



# First Presbyterian News

June & July 2017

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

Greetings, FPC,

As summer approaches, I want to take a moment to say thank you. Thank you for your hospitality toward me and my family as I have ministered among you. Thank you, for your openness to explore Christian faith and discipleship with me in small group studies, worship services, and one on one. Thank you for your sense of humor along the way that keeps us humble and grounded. I am truly grateful for this season of life and ministry with you.

In addition to feeding, teaching, and healing people, Jesus knew how to take a break (Matthew 14:23, Luke 6:12). He took these opportunities to step back from the demands of ministry and to pray. I know many of you are facing a lot these days. Personal health concerns, family matters, wrestling with uncertainty about the church's future, to name a few. Even so, I invite us this summer to cultivate a spirit of gratitude for how God has led us on the journey so far and to step back and be prayerful about the future. In prayer we find ourselves not only personally refreshed but also reoriented to the purposes of God for our lives and community.

How is it with your prayer life? What new forms of prayer would you like to explore? How can we strengthen our ministry of prayer as individuals and a church community?

I pray for opportunities this summer where we can laugh and sing, enjoy good fellowship and warm weather, and seek to share our gifts generously with those around us. We know we have tapped into an authentic spirit of prayer when it leads us to lives of thankful praise.

Have a blessed and restful summer, Pastor Travis

Don't forget about the *Pentacost* offering  
to be collected on June 4th.

40% stays in our community to help a children's organization

Wear *red* on that Sunday to support the cause.

**Christian Education Committee** would like to invite the families and friends of FPC to a  
Putt-Putt Golf & Games outing on Sunday, June 11 from 4-6p.

We'll provide competition, pizza, and beverages!

We're also looking to host some other fun events this summer- maybe splashing around in a pool  
or monkeying around at the zoo. Please stay tuned for the bulletin or emails for more info!

Our annual clean up day will be Saturday, June 17th.

There will be posters posted with more details closer to work date.

### DEACONS Port-a-Pit FUND RAISER

Thanks to all who supported the Fund Raiser to support our Children's Christmas Shopping.

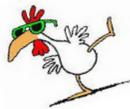
We had a beautiful day for the sale!

Because we didn't sell all our chicken, we have chicken available (frozen).

We have single packs, double pack (2-1/2's) and pulled 2# bags for sale.

Pricing is listed on the freezer in the kitchen!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the sale  
and a big shout out to our favorite chicken on the street Bill Bellairs!



The Mission Committee will be doing a band-aid drive for the Memorial Children's Cancer Ward this summer. Be on the lookout for details.

### SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

Friday evenings once a month we meet in Fellowship hall from 6pm to 11pm to work on our various projects without the interruptions of phone, family or TV.

Bring any project you would like to work on,  
we are always happy to share ideas, wither you ask for them or not.

A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down.

Contact me at [scrap.brittany@comcast.net](mailto:scrap.brittany@comcast.net) June 23rd & July 28th  
August 25th September 22nd October 27th and November 17th.

Book Club is taking the summer off, but...

We have plenty to keep us reading through our summer hiatus but please, if you come across something you would like to share, contact me so we can add to our list for next year. Happy reading!!

Judy Green, [MTCGJAG@aol.com](mailto:MTCGJAG@aol.com)

As in years past, a basket of books will be in the lobby to share, copy, enjoy, bring back, share again. Join in the fun! *got any old movies/tv shows —they too can be shared!*

**Newsletter deadline is July 17** at noon for the August issue. Please send information to Sue Rice at [suce@aol.com](mailto:suce@aol.com) or you can mail or email the church secretary Judy at [officejudyk@gmail.com](mailto:officejudyk@gmail.com).

REMINDER: The St. Joseph County Presbyterian Churches  
will gather at Four Winds Field to watch a Cubs game on July 31.

COST: \$20 adults \$17 children

INCLUDED: admission, bar-b-Q dinner: soft drink, hat. The game starts at 7:05.

RESERVATIONS: **Due by July 23 to Mary Ann Dentino**

HELP NEEDED IN THE NURSERY Christian Education is in need of volunteers for the Toddler Room for the months of July, September, October, November and December. In the past it has worked very well for one person (or two can split a month) to volunteer for a month. It is probably the easiest job in the church.

A rocking chair is provided and there is a speaker so you can hear Pastor Travis' sermons. If a need arises for you to miss we have several people willing to switch. See me at church or call 276-3214 if you would be willing to fill in one of these months. Thank you, Darlene.

### **Presbyterian Women Basement Sale**

Once again the women (and lots of guys) were busy getting ready for our Annual Basement Sale at the end of April. After expenses we netted \$1021.41. We also sent items to the following organizations: Fig Leaf Boutique, Mishawaka Food Pantry, Helping Hands, Pet Refuge, Real Services, and Goodwill.

Thanks to all who donated, sorted, priced, set up, worked, cleaned up, delivered items to organizations and most of all shopped. Our numbers of workers are small, but we are determined and dedicated. Stay tuned for some changes....

Our last meeting for this calendar year is the PW calendar meeting on June 7 at 5:30. Please join us for a light supper (main dish provided) you're welcome to bring a side dish to share or just come and enjoy your fellow PW's as we discuss and plan the upcoming year. Carole



**GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF** PASTOR TRAVIS WINCKLER (people often leave out the "C") was born in Chicago. At age 3 his mother moved back to her home town of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he lived through college. He attended the University of Sioux Falls. Growing up biracial in a predominately white state had its issues. But he was blessed with a loving mother and her caring, supportive family. His basketball skills very likely had a positive effect being talented enough to play 2 years at the college level. No basketball scholarships offered at Princeton Seminary.

He did have the good fortune of meeting Emily there in 2006 in the cafeteria. (You can get the details from him.) They were married 2 years later in Seattle.

Travis has served as an associate pastor at 2 large churches in New York City, each for 2 years, and one year as a solo pastor at a church in New Jersey. It was our good fortune that Emily was accepted in a post-doctoral program at Notre Dame and Travis, with sons Gabe and Silas, came along.

Shortly after graduating from seminary, he was chosen to participate in the United Church of Christ Next Generational Leadership Initiative. Its purpose is to, over a 10 year period, "help him grow personally and evolve as a pastor and transformational leader." FPC is the beneficiary of years 5 and 6.

He is a good listener, shares his ideas and faith, and encourages you to dig a little deeper simply by asking, "WHY! did you say, hope, ask 'that'?" It would be to your benefit to take advantage of what he offers us over his final 7 months.

Alan Camren Personnel Chair

### **NEWS FROM THE MAC**

The MAC Board welcomed Sheila Swinehart the new director of the FOOD PANTRY at its May board meeting. The transition has been a smooth one. The commitment from the volunteers is priceless. Some of them have served since the very beginning.

There was discussion as to the area served by the MAC Food Pantry which is Mishawaka, Osceola and Granger. The rationale for the decision is to be able to maintain the amount of food the Pantry receives from all entities; ie, churches, individuals, USDA, special food drives from organizations. It has always been the policy anyone coming to the Pantry for the first time is served and then given addresses of other pantries in the area which might be nearer to the area of home.

The Mission Statement of the Pantry is being revisited and will be distributed to all participating churches. The Volunteers are the "backbone" of the Pantry, therefore, the Volunteer Guidelines is an important piece in keeping Pantry Days friendly and helpful.

Thank you for thinking of the Pantry as you shop.

Worship 10 am  
Fellowship at 11 am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4 Pentecost</b> ushers: Ethan DeMaegd & Dan Bruner W. Leader: Pam Camren	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>11</b> ushers: Carole Polk & Bill Bellairs Leader: John Rice Putt-Putt outing 4 - 6 pm	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Cleaning of church ground</i>
<b>18</b> greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Michael Green & Gordon Reif W. Leader: Darlene Seufert	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Scrapbooking 6pm to 11pm</i>	24
<b>25</b> greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Greg Phillips & Dick Dentino W. Leader: Bruce McClure	26	27	28	29	30	1
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> ushers: Ethan DeMaegd and Dan Bruner W. Leader: Janna McLean	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>9</b> ushers: Carole Polk & Bill Bellairs W. Leader: John Rice	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>16</b> ushers: Michael Green & Judy Sulak W. Leader Chris Wukovits	17 <i>newsletter deadline</i>	18	19	20	21	22
<b>23</b> ushers: Greg Phillips & Neil Seufert W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits \$ to Mary Ann for Cubs game	24	25	26	27	28 <i>scrapbooking 6pm to 11pm</i>	29
<b>30</b> ushers: Dick Dentino & Michael Green W. Leader John Rice	31 <i>Cubs outing</i>					

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**Church Officers and Committees**

**Session:** Angela Bellinger, Alan Camren, Judy Green, Ron May, Chuck Wukovits, Janna McLean

**Board of Deacons:** Lynett Heritz; moderator, Tom Camren, Pam Martz, Teresa Primmer, Jason Pursehouse, Judy Sulak

**Facilities and Operations**

Chuck Wukovits, Chair  
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**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer

**Christian Education:** Janna McLean, Chair

**Finance:** Ron May, Chair

**Mission and Evangelism:**

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**Newsletter:** Sue Rice

**Nominating:** Darlene Seufert, Chair

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**Prayer Chain:** Lynett Heritz

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Carole Polk and Lynett Heritz

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**Treasurer:** John Rice

**Worship and Music:**

Judy Green, Chair

**Have a prayer concern?**

Share with Pastor Travis by placing a call to the church office or **Prayer cards** are available from an usher every Sunday.

thank you

**Prayer Shawls**

If you have any prayer shawls made, please contact Judy Sulak so she can inventory them.

We are in need of adult size shawls.

**The Prayer Chain**

The 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.

Prayer needs will be sent to your email address.

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.

Thank you

Do you feel like the door is always closed to you at church? Great!

As a fire safety issue, please close the door as you leave a room or section of the church.

Please also remember to always check that the Exit Door you leave by is LOCKED behind you.

Thank you.

And now the summer update of the youth of our church...

**Kristen and Jon Lutzke**: The young couple are happy to share “We just bought a house in Indianapolis!” The address is: 5715 Blackley Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46254. Jon currently works for IU Health. Kristen is working for the Indianapolis Zoo, working on her masters degree and both are enjoying Ava.

**Justin Tschida**: Justin graduated from Ferris State University in April and finished off his college career on the deans list. He is currently working at Granco Clark as a controls engineer in Michigan. He is living with his parents, saving money, and planning for his upcoming wedding in October.

**Collin Heritz**: Collin will be finishing at Ball State this fall. He is currently staying in Muncie to continue working there this summer!

**Michael Green**: On May 26<sup>th</sup> he graduated from Penn High school and will be attending Vincennes University in the fall with plans to transfer to Ball State after his first year. He will be working on choosing a major during his work at a local lawn/landscaping company this summer. He has to enjoy all free time he can!

**Roger DeLoof**: is now 17 years old and will be a senior at Marion High School this fall. He is active in 4H and will take part in football training this summer.

**Victoria Green**: is 16 years old will be getting her driver’s license at the end of June. She just completed her sophomore year at Penn, played spring travel league soccer and obtaining her soccer ref license! (she referred a few spring games) This summer she will be showing pigs for the first time at the LaPorte County fair. (Hers are named, Pants and Oreo.) She plans to enjoy all this summer has to offer.

**Ethan (Wukovits) Palay**: just finished his sophomore year in Houston, Texas. He still has a great love of reading, and is planning a trip in July to Olympia, Washington.

**Victoria (Wukovits) Musselman**: will be a 8th grader in the fall and loves to dance....does ballet, hip, hop, tap, jazz and contemporary. She was lucky enough to attended the inauguration in January with the Young Leadership Conference and attended an inaugural ball at the Air and Space Museum. When time allows she and dad snow ski together.

**Sophia (Wukovits) Musselman**: will be in the 6th grade this fall. She loves to dance...all dances, all the time! (just like her older sister.) Camping and hiking in all the fabulous national parks in Utah. And playing with her American girl dolls. Family plans include trips to California and Las Vegas over the summer.

**Charlie (Wukovits) Palay**: made the move to Olympia, Washington from Lake Charles, LA (quite an adventure!) last fall. He will enter the 7th grade this fall, enjoys camping and hiking in scenic Washington and riding his bike with his little brother.

**Angel Primmer**: is 11 years old and will be in the 6th grade next fall. She is participating 4H and is hoping Roger will teach her to play the sax this summer.

**Ariana (Heritz) Downs**: Ariana is playing soccer this summer then doing all sorts of “fun summer stuff”. Next year will be going in to the 5th grade.

**Vinnie Primmer**: is 10 years old and will be going into 5th grade. He will be in 4H and hoping to go to Marian football camp. He made the honor roll all year.

**Maicey Hardy**: is turning double digits this summer and will be heading into the 5th grade this fall. She enjoys drawing, and their many animals; goats, chickens and 1 bunny.

**Julie Rice**: Julie will be turning 10 this summer and heading into the 4th grade in the fall. She loves reading, drawing, and CREATING!! She will be trying out a number of different camps this summer.

**Sam (Wukovits) Palay**: moved to Olympia, Washington last September. He will be going into 4th grade, very active in Boy Scouts, still enjoys reading and the special programs at the local library. Fortunately for his parents, enjoys all the same things as big brother Charlie.

**Mia Rice**: Mia turned 8 this past January and will be starting 3rd grade in the fall. Mia enjoys reading, drawing, and logic puzzles (sudoku is an example). Mia has filled out her summer with several camps on a wide range of topics for the summer.

**Rachel (Heritz) Downs**: Rachel loves to sing “la la la-la” and dance (twirl-twirl) and garden, “here are some pretty *yellow* flowers for you mom”, she will be entering into the 2nd grade this fall.

**Cooper Hardy:** Cooper is 8 years old and will be heading into the third grade at York Elementary in Middlebury. Along with Maicey, he helps with the family animals. He plays Little League with much vigor, like all 8 year olds do!

**Charlotte Phillips:** Charlotte enjoyed her year in 1st grade where she blossomed as a reader. She particularly likes Magic Treehouse and Ivy & Bean books. Right now she is playing transition baseball and performing in the Peter Pan ballet with Children's Dance Workshop. This summer, she will be participating United Youth Theater's Performance Camp. They will be performing Charlotte's Web in June. In July, she will be going to tennis camp and taking swimming lessons. In August before she begins 2nd grade, she will be attending dance camp. The little performer will also spend much of the summer riding her bike, playing with sidewalk chalk, painting, and building with Legos.

**Gia Bellinger:** Gia just earned her Orange belt in karate. She was recently tested for reading in her Kindergarten class and is almost at a 2nd grade reading level, (her mama is so proud). Gia will be attending Unity Garden's day camp this summer where she will learn all about planting, harvesting and taking care of a garden. A trip on the train to Chicago over the 4th of July with a visit to the American Girl Store. Camping at Potato Creek and hanging out with her cousin Caroline in the backyard, fill out the summer.

**Tommy Rice:** Tommy turned 6 years old in April with an ALL FAMILY pool party! He is doing a wide range of activities this summer to prepare for Kindergarten this fall. He continues to grow, (and grow AND GROW!) He loves to run, it makes him happy! He is one if the happiest people you will meet!!

**Gabe (Heritz) Downs:** Gabe is a little boy and like a typical little boy, LOVES anything that makes noise! Pre-school is planned for next fall, where it may be a little louder!

**Gabriel Winckler:** Gabe is 3 1/2 years old and a bit on the shy side, but full of energy. He attend Montessori preschool and made many new friends. Is a true big brother, out running Silas whenever he can.

**Norah Grace Seufert:** Norah is now 2 1/2 and becoming quite a little girl. She enjoys being in our Toddler room on her visits with the Grandparents. She is an avid reader, and thoroughly enjoyable to listen to when she reverts to baby talk when reading a book to herself. Her favorite place is the Potawatomi Zoo to see the tigers. If you ask Norah, she will demonstrate her ROAR!

**Caroline (Dentino) Micinski:** Caroline will be the flower girl in her Uncle Scott's wedding where she will "wear a pretty dress." She will be going to gymnastics with grandma and grandpa and hanging with her cousin Gia. The two cousins will enjoy looking for toads and worms, swinging and running in the sprinkler. Lots of trips to the park, splash pad and the zoo are planned for this summer.

**Vivian (May) Berstrom** Vivian is going on 2 and jam packed full of fun. She is very excited about her first tricycle "rides" and loves hats, shoes, and visits to see Nanna and Bopa in Mishawaka.

**Silas Winckler:** will soon be 2 years old. Just when do the terrible 2's really start? Is it at 22 months? He tries hard to keep up with big brother. Emily and Travis are looking forward to having 2 boys under the age of four this summer.

**Mackenzie (Martz) Frey:** the little princess just turned one on May 6th with a Minnie Mouse themed party. She has just got her third tooth and is working on that walking thing. She is always happy about everything especially when she gets to talk to or see grandma...*because grandma says she can do whatever she wants.* She is truly a joy to her family and they know they have been blessed!

**Max Edward McCloskey:** will turn 6 months old this summer. His parents have already noted that they are second place in his heart as Sadie dog gets many more smiles and laughs! And like all true boys, he is ready to go, go, GO from sunrise to sunset!

**Ava Marie (Tschida) Latzke:** Ava Marie was born April 13 at 12:01am. 7 lbs, 10 oz. 19. 5" long. For now she sleeps and eats and smells wonderful! The new family are enjoying every moment together.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped me gather all this news. Being a family, *a church family*, we are always praying for God's blessings on our 'little ones'. And let's face facts, we love to hear about/pray for/support/love the children of this church. We have been blessed.

Have a safe summer. Sue Rice, editor.