

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, Ind. 46544

# First Presbyterian News

## November 2015

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### **Worship & Music**

November will start with All Saint's Day on the first. We will recognize those members and any friends and family of our church that have died since last November. We will also be celebrating communion on this day, with preaching. Steve Mullin will be at the pulpit for the 8th, 15th and St. Andrew's day on the 22nd. We will have our traditional bag pipes, flag and beadle processional/opening to worship. Our beloved Chris Sneddon will be doing some special readings in her wonderful Gaelic tongue. This service is always very special, please feel free to wear the tartans that represent your own Scottish heritage. Worship will be followed by a "special" fellowship consisting of some delicious Scottish goodies.

Pastor Don Neely has graciously agreed to take us through Advent starting November 29 and going all the way through Christmas Eve. The committee will be meeting with Pastor Neely soon to plan the Advent and Christmas Eve worship services. We hope to involve many with these services. On December 27<sup>th</sup>, FPC Mishawaka will host worship in our church for the other local Presbyterian churches.

Thank you to Susan May for the donation of the beautiful chancel floral arrangement!

Worship & Music is opening up the chance for church members to sign up to light the Advent candles during any given service. It will be first come first serve for each date. Families can sign up, individuals, individuals as a group (3-4 per date). A sign-up sheet will be in the CE Lobby on the bulletin board, with deadline for sign-up November 22 (one week prior to the start of Advent.)

FPC Mishawaka has been very blessed with some great pulpit supply pastors, some have even graciously committed to chunks of time to help us maintain continuity in the pulpit. As the new year approaches and the PNC is still working hard to find our new Pastor...the worship & music committee has looked into our options beyond weekly pulpit supply. We will be considering a Covenant Pastor, this person is what the Book of Order allows when you have already had your Transitional Pastor and are searching for your new Pastor. A Covenant Pastor can do as little or as much as the Session determines, Session determines the duties and works out a wage and draws up the contract. We would be asking our Covenant Pastor to simply handle Worship Services. Pray for us as we look into this option and of course keep the PNC in your prayers while they continue to work hard for us.

### **Stewardship: Our rededication of time, talent, and treasure.**

We had a nice turnout for Commitment Sunday on October 25. It might have been because of the congregational meeting, or that Steve Mullin was preaching another fine sermon. It might even have been good stewards coming to reaffirm their faith and support of God's work through the First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka. Thirty-two pledge cards came in, (four new), and the households they represented declared their intention to increase their combined support by over \$5000. With the loss of some faithful stewards in 2014, we need to have some further increases to stay even.

For members who weren't able to bring a card this week, we ask your help by sending the card as soon as you can. A printable card appears later in this newsletter. Thanks be to God for the faithful stewards of past and present who have given so much to our church.

## Presbyterian Women 2015 – 2016 CALENDAR



- Nov. 1 Noon PWCT Meeting  
 Nov. 11 Bake Sale work night 6:00-8:00 cheeseball/soup  
 Nov. 13 Set up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.  
 Nov 14 **Bake Sale** - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
 Dec 4 set-up in Fellowship Hall  
 Dec. 5 **Breakfast with Santa. 9:00 am**

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

### Lesson Three:

The Horizon Bible Study lesson for November is "Absence of Water-Thirst and Longing". Instead of a picture of water as our visual point, this month there will be an empty bowl or sand. The author used Exodus 17, Psalm 42 and 1 John 19:28 as scripture passages and the focus question is, "How do we survive those **dry** spells in our life when there seems to be little or no **water**. This is broken into times of physical thirst and times of soul thirst. As the author has done with each lesson, she ends with community-Thirst for Community. Study books are still available downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Darlene Seufert, Horizon Bible Study Leader

**Circle Meeting Schedule** is the 3rd week of the month.

Elizabeth Circle, Mondays at 7 p.m.

Chris Wukovits is hosting this month. See Mary Ann Dentino for information.

Ruth Circle, Thursdays at 7 pm. Judy Green hosting for November. See Teresa Primmer for information.

**PW Basement sale storage room.** Since many of us clean out items from our house at various times during the year, Presbyterian Women have cleaned out two areas that will be available for you to drop items off any time during the year. The first is the bottom of the PW closet, which is the closet behind the according door, closest to the bathroom in Fellowship Hall. There are already a few items in this location, so if you have a box or two, you can place them here. For those with more items, we have cleaned out a room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor- 2<sup>nd</sup> door on west side. The door will remain unlocked at all times and there is a sign on the door. You can deposit larger donations in this room. This will also become a work room where we can sort and prep items for the sale ahead of time. As always, we appreciate all your donations, just a reminder that we will NOT be accepting computers. They can be dropped off at the Goodwill store. Also any big electrical items can be dropped off to the Rehab Store on McKinley. If in doubt about any items please contact either Lynett or Darlene.

## Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale and Vendor Sale

**Saturday, November 14, 2015 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Mark your calendars, Grab your cookbooks and pull out your favorite recipes! It's time to make your list of Holiday Goodies to donate to the Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale! Our Bake Sale is one of two major fund raisers to support our Mission work locally and abroad. Plus all those yummy baked goods make great gifts or keep and enjoy for yourself!

We will have 2 WORK NIGHTS...the first one Wednesday, October 28 from 6 – 8 p.m. making Noodles. The second one will be Wednesday, November 11 from 6-8 working on Cheese Bals and Soup Mixes. Join us in the church kitchen for fun filled nights of kneading, mixing and laughing!

Some of the favorite items are: cheeseballs, **decorated Christmas cookies (by the pound)**, soup mixes, cheesecakes, dessert breads, fudge and bark, scones, assorted pies and don't forget the noodles...plus your favorite donation !!

Don't forget that we are also looking for workers the day of the sale. If you would like to help please contact either Judy Green, Carole Polk or Lynett Heritz. Oh, and did I mention that you will want to make sure you shop the day of the sale!

Flyer at the end of newsletter to print out for work/school/Martins bulletin boards, thanks

Dedication Sunday totals: We are sending 50 baby bundles this time, 118 for the year. The items are given to Sheri Frickson, social worker at St. Joe Medical Center in Mishawaka, who shares with moms in need.

**Canticle Ringers**...we practice on Wednesday evenings, 7 pm. There is still time to join as we are preparing for Christmas Eve's hand bell Prelude. Contact Judy Green if interested.

**Tai Chi Class** on Mondays, 6pm. 24 Yang Form/Beijing form  
One of the most well-known and most practiced Tai Chi forms, the Beijing form was developed by the Chinese government in 1956 to standardize Tai Chi and is based on traditional Yang style moves, making Tai Chi and its health benefits more accessible for beginners. This form consists of 24 movements and any movement can be modified to fit your body and how it works. Tai Chi doesn't hurt, it is a series of soft gentle movements that flow from one to another in a slow, smooth, steady and continuous manner. Contact the office for questions/registration. 259-7874 Debra Leonard Secretary, FPC

**Book Club:** November 15th, at Darlene's home the book "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout will be discussed. At the edge of the continent, Crosby, Maine, may seem like nowhere, Olive is at times stern, at other times patient, but not always in tune with these around her. Judy Sulak will lead discussion, and yes, there will be a snack or two. Have questions? Contact Judy Green [mtcgjag@aol.com](mailto:mtcgjag@aol.com).

**SCRAPBOOKING CLUB November 20th**

Join us for some fellowship and fun at our Scrapbooking/Crafting Group! We meet in the Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$5. Set-up, clean-up, drinks, and tableware are provided. We share snacks & ideas with each other, and catch up on all the things happening in our lives. Feel free to bring any type of project that you have to work on. We meet from 6pm to 11pm, no December, Hope you can come, Brittany

*Got gifts that need wrapping, why not come and get it all done (a 6 foot table helps), or how about doing your Christmas card list.*

**Prayer Group**

Meets to unite in prayer weekly.  
If you would like to learn more talk with Pam C. or Janet F. Requests for prayers can be made to Janet Freeman.



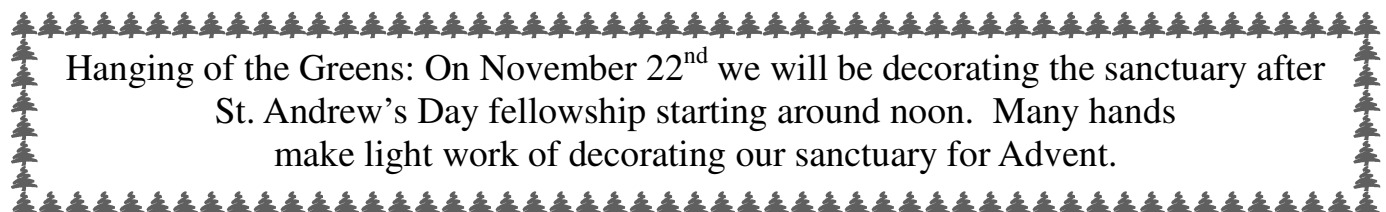
**[jfree930@aol.com](mailto:jfree930@aol.com)**  
*two hands, palms together, head down:*

**Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School**

November is a time for God's Majestic space. The children make their own spaceships and fly to the stars and planets. When they land, we talk of sharing, caring and being thankful. We end with our Thanksgiving Feast on November 25th. Many blessings from PWNS, Jayne

As fall has arrived, it is time to look forward to Thanksgiving. The **Mission Committee** will again be putting together and delivering **Thanksgiving baskets to Mishawaka families** who need some extra help during the holidays. Please begin thinking about helping us out either by contributing food or helping us deliver the baskets. A list will be available on the bulletin board with items needed but just think Thanksgiving Dinner items. We will begin collecting for them the first Sunday in November. Delivery to families will be Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone who is bringing in their pop tabs. We support the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Memorial Hospital with the things that most of us would just recycle. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. We will continue to collect them as long as people are willing to bring them in.

 Hanging of the Greens: On November 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be decorating the sanctuary after St. Andrew's Day fellowship starting around noon. Many hands make light work of decorating our sanctuary for Advent.

**News from the Christian Education Committee** Our young children have enjoyed being together after church for Fellowship and Bible Lessons. Our first series of lessons have talked about “Who is God?”. We started with the Creation Story and Noah’s Ark. Last week the children painted stars, as many and different kinds that would fill the paper. The stars represented the descendants of Abraham, who are many and all different. This series will end with Moses stories: Baby Moses, the burning bush and the Wilderness experience. After a break, Sunday School will resume again during Advent with “Who is Jesus?”. The lessons will center around the birth story. Many thanks to those who have provided leadership the month of October: Brittany and Dan Rice, Dyan Phillips and Laura Pride. The Committee welcomes those of you willing to teach a 30 minutes lesson. Each lesson have several activities from which to choose. Many thanks to Victoria Green, who has proven to be a valuable assistant each week.

Our adult class will continue with readings and discussion on “When God Whispers Your Name” by Max Lucado.  
 Christian Education Committee

**Deacon’s Christmas Shopping** at JC Penney’s will take place **December 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.** We are requesting names of 50 children from School City Mishawaka. Money should be in by December 6<sup>th</sup>. There are envelopes in your offering box and in the church pews, put “Deacon’s Christmas Shopping” in the memo section.

This is a hands-on mission and we need 15 people to help the parents with shopping. This mostly consists of holding purchases and keeping track of money spent. Shopping usually takes about an hour, maybe a little longer if we have to assign multiple families. Then you are free to shop for yourself! Sign-up on the Clip Board and meet us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of JC Penney’s @ 8:00 a.m. by the elevators.

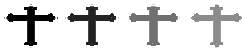
The parents are so grateful for much needed clothes and it is truly a rewarding experience. JC Penney’s has been very generous and helpful over the years, so keep them in mind when planning for your shopping needs.

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts during this year. Setting a goal of helping 50 children we estimate needing \$3,900. We were able to raise \$690 from Nelson’s; \$320.76 from Hacienda and over \$300 (to date) from postage stamps getting us one-third of our goal!



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 Postage Stamps available for purchase. They come in all styles and shapes, and several people have been supporting the stamp program. Thank you for that. 100% of proceeds support our shopping Christmas fund and what a fun way to dress up your boring envelopes!  
 We started in September, by the mailboxes in the CE office a box with pre-packaged stamps in groups of 10 (\$4.90) or 20 (\$9.80). You can pick up what you need when you need them. Thank you. Deacons  
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**Newsletter deadline is November 17 at noon.** Please send **information for December/January** newsletter to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or mail information to Debra, the church secretary.

Church Officers and Committees

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Judy Green, John Martz, Ron May, Bruce McClure, Darlene Seufert

**Board of Deacons:** Bill Bellairs, Tom Camren, Lynett Heritz, Carole Polk, Teresa Primmer, Bill Walter

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John Martz, chair (elder)  
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**Personnel:** Bruce McClure, Chair

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**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 "cost" of volunteering? A person who donates time doesn't put a "cost" on it! The statistic of \$21.00 per hour has been bandied about many times if a dollar figure is used to describe it. The reality is, it is PRICE-LESS. Without volunteers to carry on projects, not much can be accomplished.

The Food Pantry, housed at Albright United Methodist Church, has served this community for many years. Without those volunteers the assistance to those in need could not have been served. As time has passed, so have the volunteers come and gone...that's life, is it not?

Hopefully, when this issue of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEWS comes to you, the street work on Mishawaka Avenue will be completed and clients will be able to use the Mishawaka Avenue entrance on Pantry days.

Volunteers are needed to stock shelves, shop for items, pick up food from the Food Bank, welcome clients on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. This is one or two hours each month, whatever time an individual is willing to provide.

From Carol Minx, Pantry Director:  
 Statistics: September; 254 households, 899 clients served; 313 children, 107 folks over 60; 32 new families.

A new printer was purchased for use in the Pantry office. Pantry truck in good working order; liability and vehicle insurance premium paid.

USDA government commodities will be available in October. Never certain what the items will be so food donations from individuals, local food stores and MAC churches are important. The Food Pantry truck will be collecting food at the Breast Cancer Walk on October 24.

Sadly, the MAC Board has been advised the Food Pantry Director, Carol Minx, will be ending her work as director at the end of 2015. Filling her shoes will not be easy. The MAC churches have been advised of the decision and is looking for a new director.





**Worship 10 am**  
**Fellowship at 11 am**  
**Church school 11:15am**



# NOVEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 All Saint's Day</b> greeter: Anna B. Ushers: Ethan & Dan B. W. Leader: Judy S. Servers Laura, Janet & Judy <i>Andrew Betts, pulpit</i> <b>**fall back clocks**</b>	<b>2</b> Tai Chi 6pm	<b>3</b> <b>VOTE</b>  <i>PNC 7pm</i>	<b>4</b> C. ringers 7pm	<b>5</b> <i>W&amp;M</i> 7:00 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> greeter: Janet F. ushers: Carole & Bill B. W. Leader: Pam Camren Servers: John M., Teresa P., & Judy G. <i>Steve Mullin, pulpit</i>	<b>9</b> Tai Chi 6pm  Deacons 7pm	<b>10</b>  <i>PNC 7pm</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Veterans Day</i>  <i>Bake sale</i> <i>work night</i> 6 to 8 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Set up for bake</i> <i>sale 8am</i> <i>items to</i> <i>church by 5pm</i>	<b>14</b> <i>PW bake</i> <i>sale 9 to2</i>
<b>15</b> greeter: Teresa P. ushers: Michael G & Judy S W. Leader: Chris Wukovits <i>Steve Mullin, pulpit</i>	<b>16</b> Tai Chi 6pm <i>Elizabeth</i> <i>Circle</i> 7 pm	<b>17</b> <i>Newsletter</i> <i>deadline</i> noon <i>PNC 7 pm</i>	<b>18</b> C. ringers 7pm	<b>19</b> <i>Ruth</i> <i>Circle 7pm</i> @ <i>Judy G's</i>	<b>20 Last</b> <i>scrapbook</i> <i>club of 2015</i> 6 - 11 pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22 St. Andrews' Day</b> greeter: Judy S. Ushers: Dick D. & Janet F. W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits <i>Steve Mullin, pulpit</i> <b>Hanging of Greens</b>	<b>23</b> Tai Chi 6pm	<b>24</b>  <i>PNC 7pm</i>	<b>25</b> PWNS sharing party 10 am	<b>26</b> Office closed 	<b>27</b>  Office closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29 ADVENT</b> greeter: Bill B. Ushers: Neil S W. Leader: Darlene Seufert <i>Don Neely, pulpit</i>	<b>30</b> Tai Chi 6pm					

A big word of *THANKS* for all the prayers, cards, letters and texts that John has received since he has been in the hospital. It brightens your day when one is so far from home!

**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.

Presbyterian Women  
**Vendor Fair & Bake Sale**  
 Saturday, November 14 9am - 2pm  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Mishawaka  
 401 Lincolnway East

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Vendors include: *Thirty-One*, Photography,  
*handmade items*, crafts for the home,  
**Mary Kay**, floral arrangements and more...

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Bake goods will include cheeseballs,  
 homemade noodles and soup mixes.  
 Various baked goods, breads, seasonal  
 treats and cookies by the pound!  
 Shop for the holidays then treat yourself to  
 lunch when you are done,  
 lunch starts at 11:00 a.m.

*Thank you for supporting our  
 Mission Work both locally and abroad.*



Members, if you have not yet returned a “pledge card,” please print this one, fill it out, and mail or bring it to the church office. Thank you!

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH      2016 Member Pledge Card**

**TAKE A STEP FORWARD FOR CHRIST!** *In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith and in commitment to Christ and his church, I plan to take this step forward in my giving (check one as appropriate):*

- STEP UP TOWARD TITHING.** *I will move toward the goal of tithing*  
 **STEP UP TO TITHING.** *I will give a tenth of my income to God's work.*  
 **STEP UP BEYOND TITHING.** *I wish to do more than God's minimum.*

**MY COMMITMENT FOR 2016 IS \$** \_\_\_\_\_ *per* week month quarter year *(circle one)*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *check if this is an increase over 2015.*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2015**

*This commitment may be changed at any time due to changing circumstances*

**Washington's Thanksgiving Day Address, 1789.**

*Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favour; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me “to recommend to the people of the United States a DAY OF PUBLICK THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”*

*Now therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the twenty-six day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country pervious to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, an the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favours which He had been pleased to confer upon us.*

*And also, that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in publick or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us); and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; an generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.*

*Given under my hand, at the city of New-York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.*

*(signed) G. Washington*

