

First Presbyterian News

September 2017

401 Lincolnway East, Mishawaka, In. 46544

Fall Bible Study; The Christian Education committee is excited to announce that we will have an evening Bible study this fall, with supper! The study will be Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 with eating starting at 6 and the study starting soon after (we surely can eat and study, right?). We will meet September 20th through October 25th. We will be studying Acts, and all in the community are invited to come and learn with us. Pastor Travis will be leading the study. If you are interested in helping prepare a meal, please contact a member of the CE committee (Pam Camren, Katie McCloskey, Janna McLean, Carole Poklinkowski, Darlene Seufert). Save the dates and time, and consider who outside of our church family you might invite to come with you!

INTRODUCING BRANDON HOLIHAN: ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Brandon is an interesting mix of Buckeye and Irish. He grew up in Cincinnati. As a Holihan (Irish, you know) a Bachelor's Degree at ND seems logical. His primary music studies were in choral and conducting. Going back to Ohio he directed high school choirs for 7 years, attended Ohio State to earn a Masters Degree, and met Jung Hwa Lee, a piano major. She wanted to learn conducting and he piano. He said it took 6 months for him to ask her to go on a date. They have been married for 7 years. Jung is Korean and they have been to Korea to spend time with her family. His folks still live in Cincinnati. His father is a pilot for a major airlines and his mother has published 7 children's books. Brandon has directed choirs in Lutheran, Catholic, and Methodist churches. In addition to FPC his doctoral studies include his working with children's choirs. We are excited to have Brandon as a member of our staff and would encourage you to welcome him to our church family. Alan Camren, Personnel Chair

Do you like to learn new things, have new experiences, meet new "neighbors"?
An opportunity to do all these things is coming for FPC Mishawaka members on

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:30 Lunch at FPC Soup & sandwiches

12:15 Visit to Cultural Center in South Bend

1-2:30 Tour Center with Director, Monica Tazlaff

Sip refreshments & discussion with Monica and other groups visiting the center

Return to FPC

This learning opportunity is an outgrowth of the early spring FPC discussion group on the book "Waking Up White" by Debbie Irving where Monica was a participant. I am hoping many FPC members will take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the cultural history of our area, to engage in conversation with "new neighbors" and enjoy fellowship with fellow Christians (Monica's Friends Gathering will also be invited).

A future learning event will be planned to visit the Muslim Center in South Bend. Watch for details in FPC News, the Worship bulletin insert and perhaps an email.

If you have questions about this event, see or call Pam Camren, 231-8379 or 303-9343



Presbyterian Women 2017 – 2018 CALENDAR

September 13 **PW Circle Kick-Off** Fellowship Hall -light supper
6:00 p.m. Bible Study Introduction.
Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study: Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews
by Melissa Bane Sevier. Cost of Study Book is \$10, books are available in the CE Office.

- October 20-21 **Fall Retreat-Renew-Recharge** @ Geneva Center
- October 22 **Dedication Sunday** - Together in Service Projects during service
- October 25 Bake Sale work night 6:00–8:00 p.m. (make noodles)
- November 8 Bake Sale work night 6:00-8:00 cheeseball (make soup mixes)
- November 10 Set-up for Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
- November 11 **Bake Sale/Vendor Fair-** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- January 13 **PW Winter Gathering** (PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.)
- January 15 **Kitchen clean-up** 10:00 a.m.
- March 10 **Joint Circle Mtg. & Bible Study** @10:00 a.m. (PWCT Meeting @ 9 a.m.)
Carry-in Brunch & Election of Officers
- April 8 **Gifts of Women Sunday** - Honorary Memberships
Birthday Offering Celebration, Installation of officers
- May 5 **Malawi Work Day** 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- TBD **Spring Gathering** – @ Geneva Center
- June 6 **Calendar Meeting & Supper** @ Church 5:30 p.m.
- August 2-5 **Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky**

PWCT MEETINGS

Sept. 10 th 11:30 am	Oct. 1st 11:30 am
Nov. 5 th 11:30 am	Jan. 13 th 9 am
Feb. 4 th 11:30 am	Mar. 10 th 9:00 am
June 6 th Calendar Meeting @ 5:30 pm	



Elizabeth Circle meets the 3rd Monday of the month starting in October. Contact Mary Ann Dentino for information

Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm starting in October. Contact Teresa Primmer for information

Book Club is back this fall... September 17th at 2pm will be our first meeting. Come to my home, enjoy a treat made by Judy Sulak. Our first book is The Butterfly and the Violin by Kristy Cambron. "It features a mysterious painting, Auschwitz, a Manhattan art dealer, and piercing blue eyes." Pick up the book and join the fun discussion. We meet once a month to share how the book was enjoyed. Future dates will be October 15th, Tornado Weather by Deborah E Kennedy (a Ft. Wayne resident) and November 19th (book choice yet to be made). Contact me if you have any questions. Judy Green (MTCGJAG@aol.com)

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTING CLUB with Brittany Rice

Only 3 more Friday evenings for 2017!!!

We meet once a month 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, knit, paint, card making or signing!

A cost of \$5 includes set-up & tear down. Thank You, Brittany

Contact me at scrap.brittany@comcast.net **September 22nd**

October 27th and November 17th.

NEWS FROM THE MAC During the August Board meeting of the MAC, the focus turned to Food Pantry volunteers. Some of them have served from beginning days, more than twenty-five years. The last statistic on the "value" of hours in terms of hourly wages was \$21...probably has increased since that time. Discussion continues as to finding a way to honor the volunteers. It is important that volunteers are made aware of changes required by government regulations. Obviously, the Pantry can't exist without these dedicated folks.

Shelia Swinehart, Pantry Coordinator, report for June/July: monetary donations, \$1454; food donations, 4171 pounds; households served, 1553. Generally, donations decrease during summer months. That was noted at the August meeting. It is always a concern to the Board. Albright Methodist Church houses the Food Pantry at no charge.

In addition to food donations, there is a need for items such as shampoo, tooth brushes, toothpaste, skin care, etc. These items are offered to clients in addition to food, if available. The suggestion is that these items can be purchased at the dollar stores in the area. Some MAC churches have programs dedicated to a certain type item, each month; however, any and all donations in the grocery cart in the CE Lobby keep Pantry shelves filled.

Don Schlunt, Food Pantry product manager, has had to resign due to health concerns. One of Don's responsibilities was picking up food orders from the Food Bank in South Bend, driving the Pantry Food Truck. THERE IS A NEED TO FIND A VOLUNTEER who is available for one day a week to pick up the food order. The order is loaded at the Food Bank. Volunteers will unload the order at the Pantry.

MAC didn't participate in the Back-A-Backpack event sponsored by WNDU this year due to a lack of communication; however the school supplies collection dedicated to our partnership with Battell Elementary School was successful. The donations have been delivered to Battell, with thanks to the church family for the backpacks and the variety of items. Helping to get the children's year off to a good start is vital.

Peacemaking Offering

There are many factors in the world that divide us. They exist among all nations and all communities, sometimes even congregations and ourselves. "Peace as a spiritual bonding agent", Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "holding us together through the love of Christ."

The PEACEMAKING OFFERING funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling us to hold conferences and advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflict. This offering will be received on October 1.

Twenty-five percent of the offering will be kept to be used in the community. Please participate in this offering, together we can help transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. The Mission Committee



Peacemaking
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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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
Ethan DeMaegd, Dick Dentino,

Book Club: Judy Green**Clerk of Session:** Teresa Primmer**Christian Education:** Janna McLean, Chair**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:**

Lynett Heritz and Pam Camren

Scrap Booking: Brittany Rice**Special Gifts:** Sue Rice, Chair**Stewardship:** Ron May, Chair**Treasurer:** John Rice**Worship and Music:**

Judy Green, Chair

The Prayer Chain: The only requirement, pray for others. We are a faithful group 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 be included in our Prayer Chain, please contact Pam C., Lynett, or Darlene. Thank you

Deacons**will be holding a Give Back Event****to help fund our****Children's Christmas Clothing Project.****Stay tuned for date!**

All Saint's Day is November 5th. Please submit to Judy Green the name of the person you would like to be remembered, date of their death, and their relationship to you. Thank you.

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Newsletter deadline is September 17 at noon

for the October issue. Please send information to Sue Rice at suce@aol.com or email Judy, church secretary at officejudyk@gmail.com. You can also mail to church or phone Judy.

I am looking for help finishing a blanket that a grandmother started, just need to connect the 3 panels and put an edge on it either knitting or crocheting. I will supply all yarn. Sue Rice

Worship 10 am
Fellowship at 11 am
Talk Back 11:10 am

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Greeter: Janet Freeman ushers: Ethan DeMaegd and Dan Bruner W. Leader: Darlene Seufert	4 Labor Day <i>office closed</i>	5	6 	7	8	9
10 <i>Acolyte: Julie Rice</i> Greeter: Anna Bowers ushers: Carole Polk and Bill Bellairs W. Leader: Chris Wukovits Time with children: Darlene Seufert Grandparents Day	11	12 	13 <i>PW 6pm</i> <i>Kick-Off dinner</i>	14 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	15	16
17 Greeter: Bill Bellairs ushers: Michael Green and Judy Sulak W. Leader: Chuck Wukovits	18 <i>Special Gifts 3pm</i>	19 	20 <i>Bible Study 6pm</i>	21	22 <i>FALL</i> <i>Scrapbooking 6pm to 11pm Fellowship Hall</i>	23
24 <i>acolyte: Julie Rice</i> Greeter: Bill Bellairs Ushers: Greg Phillips and Neil Seufert W. Leader: Dyan Phillips	25	26	27 <i>Bible Study 6pm</i> 	28	29	30

HELP NEEDED IN THE NURSERY Christian Education is in need of volunteers for the Toddler Room for the months of 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.