith is to act with mercy toward the resident alien (Leviticus 19:10). Whatever you decide to do I pray your Lenten journey is blessed as you seek to walk with God. Pastor Travis

March 5: First Sunday in Lent - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

March 12: Second Sunday in Lent - Genesis 12:1-4a

March 19: Third Sunday in Lent - Exodus 17:1-7

March 26: Fourth Sunday in Lent - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

April 2: Fifth Sunday in Lent - John 11:1-45

Looking forward: FPC will participate in two special services with fellow congregations.

**Ash Wednesday Service** 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 1,  
Zion United Church of Christ, 715 E. Wayne St, South Bend.  
(on the corner of E. Jefferson Blvd and S. Saint Peter St.)

**Good Friday Service**, 7:00 PM, Friday, April 14, First Baptist Church,  
3010 S. Ironwood Dr., South Bend.



**From Mission:** The first week of **March** we will begin our 3 week collection of new and gently used socks for Broadway Christian Parish. As always this time of year they are in need of all sizes of warm socks for their daily guests to help them stay warm in the winter weather.

## Worship in March

### Adult Bible Study

meets at 9:00AM each Sunday  
in Memorial Lounge.

Join Pastor Travis as he explores

*Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar*  
through a series of or preparation before Easter.

March 5: A call to Confession

March 12: A call to Unity

March 19: A call to Reconciliation

March 26: A call to Justice

April 2: A call to Act

**Frist Sunday Conversations:** March 5th at 11:00am, Amy Houghtaling discusses her work at Hope Ministries. Stay and hear as she shares her compassion for help and love.

**"Waking up White"** by Debby Irving, a small group book discussion will start Wednesday February 15, 8 pm at Travis & Emily's home. ~~Please sign up on sheet found in the narthex.

**Canticle Ringers:** Session 2 will begin rehearsing March 7 going thru to April 4 with plans to ring on April 9 (Palm Sunday). If you have the time, enjoy making music, please consider joining, no music reading experience needed! Contact Judy Green for details, 259-2096 or [mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com)



### SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

On Friday evenings once a month we meet in Fellowship hall from 6pm to 11pm to work on our various projects without the interruptions of phone, family or TV.

Bring any project you would like to work on, we will be happy to share ideas.

A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down. Don't forget to bring a drink (and maybe a goodie to share).

Contact me at [scrap.brittany@comcast.net](mailto:scrap.brittany@comcast.net) Hope to see you soon. **2017 dates**

**March 24th** April 21st May 19th June 23rd July 28th  
August 25th September 22nd October 27th and November 17th.



**Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School:** For the month of March we will be discussing transportation, the signs of Spring, and dinosaurs. But most of all, we'll enjoy Michael Finnegan, the little leprechaun who plays tricks on us. Jayne and Eileen

**GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF** This is the second of 5 articles about those who serve our church (excluding those who are not paid). None grew up in the Presbyterian Church. Their backgrounds vary, but their commitment to doing their best for FPC does not. Remember their bios, a quiz in June's newsletter!

JOAN HORVATH, *the church treasurer*, is far and away the staff member with the most tenure – over 8 years. All of her work experience has been with numbers, even during her senior year at Washington High School when her afternoons were spent at American National Bank. The banking industry has been her primary employer. She did have to learn about withholding taxes, insurance, etc. John Rice helped her out with that. For 20 years, she worked as a volunteer in the Mishawaka Hospital gift shop.

Joan lives in North Liberty to be near her daughter, her son not far away near Columbia City. You will need to ask her about the goats and bison those 2 families are raising. She enjoys her 4 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. Joan has an artistic bent making her own birthday and Christmas cards, working with ceramics, and dabbling in watercolors. She finds gardening to be therapeutic. Taking tours lasting 1 day to a week is a good way for her to relax.

We are very happy that Joan is on our staff. The fact that she has worked so well with the staff changes we have had over the past 8 years makes her a special lady!!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS



The **Pampered Chef Party** was a huge success and what a fun night! Thanks to everyone who bought items for the kitchen directly or by helping us earn free stuff. We received over \$730 for free, not including the items people personally purchased off the board. Thank you Mary Ann for being the contact as well as delivering all the purchases.



**Elizabeth Circle** meets

March 11 *Joint Meeting @ church*  
 April 17 @ Mary Watt's home  
 May 22 @ Pam Camren's home

**Ruth Circle** meets

March 11 *Joint Meeting @ church*  
 April 20 Judy Sulak hosting  
 at the church  
 May 17 @ Rose Marie Reif's home

Where there is always room for  
 one more!

The **Joint Circle Meeting** will be **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00. This is a carry-in-brunch. We will also be electing officers. PWCT meeting will be at 9am.

We have scheduled two more **Basement Sale work days: Monday, March 27 @ 6-8** and **Saturday, April 1 @ 10-12**. We accomplished a lot in our last 2 work days. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, we are closing the rooms as asking everyone hold their items for a couple weeks till April 17<sup>th</sup> when we can bring our items to the stage area. Spring is around the corner, let's clean out those closets and storage rooms! We ask that you hold off dropping LARGE items until April 17<sup>th</sup>. We are still accepting clothing and small housewares at this time. Just a reminder; we ask that the items be in good condition. If it's broken, stained or not working please discard appropriately. We do not take TVs, computers or large electronics. If you have smaller furniture please make arrangements with Lynett Heritz, Darlene Seufert or Carole Polk before dropping off. Mark your calendars for the week of April 23-29!



**Presbyterian Women 2017 CALENDAR**

- Mar. 11 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study**  
election of Officers
- April 2nd noon PWCT meeting
- April 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



***Do you have a church mailbox? Do you check it? Quite a few boxes in the CE office aren't emptied on any regular basis. Many have had offering envelopes since Christmastime. Give it a look!***

Book Club, Sunday, March 19th, 2 pm. If you would like to know the title & where contact Judy Green for details. And read on! MTCGJAG@aol.com

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: mornings, please call for appointment

Office Administrator hours: Tuesday thru Friday 9 - noon

Financial Secretary hours: Mondays & Thursdays 9 - noon

Custodian hours: Monday thru Friday 8am to 1 pm

Contact us at (574) 259-7874 or fpcmishawaka@gmail.com

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**Newsletter deadline is March 17** at noon for the April issue.

Please send information to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or you can

mail or email the church secretary Judy at [officejudyk@gmail.com](mailto:officejudyk@gmail.com).

**Have a prayer concern?** Share with Pastor Travis by placing a call to the church office. **Prayer cards** are available from an usher every Sunday. [fpcmishawaka.net](http://fpcmishawaka.net), Pastor Travis updates weekly with new devotionals.

**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Judy Green, Chuck Wukovits, Ron May, Janna McLean

**Board of Deacons:** Lynett Heritz; moderator, Tom Camren, 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

**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

**The Fig Leaf Boutique**

125 E. Mishawaka Avenue, Mishawaka, IN 46545

Recently moved to the neighborhood!

**The Fig Leaf Boutique is a clothing ministry sponsored by several churches in the area. It is a faith based, not for profit organization that collects clothing for distribution at no charge to those who are experiencing hard times. It is run by volunteers and has been in operation since 2012, just recently moving to the downtown Mishawaka location. Clothing is available for men, women and children. All items are totally free and each shopper is allowed ten items for each person in their family. Shopping is allowed every 3 months. There is a chapel on-site and prayer is available for anyone requesting it.**

**The boutique is open each Thursday from 10:30 – 1:30. (It is best to arrive by 1:00 so that enough time is allowed to complete the shopping experience.)**

**We welcome you to stop by and see our new shop.**

I needed clothes and you clothed me,

I was sick and you looked after me,

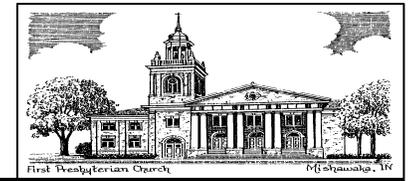
I was in prison and you came to visit me.

The King will reply,

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” .

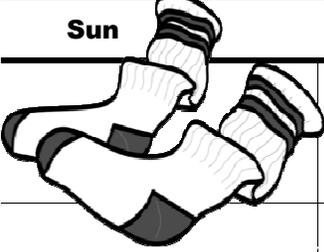
Matthew 25:36:40 (NIV)





Adult Bible Study 9 am  
Worship 10 am  
Fellowship at 11 am

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ASH Wednesday	2	3	4
5 Lent greeter Margret DeMaegd ushers: Ethan DeMaegd & Dan Bruner W. Leader: Janna McLean 1st Sunday Conversation	6	7 Canticle Ringers 7pm	8 'waking up white' 8pm	9	10 	11 Joint Circle meeting @ church 10pm
12 Lent greeter: Darlene Seufert ushers: Carole Polk & Bill Bellairs Leader: Chris Wukovits Deacons 11am	13 	14 Canticle Ringers 7pm	15 'waking up white' 8pm	16	17 Newsletter Deadline 	18
19 Lent greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Neil Seufert & Judy Sulak W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits Book Club 2pm	20	21 Canticle Ringers 7pm	22 'waking up white' 8pm	23	24 Scrapbooking 6pm to 11pm	25
26 Lent greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Michael Green & Gordon Reif W. Leader: Darlene Seufert Session 11am	27 basement sale work day 6-8pm	28 Canticle Ringers 7pm	29 'waking up white' 8pm	30	31	1st basement sale work day 10-12am

NEWS FROM THE MAC: On Saturday, January 28, 2016, the MAC Food Pantry housed at Albright United Methodist Church received 174 boxes of food from THE FOOD DROP. This event has become an annual event organized through a joint venture of The Food Bank, People Gotta Eat, United Way and Granger Community Church. Over 1000 volunteers of all ages came together that cold Saturday morning. Children decorated the boxes with pictures, Bible verses, personal notes of well wishes. The boxes were packed with the donations of food which had been collected over several weeks. Trucks delivered the boxes to the pantries. Volunteers from Albright, along with folks from GCC unloaded boxes at each location, using the "bucket brigade" style which has always worked well. On reflection, at the end of the day, what we often hear, "It takes a village" rings true. These boxes will help keep the pantry shelves filled along with donations from the MAC churches throughout the next few weeks. The Souper Bowl kettles collected 474 pounds of food! The Pantry shelves are full...Many thanks to all.