



First Presbyterian News

August 2023

401 Lincolnway East

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I'm excited to share that our confirmation class for Julie, Mia, Charlotte, and Gia has started. It all kicked off on the first Sunday of August.

During their first class, our confirmands and leaders delved into an engaging conversation about loyalty.

In what ways have you shown loyalty to God? What does this mean? Although this might sound a bit vague, thinking about how we are involved in church life can help us see more clearly how our loyalty to God is demonstrated.

Now, take a moment to think about how you participate in the life of First Presbyterian Church Mishawaka, regardless of the size of significance or your role/responsibility. Among you, there are those who are actively engaged in various roles, such as session members, deacon's group, PW, music ministry, wedding ministry, special gifts ministry, finance, liturgists, acolytes, ushers, and greeters—all contributing to our church's vibrant community. |

If I failed to mention any other ministry, I apologize.

Despite being a small congregation, it's truly remarkable how there are numerous opportunities for participation. Of course, showing dedication through church involvement is just one way, no the only way, to show our loyalty to God. What really matters is how we demonstrate our loyalty to God in everything we do.

How do you think your loyalty to God impacts your daily life? Can you recall a specific moment when you felt particularly loyal to God?

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” - Joshua 24:15b

At the close of his life, Joshua spoke these words. As he approached the end of his life journey, like his predecessor Moses, he guided Israel in reaffirming their commitment to God. Addressing the people, he retold their history, from Terah to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Emphasizing their deliverance from Egypt, wilderness journey, and victories, Joshua highlighted God's central role, guiding and deserving their obedience. Joshua's loyalty to God was evident as he led this renewal before his passing.

Joshua's loyalty wasn't limited to himself; it extended to his whole household and was passed down to the next generation, even reaching the Israelites, who were attentive.

Just as Joshua and the Israelites reaffirmed their loyalty to God, our loyalty is an essential aspect of our relationship with God. It demonstrates our faith and guides our way of living. Furthermore, our loyalty can have a significant influence on those in our midst. Consider those closest to us, such as our families, fellow church members spanning all ages, the four confirmands (Julie, Mia, Charlotte, and Gia), and Madilynn Frey, who is set to be baptized on September 17th.

How can we express our loyalty to God? How can we inspire greater loyalty to God among those closest to us? As we move forward in faith and loyalty to God, let us inspire and support each other, just like Joshua and the Israelites. Together, our commitment can light up our community and beyond.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Daniel

Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka

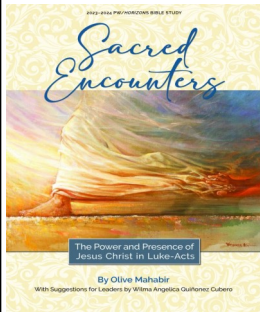


Presbyterian Women Circles

Each Circle meets once a month—Elizabeth is on the 3rd Monday of each month, Ruth is on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Circles meet at 7 p.m.

We will have our first PWCT meeting of the new season on September 10th, following fellowship. |

Bible Study



We will kick off our Bible Study year on September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with a light supper (main dish will be provided). Please bring a side dish/dessert to share. Following the meal, we will have the Study presented and do the first lesson. This year's study is *Sacred Encounters the Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts* by Olive Mahabir.

All ladies are welcome and the study book will be available that evening.

Vendor/Bake Sale

Dust off those recipes, NEW and OLD Faithful's! We have vendors already signing up and things are rolling along.

Before you know it, we will be elbow deep in noodle dough.



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 is set for **September 20th from 10 a.m. until Noon.**

If you have an hour to share, your helping hands will be put to work.

Thank you!



Generally, donations decrease during the summer months, but the USDA donations have also decreased, and some items they are not able to purchase at the Food Bank. This means paying more at stores. They are in need of:

Canned Vegetables and Fruit and Canned Beans. Jello is also a hard to get product.

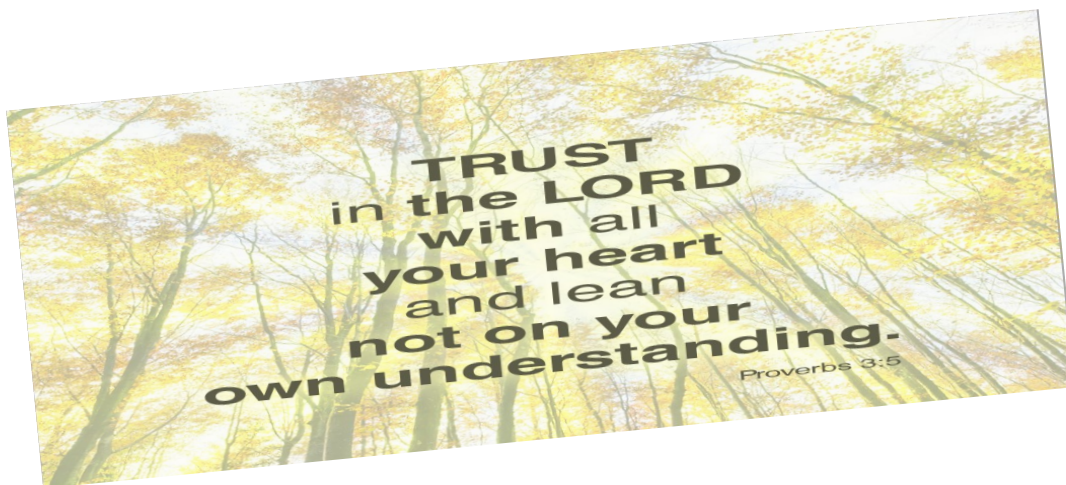
But all donations are appreciated, including toiletry items. They are feeding 60-75 families.

Please remember, nothing perishable and please watch for expiration dates.



Feeding the Community

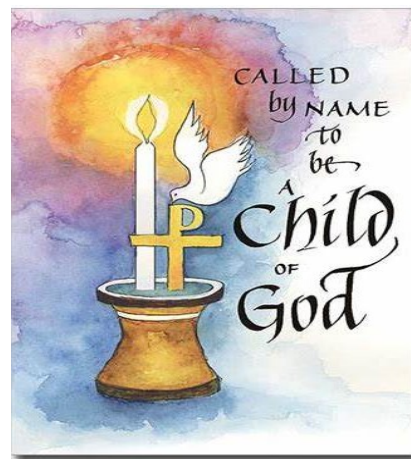
**MAC Mishawaka
Alliance of Care**



Baptism

Come celebrate the baptism of Madilynn Grace Frey on Sunday, September 17th 2023.

All are welcome to attend and fellowship will be provided after the service, hosted by the Frey family.



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Book Club: Judy Green

Newsletter: Katie Robertson

Prayer Chain: Lynett Heritz

PW: Moderator— Judy Green

Special Gifts: Sue Rice

Book Club

Book Club: **September 17 at 2:00 p.m** is at Darlene Seufert's. We will be discussing books we read over the summer and selecting books to read for October, November, and December. Anyone is welcome. For questions, please see Judy Green.



Thanks, Judy Green

Worship & Music

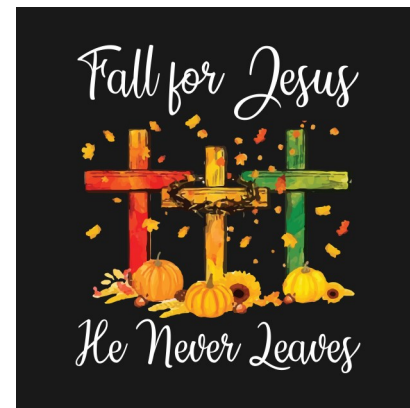
Greetings from worship and music,



As summer slowly comes to an end, we want to say we hope you all have had a blessed summer!

Blessings to all!

Worship & Music team



TODDLER ROOM SCHEDULE

September... Andrea Finley
Darlene Seufert
October... Teresa/Lynett

Please Send information for the October Newsletter to Katie Robertson by September 17th. fpcmishawaka@gmail.com Thank you!



Worship 10 am
September
Fellowship 11 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <i>Communion</i> Greeter.. Bill Bellairs Usher..Ethan DeMaegd W.L. Chris Wukovits	4 	5 National Cheese Pizza Day 	6	7	8 QoV 9-2 Upper Room Sale Day 9-2	9 Upper Room Sale Day 9-2
10 <i>Reverend Walter Davis fills in for Daniel</i> Greeter.. Usher..Carole Polk, Greg Phillips W.L. Chuck Wukovits Deacon's Meeting after worship	11 	12	13 PW Circle Kickoff in Fellowship Hall @ 6:30 p.m.—light supper	14	15	16
17 <i>Madilynn Frye's baptism</i> Greeter.. Usher..Michael Green W.L. Dyan Phillips W & M Meeting after worship	18	19	20 Upper Room workday 10-Noon	21	22 National Ice Cream Cone Day 	23 First Day of Fall 
24 Greeter.. Usher..Ryan Frye W.L. Darlene Seufert	25	26	27	28	29 National Coffee Day 	30