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# First Presbyterian News

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## WE HAVE A CUSTODIAN!! HERE'S HOW!!

The brief ad appeared in the S. B. Tribune Friday, September 2. "Job opening Part time custodian Call the church for additional information". A little wordier than that, but not much. No one was in the office Friday, Saturday, or Sunday –normally, Monday but it was Labor Day.

I went to church at 10:00 Tuesday hoping for at least 3 or 4 inquiries. Debra handed me a list of 16 names and phone numbers. WOW!! All had called that morning. Five for various reasons said, "Not interested". Four committed to interviews for either Thursday or Friday, and 7 were left messages on answering machines. Four more names were added before I left at noon and 2 more on Wednesday - a total of 22. Later 3 more committed to being interviewed. Dick Dentino, Chuck Wukovits, and Janet Freeman agreed to help with the 7 interviews for which I am extremely grateful.

By Saturday we knew we had 3 very good candidates and decided contacting all the others would not be necessary. Of the 3, we felt John McLean was the best fit for FPC.

John, as many know, is an ordained Methodist minister. He has served a number of small churches, often assigned to at least 2 at a time. This resulted in his having to supplement his income by taking different jobs. (Almost wrote "odd jobs" but that could raise unnecessary concerns and require further explanations). Some of those were similar to his custodial responsibilities here. That made our choice somewhat easier.

The search committee's recommendation was reported to the session on Sunday, September 11, and was approved. WELCOME, JOHN!!

Alan Camren

A Small Group Study for Fall —Soul Feast: An Introduction to the Christian Spiritual Life by *Marjorie J. Thompson* Considered a spiritual classic originally published in 1995, a newer, revised edition is out with expanded chapters, an updated study guide, and quotes from spiritual writers with wonderful insights. This study will be a life changing class. Study began on September 21 (7:30 pm) and will continue each Wednesday evening until Advent. Contact the office for more information or email Pastor Travis.

As you know, Presbyterian Women are in **the process of updating and organizing Memorial Lounge, the Prayer Room and the Library**. Things are still "under construction" but we have made great progress and hope to have things completed by the end of October. Thus far we have cleaned the carpets in Memorial Lounge and redesigned the layout to make the space more open and user friendly. We have had one of the sofas returned from being upholstered and anticipate the second one returning about the time you are reading this. Next the two orange swivel chairs and the two wooden chairs will be redone. The sofas will be covered in the same fabric and we have already received rave reviews regarding the fabric selection. The four remaining chairs will be done in two different fabrics. I, under the direction of PWCT, selected fabric choices and then shared them with the PW ladies. Jim Lambert out of Osceola is doing the upholstering. The furniture in the prayer room, mainly the pews, has been arranged according to size and the wooden doors have been opened on the east end of the room. The Library has been totally overhauled and is a far more usable space. The area is less crowded, open to Memorial Lounge and the books have been organized. While there is still work to be done, stop in and take a look. It is hoped that we can purchase a computer software program for book check out. This will allow better maintenance of the inventory and tracking of who has what. First we need to improve the church WiFi signal to complete this task. Thank you to Brittany & Julie Rice, Angela and Gia Bellinger, Betty Johnson, Judy Sulak, Darlene Seufert, Teresa Primmer and Lynett Heritz for their work on the Library. Thank you to those who have helped move furniture during this entire process. It is exciting to see the changes and I for one can't wait till it is all complete.

PWCT in house designer, Judy Green



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS...**

Our Bible Study this year is WHO IS JESUS?

By Judy Yates Siker

3 books are still available, the cost is \$8.00.

Elizabeth Circle meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This month is on the 17th at Pam Camren's home, and Ruth Circle meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This month at Darlene's home.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** following the PWCT meeting, we will be assembling the Malawi pads. Needed: people who can sew! Anyone who wants to take kits home to sew together, see Teresa or Carole.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** Dedication Sunday Together In Service Projects will be dedicated during worship service. We will also receive our Thank Offering during a special fellowship hour.

**BAKE SALE....**

October 27<sup>th</sup> (NOTE CHANGE)

Bake Sale Work Night (Noodles) 6-8 p.m.

November 9<sup>th</sup> (NOTE CHANGE) Bake Sale Work Night (Cheeseballs/Soup Mixes) 6-8 p.m.

November 11<sup>th</sup> Set Up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8 a.m.

**Pre-orders being taken for noodles and cheeseballs.**

**See sheet on board.**

**Due 10/16**

\*November 12<sup>th</sup> **BAKE SALE & VENDOR FAIR** 9 am to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Our Bake Sale monies help to fund our Mission Work here and overseas. Please consider helping in any way that you can. We are looking for vendors to rent tables. \$25.00 for 8ft table. See Lynett for contract. Registrations due 10/31. And as always we need workers for the work night events & **THE EVENT.** And folks please start thinking about the cookies, breads, and other goodies you want to donate. Sign up sheet for donations and work times will be posted.

**Canticle Ringers:** Practices will be Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Session 1 started **September 27** and we will practice thru December 24. On October 23 we will play during the service, The Lord's Prayer, with plans to ring on December 4 & Christmas Eve. See Director Judy Green if you want to join, no music reading experience required.



**Presbyterian Women  
2016 – 2017 CALENDAR**

**Oct 23 Dedication Sunday** - Together in Service Projects during service

**Oct 27 Bake Sale work night** 6–8 p.m. noodle

**Nov 9 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Noon Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> . Noon

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Noon Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Noon June 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

**Book Club:** The Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman. We need a leader, hostess and snack person. If interested please contact Judy Green. mtcgag@aol.com

Time with Children will return on specific Sunday's through the end of the year. Oct. 2nd World Communion Sunday, Nov. 20th St Andrew's Day and all of Advent.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30 am to 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Secretary hours: 9 am to noon Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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 October 17 at noon for the November issue.** Please send information to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or mail/email the church secretary.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE MAC

There was a good response to the food survey from Pantry clients; even some surprises; however non-food items are high on the list due to the fact food stamps cannot be used at the grocery stores to purchase this items. Having this information is helpful when staff are ordering from the Food Bank.

**It was reported that 14% of area families are food insecure.**

Per usual, more directives from the Food Bank; one being, it is not necessary to always use USDA food before donated food. The caution is to watch product expiration dates. A milk voucher program was in place for September, available at Fresh Thyme.

Statistics:

The average number of households served in the nine Pantry days in August was 29. Monetary donations: \$1441.00.

Food pounds: 3077. Food and non-food purchases: 2065.88 (these figures include Food Bank and local food store purchase).

There were 9 fuel- only cards and 10 bus passes distributed.

The Pantry Volunteer dinner is set for October 13.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Freeman



**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

**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

**SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice**

Christmas is fast approaching! Do you have a project that you need to start, work on or get finished? Please come join us for the evening. 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](mailto:scrap.brittany@comcast.net)

Only 2 more Fridays for the year, **October 21<sup>st</sup>**, & Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2016 Events at Geneva Center Inc.**

\*October 11 - 14 Stained Glass Workshop

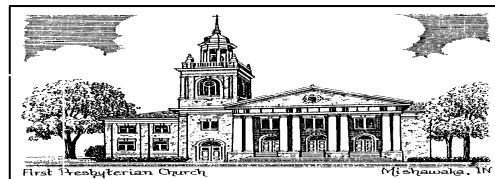
Join us for 3 nights, 10 meals and learn the fine art of stained glass.

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.

\$5.00 per person. Join us for a hayride, hotdogs & more!



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

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>ARE the DOORS LOCKED when you leave the church?</b> Please always check just to be sure.						1
2 greeter: Ethan D. ushers: Greg P. & Neil S. W. Leader: Dyan Phillips Peacemaking Offering		4 C. Ringers 7 pm	5 Soul Feast 7:30 pm	6	7	8
9 greeter: Rose Marie R. ushers: Carole P. & Bill B. W. Leader: Pam Camren	10	11 C. Ringers 7 pm	12 Soul Feast 7:30 pm	13	14	15
16 greeter: Lynett H. ushers: Ethan D. & Dan B. W. Leader: Judy Sulak	17 <i>Elizabeth circle                  7pm Pam C's                  home</i>	18 C. Ringers 7 pm	19 Soul Feast 7:30 pm	20 <i>Ruth circle 7pm                  Darlene's home</i>	21 Scrapbook Club 6-11pm	22
23 greeter: Bill B. ushers: Michael G. & Gordon R. W. Leader: Darlene Seufert Dedication Sunday Bell choir music	24 	25 C. Ringers 7pm	26 Soul Feast 7:30 pm	27 Bake Sale work night 6-8pm	28	29 Baby Shower for Katie McCloskey 2:30 pm
30 greeter: Bill B. Ushers: Dick D. & Janet F. W. Leader: Janna McLean	31 					

I'll be forever grateful for the love and support of my church family during my sister, Jean Ann's illness. People have been so very kind...each day comes another message.  
 Janet Freeman and family.

**The Mission Committee** had the CROP walk on September 25. So many people, of all ages, walking and moving to raise funds to help end hunger. Please have all Crop walk money turned in before October 10th. Beginning at the start of November we will be collecting for the Thanksgiving baskets. And the collection pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House at Memorial Hospital and non perishable food items for the food pantries are as always, on going missions.

**CUBS BASEBALL GAME REPORT**  
 A great time was had by all that attended the game on August 29. There was 160 people in attendance from all of the St. Joseph County Presbyterian churches. Mishawaka church had 15 in attendance. More information about other group activities will come after the St. Joseph County Coordinating team has an evaluation meeting in October. Be sure to watch the bulletin and newsletter for these activities.