

# First Presbyterian News

May 2023

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I have been the primary caregiver of Gabie for around seven months now as my wife, Jae, began her career in September of last year. After taking over as Gabie's primary caregiver, I have realized how difficult it can be to balance parenting and work simultaneously. This has made me appreciate and respect single parents even more for their ability to raise children on their own.

I find that Gabie is an easy child to take care of, but my hands are still full with feeding her, changing her diapers, playing with her, reading books to her, and comforting her when she needs it. Despite her being an easy child, my day seems to go by so quickly as I am always busy looking after her.

Watching over Gabie has made me reflect on my parents, particularly my mother and how she must have struggled when my brother and I were young. Not only did she raise us, but she also managed all the household chores. I can only imagine how restless and tired she must have felt.

It's a humbling experience to realize that what I am doing for my daughter right now doesn't come close to matching the sacrifices and hard work my mother put in for me. I always understood that a mother's love is selfless and steadfast, but, it was not until I had a child of my own that I fully appreciated my mother's compassion and devotion to raising me.

Isaiah 49:15 says,

**“Can a woman forget her nursing child or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.”**

This powerful metaphor of a nursing mother reminds us of God's unwavering love and care for us, which is unconditional and constant. It is a reassuring measure that helps us feel secure and hopeful, knowing that God's presence is always with us.



As Mother's Day draws near, let us take a moment to extend our gratitude and express our appreciation to all the remarkable mothers and those who have played maternal roles, even those who have passed away. In the love and care of a mother, we can witness a glimpse of God's love that sustains and nurtures us all.

If you are feeling exhausted and unloved, it's comforting to know that God promises to love and care for us like a mother, as stated in Isaiah 66:13. The love of a mother is truly a beautiful reflection of the love that God has for all of us. May we find comfort and hope in knowing that we are never alone, and that God's love for us is everlasting.

Blessings, Pastor Daniel

## FROM THE SESSION:

Daniel was hired by the Session in 2019 as a covenant pastor. By doing so we did not have to form a Pastor Nomination Committee (PNC) or do all the steps that have to be followed by forming a PNC. As a covenant pastor Daniel was given a 3-year contract which was renewed at the end of that time.

Both the Session and Daniel feel that it is time to hire him as a Called and Installed Pastor. In order to do so we would have to form a PNC and do a full and open search OR ask Presbytery for a designated pastorate, which is elected by the congregation, but does not require a PNC. Session sent a request that Daniel become a "Designated Pastor" and this has been approved by the Presbytery. We will hold a congregational meeting on May 7 to vote on this and at our 2024 Annual Meeting, we will vote to remove the designated title, which leaves Daniel as our installed pastor.

I hope this is not too confusing. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will try to answer them.

Teresa Primmer, Clerk of Session, 574.220.3500

## Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka

### Presbyterian Women Circles

Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, contact Mary Ann Dentino for more details. Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month, contact Teresa Primmer for more details. A list of dates and times can be found on the church bulletin board. If you find yourself free, you are very welcome to join us. May meetings will end this year's study. Circles will once again starting meeting in September 2023.

### Date Change

There is a date change for the PW calendar meeting from June 7th to **May 24th** at Chris's house at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Chris if you are planning to attend.



### Upper Room News

Please remember that when you donate items, be sure to check them to make sure that they are in good working order and free of dirt, stains, or tears.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to make the Upper Room the best it can be! The next work day (s) is/are set for **May 6th & 17th from 10 a.m. until Noon**. If you have an hour to share, your helping hands will be put to work. Thank you!



Church grounds clean-up day will be May 20th from 9 a.m. until we are finished. Please come out and join your church family help remove remnants of winter, making the outside look fresh and clean again. Suggestions for work to be done can be made to Chuck Wukovits. Please bring your own yard equipment. It may not seem like it can be a fun day, but we always have a good time and lots of work gets done. So join us for an hour or the whole morning!



Thank you! Chuck

We are seeing a rise in homeless families, families living in their vehicles, and large blended families consisting of 10+ members. Although we utilize the Northern Indiana Food Bank for purchase of food, all of our needs cannot be met there. We rely heavily on donations from YOU, our supporting organizations.

Thank you again for your generosity!

May you be blessed and take joy in knowing that when you donate to MAC, you are "feeding the least of these among you".

### Staple products:

Cereal, Soup, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Pasta, and easy to cook foods are the best donations. Pop-top cans and foods that don't have to be cooked are also appreciated for those that do not have a kitchen. Nothing perishable and please watch for expiration dates.

**MAC Mishawaka**



**Feeding the Community**

## Pentecost Offering

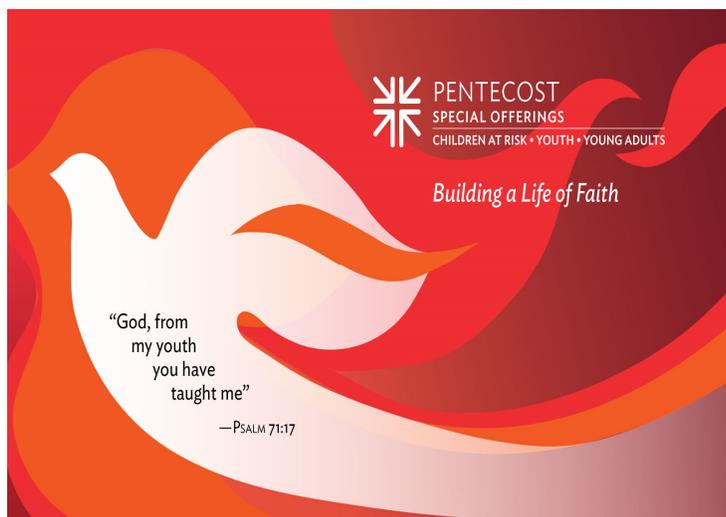
Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church today, and pointing us to the church of the future.

Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering, which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come. Our gifts to this offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth, and young adults by building a life of faith.

Our congregation is able to keep 40% of the Pentecost Offering to support programs for at risk young people in our community. Last year we teamed up with PW and provided an outdoor clubhouse for the younger children at Hope Ministries.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to be given to help the church's future on May 28th.

Mission Committee



Greetings,

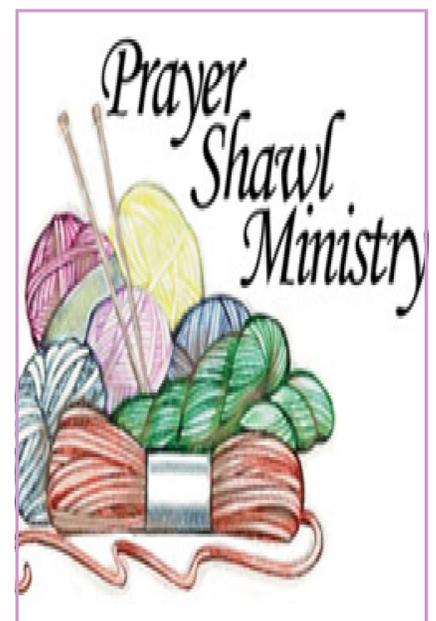
FIRST, **THANK YOU**, we have been so very blessed with all the prayer shawls that have been made.

But now SECOND, we need more....adult size prayer shawls in neutral colors for both females and males.

THIRD, they can be either knitted or crocheted.

And again, so **thankful** for all your help in this endeavor. Please let me know if you need any help or if you would like to get together and knit prayer shawls.

Thank you, Judy Sulak  
Prayer Shawl Ministry



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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Pastor hours:** Tuesday thru Thursday 9 to noon

**Secretary hours:** Tuesday thru Friday 9 to noon

**Financial Secretary hours:** Monday & Thursday 9 to noon

**Custodian hours:** Monday thru Friday 7 to noon

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**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:**

*Clerk of Session:* Teresa Primmer

*Christian Education:* Darlene Seufert

*Facilities/Operations:* Chuck Wukovits

*Finance:* John Rice, treasurer

*Mission:* Mary Ann Dentino

*Personnel:* Mary Watt

*Worship and Music:* Judy Sulak

**Board of Deacons:**

*Moderator:* Lynett Heritz

Bill Bellairs, Angela Bellinger, Jenn Frey,

Teresa Primmer, Jim Stanz

**Book Club:** Judy Green

**Newsletter:** Katie Robertson

**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz

**PW:** Moderators—Chris Wukovits and

Judy Green

**Special Gifts:** Sue Rice

**Book Club**

Book Club: **May 21st** at 3:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Rose Marie's home.



Thanks, Judy Green

**Worship & Music**

Greetings from worship and music.

Lent and Holy week are over, but *not* really. I hope that in the coming weeks you can keep Holy week in your hearts and souls—God is always awesome!



With spring upon us and we are shown God's glory in new life. From flowers to wildlife, new beginnings can be seen everywhere. But, soon, the heat of summer, longer days filled with family gatherings, and working in our gardens will be here.

Taking time each week to worship God, who has blessed us with so much, is very important in our spiritual growth. Attending church service and fellowshiping with our church family revitalizes us both physically and spiritually so that we can enjoy the week ahead, energized and thankful.

Looking forward to seeing you all in church.

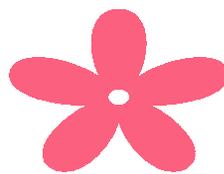
Blessings to all!

Judy Sulak and Worship & Music team

**TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE**

May... Lynett

June... Judy G./Carole



**Please Send information for any upcoming summer events for the June/July Newsletter to Katie Robertson by**

**May 17th.**

**[fpcmishawaka@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmishawaka@gmail.com)**

**Thank you!**



Worship 10 am



May



Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Christian Ed meeting at Pam's 6 pm	2	3	4	5	6 Upper Room workday 10-Noon
7 <i>Communion</i> Greeter..Bill Bellairs Usher..Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Mary Watt Congregational Meeting	8	9	10	11	12 QoV 9-2	13 Malawi workday 10-Noon
14 Greeter..Bill Bellairs Usher..Michael Green W.L. Dyan Phillips Deacons meeting after worship 	15 Elizabeth Circle/ potluck 6 p.m. @ Chris's	16	17 Upper Room work day from 10 a.m.—Noon Ruth Circle 7 p.m. at Rose-Marie's	18	19	20 Church Grounds clean-up 9 a.m.
21 Greeter..Bill Bellairs Usher..Carole Polk Greg Phillips W.L. Chris Wukovits Worship & Music meeting after worship Book Club 3pm	22	23	24 PW/Calendar Meeting 6 p.m. at Chris's	25	26	27
28 <i>Pentecost</i> Greeter..Bill Bellairs Usher..Neil Seufert W.L. Chuck Wukovits 	29 Memorial Day Office closed	30	31			