



# First Presbyterian News

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FPC is a happening place...come join in on the fun!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nelson's Port a Pit Fundraiser Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Deacons will be holding their to benefit the Children's Christmas Shopping. A half chicken will sell for \$6.50 and this year we will be offering Pit-Tatoes for \$3.50. You can help by selling tickets to family and friends, at work or in your neighborhood. Many thanks in advance!  
Contact Teresa or Lynett with questions or ticket request.

Triad Pill Drop, April 30th, 9am to 1pm the Douglas Road Fire Station.  
The right way to dispose of old prescriptions

**Book Club:**  
We meet at 2:00 p.m. on May 15th where there will be much talking, laughing, nodding of heads and of course something to munch on. Come join us, join in the fun!  
Contact Judy if you have questions. [mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com)

**Spring Outdoor Clean-up** will be on **MAY 21, 9 am** A light lunch will be served. Please bring along garden tools and gloves. 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 please submit any suggestions for needed work to John M. or Dick D. So looking forward to seeing many helping hands, and backs, and elbows, and smiles.

**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](mailto:scrap.brittany@comcast.net)  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, & November 18<sup>th</sup>**



Please check the church's website for weekly devotionals. As the year progresses the devotionals will change giving our members a starting place for prayer or maybe a thoughtful insight as we walk our path with God. Pastor Travis

PRESBYTERIANS TODAY...it contains reasons to hope for PCUSA...The Youth Triennial at Purdue was featured. Several pages were devoted to students/and their views on a lot of stuff. Someday our children here at FPC (along with their families) will be "out there" so today and every day, we as a church need to be a rock, a safe place, a home, so they too feel whole and remain hopeful.

**Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School**

During May we will do a daily study of our cocoons, counting the days as they become butterflies, talking about other bugs & insects, be going to the Zoo, celebrating Mother's Day with the making of a special gift and finally and most importantly practicing our song for our parents for Graduation.

Another year will have passed, the children having grown, friendships made and memories to cherish. Thank you First Presbyterian Church, Jayne Wurz and Eileen Taber

**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](mailto: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 C., Lynett, or Darlene.

We will send prayer needs through your email address.

Pinochle, Tuesday afternoon, Castle Manor, 12:30 pm. Come join us for a fun afternoon with some great friendly folks. See Chris W. if you have questions.

Have you heard? The price of stamps has gone down! Started on April 10, the new cost is 47 cents. The Deacons still have **Postage Stamps** available for purchase to help support our Deacon's Christmas fund. They come in all styles and shapes and 100% of proceeds support the fund, so please pick up pre-packaged stamps in groups of 10 (\$4.70) or 20 (\$9.40) in the CE office. Thank you. Deacons

Thank you for the cards, prayers and kind words. It as been a long road and Dave appreciates being remember by you all.  
Teresa and Dave Primmer

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

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

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

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

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**Newsletter deadline is May 17 at noon.** Please send information for June/July double issue to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or mail/email information to Debra, the church secretary.

**ARE the DOORS LOCKED when you leave the church?** Please always check just to be sure.

**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

**NEWS FROM THE MAC**

The MAC Board is grateful to the SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE for the article describing the dilemma the Board had in trying to find a director to manage the Food Pantry housed at Albright UMC. Thankfully, the response was a positive one.

Volunteer co-coordinators, Barbara Van Damme and Donald Schlunt are now in place. These folks will be reporting to the Board at the monthly MAC meetings.

Additionally, several folks have joined the army of volunteers and will be available during Pantry hours.

Alice Anderson, member of Albright United Methodist Church, has been a Pantry volunteer for many years and will be acting as volunteer coordinator.

Pantry statistics reported at the April meeting:

Households served:234; Adults:649; Children:184;

Seniors:81; New clients served:26

Weight of donated food, 7398 pounds;

Cash donations, \$233.

\$730.59 received at the Osceola Community Good Friday Service was directed to the Food Pantry.

Notice of the Postal Workers Food Bank food drive was discussed. It should be noted there is a cost when the Pantry purchases food from the Food Bank (18 cents per pound) where-as food donated to the Pantry, there is no cost. When all is said and done, the food gets to those who need it.

The meeting included some ideas and food for thought. These items will be revisited at the May meeting.

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

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 greeter: Janet F ushers: Ethan D & Dan B W. Leader: Janna McLean	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 greeter: Judy S. ushers: Carole P & Bill B W. Leader: Darlene Seufert	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 greeter: Anna B. ushers: Michael G & Judy S W. Leader: Chris Wukovits Book Club 2pm	16 Special Gifts 3pm Deacons 7pm Elizabeth circle 7pm	17 <i>Newsletter deadline for June/July double issue noon</i>	18 Ruth circle 7pm	19	20	21 clean up at church 9am
22 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Greg P & Neil S W. Leader: Dyan Phillips	23	24	25	26	27 <i>scrapbook club 6-11pm</i>	28
29 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Dick D & Janet F W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits	30					

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

Our last meeting for this year's Bible study will happen this month. Elizabeth Circle will meet on May 16th at Chris Wukovits home at 7 pm. And Ruth Circle will meet on the 18th at Rose Marie Reif's home, 7 pm. This year has been a very enlightening and touching lesson(s). As stated before, all women of the church are PW members, whether you are in a circle, on the a board, subbing in the crib room, greeting, ushering or any of the many other jobs/volunteering opportunities here at First Presbyterian Church and we are thankful that you are our Presbyterian Women!

**Presbyterian Women**

June 1 Calendar Meeting & Supper @church 5:30 pm



**Basement Sale**

As in years past, THANK YOU to the members who donated, set-up, sorted, worked, packed, vacuumed, carried and bought! We had another successful sale. Supported several organizations, and refilled our coffers so we can now do more good works. You are all *Blessings!*

**Open House at Geneva Center, Sunday, May Day!**

**May 1, 2 - 4 p.m.**

For those new to **Geneva Center** or an old friend:

**Renew your spirit.** Enjoy a relaxing afternoon exploring our inter-denominational faith-based **retreat, camp and conference center** offering Christian programming open to all. Hike our trails, walk our Labyrinth, enjoy snacks, check out the Lake and Woodland cabins. Go canoeing! You'll have a chance to meet some of the staff, chat with GCI Board members and explore the list of upcoming events at Geneva Center. Find out how Geneva Center can be a resource for you, as well as your church or organization. **See you there!** Just north of Rochester, IN on Old 31, near CR 550.

Check out our web site. "Like us" or let us know you will join us on Facebook. [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org)

**Summer Camps at Geneva Center** has camps for "newbies", young/elementary, teens/middle and high schools and even young adults/first year in college. Go to the website today and look at all the options. Geneva center is more than a camp, it offers a journey into a spiritually individual self, a safe place to discover a path, the making of friendships lasting a life time, and so much more.

Please take the time to **check out the website [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org) to go** (or send) a special child to Geneva Center. **Note a special 10% discount if paid in full by May 1st.**



**Summer Camp at  
Geneva Center 2016**

**FEARLESS FAITH**

**Courage in Community**

**Come Join The Fun!!!**

**Sign Up Today**

[www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org)

Or call Cathy Adley at 1-574-223-6915



Pay in full by May 1st and receive a  
10% discount  
Register online at [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org)

## Summer Camp 2016

We hope you'll be joining us this year! We have some of the same camp experiences you have come to know and love and some new adventures waiting for you. It's our goal to offer an age-specific, energetic, and fun-filled experience that will have a long-lasting spiritual impact on campers of all ages. Come enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and grow mentally, emotionally, and spiritually in a safe, nurturing, and God-centered environment. Our theme this summer is "Fearless Faith. Courage in Community."

### Camps

1st Timers Grades 1-3 \$195.00 July 6-July 8 (Wed-Fri) 3 Day Camp  
This week is perfect for younger campers ready to start with their first overnight camping experiences.

You & Me Ages 5 & up \$260.00 per person July 5-9 (Tue-Sat) 5 Day Camp  
You & Me Camp offers grandparents, aunts, uncles, or special adults, and children to stay together in the conference center.

Seekers Grades 3-5 \$260.00 July 5-9 (Tue-Sat) 5 Day Camp  
Designed especially for newer campers or as a beginning experience.

Ignition Grades 4-6 \$410.00 June 12-17 (Sun-Fri) 6 Day Camp  
A great opportunity for elementary age campers to experience all that Geneva Center has to offer with-out the intensity of the off site experiences.

Jr. High Grades 6-8 6 Day Camp  
Classic - June 12-17 (Sun-Fri) \$410.00  
Adventure - June 19-24 (Sun-Fri) \$445.00

Sr. High Grades 9-12 6 Day Camp  
Classic - June 19-24 (Sun-Fri) \$410.00  
Adventure - June 12-17 (Sun-Fri) \$445.00

C.I.T. H.S. Senior - 1st Year College \$410.00  
July 5 (Tue)-July 9 (Sat) 5 Day Camp

Counselors in Training!! This camp is for High School Seniors and 1st year college students.